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Trip Summary

Embark on an island getaway of a lifetime in Baja California and its neighbor Isla Espiritu in the Gulf of California. You'll have plenty of chances to check off your tropical paradise bucket list: Swimming with whale sharks, snorkeling in the Sea of Cortez's reefs, helping marine wildlife researchers, watch turtles hatch on the beach, and learn how to cook Baja California style with a famous chef. This seaside trip begins with a few relaxing activities to prepare you for a week of ocean adventures. Immerse yourself in the tropical beauty as you hike along the cliffs and peer out for whales surfacing or soak up the sun on the sandy beaches. Enjoy your evenings in luxurious tents on Isla Espiritu, sung to sleep by waves rolling onto shore.

Itinerary

Day 1: Todos Santos

Bienvenidos! • You will be met at the Los Cabos International Airport in San José del Cabo and transferred to our accommodations area • Take in the dramatic Baja landscape as you travel • Your rooms at Los Colibris Casitas will provide stunning ocean views • A welcome meeting with your adventure guides will be over an authentic taco dinner at Iker's Colibris Café • *Overnight Los Colibris Casitas (D)*

Day 2: Los Colibris Yoga Sky Deck / Punta Lobos

This morning, awaken your body to prepare for this week's adventure with a little yoga class on the Los Colibris Yoga Sky Deck • Fill up with a Mexican breakfast before venturing out to Punta Lobos for a hike • Traipse along the Pacific bluff cliff walk and breathe in the fresh sea air wisping across the expansive ocean view • While enjoying the bird's eye view of the waves at each outlook, watch for whales surfacing • A picnic lunch will be served seaside at San Pedro and have a chance to swim • You may also be lucky enough to witness baby turtles hatching on the beach today! • Dinner will be at a local eatery • *Overnight Los Colibris Casitas (B, L, D)*

Day 3: Sea of Cortez / Camp Cecil

Today you'll gear up for a snorkeling adventure on the Sea of Cortez from Isla Espiritu Santo • The Sea of Cortez, or the Gulf of California, is a 700-mile-long body of water between Baja California and mainland Mexico • Dive into the aquamarine water where tropical fish will swim past your nose • At Camp Cecil, you'll have the choice of kayaking, snorkeling, hiking, or swimming with marine wildlife as you immerse yourself into the island paradise • Camp Cecil is a National Marine Park, part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site that offers unforgettable underwater viewing experiences • *Overnight Camp Cecil de la Isla (B, L, D)*

Day 4: Isla Espiritu Santo

Spend another beautiful day on Isla Espiritu where you can explore at your own rate • Jump into the water again to swim, snorkel, or paddle board among the creatures below • Choose to stay on land and watch the tropical birds putting on magnificent colorful displays and singing their exotic tunes • On one of the island adventures, there will be a local wildlife biologist available and you can help measure and tag sea turtles for a university research program • The rugged beauty of the island makes it an ideal spot for escapades • *Overnight Camp Cecil de la Isla (B, L, D)*



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Day 5: Isla Espiritu Santo

This last day on the island is another day to explore • Check a few new things out to diversify your experience here • Visit the Magnificent Frigatebird colony that lives not far from Camp Cecil • Snorkel near the island's colorful reefs • Hop on another paddle board to cruise the waves and discover bays and inlets along the rocky shoreline • Bring it on! • *Overnight Camp Cecil de la isla (B, L, D)*

Day 6: Sea of Cortez / La Paz

Swim among whale sharks today after returning from Camp Cecil • These gentle giants will mesmerize you with how large they are: up to 59 feet long and weigh around 15 tons • A whale shark researcher in Baja California Sur will enlighten you on all there is to know about the shark as well as give you the opportunity to assist in their research efforts • Eat lunch in La Paz before transferring to Todos Santos this afternoon • Dinner will have a fun twist as you embark on some cooking extravaganzas with a chef and author of a cooking book • *Overnight Los Colibris Casitas (B, L, D)*

Day 7: Todos Santos

Prepare to say “adios” and transfer to San Jose del Cabo airport. *End of Services (B)*

* *This trip is operated by Todos Santos Eco Adventures in partnership with Austin Adventures.*

** *Due to the nature of our explorations, itineraries are guidelines and will change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters. Variations in itinerary and the order of days may occur.*

