



olivia™

WHALES & SEA OF CORTEZ ADVENTURE CRUISE

JANUARY 30–FEBRUARY 6, 2021

Often referred to as Mexico's Galápagos, Baja has one of the richest populations of sea life in the world. In true expedition style, experience the luxury of a flexible itinerary—but on a very beautiful ship, complete with a hot tub and sauna! Not only is this the best time to view a variety of sea life in the Sea of Cortez, it is the BEST time to view gray whales and their babies; these whales are very curious about humans and will sometimes come to the boats and allow themselves to be touched. Onboard naturalists will educate us about the wildlife as we watch for whales and dolphins, hike, swim, kayak, paddleboard, snorkel with sea lions, and bird watch. On past Olivia trips, we have seen over 50 whales—including blue (the world's largest mammal), humpback, pilot, sperm, and others—and several schools of dolphins, numbering from 500 to 2,000 in each superpod!

YOUR ITINERARY

Saturday, January 30, 2021	San José del Cabo and La Paz (embarkation)
Sunday, January 31, 2021	Isla San Francisco
Monday, February 1, 2021	Isla Bahía Agua Verde
Tuesday, February 2, 2021	Marine Life Search in Bahía Magdalena
Wednesday, February 3, 2021	Captain's Choice
Thursday, February 4, 2021	Los Islotes and Isla Partida
Friday, February 5, 2021	Isla Espiritu Santo
Saturday, February 6, 2021	La Paz (disembarkation) and San José del Cabo

Note: Itinerary is subject to change.

WHAT'S INCLUDED? WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

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- Adventures galore:
 - Watch for gray whales in Bahía Magdalena—these are the whales with the most curiosity about humans!
 - Sea of Cortéz—UNESCO World Heritage Site—a “natural aquarium” rich in marine life
 - Watch for whales, mobula rays, dolphins, and birds
 - Island-hopping exploration—hike, kayak, paddleboard, and explore by skiff
 - Burro ride into arroyos with local rancheros
 - Snorkel with sea lion pups and colorful reef fish
- Accommodations for 8 days/7 nights on board the UnCruise Adventures *Safari Voyager*

ONBOARD AMENITIES

- Dock platform designed for easy launching of kayaks, paddleboards, and skiffs
- Underwater bow-mounted camera
- Zodiac rides and use of snorkeling equipment, wet suits, kayaks, and paddleboards
- On-deck fitness equipment, including yoga mats to borrow; dryer and bathing suit spinner
- Air-conditioned lounge equipped with large AV screen for informative multimedia talks
- DVD and book library
- All alcoholic drinks (including wine bar, premium spirits, and microbrews), soft drinks, coffee, and tea (including access to self-serve espresso machine that makes regular and decaf coffee drinks)
- Expertise of ship's onboard naturalist staff

CABIN AMENITIES

- iPod/MP3/universal docking station and alarm clock; TV and DVD player
- Hair dryer, bathrobes, conditioning shampoo, and body wash
- Binoculars and reusable water bottles
- Bus to Magdalena Bay
- Transfers from and to Los Cabos International Airport on January 30 and February 6
- All port charges, special access permits, service fees, and taxes while on board the ship (covered by your NDAs)
- All gratuities to local guides and crew on board the ship (covered by NDAs)
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

NOT INCLUDED

- Air transportation
- NDA (covering taxes, fees, and gratuities)
- Internet access—there is NO INTERNET ACCESS available on board, so prepare to UNPLUG for the week!

DETAILED ITINERARY

Saturday, January 30, 2021

San José Del Cabo and La Paz (embarkation)

Bienvenidos! You will be met at the Los Cabos International Airport and brought to our San José del Cabo hospitality area. You will be joined by your Olivia Cruise Director and expedition team, who during our overland trip to La Paz will acquaint you with the dramatic Baja landscape and plans for the week ahead. The captain and crew will welcome you aboard just in time for a cocktail and dinner with your new mates.

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Isla San Francisco

In a playground of steep red bluffs and sweeping desert beach, kick off your weeklong adventure with a day of play. Don some flippers for a snorkel among colorful sea life, put on your walking shoes for an exploratory hike, grab a paddleboard, or relax on the beach with the sand between your toes. The rugged beauty of the island makes it ideal for escapades.

