



Top 10 Reasons to Travel to – Baja California and the Sea of Cortez With Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic

- 1 Experience Matters.** Lindblad Expeditions operated its first voyage to Baja California and the Sea of Cortez in 1981. We've been back every year since, developing a knowledge and familiarity with the region that is unparalleled.
- 2 The most knowledgeable and experienced Naturalists.** Many of our Expedition Leaders and Naturalists have been accompanying our voyages to Baja for a decade or more – some of them for two decades. And with a Naturalist/guest ratio of about 1:12, they are always accessible – on deck, on walks ashore, and during meals on board.
- 3 Whales.** “There is probably no body of water in the world where more species of whales can be seen more reliably and more clearly than in the Sea of Cortez.” Those aren't our words, they are the words of Dr. Lyall Watson in his book *Whales of the World*. And with more than twenty-five years of experience in the region, we know where to find them.
- 4 Special access.** Our special permits from the Mexican government and our shallow draft vessels enable us to take you into the gray whale lagoons of the Pacific coast of Baja, and to visit the protected islands of the Sea of Cortez. We are the only non-local company allowed to use our own Zodiacs among the whales in Bahia Magdalena.
- 5 Expedition Technology.** Video microscopes, hydrophones, bow cameras, plasma screens, undersea specialists; all of these tools add significant value to the experience of exploring Baja and the Sea of Cortez. Our Video Chronicler records the experiences of each voyage and will have a copy available for you by the time you disembark.
- 6 More flexibility, choices and activities.** Guests are never “herded” and there is always a variety of options so that you can choose to do as much – or as little – as you please. Kayaking, hiking, Zodiac cruises, snorkeling, or just enjoying the view from the deck of the ship.
- 7 Kayaking.** Whether you're a novice or a seasoned kayaker you can enjoy the sense of personal discovery by exploring the coves and coastlines of Baja and its islands with our fleet of kayaks.
- 8 Explore the undersea.** Wet suits, masks and snorkels are provided so that you can pack light and still enjoy discoveries of underwater life in safety and comfort. And you can experience one of life's great pleasures – snorkeling with sea lions!
- 9 Conservation in Baja.** During its long history in Baja Lindblad and National Geographic have supported numerous conservation-related projects, from a program to train local fishermen to be environmentally responsible guides, to seabird research and conservation in the islands. In 2004 Lindblad founded the Gulf of California Conservation Fund in partnership with the Mexican Nature Conservation Fund to raise funds for conservation projects in Baja and the Sea of Cortez.
- 10 Our dedication to excellent expeditions is never at the cost of comfort.** We offer comfortable cabins, fine cuisine that features local flavors, a menu of spa treatments, fitness equipment, guest email service, and seamless handling throughout your journey.