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### **ECOXPEDITION OVERVIEW**

We have designed the EcoXpeditions as part of our global climate and ocean conservation outreach. The main focus is to provide a hands-on and immersive experience to initiatives around the world that are making a positive impact on climate resilience and ocean conservation. This has the power to change the perspectives of participants and evoke an appreciation for environmental stewardship.







# 2022 TRIPS July - September

Big Island, Hawaii

Greek Isle

FL. Keys & Miami

Colombia

Baja, Mexico Sail w/ Stein.

Greek Isle

Maui, Hawaii

Jul.7 - Jul.13

Jul.18 - Jul.24

Jul.25 - Jul.30

Aug.8 - Aug.14

Aug.18 - Aug.24

**Sept.13 - Sept.19** 

Sept.22 - Sept.28









2022 TRIPS October - December

Oct.12 - Oct.19

Nov.9 - Nov.15

Dec.12 - Dec.18



### **Gray Whale ITINERARY**

### DAY 1

Airport arrival, check into Palapas Ventana at La Ventana. Activities include afternoon leisure with resort amenities, welcome dinner and Climate Change presentation.

### DAY 2

Welcome breakfast, snorkel/scuba at Cerralvo Island in Sea of Cortez, afternoon leisure, evening entertainment with local folkloric student dancers, whale shark presentation and dinner at resort.

### DAY 3

Breakfast at resort, whale shark snorkel at La Paz Bay, lunch on beach followed by drive to Magdalena Bay for two-night stay. Afternoon leisure, evening presentation on gray whales with dinner.

### DAY 4

Breakfast, take excursion for two gray whale sessions in Magdalena Bay. Afternoon includes bird watching and leisure followed by dinner and cultural presentation.

### DAY 5

Gray whale session at Magdalena Bay. Lunch followed by fossil hunt in private desert reserve and drive back to La Ventana. Afternoon leisure, use of resort amenities and beach equipment. Farewell dinner followed by ocean and land conservation presentation.

### DAY 6

Farewell breakfast to commemorate the trip, followed by saying goodbyes finally and departures to airport.



### Double Occupancy \$3999

**INCLUDES:** Room accommodations, taxes, three meals daily, snacks and water on board watercraft, all activities and adventures as listed.





### **Marlins ITINERARY**

### DAY 1

Arrive at the airport, then organize transport (on your own) to Palapas Ventana Resort at La Ventana and resort check-in. Afternoon leisure at beach resort with amenities, followed by climate change presentation and dinner.

### DAY 2

Welcome breakfast and presentation. Depart on boat to snorkel or scuba at Cerralvo Island in Sea of Cortez. Lunch, beach cleanup, back to La Ventana. Welcome I ocal folkloric school dancers and dinner with whale shark presentation.

### DAY 3

Breakfast, depart for La Paz Bay whale shark snorkeling.
Lunch at La Paz beach followed by light stroll through
La Paz beach. Transportation with scenic drive to
Magdalena Bay for 3 nights. Dinner and marlin
presentation at Magdalena Bay.

### DAY 4

Breakfast at Magdalena Bay. Prepare to depart onboard to snorkel with marlin and magnificent live fish bait balls and visit to view birds and mangroves. Return for afternoon leisure and dinner.

### DAY 5

Breakfast at Magdalena Bay. Snorkel with marlins and magnificent live fish bait balls. Visit mangroves for bird watching. Return for afternoon leisure and dinner followed by ocean and land conservation presentation.

### DAY 6

Breakfast, depart to La Ventana and Palapas Ventana Resort. Stop at private desert reserve for fossil hunt on the way to La Ventana. Afternoon leisure to enjoy the resort amenities (pool, hot tub and beachfront activities). Farewell Dinner.

#### DAY 7

Breakfast with the group, trip wrap-up, then checking out of the resort and begin departure on shuttles back to the airport for flight back to the US (on your own).

Baja Mexico is home to hundreds of beautifl bird species that populate the many mangroves. Take some time to spot native birds in their natural habitat.