Monday, February 1, 2021

Bahía Agua Verde

At Bahía Agua Verde, clear waters are bordered by sparse craggy mountains hemmed in green. Explore the coast by small skiff, visit with a local ranchero and his family, and take to the canyons and mountains on a burro ride to experience the “real Baja.” Scenic vistas, outstanding exploration, excellent birding, and unmatched camaraderie—a day well spent.

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Marine Life Search at Bahía Magdalena

Mother Nature is your guide today. The gray whales arrive each year on Baja’s west coast—migrating more than 12,000 miles—to calve in Bahía Magdalena. Dock in Puerto Escondido, then drive across the peninsula to ride in a panga and observe these mammals and their babies in the lagoon.

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Captain’s Choice

While it’s unlikely you’ll find any black pearls, today you’ll sail amongst islands once explored by early conquistadors. Your expedition team will be at the ready with more adventurous options to choose from: kayaking, hiking, paddleboarding, or beachcombing. Discover nature’s diversity and learn about the geologic forces that formed these islands.

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Los Islotes and Isla Partida

At Los Islotes—a steep craggy seamount leaping straight from the sea—observe a sea lion colony from the boat and skiff, or slip into a wet suit for an early morning snorkel with curious, agile young sea lion pups. Afterward, we’ll heave anchor and set sail for Isla Partida, for an afternoon of water play or island hikes along desert beaches or into rocky arroyos.

Friday, February 5, 2021

Isla Espiritu Santo

Tuck into a secluded cove surrounded by long fingers of red rock and a golden beach. Spend your last full day enjoying the feel of warm sand under your feet on a beach walk, investigating nooks and crannies in the rocks by kayak, or exploring a little further afield on a guided hike. Celebrate your week at tonight’s special Farewell Dinner with an entertaining slideshow by your expedition team.

Saturday, February 6, 2021

La Paz (disembark) and San José Del Cabo

After breakfast, we'll say Adios to La Paz, as you are returned to the San José del Cabo airport or host hotel.

PLEASE NOTE: A passport is required on this itinerary. Itineraries may change to optimize your experience.

PER-PERSON PRICING

Single Cabin

One single bed, view window, private bath with shower

Early Bird \$7,199 PP/Regular \$9,359 PP

Master Cabin

Fixed twin beds or twins that convert to a queen, desk and chair, view window, private bath with shower

Early Bird \$4,999 PP/Regular \$6,499 PP

Commander Cabin

Twins that convert to a queen bed, desk and chair, view windows, private bath with shower

Early Bird \$5,499 PP/Regular \$7,149 PP

Captain Cabin

Fixed twin beds, desk and chair, view window, private bath with shower

Early Bird \$5,999 PP/Regular \$7,799 PP

Admiral Cabin

Queen or twin beds, desk and chair, view window, sofa, private bath with shower

Early Bird \$6,499 PP/Regular \$8,449 PP

Jr Commodore Suite

Queen or twin beds, sitting area with sofa, view windows, private bath with shower

Early Bird \$8,299 PP/Regular \$10,789 PP

Owner's Suite

Fixed queen bed, sitting area with wet bar, refrigerator, media center, large bow-facing windows, jetted whirlpool tub, sofa, private bath with shower

Early Bird \$9,299 PP/Regular \$12,089 PP

ABOVE PRICING DOES NOT INCLUDE NDA (TAXES, FEES, AND GRATUITIES): \$499 PP

ACTIVITY LEVEL

These trips require a high level of mobility, including navigating steep stairs on the ship, walking on rocky or uneven terrain, hiking up gentle hills, and getting in and out of zodiacs from the ship and shore. There are no elevators on the ship. If you do have limited mobility that requires assistance, you are required to travel with someone who can assist you.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Flight Guidelines: All flights should arrive to **Los Cabos (SJD)** by 2:30 pm on January 30, 2021. Departing flights from **Los Cabos (SJD)** should be made for any time after 1 pm, February 6, 2021.

Airfare: Please check our airline discounts page for the latest discounts available approximately 11 months prior to the trip: <http://olivia.com/Travel/CalendarContent/AirfareDeals.aspx>

