

## 4/5/6/8 Day Fly in Gray Whale Watching at Laguna Ojo de Liebre, Mexico

Your adventure begins when our driver meets you at the Holiday Inn - Bayside and transports you about 70 miles to the Ensenada Airport. Upon arrival in Guerrero Negro our driver meets you at the Guerrero Negro Airport and transports you approximately 45 minutes to our shore side camp.

On arrival we get you situated in your cabin. Then a brief orientation so you understand how things work around our camp. Dinner is usually 6:30 pm. It is normal for people to gather in our dining tent earlier to talk, relax, play a game, drink a margarita before dinner.

Your second day in camp begins the actual whale watching trips. We plan to do two trips each day, usually early in the day just depending on weather and other conditions. Typically whale watching finishes around 2:00 to 3:00 pm. This leaves some free time to relax, go for a hike, do some bird watching or check for messages using the wifi available down at the dock about 1000 meters from camp.

On your last day, breakfast is served early so you can get to the airport and check in on time. We transport you to the airport and wait to see your plane off. In Ensenada our driver will be waiting to get you back to the San Diego start point, usually between 3:00 and 6:00 pm.

### 2023 whale watching camp schedule

Trip dates	price	
Feb 1 - 10	\$3,995	10 day Blue whale and Gray whale combination trip
Feb 3 - 6	\$3095	4 day gray whale watching weekend trip
Feb 6 - 10	\$3095	5 day gray whale watching ADULTS ONLY Trip
Feb 10 - 13	\$3095	4 day gray whale trips are planned for 2 days X 2 trips = 4 boat trips
Feb 13 - 17	\$3095	5 day gray whale trips are planned for 3 days X 2 trips = 6 boat trips
Feb 15 - 17	\$2495	3 day trip includes 1 day of gray whales. 3 boat trips.
Feb 15 - 20	\$3295	6 day gray whale watching for those who want lots of whale action.
Feb 17- 20	\$3095	4 day
Feb 20 - 24	\$3295	5 day
Feb 24 - 27	\$3295	4 day
Feb 27 March 3	\$3295	5 day
March 1 - 3	\$2595	3 day
March 3 - 6	\$3295	4 day
March 6 - 10	\$3095	5 day ADULTS ONLY Trip
March 10 - 13	\$3095	4 day
March 13 - 17	\$3095	5 day
March 17 - 20	\$2895	4 day
March 20 - 24	\$2895	5 day

### Air Charter 3 day trip

\$3095 P/P for party of 4 or 5

\$3995 P/P for party of 2 or 3

We plan for 4 whale watching boat trips during this 3 day intense event. This is the same as what our standard four day trips have planned. We arrange a small plane air charter for the flight from Ensenada to Guerrero Negro, about 2 hours. **Day one** of the 3 days is for travel south to our camp. **Day two** will have 3 whale watch boat trips scheduled. Each trip is about 1 ½ hours with the whales, roughly 2 hours. This is a very full day of whale watching. Be aware that three trips may not get accomplished due to local conditions such as weather or boat turn around times. **Day three** we plan one morning whale watch, then departure directly from the boat dock to the airfield for your flight home.

### **Important camp information & option prices:**

- All cabins are insulated and furnished with a heater.
- En-suite RV style toilets are available for \$50 per cabin.
- Cabins with En-suite hot water gas fired shower & toilet available for \$650 per cabin. Two are available.
- We have only 12 insulated wood cabins. After those are all reserved we place guests in our standard traditional canvas tents. If placing guests in a tent we will advise at sign up time. A courtesy \$100 bar tab credit will be issued per person for those assigned a standard tent due to availability. This credit can be used toward en-suite toilet and/or for alcoholic drinks. A heater will be provided for the tent, same as provided for the cabins.
- Cabin description: We call them cabins, but they are a hybrid cabin/tent. The walls and roof are wood to resist the weather elements. As in a traditional tent the floors are canvas, which is comfortable to walk on and allows for ease of set up and take down each season. The walls have high density foam insulation. There are heaters provided which allow 10-12 hours of heat for your 3 or 4 night stay. These heaters are intended to warm your cabin in the evening so you can dress for bed in comfort. They can be turned on again in the morning early so your cabin is warm as you dress before breakfast.

### **What's included in the price of a trip?**

#### **Food and drinks:**

During your stay at our seaside whale watching tented camp we provide purified water, hot drip brewed coffee, hot chocolate and hot or cold tea all day without charge. We provide breakfast, lunch and dinner each day. Breakfast and lunch have a fairly wide range of food you can choose from. Dinners are a special affair and thus are a set meal menu. We can adjust your menu to suit almost any special dietary restrictions.

