

A SEA KAYAKING EXPERIENCE IN THE DRAMATIC SEA OF CORTEZ

ISLANDS OF LORETO BAY KAYAK TOUR

TRIP BITS

DURATION:

3, 4, 5 or 6 days

SEASON:

October - May

DESTINATION:

North America

Mexico

Baja

MINIMUM AGE:

12 years, 9 years for family trips

TRIP BEGINS/ENDS:

Loreto, Baja California Sur/Loreto, Baja California Sur

NEAREST AIRPORT:

Loreto, Baja (LTO)

THE ISLANDS OF THE SEA OF CORTEZ contain striking natural beauty in a dramatic setting formed by rugged islands with high cliffs and sandy beaches, which contrast with the brilliant reflection from the desert and the surrounding turquoise waters. The area is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and offers the perfect blend of Baja kayaking, hiking and snorkeling. Abundant wildlife, massive whales, sunny weather and warm, crystalline waters make the Sea of Cortez in Loreto Bay National Marine Park one of the best winter sea kayaking and whale watching destinations in North America.



IMAGINE SEA KAYAKING BAJA in the warm, clear waters of Loreto Bay National Marine Park in Mexico's Sea of Cortez, paddling along a spectacular section of coastline and exploring desert islands which pierce the tranquil waters. The towering volcanic escarpments of the Sierra Giganta Mountains rising out of the sea create your backdrop. Red-hued desert colors, azure blue water and magical land formations give this area great aesthetic and photographic appeal.

These waters offer exceptional opportunities for viewing dolphins, sea lions and whales in the wild. High-flying frigate birds, blue-footed boobies and squadrons of pelicans are your companions as you kayak past manta rays and brightly colored fish. The warm, crystalline waters of the Sea of Cortez host a breathtaking array of tropical fish - perfect for snorkeling.

Each winter endangered blue whales more than five times as long as your sea kayak migrate to these waters looking for tasty crustaceans. Encountering the largest animal on earth is a thrilling experience. Fin and Humpback and whales also frequent the area. Come see the magic of the Sea of Cortez and Baja's marine wildlife for yourself!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Our three- to six-day self-supported and motorboat-supported Sea of Cortez Islands expeditions explore the beautiful Islas Danzante and Carmen. All itineraries begin in Loreto, Day 1 is kayak departure day. Optional motorboat panga support carries camping gear, food and supplies ahead of the main group, for lighter kayaks. The panga also carries comfortable chairs and tables for dining as well as a cooler with ice for cold drinks.

For the more adventurous, join our Isla Carmen Circumnavigation or Loreto to La Paz Expedition and experience a remote area few people see. Also, check out our combination kayak and gray whale watching tours. View a video of kayaking in Baja's Sea of Cortez and whale watching in Magdalena Bay on our site.

NOTE: Day 0 & last day on Baja dates are arrival and departure dates.



ITINERARY

WHY GO WITH SKA?

- SKA is a family-owned, award-winning sea kayaking outfitter with 25 years of experience.
- SKA guides are local, english-speaking, "people-friendly", eager to share their country and connect with guests.
- Every itinerary offers points-of-interest with rich cultural and natural interpretation.
- Complimentary beer, wine, coffee, juice and sodas provided (*in moderate quantities*).
- Luxury-style camping with tents, sleeping bags and camping pads provided.
- Commitment to risk management. SKA guides carry emergency satellite Devices on all trips.

DAY 0

ARRIVE IN LORETO

Upon your arrival in Loreto take a quick cab ride to your hotel and check into your room (Not included in trip cost). Spend your afternoon exploring the beautiful town of Loreto. You can tour the historic Mission located in the center of town, stroll through the local market and dine on authentic Mexican cuisine before meeting your guides in the designated location for an evening orientation meeting.

