



LUXURY ADVENTURE VACATION B.C.

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Trip Details:

- 7 nights
- From US\$ 2199
- 2009 & 2010

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Cruise Baja Mexico - Cruise only -



- Whale watch and possibly visit the famous gray whale nurseries of Baja.
- Join playful sea lions in their games and antics.
- Step back in time as you tour Loreto's 17th century mission.
- Go snorkelling among colourful tropical fish.

This voyage is highlighted by visits to unspoiled islands, teeming with plants and animals found nowhere else in the world. We'll take you to breathtaking private beaches, to turquoise coves that invite you to dive in, and inland to where the giant cardón cactus grows.

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Price per person:

TOUR 34A ROUND TRIP

2009 DEPARTURES – Round trip from Cabo San Lucas

DEPART	SHIP	A	AA	AAA	DELUXE
Dec 19	SOE	\$2599	\$2849	\$3349	\$3899
Dec 26	SOE	\$2599	\$2849	\$3349	\$3899

2010 DEPARTURES – Round trip from Cabo San Lucas

DEPART	SHIP	A	AA	AAA	DELUXE
Jan 2	SOE	\$2199	\$2449	\$2949	\$3499
Jan 9	SOE	\$2199	\$2449	\$2949	\$3499
Jan 16	SOE	\$2599	\$2849	\$3349	\$3899
Jan 23	SOE	\$2999	\$3249	\$3749	\$4299
Jan 30	SOE	\$2999	\$3249	\$3749	\$4299
Feb 6	SOE	\$2999	\$3249	\$3749	\$4299
Feb 13	SOE	\$2999	\$3249	\$3749	\$4299
Feb 20	SOE	\$2999	\$3249	\$3749	\$4299
Feb 27	SOE	\$2599	\$2849	\$3349	\$3899
Mar 6	SOE	\$2599	\$2849	\$3349	\$3899

The cost of your cruise includes \$278 per person which covers taxes/port charges/fees and on board services. On board gratuities are neither required nor expected. Prices are per person, double occupancy, U.S. dollars. Single/Triple rates available upon request where applicable. Airfare extra. Prices do not include fuel surcharges which may be added up to the time of your departure.

Note: For most of the destinations in this cruise, small motorized excursion craft are the only way to get ashore. Travelers should have confident balance and mobility to participate. The order of stops and associated activities on this itinerary are subject to change due to weather conditions and safety concerns.

Package itinerary

Day 1 - ARRIVE IN CABO SAN LUCAS

Transfer from Los Cabos Airport to your ship at Cabo's inner harbor. Begin your Sea of Cortés cruise at sunset, to enjoy evening scenery and cruising. D

Day 2 - ISLA ESPIRITÚ SANTO

This 23,383-acre island near La Paz is centered in one of the most biologically diverse marine areas in the world and is a major environmental success story. Several plants and animals are found nowhere else in the world, including the blacktailed jack rabbit and antelope squirrel. John Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts, who jointly

wrote "Sea of Cortez" and "The Log of the Sea of Cortez" explored this island's tide pools at two places, a sandy stretch at the south end of the island and a coral-head environment at Bahía San Gabriel.

Take a guided walk among the tangle of exotic cacti, or swim, snorkel, and kayak the crystal clear sea here that supports 900 species of fish. No need to bring snorkel gear or wetsuits as gear will be provided to you.
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Day 3 - WHALE WATCHING

This whole day is spent pursuing up-close viewing of marine life. The Sea of Cortés is home to huge schools of common and bottle-nosed dolphins, as well as humpback, minke, fin, and blue whales. In the shallow lagoons of Baja's Pacific shore, hundreds of gray whales annually congregate to calf - most reliably from mid-January to mid-March. When our local contacts tell us the whales are present, we'll cross the peninsula by motorcoach to the Pacific side. There board an outboard-equipped panga to observe the grays, who have migrated some 6,000 miles from Alaska's Bering Sea to mate, give birth, and rear their young. When whales are not present in Bahía Magdalena, we will use our maneuverable small ship to search for whales and other marine life in the Sea of Cortés.

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Day 4 - ISLAND EXPLORATION

Guided by the weather and tides, visit one of the beautiful and special islands of the Sea of Cortés on a day full of island exploration and nature appreciation. Isla Coronado's volcanic cone rises above the horizon. There will be time to kayak, hike, beach comb, snorkel, swim or relax on the beach.

Isla San Francisco and Isla San José offer excellent snorkeling and kayaking opportunities - wind permitting. And look for dolphins in the cove.

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Day 5 - LORETO

Founded in 1697, Loreto's Nuestra Señora de Loreto Mission was the original "mother" church from which all the other California missions were founded, along El Camino Real, eventually leading as far north as Sonoma, California.