Our Partner – Todos Santos Eco Adventures

Austin Adventures is proudly offering this trip in conjunction with Todos Santos Eco Adventures. Headquartered in Todos Santos, Mexico, this leading adventure company was founded by two passionate people who met in the area and married. They partnered together to bring all that is beautiful in Baja California Sur so visitors can genuinely enjoy the fantastic scenery and tropical wildlife. Todos Santos Eco Adventures has been recognized by big names like National Geographic, Outside Magazine, Forbes, and countless others. All guides and instructors are locals who share in the company's outstanding knowledge of the region and its intricate natural culture. This company is dedicated to responsibly providing ocean adventures and taking care of the well-being of guests and environment.

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Activities

Hiking: Difficulty varies depending on group, no experience necessary.

Kayaking: Protected coves and inlets, no experience necessary.

Boating: Interpretive small ship wildlife cruise with captain and crew; small skiffs provide easy access to tucked-away inlets and shorelines.

Paddle boarding: Stand up paddling, no experience necessary.

Snorkeling: No experience necessary.

Wildlife Viewing: No experience necessary but come prepared to look and listen.

** Note: Daily itinerary is kept purposefully flexible to maximize wildlife sightings and natural encounters.*

Austin Adventures and Todos Santos Eco Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, your guides will help you select the distance or activity that's right for you.

Distinctive Accommodation

Nights 1, 2, & 6: Los Colibris Casitas

Located in Todos Santos, Los Colibris Casitas delivers a luxurious, relaxing environment in casas and casitas with a boutique hotel feel. With magnificent views of the Pacific Ocean in your periphery here, guests will enjoy the natural elements that surround them. A freshwater estuary, palm grove oasis, and the Sierra de la Laguna mountains frame this impeccable property. Although delightfully blanketed in solitude, this accommodation is just a few minutes' drive away from local businesses, eateries, and shops.

Nights 3-5: Camp Cecil de la Isla

This pristine base camp will provide guests with all the natural fun of camping without the hassle. You'll be housed in decorated walk-in tents featuring clean linens, tables, lanterns, storage space, seating arrangements and more items for your comfort. Located on Isla Espiritu Santo, Camp Cecil was recognized by National Geographic as the Number One Luxury Tent Camp resort. With easy access to the ocean playground that surrounds the accommodation, you'll have a glamping experience of a lifetime.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals aboard the ship: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). All non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages are included. Super premium wines and spirits and all related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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Arrival and Departure

We suggest that you book your flight into Los Cabos Airport (SJD) at least one day prior to your trip departure. You may arrive on day of departure as long as you arrive into the airport **no later than 3:30pm**. If you are arriving on the first day of the tour, a representative will meet you in the arrivals lounge and transfer you directly to your hotel in Todos Santos. Your trip ends with a drop-off at the Los Cabos Airport (SJD). Please schedule departing flights for **after 12pm (noon)**.

Trip Price

From \$3,698.00 (single supplement \$1,080)

Trip Length

7 days/ 6 nights

2021 Dates

Nov. 27, 2021 - Dec. 3, 2021

Dec. 12, 2021 - Dec 18, 2021

Host City

Los Cabos International Airport

Airport Code: SJD

Reservations & Availability

1.800.575.1540

*The Sea of Cortez,
a UNESCO World Heritage Site,
is a marine life-rich natural aquarium*

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods

Toll free: 800.575.1540

Phone: 406.655.4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your AA adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures).

Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- All transportation including roundtrip airport transfer
- All accommodations in hotels and camps as indicated in itinerary
- All meals from welcome dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day
- Daily happy hour and two drinks with dinner at Camp Cecil de la Isla drinks at welcome dinner and cooking class
- All adventures and related equipment as indicated in the itinerary
- Bilingual naturalist guide(s) who is a certified Wilderness First Responder, NOM-9 graduate and Leave No Trace certified
- Activities with leading local sea turtle and whale shark researchers
- Entrance fees and permits

Not Included in the Trip Price

- International airfare
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities
- Any activities, meals or drinks not explicitly identified in the itinerary

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you.

Child Age and Pricing on Family Adventures

Family Adventures are suitable for children 8 years old and up (5 years and older for our Yellowstone and Costa Rica Family Adventures). Children who share a room with one or more adults receive reduced rates. The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is 16 years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.