WILD BAJA ESCAPE: THE WHALES OF MAGDALENA BAY

6 Days | Nat Geo Sea Lion | 62 Guests | Expeditions in: Jan/Feb/Mar | $3,740 to $6,550

DAY 1: Loreto/San Carlos/Embark
Upon arrival in Loreto, transfer to San Carlos and embark National Geographic Sea Lion. Tonight we’ll anchor off the coast of Isla Santa Margarita. (D)

DAY 2: Bahía Almejas/Rehusa Channel/Isla Magdalena
Awake in Bahía Almejas, the southernmost part of the Bay. We’ll make a special stop to view a large frigatebird colony on Isla Santa Margarita before heading out on our first whale watching trip of the voyage. The whales in Bahía Almejas tend to be very active, seemingly oblivious to our presence. As we explore this bay and the Rehusa Channel via local panga, our team will do whatever it takes to provide you with memorable and meaningful experiences. During lunch, we’ll sail toward Isla Magdalena to explore the ever-shifting sand dunes on a cross-island walk to one of the most pristine beaches in the Pacific. Take a dip or tally the treasure found on what we affectionately call “sand dollar beach.” (B,L,D)

2020 Departure Dates:
16 Jan, 22 Jan, 27 Jan
1 Feb, 6 Feb, 11 Feb, 16 Feb, 21 Feb
2 Mar, 7 Mar, 12 Mar, 17 Mar

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DAY 3: Transit the Hull Canal/Boca de Soledad
Spend the morning transiting the scenic winding Hull Canal. Within its narrow channels, bordered by mangroves and sand dunes, and filled with abundant wildlife, we’ll hang out on deck with our keen-eyed naturalists to spot species and hear expert commentary. Weather permitting, we’ll explore the vast mangrove system via kayak and expedition landing craft. Birdwatching here can be excellent. Among the species we might see are diving pelicans, wheeling cormorants, terns, great blue herons, ibis, whimbrels, and willets. It’s not unusual to see forty species of birds in just one day along these fertile shorelines. This afternoon, we’ll head out to explore the breeding grounds of Boca de Soledad. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 & 5: Boca de Soledad
Each winter, during their long migration, gray whales travel south from their Arctic feeding grounds to breed and give birth to their calves in these sheltered waters. “Grand Central” for California gray whales, we’ll spend two full days observing, and with luck, interacting with these majestic creatures. Together with savvy local fishermen we’ve known for years, we’ll venture out in expedition landing craft to view the numerous mother-calf pairs that thrive in this region. We’ll also have an opportunity to explore the beaches, and if you’re feeling up to it, grab one of our fat-tire bikes to roam the seemingly endless beaches. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: Lopez Mateos/Disembark/Loreto
After breakfast, disembark our ship and transfer to Loreto’s city center. Choose to visit the first mission in Baja California, as well as the nearby museum to learn more about what makes this town so special. Enjoy free time to explore the quaint shops and vibrant side streets. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)
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