

# BAJA'S BOUNTY

## MEXICO'S SEA OF CORTÉS



Stocked with supplies and a bountiful sense of adventure, follow Steinbeck's path into the protected waters of Cousteau's "world's aquarium." Active exploration and a menagerie of wildlife await you!



**DATES – 2022 - Every SATURDAY**

*Jan 22, 29 | Feb 05, 12, 19, 26*

*Mar 05, 12, 19, 26*

**DURATION – 8-Days/7-Nights**

**EMBARKATION – La Paz (Mexico)**

**DISEMBARKATION – La Paz (Mexico)**

**SHIP – M/V Safari Voyager**

**FROM – \$5,945**

*(Double, incl. \$350 port charges)*

## HIGHLIGHTS:

### Adventure Activities

High adventure on an inland sea! Feel the thrill of active exploration or the warmth of the sand relaxing on a secluded beach.

### Wildlife & Plant life

Jacques Cousteau called the Sea of Cortés “the world’s aquarium”—and you’ll quickly agree! From gracefully gliding whales to bustling bird colonies, Baja is abuzz with life.

#### LAND ANIMALS & BIRDS

More than 40 reptile and amphibian species, over 50 mammal species, and nearly 200 bird species call Baja California Sur “home.” While many are masters of disguise and concealment, here are some of the local residents you might spy:

- Spiny-tailed iguanas
- Lizards: horned, zebra-tailed, and worm
- Coyote
- Boobies
- Pelicans
- Cormorants
- Magnificent Frigatebirds

#### MARINE ANIMALS

From the largest mammal on earth to the tiniest microorganisms, the Sea of Cortés supports an incredible array of marine life. Thousands of invertebrate species cohabitate with more than 900 species of fish as well as whales and other large marine mammals. You might see:

- Gray, humpback, blue, and fin whales
- Whale sharks and dolphins
- Sea lions and mobula rays
- Butterfly fish, parrot fish, oarfish, and starfish

#### FLORA OF BAJA

Remarkably, the arid desert of the Baja Peninsula supports over 500 species of plants. An incredibly unique ecosystem, animal life is inextricably linked with cacti—a relationship that helps preserve diversity of both plant and animal life.

- Cardon cactus, Cholla cactus, Pitaya cactus
- Mesquite
- Palo Verde trees
- Mangroves
- Elephant trees

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 – Saturday - San José del Cabo / La Paz – Embarkation

¡Bienvenidos! You will be met at the Los Cabos International Airport in San José del Cabo and transferred to our hospitality area. Joined by your expedition team, an overland orientation transfer to La Paz acquaints you with the dramatic Baja landscape and the week that lies ahead. The captain and crew welcome you aboard just in time for a cocktail and dinner with your new mates.

### DAY 2 – Sunday - Gulf of California Biosphere Reserve

Settle into the desert-sea environment at a tucked away, remote beach like Bonanza or Ayla. Get a few tips with a snorkeling 101 lesson or just dive in. Hikers trek among the Palo Blanco bushes and cactus with interpretive guides. Whichever your option for adventure, relish in the privacy from other busy beaches. We bring the beach toys, chairs, and refreshments—you just kick back and play.



### DAY 3 – Monday - Bahía Agua Verde

At Bahía Agua Verde, clear waters are bordered by sparse craggy mountains hemmed in green. Explore the coast by small skiff, visit with a local ranchero and his family, and take to the canyons and mountains on a mule ride and experience the “real Baja.” Scenic vistas, outstanding exploration, excellent birding, and unmatched camaraderie—the day is done.

### DAY 4 – Tuesday - Isla San Francisco

Adventure in a playground of steep red bluffs and sweeping desert beach. Don some flippers for a snorkel among colorful sea life, put on your walking shoes for an exploratory romp along the ridge, grab a paddle and kayak, hop on a paddle board, or relax on the beach



with the sand between your toes. The rugged beauty of the island makes it an ideal spot for escapades.

### **DAY 5 – Wednesday - Marine Life Search Magdalena Bay (mid-January – early-March)**

Mother Nature is your guide today. The gray whales arrive each year on Baja's west coast—migrating more than 12,000 miles—to calve in Bahía Magdalena. Dock in Puerto Escondido, then drive across the peninsula to ride in a panga and observe these mammals and their babies in the lagoon.



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### **Sea of Cortes (November – mid-January; March; order of days may change)**

The Sea of Cortes is home to fin, blue, and sperm whales, and the dolphin pods number in the hundreds.



