

VACATIONS THAT MATTER!

Baja Mexico Voluntourism Program



Please note that this proposed itinerary is subject to availability.

Day 1: Arrival Day San Jose del Cabo (Flight information to be advised/International Air not included)

Today is arrival day and there are no activities planned. The group transfer to charming colonial fishing village which has become an artist colony, Todos Santos will be at 4:30 PM and takes approximately 1.5 hrs. (Private transfers available upon request and at additional cost). Transfer from airport and settle into your lovely boutique hotel in Todos Santos right in the heart of town, the Todos Santos Inn. Stroll the cobblestone streets and breathe in the desert air and the relaxed atmosphere of the real Baja California. Enjoy dinner on your own

Meals	None
Accommodation	Todos Santos Inn or equivalent http://todossantosinn.com/
Service Project	None

Day 2: Todos Santos Triple Waterfall ½ day Hike.

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Today you will set out to explore the Sierra de la Laguna Biosphere reserve, meet your guide at the hotel lobby and transfer to the trail head where we begin walking up the *arroyo* (river bed). The landscape changes as the cactus forest thickens and then unexpectedly we come to not one, not two, but three different waterfalls in the middle of the desert. Enjoy the opportunity to swim and take pictures or just relax with a wonderful picnic lunch. Enjoy the afternoon and night on your own out on the town at one of the many fantastic eateries.



Meals	Breakfast and Lunch
Accommodation	Todos Santos Inn or equivalent http://todossantosinn.com/
Service Project	None

Day 3: Todos Santos Cliff Walk — La Paz

Today enjoy a spectacular cliff walk that starts at Punta Lobos, the sweeping Pacific beach where the local fishermen of Todos Santos launch their boats each morning and bring in the daily catch each afternoon. A quick walk up the hill brings us to breath-taking views of a different kind of coastline, with dramatic rocky outcroppings and crashing surf. We're likely to spot whales from this high vantage point during several months of the year. Throughout the walk we'll have the stunning combination of desert landscape running to the sea. We'll pass an active sea lion colony, as well as the ruins of the shipping port Los Algodones. Your guide will offer in-depth commentary on the terrific variety of flora and fauna you see, as well as the history of the area from the human perspective. After two to three hours of walking we'll arrive at the idyllic beach of San Pedro where a picnic lunch will be waiting. San Pedro features a beautiful marsh filled with bird life and a protective cove ringed by towering palms. Here we'll eat, relax, sunbathe, swim, or just enjoy the bliss of being in Baja! Get back to your hotel for check out and transfer to La Paz.



Meals	Breakfast and Lunch
Accommodation	El Angel Azul http://www.elangelazul.com/bnb/hotel/
Service Project	None

Day 4: La Paz — SIB Sea Kayaking/Snorkeling Espiritu Santo Island and the Sea of Cortes.

Transfer to Espiritu Santo Island in a high-speed motorboat. Your guide will discuss points on safety and provide beginners with the basics of sea-kayaking and correct use of gear and kayaks. We then embark paddling the turquoise waters of Espiritu Santo Island beneath spectacular volcanic cliffs and arrive at one of many beautiful beaches to for a picnic lunch. After lunch and a natural history walk, we board our speedy launch and

ride to a beautiful off-shore island which is home to a large sea lion colony. Prepare to experience the amazing thrill of swimming with sea lion pups and snorkel amongst thousands of tropical fish. We then return to our hotel in La Paz. Night out on the town for dinner on your own!



Meals	Breakfast and Lunch
Accommodation	B&B el Angel Azul or equivalent http://www.elangelazul.com/bnb/hotel/
Service Project	None

Day 5: La Paz — Puerto San Carlos /Turtle Camp.

Today you will meet your driver at the hotel lobby and be transferred to Puerto San Carlos, gateway to the majestic Magdalena Bay. On route you will have the opportunity to enjoy a typical breakfast in a local restaurant, spend some time and meet local “rancheros”. Arriving at Puerto San Carlos (approximately 4 hrs later) we will board a small “Panga” (fiber glass boat) that will take us to our Camp, situated in a beautiful shells and mangrove island where a delicious lunch will be waiting for us.

