



Loreto Kayaking Adventure

9 Days



Day 1 | Arrival

Feel the Baja Vibe

Flights to Loreto International Airport (LTD) in Baja California Sur state typically arrive mid-afternoon. There's time to unwind and get in the proper groove before gathering with your fellow paddlers for a welcome dinner and trip orientation.

The historic Mission of Our Lady of Loreto is located in the center of town (as is the Jesuit Missions of Loreto Museum) and the local market is always fun to poke around. You can also fill the hunger gap with some authentic local Mexican eats before dinner or feel the sea's embrace on a walk along the malecón. Don't miss out on the chocolate clams—they're a local specialty.

We gather for dinner tonight at a nearby restaurant and share stories of what brought us all magically together.

Included Meals

Dinner

Accommodations

Hotel Oasis



Day 2 | Isla Coronado

Hike High or Low

After breakfast, we meet in the lobby at 8 a.m. and transfer to the marina where we board our boat. Today is dedicated to exploring Isla Coronado, the second smallest island of the Loreto chain.

There are two optional hikes: The out-and-back three-hour, 3.6 mile (6 km) hike up Volcan Coronado offers a panorama of the undulating desert hills of Baja California Sur and the expansive Gulf of California. For those who would like to ease into the day at a gentler, flatter pace, the interpretive desert plants eco-walk is one mile long (1.6 km).

We have lunch together in a shaded picnic shelter at the beach before circumnavigating the island (by boat) to snorkel and swim near a small, curious colony of sea lions.

Over dinner in Loreto, our guide will instruct us on how to prepare and pack for tomorrow's sea kayaking expedition.

Included Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Accommodations

Hotel Oasis

Travel

Van shuttle (20 minutes), boat (45 minutes)



Day 3–6 | Island Time

Camping on Cortez

On this sea kayaking expedition, we paddle for two to four hours each day. We have lingering lunch breaks, floating rest stops and time to hike, snorkel, swim and snooze on the beach. Snorkelers will love the rainbow array of bi-colour parrotfish, convict tangs, yellowtail snapper, porcupinefish, balloonfish and moray eels that are found in the shallow waters and reefs.

Thriving populations of whales, dolphins (bottlenose, common and spinner) and flying manta rays are always a thrill to witness. Maybe a sailfish or marlin will give us an acrobatic flip.

At day's end, we linger over hors-d'oeuvre hour, hyper local fresh food and margaritas at our campsite. Before retreating to our tents, we must check for the captivating glow of bioluminescence in the sea!

Included Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Accommodations

Beach camping on Isla Carmen (two nights) and Isla Danzante (two nights), depending on sea conditions and weather



Day 7 | Back to the Magic Town

Alakazam!

We absorb every inch of today's sunrise over a hot coffee or strong tea before our final day of kayaking. After breakfast, we spend the morning paddling the shorelines in search of more marine life above and below.

We break camp after lunch and paddle to our take-out site around 2 p.m. Here, we unload our kayaks and jump in a van shuttle back to Loreto to check into our hotel and shower off all the sand and salt from our awesome expedition.

Later, we gather for dinner at a local restaurant and reflect on our expedition highlights so far.

Included Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Accommodations

Hotel Oasis



Day 8 | San Javier

Cave Art Class

We leave Loreto mid-morning and drive one hour across the canyons and parched *arroyos* (seasonal waterways that only fill and flow after sufficient rainfall) to San Javier. We walk around the tiny town (population: 130) and visit the Mission of San Javier, established in 1744.

Next, we stop at a nearby ranch to pick up our local guide for an interpretive tour of the cave paintings hidden in the Sierra Madre mountains. They are a ghostly reminder of the Indigenous population that left their indelible mark over 7,000 years ago (according to carbon dating on the paintings).

We follow a rocky trail upwards for 30 minutes, bouldering as we go—the views across the cacti-peppered valley and distant mountains steal the art show.

Over a simple, homemade lunch at the ranch, we learn about the life of our hosts before returning to Loreto late in the afternoon.

Included Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Accommodations

Hotel Oasis

The Paddle

3 hours total by shuttle van



Day 9 | Departure

Extending the Magic

You can book your departure flight for any time today. Breakfast will be provided at the hotel, but we are required to travel to the airport independently.

If you wish to spend more time in the Magic Town, abracadabra—alakazam! You should! Hug your Wild Women expedition crew goodbye...for now. Where should you paddle together next? The Galápagos? Italy?

Included Meals

Breakfast



Trip Details

Know Before You Go

For all of the logistical details you'll need to know prior to departure—including the packing list, arrival and departure details and suggested tipping information, click [HERE](#).

Itinerary version as of April 9, 2024.