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### Whale Sharks ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive at La Paz or Cabo Airport, transportation (on own) to La Ventana, check in to the beachfront Palapas Ventana Resort. Afternoon leisure with resort amenities, followed by dinner and climate change presentation.

### DAY 2

Welcome breakfast, presentation on Sea of Cortez and Cerralvo Island, scuba/snorkeling at Cerralvo Island. Lunch on private beach, beach cleanup, scuba/snorkeling afternoon. Depart to La Ventana, afternoon leisure, dinner with Folkloric dancers.

### DAY 3

Complimentary breakfast, depart to Cerralvo Island for scuba/snorkeling in the morning, see sea lions and rays and reef marine animals in the afternoon. Return to La Ventana and afternoon leisure at Resort. UABS Marine Science speaker at dinner.

### DAY 4

Complimentary breakfast, followed by SUP and shore snorkel and lunch at resort. Tree planting with local Community, cooking class for ceviche and tortillas with local chef. Dinner and presentation on whale sharks.

### DAY 5

Complimentary breakfast, depart to La Paz for whale shark snorkeling at protected bay. Lunch on beaches of La Paz, stroll and shopping on boardwalks of La Paz. Return to La Ventana, afternoon leisure at resort w/ amenities, dinner and discussion on whale sharks.

### DAY 6

Breakfast before whale shark snorkeling. Leisure afternoon in La Paz. Return to La Ventana, farewell dinner with ocean and land conservation presentation and gratitude circle in the evening at Palapas Ventana.

### DAY 7

Farewell complimentary breakfast. Check out of Palapas Ventana Resort. Depart for airport (Resort can assist with setting up your airport transportations at your cost).

Sea lions and rays call the reef home among other sea life in and around Cerralvo Island.





### **Double Occupancy**

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### Baja, Mexico Sailing ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive La Paz or Cabo airport, transport (on own, with resort assistance) to town of La Ventana and check in to Palapas Ventana Resort, an eco-friendly beachfront resort. Welcome dinner followed by climate change presentation.

### DAY 2

Welcome complimentary breakfast, depart by boat to snorkel or scuba at Cerralvo Island at Sea of Cortez. Transfer from boat to Liveaboard Catamaran at Cerralvo Island where the next 5 days will spent.

### DAY 3 - 5

Breakfast on boat every morning, daily activities include sailing, scuba diving, snorkeling, and swimming with the local marine animals (sea lions, dolphins, rays, and more). After aquatic activities, hike through the many protected islands populating the Sea of Cortez, including Isla Espiritu Santo. Days will end with evening leisure activities and dinner with ocean and land conservation presentation.

### DAY 6

Breakfast in the morning, followed by a visit to the catamaran docks at La Paz, then depart by shuttle back to Palapas Ventana Resort in La Ventana. Evening activities will conclude with a farewell dinner and gratitude circle before going to bed.

### DAY 7

Farewell breakfast and final trip wrap-up in the morning.

Afterwards, we'll be checking out of Palapas Ventana

Resort, then taking shuttles to the airport for flight

departures back to the US. Adios amigos!

Breakfast is served! Enjoy onboard breakfast accomodations to start each day off exploring the many beauties of the Sea of Cortez.





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### **Mini-X ITINERARY**

### DAY 1

Arrive to Los Cabos International or La Paz Airport.

Airport shuttle direct to resort, complimentary use of resort pool, hot tub and equipment (snorkels, surfboards, stand-up paddle boards, kayaks, bicycles). Welcome dinner followed by climate change presentation with resort team.

### DAY 2

Breakfast, boat ride to snorkel or scuba at Cerralvo Island, search for giant manta rays, mobula rays, and dolphins.

Coral reef, explore with playful sea lions. Return to resort, afternoon/evening leisure with full use of resort amenities, bicycles to explore the charming town of La Ventana, and ocean equipment as noted.

### DAY 3

Breakfast, transportation to La Paz to snorkel with whale sharks and dolphins. Lunch and stroll after returning to La Paz. Return to La Ventana, evening leisure with full use of resort amenities. Ocean and land conservation presentation after dinner.