Activities: *Evening Orientation Meeting*

Accommodation: *Not Included*

Meals Included: *None*



DAY 1

KAYAK ORIENTATION, SEA KAYAK, SNORKEL & HIKE

Grab breakfast before meeting your guides for the start of your kayaking adventure. You'll board our van and ride to the launch site 20 minutes south of town. Before launching our kayaks your guides will provide a basic paddling overview and thorough safety orientation. We then push off for the start of our kayaking adventure, dipping our paddles into the turquoise water of the Sea of Cortez for the first time. We make our first crossing before stopping for lunch, snorkeling and hiking. Following lunch we jump back into the kayaks and head to our first campsite. Spend your evening mingling with new friends, enjoying our hors-d'oeuvre hour and feasting on an authentic Mexican dinner. As the evening comes to a close, retreat to your tent and fall asleep under a blanket of stars.

Accommodation: *Beach Camping*

Meals Included: *Lunch, Dinner*





DAY 2-5

SEA KAYAK, SNORKEL, HIKE, BEACH CAMP, WHALE WATCH

Our days begin with spectacular sunrises and end with delightfully cool evenings. Expect to paddle about 4 hours per day, broken up by a long lunch break and floating rest stops. You'll have opportunities at lunch and after kayaking to snorkel, hike, swim or relax with a good book. Each day we will have the opportunity to encounter whales, dolphins, flying manta rays, incredible birds and the beautiful scenery surrounding the Sea of Cortez. Evenings find us feasting on delicious fresh food and enjoying margaritas as the sun sets on the horizon. On dark nights don't forget to check for bioluminescence before heading to bed. We occasionally get the pleasure of witnessing this incredible phenomenon!

Accommodation: *Beach Camping*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

DAY 6

TAKE OUT, EXPLORE LORETO, EVENING FAREWELL DINNER

Today wake up and enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea while taking in sunrise before your final day of kayaking. We will spend the morning exploring the shorelines and watching for a final glimpse of marine life! After lunch we break camp and paddle to our take-out site around 2 p.m. Upon arrival at the take-out site we quickly unload our kayaks before making the return drive to Loreto. Once in Loreto you will check into your hotel room. Enjoy a hot shower before joining your guides and your fellow guests for a no host farewell dinner at a favorite local restaurant.

Accommodation: *Not Included*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch*

DAY 7

RETURN HOME OR EXTEND YOUR STAY

Wake up and enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea while taking in the sunrise before your final day of departure date. Say good-bye to lovely Loreto and head back to the airport to fly home, or extend your vacation in this charming village. If you choose to extend your vacation, please see our full list of trip extensions.

Please note: The 3-, 4- and 5-day Itineraries will follow the same schedule as the 6-day itinerary, but with one to two fewer days of kayaking and camping. The Day 0 and last day remain arrival (fly in) and departure (fly out) days.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

TESTIMONIALS

"Only five stars? I would give my trip 10 stars! I highly recommend a trip with Sea Kayak Adventures. The trip was amazing in every way! The office staff was very informative and friendly. The crew members on the trip were outstanding and some of the hardest workers I have met in my life. They were well prepared, professional and fun. They cooked delicious meals including homemade cakes for dessert. Nature really puts on a show- dolphins, whales, rays, tons of fish, seals, birds... The water was crystal clear and the beaches were clean. The geology of the island is captivating with so many different colors and formations. The campers and crew make a big effort to leave no trace behind. We just had the best time ever laughing, eating, hiking, relaxing, swimming and kayaking!"

Google
Reviews ★★★★★

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recommended
packing list, weather
conditions, travel trips,
and more important
trip details!

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INCLUDED

Services of our Adventure Consultants

Professional naturalist and bi-lingual guides

All meals/beverages as indicated in the itinerary

All kayaking, camping gear including dry bags, and snorkeling equipment

Clean drinking water available at all times

All transportation while on tour

Panga supported kayaking

NOT INCLUDED

Pre & post hotel reservations

Airfare/transportation to beginning & end points

Gratuities for guides

Items of personal nature