A museum adjacent to the mission displays artifacts and paintings from Baja's colonial era. Stroll the streets and plazas of this picturesque seaside village, capped by a wine and cheese reception in a lovely downtown courtyard featuring homemade cheeses, local fruits and wines and a talented local singer to entertain you.

Optional Shore Excursions (may be reserved once onboard the ship):

Ceviche by the Sea - Learn Mexican culinary techniques and savor the results immediately! This opportunity takes place at Loreto's El Canipole restaurant, surrounded by Mexicana decor. Learn to shape a personal tortilla - round, oval, or triangular as you please - then bake it on a traditional comac. Mix ceviche (seafood "cooked" by marinating in lime juice) and savor a host of other Mexican specialties as well, including chicharones en salsa verde, refried beans, pico de gallo salsa and guacamole. Your choice of soda, Mexican beer or a margarita is also included in this lunchtime option.

San Javier Tour - Nestled in a valley high in the Sierra de la Giganta mountains, the mission village of San Javier is one of Baja's secret treasures. You drive by air-conditioned van on largely gravel roads along one of Baja's most scenic interior drives, an original stretch of the old Camino Real. Stop in Las Parras, a natural oasis, to learn about desert agriculture and irrigation. You will also visit Los Cuevos Pintos to see some original Baja rock art paintings. Visit the village of thatched roof, stone and adobe houses surrounding Baja California's best preserved Jesuit Mission Church, Mission San Francisco Xavier de Vigge-Bloundo. Originally founded in 1699, the current mission building was completed in 1758, and shelters centuries-old bells, statuary and splendid gilded retablos. The original mission fathers brought irrigation and orchards to the valley. Many of the varieties of grapes, olives, figs, oranges and lemons now grown throughout California are descended from Padre Juan de Ugarte's original plantings here at San Javier. You will take a nature walk along a dry riverbed,

and learn about harvesting fruit in an oasis. A homestyle Mexican lunch is included at a local restaurant. Snacks and water will be provided in the van.
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Day 6 - LOS ISLOTES & ISLA PARTIDA

Los Islotes is a steep seamount punctured by sea caves. Blue-footed boobies reside on the cliffs, and a large colony of California sea lions haul out on the rocks below. Weather permitting, swim and snorkel as the female sea lions and their curious young pups float about you in the sea. Continue to Isla Partida nearby, to hike the island's rugged canyons, kayak up-close to rock-walled headlands, or just relax on the beach. In the sheltered cove of Ensenada Grande, where the silky sandy bottom shelves out very gradually for hundreds of feet, gentle waves lap onto the mangrove-backed beach. BLD

Day 7 - LA PAZ

Today, your ship ties up at the central waterfront of Baja California Sur's capital and largest city, which was founded in the 1530s. Explore the shops, gelaterías, and the miles-long waterfront malecón or promenade. A host of options will be available and you will have the opportunity to enjoy an exclusive fiesta, complete with Mexican music, and dancers. Later, depart La Paz to sail overnight to Cabo San Lucas.
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Day 8 - DISEMBARK IN CABO SAN LUCAS

Disembark in Cabo San Lucas After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the Los Cabos Airport.
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B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

EXTEND YOUR STAY

These hotel packages are available as add-ons to your cruise. Transfers are included between the airport, hotel, and ship. Package price also includes tax.

Hotel Finisterra

Finisterra means "land's end," an apt name for its enviable position on the rocky peninsula ending in Los Arcos. The hotel's ridgetop location overlooks both Cabo San Lucas' inner harbor and sparkling Pacific beaches. The hotel is within walking distance of Cabo's shops and restaurants.
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Hotel Posada Real

The Hotel Posada Real in San José del Cabo enjoys a spectacular location right on the Sea of Cortés. Exotic cactus gardens surround the buildings of contemporary Mexican style architecture. Every room features a private balcony.
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Your Ship Spirit of Endeavour

The Spirit of Endeavour is one of Cruise West's fastest overnight vessels, allowing for maximum flexibility while en route.

The decor is sleek, stylish, and quietly elegant with light wood accents and artistically etched glass. The Explorer Lounge features expansive picture windows, a lending library, plus cozy banquettes and conversation circles for getting to know your fellow travelers.

Every stateroom features a wide picture window or porthole, private facilities, and phone service. The Lounge and Dining Rooms are equipped with wireless Internet and email access. And when it's time to go outside, guests enjoy ample outside space on 3 decks.

- 102 guests
- 217 feet in length
- Cruising speed of 13 knots
- Registered in United States
- All cabins feature private facilities
- Bed sizes will vary from standard
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