### **DAY 6 – Thursday - Los Islotes / Isla Partida**

At Los Islotes—a steep craggy seamount leaping straight from the sea—observe a sea lion colony from the boat and skiff, or slip into a wetsuit for an early morning snorkel with curious, agile young sea lion pups. Afterwards, heave anchor and set sail for Isla Partida, for an afternoon of water play or island hikes along desert beaches or into rocky arroyos.

### **DAY 7 – Friday - Isla Espíritu Santo**

Tuck into a secluded cove surrounded by long fingers of red rock and a golden beach. Spend your last full day enjoying the feel of warm sand under your feet on a beach walk, investigate nooks and crannies in the rocks by kayak, or explore a little further afield on a guided hike. Celebrate your week at tonight's special Farewell Dinner with an entertaining slideshow by your expedition team.

### **DAY 8 –Saturday - La Paz / San José – Disembark**

After breakfast, it's "adios" La Paz, as you disembark the vessel and transfer back to San José del Cabo for your flight, or hotel stay.

**Add a visit to the amazing Copper Canyon.** You will fly from La Paz across the Sea of Cortes to Los Mochis, where you will overnight in a beautiful historic hacienda in El Fuerte. In the morning, board the El Chepe narrow gauge train to climb from sea level to 8,000 ft – one of the world's most scenic railways. Spend two nights at the beautiful Mirador Hotel, built on the rim of the canyon. End in Chihuahua for your flight home.



**2022 DEPARTURES –  
EACH SATURDAY - Jan 22-Mar 26**

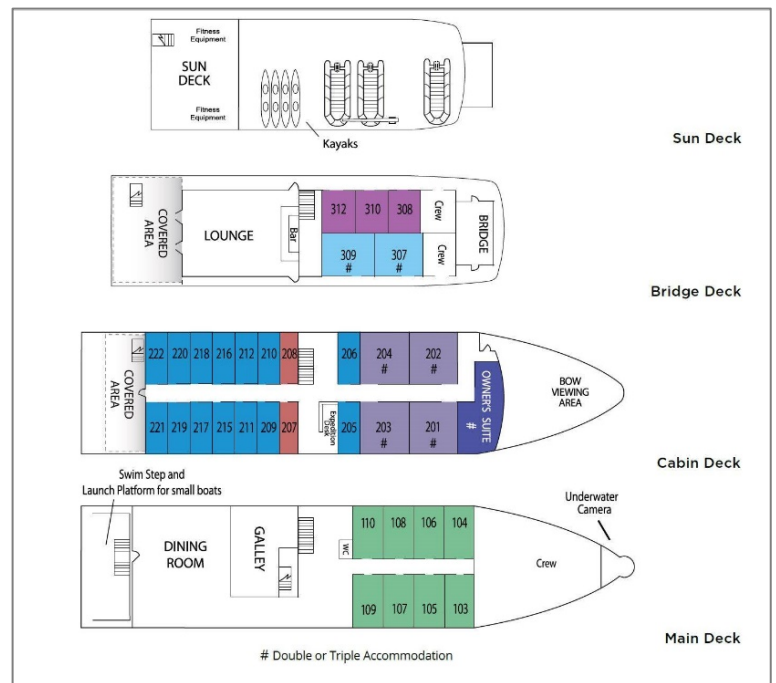
2022 RATES PER PERSON/DOUBLE	JAN 22 -MAR 26 2022
<b>MASTER</b>	<b>\$ 5,945</b>
<b>COMMANDER</b>	<b>\$ 6,345</b>
<b>CAPTAIN</b>	<b>\$ 6,945</b>
<b>ADMIRAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,745</b>
<b>JR. COMMODORE</b>	<b>\$ 8,745</b>
<b>OWNER SUITE</b>	<b>\$ 10,095</b>
<b>SINGLE</b>	<b>\$ 9,345</b>

**INCLUDED:**

Group transfers from the airport to the ship on day of embarkation; Group transfer to airport or central location upon disembarkation; All scheduled landings/excursions; All lectures and briefings onboard; All meals served aboard; premium spirits, wine, beer; non-alcoholic beverages; Coffee/tea/cocoa/espresso 24 hours daily; All port fees (\$350); Pre-departure materials.

**RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:**

Visa and passport fees (if applicable); Airfare; Luggage, trip cancellation and Emergency Evacuation Insurance; Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges; Staff gratuities; fuel surcharge may be applied for all bookings; Pre- or post-cruise travel expenses.



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