### DAY 4

Farewell breakfast and morning/afternoon leisure. Check out of Palapas Ventana Resort and secure airport transportation. (Resort team can assist with reservations.)

Cerralvo Island is a wonderful stop to watch giant manta rays, dolpins, sea lions, and other aquatic life among beautiful stretches of natural coral reef.





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## Big Island, Hawaii ITINERARY

#### DAY 1

Arrivals to Big Island via Kona International Airport, airport pickup and transfer to Hawaii island resort. Kohala legends, lore cultural experience, and traditional blessings cultural experience at resort. Welcome reception and climate change presentation followed by dinner.

### DAY 2

Welcome breakfast at resort, depart for whale watching cruise in Kailua-Kona area. Lunch at local restaurant, afternoon leisure to explore town of Hawi and return to resort. Hula performance and dinner at resort. Scuba divers blackwater dive after dinner.

### DAY 3

Breakfast, depart for snorkel/swim cruise adventure to Kealakekua Bay and Captain Cook. Swim with spinner dolphins in protected cove. Lunch, stop in Kailua-Kona town for leisurely stroll and shopping. Return to resort, afternoon and evening leisure, group dinner.

### DAY

Breakfast, depart for snorkel/swim at Kahalu'u Beach in Kailua Kona, and then to beaches to see green turtles. Lunch at local spot, head to town of Waimea, return to resort. Depart for Dinner in Kailua Kona, followed by manta ray (optional) scuba and snorkel in the evening.

### DAY 5

Breakfast, depart for Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and Imiloa Astonomy Center OR. Scuba at Honaunau Bay next to Pu'uhonua O Honaunau National Park (Place of Refuge). Lunch, then enjoy Hapuna Beach followed by dinner with ocean and land conservation presentation.

#### DAY 6

Breakfast, depart for Pololu's black sand beach, A-Bay for swimming, and snorkeling, lunch at Lava Lava Café. Afternoon leisure at Queen's Marketplace for a shop and stroll near Lava Lava Café, back to resort for afternoon leisure and farewell dinner.

### DAY 7

Farewell breakfast, check out of resort and departures to airport. A Hui Hou! (Until we meet again!)

Conceived by founding director George Jacob in 2001, the Imiloa Astronomy Center is home to an astronomy and cultural education center located in Hilo, Hawaii.





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### Havana, Cuba ITINERARY

#### DAY 1

Arrive at Cuba at Jose Marti International Airport with airport greetings and transfers to hotel. Welcome cocktail reception followed by welcome dinner with special guests from CIM to share about marine protection in Cuba.

### DAY 2

Welcome breakfast, briefing on history of Havana, guided walking tour of historical squares, engaging with artists, artisans, with lunch. Afternoon meeting with marine conservationists from FANJ. Dinner with guest speaker from University of Havana.

### DAY 3

Breakfast, hotel checkout, head to training workshop by ANC Marine Biologist. Overview of underwater monitoring of lionfish and other invasive species. Lunch and depart for Cienfuegos and check into Hotel La Union. Dinner with guest from CITMA.

### DAY 4

Breakfast, followed by visit to Playa Giron for underwater visual surveys in Punto Perdiz and Guasasa. Lunch with Dive at la Caleta Buena. Afternoon debriefing and data review. Dinner and evening at leisure.

### DAY 5

Breakfast at Hotel La Union. Visit to Playa Larga National Park, late morning underwater survey at Cueva de los Peces, lunch, and underwater survey at Playa Larga, evening dinner.

### DAY 6

Breakfast, check out of hotel and return to Havana. Visit to a Cuban community project followed by lunch and check in to Hotel Nacional in Havana. Farm to fork farewell dinner at El Divino with guest from the National Aquarium of Havana.

### DAY 7

Farewell breakfast and final briefing, check out of hotel and transfer for airport departures.

Pink Flamingos are known to live in the Playa Larga National Park.