#### **Whale tale bar:**

Our bar provides only our guests a wide range of drinks at normal prices. Soda, American and Mexican beer & wine.

When at locations other than our seaside lodge (such as during the combo trips) meals are provided only as noted in the trip itinerary. To allow guests the widest range of food choices **the combo trip itineraries do not include dinners when outside our camp such as in Loreto**. Included breakfasts are ordered from restaurant menus in Loreto. Lunches are bagged for the boat days. Lunch is eaten in roadside cafes while crossing the peninsula. Not included are wine, alcoholic beverages and premium juice and blended drinks.

#### **Drinks and water:**

We carry purified water in our vehicle. If possible your guide will have a quart or a 2 liter bottle of water for you to take to your room at night when on the combo trip. Some days due to the travel schedule we will not be able to do this and you will have to refill your personal water bottle from our bulk supply. We generally have large container bulk purified water available and **suggest each tour participant bring along his or her personal Nalgene water bottle to refill from our bulk supply**. This is a measure we have put in place to eliminate putting thousands of empty plastic water bottles into the environment each whale watching season. Many of our guests also bring a personal thermal cup so they can easily carry hot drinks to their tent or outside by the shore.

When the combo group is traveling we like to carry an ice chest with soda and beer for you. These drinks are available for you while we're driving and at roadside stops during the travel day. Generally after the active part of our day is finished, you will purchase your own beer, wine and soda. Thermos' of hot water and coffee available all day and night at the seaside lodge.

#### **Whale watching:**

When going out on the boats at Loreto, on the Sea of Cortez, the trip duration is set by the weather conditions. You can expect to leave the dock at 8 a.m. and to return anytime between noon and 4 pm. The boat captain is the sole decision maker about when to end a trip because of impending or strengthening wind or other sea

conditions. Afternoon wind is an almost daily factor on the Sea of Cortez. Some of our Loreto boat trips each year are canceled due to weather.

Laguna Ojo de Liebre whale watching is 1 1/2 hours duration on the water, but frequently this stretches out informally to 2 hours or more. The trip itinerary details how many trips daily, but usually two trips.

### **Accommodations**

Our shore side wood cabin/tent camp at Laguna Ojo de Liebre is the finest “camp” situation in the Baja Peninsula. Here we provide gas fired hot water showers, real flush toilets, comfortable beds with mattresses, pillows and comforters. En-suite showers and toilets available for additional fee.

At all other locations, for the combo trips the hotels we use are safe, secure, clean and basic Baja quality hotels. They are not resort 5 star quality, but they provide everything an adventure traveler normally needs in a room. If you want to upgrade, please let us know and we'll discuss the various options that are available, depending on the day and location.

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#### **Transportation:**

We provide the ground transport across the border to the Ensenada Airport. Also the transfer from our camp to the airfield each way. We provide the air tickets for the Ensenada to Guerrero Negro flight R/T.

#### **Whale watching as outlined in the itineraries.**

#### **Accommodations in our shoreside cabins or tents.**

### **What's not included:**

Hotel in San Diego before the trip.  
Getting to the meeting point.  
Alcoholic beverages from the Whale Tail Bar.  
Optional en-suite shower or toilet  
Tips  
Mexican tourist card (visa) \$30  
Combo trip dinners in Loreto

### **Some optional or extra costs:**

En-suite shower and toilet cabin \$650 – pay as part of final payment.  
En-suite toilet in cabin \$50 – we will add this to your bar tab to be paid in camp.  
Dinners when on the combo trip in Loreto about \$20 a meal depending on drinks etc. You pay at the restaurant.  
Alcohol and soda from the whale tale bar. We run a tab and settle on the final evening in camp.  
Tips – Boat drivers \$2-\$5 per boat ride. Camp staff \$100 to \$250 collectively. Border driver? \$5-\$10

## **Below are the trip itineraries for all of our trips this year**

### **Itinerary 4 day fly in gray whale trip**

**Day one Friday:** Our driver meets you at 7:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Bayside in San Diego. From there he drives you approximately 1 1/2 hours to the Ensenada Airport where you will meet your flight to Guerrero Negro. Upon arrival at the Guerrero Negro Airport you will be transferred approximately

1 hour to our secluded and very nice seaside camp location. You will be scheduled to arrive in time for a nice dinner. Be sure and carry snacks and a drink as the flight is at or near lunch time. (D)

