

# Magdalena Bay Whale Watching

## Day: 1

### Arrive in Loreto



Upon arrival at the Loreto Airport take a quick cab ride to the tour hotel. After checking into pre-assigned rooms (included in the tour cost) you are on your own to explore Loreto, take a walk down the malecon, or relax by the hotel pool before your evening orientation meeting. At the orientation meeting you will meet your guides who will give you details about the plan for the next morning and answer any questions you may have.

Accommodations: La Mision Hotel

Meals Included: 0 (travel day)

## Day: 2



After a good hearty breakfast be ready to 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.

Accommodations: Magdalena Bay Whale Camp

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 the whales wake up while your guides prepare a hot breakfast. Your day is filled with whale watching, hiking along the sand dunes and beachcombing the Pacific beaches. In the morning and afternoon we will take a motorized skiff into the bay for two hours of close encounters with gray whales (included in price), leaving the afternoon free for swimming, dune walking, whale watching from shore and exploring. We can also lead skiff birding tours into the mangrove areas, or part whale watching, part birding sessions.

Our bilingual naturalist guides include marine biology graduate students from the University of La Paz. Be sure to board the skiff as soon as it arrives, as the clock starts ticking on the strictly 2 hour whale-watching session.

Accommodations: Magdalena Bay Whale Watching

Meals Included: B,L, D

## Day: 4

### Return to Loreto



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.

Check back into the tour hotel for a shower or take a stroll along the malecon before a farewell dinner with your group where you can reminisce about spy hopping whales, and frolicking dolphins.

Accommodations: La Mision Hotel

Meals Included: B, L

## Day: 5

### Departure

There are no activities planned for this day so you are free to depart whenever you desire.

**Please note:** *The 6-day Itinerary will follow the same schedule as the 5-day itinerary, but with one more day of whale watching and camping. The first and last day remain arrival (fly in) and departure (fly out) days.*

Meals Included: 0 (travel day)