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### Sardinia ITINERARY

#### DAY 1

Arrival at hotel at Alghero, Sardinia, Italy. Afternoon orientation and climate change presentation with cocktails. Brief overview of nation's commitment to conservation and sustainability of second largest Island In Europe, with a Mareterra representative, dedicated to nature and sustainable development. Welcome dinner and evening at leisure to follow.

### DAY 2

Breakfast and presentation with The Conservatoria delle Coste, a local coastal conservation agency discussing challenges to Sardinia's coasts with climate change. Morning guided walking tour of historic city of Alghero, also known as the capital of the "Coral Coast," visiting fortresses and churches and more with leisurely time for coffee at La Piazza Civica and Its terrace coffee shops. Lunch In old town followed by boat excursion to Neptune's caves at Cape Caccia. Dinner and evening free to explore

### DAY 3

Breakfast followed by visit to the Impressive Nuraghic Palmavera Village and the Anghelu Ruju Necropolis that dates back to 1100 BC, displaying the spectacular archeological history of the Island. Lunch and venture to the Marine Protected Area of Capocaccia Isola Piana by boat, with option to swim and snorkel In the crystal blue waters surrounded by stunning cliffs. Return to hotel with dinner and evening at leisure to explore and enjoy

### DAY 4

Breakfast, check out of hotel and depart for Capo Testa, renowned for Its calm and clear crystalline waters, with up to 50 meters of visibility. See turtles, eels, lobsters, red stony coral and so much more, with shipwrecks you can even swim Inside to explore, and ancient Roman columns. Return In the afternoon and check Into hotel, with dinner and evening free to explore local venues.

#### DAY 5

Breakfast followed by boating. Discover beaches and coves of La Maddalena for great snorkeling and sunbathing: Lower Trinity, Punta Tegge, Spalmatore, Cala Francese and Passo Cecca di Morto. Crystal clear water full with marine life. Boat lunch then return to resort. Dinner with ocean and land conservation presentation and evening at leisure.

#### DAY 6

Breakfast and hotel checkout as we head to Tavolara Island with a full day of snorkeling at the Marine Protected Area with dozens of fish species, natural pools, a shipwreck and scenic coastlines. Experience the beauty of Gul of Olbia with its mussel crops, then on to Padrongianus and the Isola della Bocca lighthouse and the Island of Figarolo. Figarolo is frequented by dolphins. Capo Figari and Cala Moresca provide crystal clear waters and many types of marine life for an enjoyable day of snorkeling and swimming. After snorkeling we check in to Olbia with Farewell dinner and final evening at leisure

#### DAY 7

Farewell breakfast and checkout with airport transfer to Olbia Costa Smeralda Airport for air departures



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## Greek Isle ITINERARY

#### DAY 1

Arrive at Mytilene International Airport, Settle in to bungalows. In evening, enjoy orientation with cocktails and a welcome dinner followed climate change presentation.

### DAY 2

Welcome breakfast, travel to amphitheater, castle cultural tour and lunch. Visit archeological Museum of Mytilene, presentation with University of the Aegean and Lesvos Marine Biology Department, dinner and presentation for upcoming activities and evening leisure.

### DAY 3

Breakfast, two scuba or snorkel dives and excursion to Bay of Gera with snacks/water and lunch. Afternoon visit to olive oil farm, marine overview presentation, dinner and evening leisure.

### DAY 4

Breakfast, check out and travel to Petra. Morning scuba/ snorkel, Lesvos Scuba Oceanic Center from Petra Beach with onboard lunch. Check into Petra hotel, cultural site tour, optional ouzo tasting. Afternoon marine overview presentation, dinner and evening leisure.

### DAY 5

Breakfast, followed by scuba and snorkel at West Hope Spot at Aviaki. Depart for Lesvos Island for fish identification. Onboard lunch, afternoon visit to Melostagma Honey Farm and dinner followed by ocean and land conservation presentation.

#### DAY 6

Breakfast, then depart for excursion for biking and bird watching at wetland of Kalloni, lunch and visit to NGO Starfish Foundation or A Drop in the Ocean. Group wrap-up and farewell dinner.