After eating and setting up, we will spend the afternoon learning and practicing methods that we will implement to capture, monitor and take care of turtles we will be capturing over the next 2 days. You will also learn the 7 “Leave No Trace” principles to avoid damage when visiting pristine places. At sunset you will enjoy a great beach & desert walk under the stars followed by dinner.

(Overnight:



Meals	Breakfast and Dinner
Accommodation	Turtle Camp
Service Project	4 Hours

Day 6: Puerto San Carlos/Day at Turtle Camp

Start your day with an orange juice and a great breakfast that will give you energy to set up the nets and start learning all about turtles! The participants along with instructors and experts in the field will be checking the nets every 2 hours, If a turtle is captured then a group will bring it back to camp where the theory learned the day before will now be put into practice, You will note down all information (measurements, weight, etc.), You will take id pictures, name the turtle, and conduct a health evaluation. And finally you will release the turtle. All of this work is done under very strict supervision from the camp professionals and under high level standards for the turtles care.

This evening, after a hard day’s work, we watch the sun set and participate in an interesting exchange of knowledge about turtles in a presentation by the camp experts. After dinner another night full of stars awaits, however tonight you won’t be sleeping as our nets are still catching turtles! We will divide into teams and take turns watching nets every 2 hours to be sure the turtles we catch are cared for until sunrise.



Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Accommodation	Turtle Camp
Service Project	13 Hours

Day 7: Puerto San Carlos / Day at Turtle Camp

Hopefully several turtles will be waiting for sunrise trapped in our nets, to be measured and released. Today we have to wake up early to work and set them free! After breakfast, we will get ready for the new phase of the adventure. This morning we inspect and monitor the area walking and using our boat, while the instructors explain important aspects of the mangroves. Back at the camp we will review and share the information we received about the place with the group for their continual monitoring efforts.

Later this evening, at a bonfire with local fishermen, we will learn of some great stories about fishing, turtles and the life of the locals.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	Turtle Camp
Service Project	8 Hours

Day 8: Puerto San Carlos & Magdalena Bay / La Paz

After a hearty breakfast, our “pangas” will be waiting to take us to Magdalena Bay Dunes, an amazing place that reminds us of the wild beauty of the planet we live in. Hike the dunes and then our guide team will have our Farwell lunch tucked in the desert dunes and the mangrove. Later today, we will be transferred back to Puerto San Carlos where our vehicle will be ready to take us back to La Paz.

(Overnight: B&B el Angel Azul or equivalent

Meals	Breakfast and Lunch
Accommodation	B&B el Angel Azul or Equivalent http://www.elangelazul.com/bnb/hotel/
Service Project	None

Day 9: Departure day La Paz–Home

Early morning group transfer to San Jose del Cabo or La Paz airport or extend your stay. Private transfers are available at extra cost.

Meals	Breakfast
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End of services

TOUR COST

The tour cost is based on the above suggested hotel/room categories. Rates may fluctuate based on availability, holiday season and group size. **Minimum group size is 6 passengers.**

Tour Cost	6 persons
Price per person (no airfare)	FROM US\$ 2,050

What's Included	What is NOT included
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All transfers and ground transportation in private or shared basis as indicated using: van for 6-9 people, mini bus or coach for 10 – 40 people (upgraded vehicle available at additional cost, please inquire) Entrance Fees at all activities• All accommodation or equivalent as noted above• All guided services and tours in private or shared basis as indicated unless noted as “optional at extra cost”• Local or Project guides• All taxes• Meals as indicated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International and internal flights• airport entrance and exit fees• meals and/or beverages not indicated in detailed itinerary• Alcoholic beverages• Personal expenses• Telephone Calls• Travel insurance• Gratuities to guides, drivers, wait-staff, maid service, porters• Other services not listed in inclusive column