

# 10 Day Kayak & Whale Watching Combo

## Baja, Mexico

### Itinerary

## Day: 1

### Arrive in Loreto

After checking into pre-assigned rooms (included in trip cost), you're on your own for sightseeing until the orientation meeting (6 or 7 PM) in the hotel lobby, where your guides will answer questions and review the morning plan.

**Accommodations Loreto:** [La Mision](#)

**Accommodations La Paz:** [Seven Crown Centro](#)

Meals Included: 0 (travel day)

## Day: 2



Depart 7:30am sharp for van transportation two hours to the Pacific coast, to Puerto Lopez Mateos on Magdalena Bay. Your first whale watching session will start immediately upon arrival. You might even

see whales right from the dock! At the end of the two-hour session, the boat driver will ferry you across the bay to our exclusive base camp on a sand-dune barrier island. You'll have a chance to unload your gear and settle into your pre-assembled tent before a hearty lunch. This afternoon, your guides will lead a hike across the dunes to the Pacific Ocean. You can meander back to camp along the beach in the sunset, just in time for happy hour and a dinner under the stars.

Meals Included: L, D

## Day: 3



Tea and coffee greet you with the morning sun, and you're welcome to stroll along the beach and watch whales while your guides prepare a hot breakfast. You will have two whale watching sessions by federally-licensed skiff today, with plenty of time for dune walking, hiking, and relaxing on the sand while whales frolic offshore. You can also elect to do birding tours in the mangrove areas of the lagoon instead of whale watching, or part whale watching, part birding sessions. Be sure to board the skiff as soon as it arrives, as the clock starts ticking on the strictly regulated 2-hour session.

Meals Included: B, L, D

## Day: 4

### Return to Loreto or La Paz



You'll enjoy one final whale watching session after breakfast in the morning before you are returned to Puerto Lopez Mateos by panga. After a chance to purchase a commemorative token in the small shops at the port, you'll enjoy a hot seafood lunch at a local restaurant before the van ride back to Loreto or La Paz. Check back into the tour hotel for a shower or take a stroll along the malecon before an orientation meeting for the kayaking portion of your trip.

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Meals Included: B, L

## Day: 5

### Time to go kayaking

Please eat breakfast and be packed by the meeting time, where you will be shuttled to the kayak put-in site. After loading the boats, your

guides will teach you the basics of paddling and thoroughly review safety procedures. The group won't leave shore until all participants feel comfortable. You'll make 50-minute, 2 to 3-mile crossings to the off-shore islands where you'll have a chance to snorkel and hike before lunch, and then kayak to your first night's campsite.

Meals Included: L, D

## Day: 6-8

### Camping and kayaking in the Sea of Cortez



The days begin with spectacular sunrises and end with delightfully cool evenings, enjoying sunsets, star-gazing, moonrise, or even bioluminescence in the sea on moonless nights. You will paddle and explore the scenic cliffs and coves of Danzante and Carmen in the Loreto Bay National Marine Park/UNESCO World Heritage Site. Camping on sandy beaches allows for superb swimming, tide pooling, snorkeling, beachcombing and hiking. Plan to paddle to a new camp site every day, wind permitting, with one layover day at the same site. Roomy dome tents are provided, although with Baja's lack of insects you may be tempted to sleep out under the stars. Several campsites have desert arroyo hikes which offer spectacular views as well as some of the desert flora unique to Baja.

Meals Included: B, L, D

## Day: 9

### Return to Loreto or La Paz



After a final breakfast and breaking camp, you will paddle to the take-out site and unpack your kayak while the guides prepare lunch. A van will return you to the hotel mid-afternoon. In the evening, you are invited to join your kayak group for a final farewell dinner either at the tour hotel or out on the town to say good-byes and toast new found

kayaking skills and friends.

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Meals Included: B, L

## Day: 10

### Departure

There are no activities planned for this day so feel free to depart at any time.

**Please Note:** *This tour involves transportation to and from Loreto or La Paz to the whale camp at Magdalena Bay. An additional transportation fee will be added to any combo trips running in LaPaz. Guests requesting a trip arriving in La Paz and departing in Loreto (or vice versa), if the option is available, may also be subject to additional fees for shuttle transportation. Please discuss this with our office staff if it's something you're interested in.*

Meals Included: 0 (travel day)