### **DAY 7**

Farewell breakfast, morning leisure, check out of hotel and depart for airport.

It is believed that olive oil production on the island of Lesvos started in the Bronze Age. Lesvos enjoys a pleasant Mediterranean climate with hot and dry summers.



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### Maui, Hawaii ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive Kahului Airport Maui, transfer to Kaanapali Beach Resort with lei greeting upon arrival and check into resort. Afternoon leisure followed by dinner and climate change presentation.

### DAY 2

Welcome breakfast and presentation, snorkel or optional scuba at Black Rock, day of cultural activities at resort. Swim, snorkel and sunbathe on the lovely white sands of Kaanapali. Dinner and presentation.

### DAY 3

Early breakfast and depart for Molokini Island and Turtletown for snorkeling or optional scuba diving tour 5.5 hours. Return to resort, afternoon leisure on beachfront resort, or other optional activities.

### DAY 4

Visit to Maui Butterfly Farm at Olowalu and local farm tour. Visit historic town of Lahaina for lunch, stroll and shopping. Afternoon leisure for swimming, snorkeling or optional scuba diving and sunbathing. Cultural activities at resort.

### DAY 5

Depart for island of Lanai for snorkeling and seeing dolphins. On-board breakfast, snacks and lunch for 5.5 hours in total. Return to resort, afternoon leisure, enjoy cultural activities at resort.

### DAY 6

Depart for reef boat tour, or select optional all-day tours to Hana, Haleakala or Helicopter Tours. Return to resort, afternoon leisure day of shopping, snorkeling, sunbathing at oceanfront resort. Farewell evening dinner followed by ocean and land conservation presentation.

### **DAY 7**

Farewell breakfast, morning leisure, check out of hotel and depart for airport.

Take a helicopter tour, soar above beaches, jungle terrain, waterfalls, a rain forest, and even the dormant volcano Haleakala.





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### Oahu, Hawaii ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive at Honolulu International Airport in Oahu. Shuttle to resort, welcome greeting with flower lei, welcome dinner with overview of program, evening leisure in Waikiki.

### DAY 2

Welcome breakfast, Native Hawaiian activity at
Kapiolani Park in Waikiki. Morning and afternoon beach
activities: snorkel, swim, outrigger canoeing at Waikiki
Beach with lunch. Dinner and live entertainment in Waikiki.

### DAY 3

Breakfast, head south to shark cove. Scuba, open water dive, and snorkel with lunch at beachside lunch trucks, cultural exchange with Polynesian Voyage Society in the tradition of Wayfaring, dinner at Polynesian Cultural Center.

### DAY 4

Breakfast, Coral Restoration Lab visit, snorkel at Sand Island, lunch, open water dive, swim/snorkel at Kewalo Basin, oceanfront dinner at Hau Tree, evening leisure in Waikiki.

### DAY 5

Breakfast, scuba diving departing from Kewalo Basin.

On-board lunch, then visit to Hawaiian Loko Pa'aiau fish pond to learn about sustainable and traditional aquaculture in Aiea. Dinner and live entertainment in Waikiki.

### DAY 6

Breakfast, Kaneohe taro fields, lunch, expedition to Moku o Lo'e, Coral Nursery for lab work, snorkel at Coconut Island, farewell dinner, live entertainment, evening leisure at Waikiki.

### DAY 7

Farewell breakfast, morning beach stroll, shopping, and snorkeling in Waikiki beach before departure to airport. Hana Ho! (Hawaiian for "until we meet again!")

Snorkel by the great Diamond Head crater at Kewalo Basin to get a glimpse at Hawaiian green sea turtles.





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## **Galapagos ITINERARY**

### DAY 1

Arrival on Baltra, transport to the Itabaca Channel. Visit Los Gemelos, travel to Puerto Ayora, private speed boat to Floreana. Afternoon hike and walking tour, snorkel/swim. Return to lodge for orientation and dinner with discussion on ocean and land conservation.

