

BAJA CALIFORNIA MOSAIC: MAGDALENA BAY AND GULF OF CALIFORNIA

Experience Baja California aboard a purpose-built ship small enough to navigate both the wildlife-rich islands of the Gulf of California and the sheltered lagoons of Magdalena Bay. As you sail along both sides of this incredible peninsula, you'll enjoy unforgettable moments of discovery, from snorkeling with curious sea lions off Los Islotes to visiting the historic mission town of San Jose del Cabo. Each day offers multiple ways to explore--kayak in protected mangroves, hike desert landscapes dotted with cacti or beachcomb endless stretches of sand--all while witnessing the remarkable biodiversity that make this region a naturalist's paradise.



ITINERARY

Day 1 San José del Cabo / La Paz / Embark Ship

Arrive in San Jose del Cabo and transfer to La Paz to embark the National Geographic Sea Bird or National Geographic Sea Lion. You may opt for a pre-voyage extension exploring the region's culture and cuisine.

Arrival Time: Arrive before 2:30 p.m. local time. Arrival City: San Jose del Cabo, Mexico

Meals Included: Dinner



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Day 2 Exploring the Gulf of California

Days 5-7 Magdalena Bay

Dubbed the "world's aquarium" by Jacques Cousteau, the Gulf of California is home to a tapestry of biological diversity. With some luck, and the help of your naturalists, you'll encounter whales, bottlenose and common dolphins and other sea life in these wildlife-rich waters. The day's plan is flexible as you explore some of the uninhabited islands sprinkled across the Gulf, spend time on the bow searching for marine life or visit uninhabited islands to hike among huge cacti and diverse bird life. Swim or snorkel with king angelfish, surgeonfish, butterfly fish, damselfish and iridescent parrotfish.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 Los Islotes and Espíritu Santo National Park

With deeply indented shorelines and dramatically eroded cliff faces, Los Islotes and Isla Espiritu Santo are two of the most beautiful islands in the Gulf of California. Suit up in provided snorkeling gear to experience the thrill of swimming with the curious sea lions. This afternoon, choose to swim, kayak or hike at Isla Espiritu Santo where brown pelicans, gulls and boobies dot the landscape.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 San José del Cabo and Gordo Banks

Start the day cruising past the spectacular Friars Rocks at Land's End, an iconic landmark named after its semblance to the hooded monks. Then, visit the historic town center of San Jose del Cabo, a culinary and cultural haven that's home to the beautiful San Jose missionary and an array of art galleries. Spend the afternoon at the Gordo Banks seamount or La Fortuna, nutrient-rich gathering places for whales, dolphins and other exciting sea life. While on the lookout, naturalists are always available to inform and enlighten you with their deep knowledge of and passion for the peninsula.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Explore the remarkable geography of Magdalena Bay--an immense system of protected coves and channels bordered by mangrove forests that transition into a vast, windswept plain. Hike across rolling sand dunes, kayak along pristine coastlines and explore this magical area by Zodiac. Watch for magnificent frigatebirds, pelicans, cormorants, terns, great blue herons, ibis and willets and capture their movements with the help of your certified photography instructor.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 San Carlos / Disembark Ship / Loreto

After breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to the airport for flights home or to Loreto's city center to begin your two-night history and whale-watching extension.

Departure Time: Depart after 1:00 p.m. local time. Departure City: Loreto, Mexico

Meals Included: Breakfast

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEABIRD & SEALION

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YOUR SHIP:	SeaLion
VESSEL TYPE:	Comfortable Expedition
LENGTH:	52 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	62 (in twin cabins)
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	1982 / Refurbished 2015

Twin Expedition ships, National Geographic Sea Bird & Sea Lion, can reach places inaccessible to larger ships due to their small size, yet each can comfortably accommodate 62 guests. The feeling, is often compared to that of a large private yacht, with everyone integral to the adventure. Accessibility means freedom. Our captains have decades of sailing experience in the regions we explore. They know when and where to navigate so that you feel the places we visit are all ours.

Full interior renovations have been completed on these twin 62-guest ships, _National Geographic Sea Lion_ and _National Geographic Sea Bird_. The extensive renovation to guest cabins, the lounge and bar, dining room, public areas and spa has transformed the ships to provide the ultimate in expedition hospitality and comfort. Nothing has been left untouched, from the sleekly framed wall photos, to the fresh paint, and new carpets throughout the ships.

\- The lounge and bar have been completely redesigned and reconfigured to provide an open, enhanced environment with additional seating and better flow. The modern design features new tables and chairs, upholstery of settees, overhead ceiling panels, and LED dimmable lighting. The lounge also hosts a new food & beverage area, library, and Global Market.

\- The dining room's upgrade features all new tables, chairs, ceiling panels, and LED dimmable lighting. The wine bar has been replaced and features a display showcasing selections from the regions explored.

\- Every cabin has been completely redone and all furnishings have been replaced. Modern aged cherry bed boxes, faux leather headboards, Lindblad signature bed linens, new windows, lighting, and additional USB outlets provide a dramatic makeover for a relaxing guest experience. Bathrooms now feature new shower doors and all new hardware.

\- Exterior renovations include new deck furniture and outdoor awning.



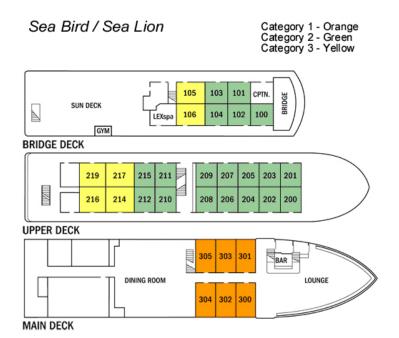
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