**Day two and day three Saturday & Sunday:** During these two days you are scheduled for two gray whale watching boat rides each day. We always expect to have fun on every boat trip. Every trip seems different, but you can be assured that you will see hundreds of whales while out on your whale watching trip. But no trip to see the gray whales would be complete without a very close encounter with a friendly whale. We do not offer a guarantee that this will happen. But we have a perfect 25 year record for close encounters for our five day and longer trips. (B, L, D)

**Day four Monday:** After breakfast at camp you will transfer to the Guerrero Negro Airport to meet your flight north. Upon arrival in Ensenada our driver will meet your flight and transport you back to the Holiday Inn Bayside in San Diego. You can expect to arrive back at the hotel around 3-6 p.m. (B)

Itineraries for 5, 6 & 8 day trips are the same as the four day trip above with the exception of more days of whale watching.

Meals provided as part of the tour are indicated by **(B, L, D)**. In this example breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided that day as part of the tour package.

### **Itinerary for 5 day fly in gray whale trip**

**Day one (Monday):** Our driver meets you at 7:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Bayside in San Diego. From there he drives you approximately 1 1/2 hours to the Ensenada Airport where you will meet your flight to Guerrero Negro. Upon arrival at the Guerrero Negro Airport you will be transferred approximately 1 1/2 hours to our secluded and very nice seaside camp location. You will be scheduled to arrive in time for a nice dinner. (D)

**Day two Tuesday:** Today you are scheduled for two gray whale watching boat rides. We always expect to have fun on every boat trip. Every trip seems different, but you can be assured that you will see hundreds of whales while out on your whale watching trip. But no trip to see the gray whales would be complete without a very close encounter with a friendly whale. We do not offer a guarantee that this will happen. But we have a perfect 25 year record for close encounters for our five day and longer trips. (B, L, D)

**Day three and four, Wednesday and Thursday:**

Two more days filled with whale watching and great food. By now you're beginning to relax and really enjoy our shore side lodge. The anticipation and worry about whether or not you will see a lot of whales is surely gone. You'll undoubtedly spend some time sitting outside your tent watching the whales jump and play while you sip a drink and soak up the relaxing atmosphere.

(B, L, D)

**Day five Friday:** After breakfast at camp you will transfer to the Guerrero Negro Airport to meet your flight north. Upon arrival in Ensenada our driver will meet your flight and transport you back to the Holiday Inn Bayside. You can expect to arrive at the hotel around 5 to 6 p.m. (B)

<b>20203 Day by day itinerary for 10 day combo trip Feb 1 - 10</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Day one February 1 Wednesday</b>	Our driver meets you at 7:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Bayside in San Diego. From there he drives you approximately 1 1/2 hours to the Ensenada Airport where you will meet your flight to Guerrero Negro. Upon arrival at the Guerrero Negro Airport you will be

	transferred approximately 1 1/2 hours to our secluded and very nice seaside camp location. (D)
<b>Day two February 2</b>	Today we go on two gray whale watching boat rides at Laguna Ojo de Liebre. We always expect to have fun on every boat trip. Every trip seems different, but you can be assured that you will see hundreds of whales while out on your whale watching trips. But no trip to see the gray whales would be complete without a very close encounter with a friendly whale. We do not offer a guarantee that this will happen. But we have a perfect 20+ year record for close encounters for our five day and longer trips. We expect that you will have a great whale watching experience. (B, L, D)
<b>Day 3 February 3</b>	After breakfast your group will drive across the Baja Peninsula to the Sea of Cortez where you will stay in Loreto tonight at the El Dorado Hotel. (B & L) (In Loreto each traveler pays for their own dinner whether eating as a group or alone)
<b>Day 4 &amp; 5 &amp; 6 Feb 4-5-6</b>	These are your blue whale watching days. Each day you will get up and have breakfast at 7:00 a.m., then arriving at the dock at 8:00 a.m. Our days of whale watching in Loreto are always started early because of the constant afternoon winds. Time on the water is dependent on many variables such as location of the whales, weather and sea conditions. (B & L)
<b>Day #7 February 7</b>	Today the group rides back to Guerrero Negro and Laguna Ojo de Liebre. Along the way is time to view the unique desert scenery. (B & D)
<b>Day #8 &amp; 9 Feb 8 - 9</b>	We're scheduled for two gray whale boat rides here at Laguna Ojo de Liebre each day. (BLD)
<b>Day 10 February 10 Friday End 10 day trip</b>	Departure Day – We transport you to the Guerrero Negro Airport to meet your flight to Ensenada. There our transporter will greet you and carry you across the border to the Holiday Inn – Bayside in San Diego arriving around 3:00 to 6:00 pm. (B only)