### DAY 2

Breakfast, depart to explore Floreana highlands, open-air bus to Asilo de la Paz, explore pirate caves. Return, drive to the coast, BBQ lunch. Return to lodge in the afternoon for snorkeling, and more. Dinner and overnight stay at Lava Lodge.

### DAY 3

Breakfast, transfer to Isabela Island, and check into hotel.

Tour of the Tintoreras, snorkel in the bay, mingle with the wildlife. Return to hotel, afternoon walk. Afternoon leisure, dinner at hotel.

### DAY 4

Explore Isabela Island, hiking starting with a hike up the crater of the Sierra Negra volcano, then to the rim of the Volcan Chico. Picnic lunch, return to hotel for afternoon relaxation at Puerto Villamil beaches.

### DAY 5

Wall of Tears and kayaking to Island Bay. Afternoon bike ride through Wetlands to see marine iguana colonies and mangrove trees. Visit local swimming hole for swimming and snorkeling, then back to hotel for dinner followed by climate change presentation.

#### DAY 6

Land of Tortoises: Speedboat to Santa Cruz Island, breakfast, sport activities in the highlands. Drive to the mountains, mountain bike ride down to the beach. Sea kayaks in the bay, lunch, travel to Puerto Ayora for the day. Mellow night at Puerto Ayora.

### DAY 7

Farewell breakfast, followed by a morning visit to the Charles Darwin Research Center, then transfer to Baltra for our return flight back to mainland Ecuador. Until we meet again!

The Galapagos supports 25 native species of reptile and early on Charles Darwind labeled the islands a "paradise for reptiles.



### **Double Occupancy**

\$7999

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## **Belize**ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Belize arrival, then transfer to Belize City. Check in and settle in Princess Ramada Hotel. Evening dinner followed by climate change presentation and program with TASA and EcoXpeditions.

### DAY 2

Welcome breakfast and briefing, depart for Belize
Wildlife Sanctuary and Zoo for educational tour. Lunch in
city, then off to cave tubing or ziplining. Dinner and dive
preparation meeting by TASA.

### DAY 3

Breakfast, early departure by boat to Turneffe. Visit underwater protected areas. Presentation by park rangers on fishing and enforcement. Lunch and participate in seaweed farming nursery with lecture. Dinner, evening leisure.

### DAY 4

Early morning walk and presentation in the littoral mangrove forests of Calabash Caye, documenting birds and more. Climb up to observatory with views of lagoon to reef. Breakfast leisure, Dive #1 and #2 at Calabash. Lunch and dinner, followed by evening leisure.

### DAY 5

Breakfast, diving in Turneffe with TASA Marine staff. Atoll diving to many of the underwater wrecks. Lunch at Calabash, followed by Dive #2 at West Wall. Back to hotel, leisurely walk to farewell dinner and campfire on Calabash Caye.

#### DAY 6

Breakfast then transport from Calabash Caye to Belize City. Discussions with TASA, evaluations and presentations followed by gifts. Enjoy leisure shopping and lunch in the city. Farewell dinner followed by ocean and land conservation presentation in Belize with EcoXpeditions.

### **DAY 7**

Breakfast, check out of hotel, transportation to Belize International for final departure. Belize wishes you safe travels!

Snorkel among some of the most breathtaking coral reefs in Calabash Caye.



### **Double Occupancy**

\$6999

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## Florida Keys, Miami

#### DAY 1

Arrive in Miami and visit Frost Science for behind-thescenes tour. Session on South Florida marine conservation efforts. Check into hotel, enjoy evening leasure followed by welcome dinner and climate change presentation.

### DAY 2

Welcome breakfast, drive to Key Largo, session on lionfish biology, ecology, collecting and handling. Two scuba or snorkel dives at Quiesence Dive Center with onboard lunch. Marine conversation session back at hotel, dinner and evening leisure.

### DAY 3

Breakfast, visit mote in the Keys to see coral restoration work, where we will have lunch onboard the boat. Boat day followed by afternoon leisure and dinner at the hotel.

