



The Sea of Cortez is a place that Jacques Cousteau called the "world's aquarium" and the "Galapagos of North America." UNESCO even declared it a World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve, noting that it is one of the most biologically diverse marine environments on Earth.

Each winter, hundreds of whales migrate from the Arctic waters of Alaska to the warm waters of Baja California. Here in this vast aquatic nursery known as Magdalena Bay, they give birth to their calves. We'll observe these gentle giants from small boats, where we'll be close enough to touch them (which they love!). Mama whales often give a gentle "bump" to a boat, and push their baby close to the outstretched hands of the tourists who pet and caress the calf. It's one of nature's most magnificent spectacles! We'll spend two nights in a private, tented camp on a remote stretch of beach on Isla Esperito Santo - one of the most beautiful islands in the Sea of Cortez, where we'll have time to snorkel and swim among curious and playful sea lion pups.

Combined with time in Todos Santos, a delightful town, artist colony, surfing hotspot and center for organic farming. This is a wonderfully diverse week-long adventure ... and oh, so close to home!!

Close your eyes and just imagine ...

- Swimming alongside the largest fish on the planet – a whale shark measuring 30 ft. or more!
- Playing with baby sea lions – who may even kiss your snorkel mask and nibble your arm as they gleefully frolic underwater
- Making eye contact with a 40-ton grey whale who approaches your boat to present her calf, inviting you to scratch and pet and, sometimes even plant a kiss!
- Recreational activities: kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding; snorkeling; bird-watching or hiking
- Seeing Blue-Footed Boobies – *without* traveling to the Galapagos
- Gazing at a gazillion stars – without a care in the world!



\$2,995 per person (double occupancy)

Includes 6 nights accommodations, all meals, airport and in-country transfers, nature experiences and services of two naturalist guides throughout the duration of the program.

**Visit the website (www.wowtravelclub.com) for full program details
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