

BAJA'S WHALES & WHALE SHARKS

MEXICO'S SEA OF CORTÉS



Steinbeck, Cousteau... now it's your turn to explore the "world's aquarium" on a Mexico cruise in the Sea of Cortes. Greet sea lions from the boat or skiff, or slip into a wetsuit for an even closer encounter. Getting your sea legs is easy too—relax with toes in the sand, on a hike, or atop a mule through the canyons of Baja. Land and sea are a step, or kayak, away.



DATES – Every SATURDAY

2022 – Mar 26-Jun18

2023 – Mar 25-Jun 24

2024 – Mar 23-Jun 29

DURATION – 8-Days/7-Nights

EMBARKATION – La Paz (Mexico)

DISSEMBARKATION – 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 - 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 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 – Marine Life Search

Mother Nature is your guide today. Take your adventurous side and your binoculars in search of the largest baleen whales in the world. The Sea of Cortés is home to fin, blue, and sperm whales, and the dolphin pods number in the hundreds. Bring it on! (BLD)

DAY 5 – Wednesday - 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 6 – Thursday - 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 7 – Friday - Whale Shark Expedition

Safari Voyager has re-entered Bahia de la Paz, but we are not done yet! Today we will have the chance to swim with Whale Sharks. These gentle giants are filter feeders and pose no threat to humans. Our careful visitation and guides ensure we are also no threat to them. Go out on a skiff into the warm areas of the bay where Whale Sharks gather. Jump in with snorkel and fins, or stay on board the skiff with your camera. Either way, it's the experience of a lifetime and a perfect way to put a cap on your cruise. (BLD)



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 you flight home.





DEPARTURES - EACH SATURDAY

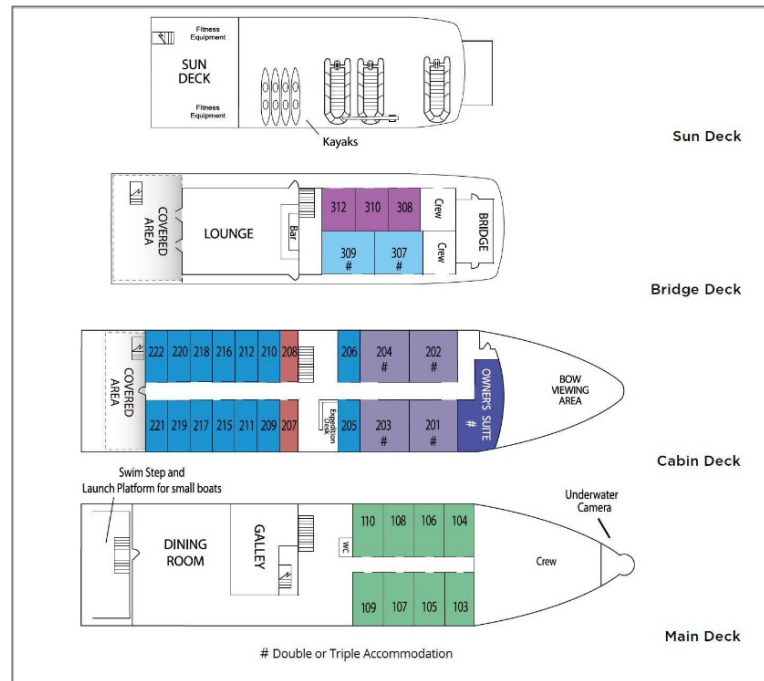
RATES PER PERSON/DOUBLE	2022 & 2023	2024
NAVIGATOR	\$ 5,945	\$ 6,250
TRAILBLAZER	\$ 6,345	\$ 6,850
PATHFINDER	\$ 6,945	\$ 7,250
ADMIRAL	\$ 7,745	\$ 7,950
JR. COMMODORE	\$ 8,745	\$ 8,850
COMMODORE SUITE	\$ 10,095	\$ 11,050
SINGLE	\$ 9,345	\$ 8,650

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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