### DAY 4

Breakfast and checkout of hotel, transport back to Miami, collection of sea urchins/ dive Frost Science or Divers Paradise vessel and urchin relation project with lunch. Check-in at Miami hotel, marine conservation session in the afternoon, dinner and evening leisure.

### DAY 5

Breakfast and visit 100 YOH for Restoration Day. Two dives or snorkel from Divers Paradise vessel to visit South Florida restoration site and continue relocation of sea urchins from previous day. Onboard lunch, marine conservation session, dinner and evening leisure.

### DAY 6

Breakfast, MUVE shoreline restoration project to remove non-native animals and plant native species, with lunch. Cultural exchange with guest speaker, marine conservation session. Evening leisure and farewell dinner followed by ocean and land conservation presentation.

### DAY 7

Farewell breakfast in the morning followed by hotel checkout and departure for airport.

Learn about native plant species as guest speakers discuss ways to maintain local ecosystems.





### **Double Occupancy**

\$5500

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### Golfo De Papagayo, Costa Rica ITINERARY

#### DAY 1

Arrive San Jose International Airport. Transport to San Jose hotel. Meet AltruVistas Expedition Director Ricardo Valverde on ecotourism in Costa Rica. Climate change presentation followed by welcome dinner with SINAC, National System of Conservation Areas Costa Rica.

### DAY 2

Breakfast, training workshop with Cocos Island for overview of shark and ray identification, environmental and biological data and shark counts, lunch and city tour of San Jose, transfer to hotel in Playas del Coco, dinner and evening leisure.

### **DAY 3 - 4**

Breakfast and morning leisure, two scuba dives or snorkeling daily with onboard lunch at Papagayo Gulf for 2 days, shark and ray data collection and analysis, lunch onboard, afternoon leisure, followed finally by dinner.

### DAY 5

Breakfast, then depart to participate in shark tagging expeditions in Papagayo Gulf with lunch on board included. Followed by dinner and evening leisure to end the day.

### DAY 6

Breakfast, depart hotel for Arenal Volcano. Lunch, hiking and learning about unique microclimates and terrestrial biodiversity. See sloths, tree frogs, monkeys and more. See geothermal hot springs, check-in hotel followed by ocean and land conservation presentation and dinner.

### DAY 7

Breakfast, morning eco-activities of horseback riding and hiking and visit to Wildlife Rescue Center. Check out of hotel, return to San Jose, check-in to San Jose hotel, farewell dinner and celebration!

### DAY 8

Farewell breakfast, check out of hotel, then organize departures to San Jose International Airport for travel back to the US.

Be apart of concervation efforts to keep shark populations healthy and growing by tagging and identifying sharks and rays.



**INCLUDES:** Room accommodations, taxes, airport transportation to and from resort, three meals daily, snacks and water on board watercraft, all activities and adventures as listed.



### Golfo Dulce, Costa Rica

### **ITINERARY**

### DAY 1

Arrive at San Jose International Airport, hotel check-in.

Meet EcoXpeditions Director Angelina Preza and Ricardo

Valverde, biologist and geographer on ecotourism. Enjoy

dinner followed by climate change in Costa Rica presentation with special guest from SINAC.

### DAY 2

Breakfast, training workshop with Cocos Island for overview of shark and ray activities. Lunch and city tour of San Jose, check out of hotel and sort flights to El Golfito. Check-in to hotel, dinner with presentation on Golfito, evening leisure.

### **DAY 3 - 4**

Breakfast, work closely with Mission Tiburon organization on incredible tagging expeditions to the hammerhead shark sanctuary and surrounding areas. Dinner presentation on hammerhead sharks and evening leisure.

### DAY 5

Breakfast, actively explore diverse coastal marine ecosystems of Golfo Dulce, learning about wetlands and coral. Participate in workshop for underwater monitoring, shark and ray identification, environmental and biological data, shark counts and individual size estimation.

#### DAY 6

Breakfast, then prepare for scuba and snorkel onboard with lunch included. Enjoy afternoon discussion and analysis of data gathered, followed by ocean and land conservation presentation and dinner.

### DAY 7

Breakfast, followed by morning leisure and lunch, check out of hotel and depart for airport back to San Jose. There, we will meet with the Costa Rica Wildlife Foundation in the afternoon. Farewell dinner and celebration!

#### **DAY 8**

Farewell breakfast, morning leisure, check out of hotel, then make our departures to San Jose International Airport. Hasta Luego!

Collecting valuable data on many of the local sharks and rays helps concervation efforts to ensure these populations continue to thrive.





### Double Occupancy

\$5999

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### Colombia ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive in Bogota, transportation to hotel for check-in. Afternoon leisure to explore Bogota. Drink Colombian coffee at a charming street café, followed by welcome dinner and climate change presentation.

### DAY 2

Welcome breakfast and presentation. Check out of hotel and head back to airport and fly to Leticia for lunch and presentation. Check-in at hotel, then head off to ziplining in the forest, return to hotel for dinner, followed by a guided night walk in the jungle.

### DAY 3

Breakfast and local presentation, then head to the Tacana for traditional lunch/canoeing with the villagers, then a visit to local Chagra community gardens. Dinner, followed by fishing with the locals or leisure.

### DAY

Breakfast and presentation followed by walk through the village to meet with the local villagers. Visit Yahuarcaca lakes to kayak through lush vegetation with wildife. Lunch, then a visit to the Victoria Regia's Natural Reserve.

### DAY 5

Breakfast with ocean and land conservation presentation, then visit Puerto Narino. See the Natutama Interpretive Center to learn about the conservation and ecological efforts developed in the Amazon. Spot pink dolphins and swim in the Tarapoto lake.

#### DAY 6

Breakfast, and check out of hotel and return to Leticia to fly back to Bogota. Afternoon leisure to shop, stroll and enjoy the city of Bogota.

### DAY 7

Farewell breakfast, trip wrap-up, followed by checking out of the hotel and returning to airport for departures.
Until next time!

Enjoy countless ways to immerse yourself in some of the most lush jungle enviornments in Central America by taking a slow boat cruise or a speedy zipline ride.





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\$4999

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## Cabo Pulmo, Mexico ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive at Los Cabos International Airport and transfer to Cabo Pulmo with scenic drive. Check into hotel, welcome drinks and presentation, afternoon leisure, welcome dinner and presentation.

### DAY 2

Welcome breakfast in the morning, followed by workshop about marine protected areas and underwater assessments. After, we will have a discussion on dive plans for the following day with lunch, followed by afternoon leisure and dinner.

### DAY 3

Breakfast, dive and snorkel at Cabo Pulmo Marine Park, with underwater visual surveys and onboard lunch and snacks. Afternoon dive/snorkel debriefing and data collection review. Dinner and evening leisure.

### DAY 4

Breakfast, dive and snorkel for underwater visual surveys and onboard lunch and snacks. Community outreach activity in the afternoon. Dinner with group, evening leisure.

### DAY 5

Breakfast, checkout of hotel and depart for beach town of La Paz, check into hotel and stroll through town, followed by lunch and tour of La Paz. Snorkel with whale sharks outside town of La Paz. Return to hotel for dinner, evening leisure.

### DAY 6

Breakfast in the morning, then depart for community village exchange and habitat restoration. Late morning activities will be followed by lunch, afternoon leisure, and the day closes with our farewell dinner.

### DAY 7

Farewell breakfast in the morning and small trip wrap-up followed by hotel checkout. Finally, the trip ends with our departure to the airport for flights back to the US.

The Whale Shark is a common visitor in Cabo Pulmo, Mexico. Get a chance to swim next to these majestic fish to truly get a glimpse at their beauty.





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### **OPTIONS**

We offer special curated trips that are catered towards groups of 10-14 persons. We can modify any of our existing trips for your group depending on specific needs.

We offer diving certification and or Scuba Refreshers as well as snorkeling training prior to any expedition (or in some cases, on-site).

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