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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.







# 2023 TRIPS

## January - March

- Baja, Mexico Gray Whales
- Costa Rica

Feb.9 - Feb.14  
Mar.1 - Mar.7







# 2023 TRIPS

## April - June

- Belize
- Sardinia
- Greek Isle
- Galapagos
- Baja, Mexico Manta Rays
- Safari Zimbabwe

Apr.1 - Apr.7  
Apr.24 - Apr.30  
May.7 - May.13  
May.24 - May.30  
Jun.9 - Jun.15  
Jun.17 - Jun.27







# 2023 TRIPS

## July - September

Big Island, Hawaii

Safari Tanzania

Colombia

Greek Isle

Safari South Africa

Maui

Jul.6 - Jul.12

Jul.17 - Jul.24

Aug.8 - Aug.14

Sept.1 - Sept.7

Sept.14 - Sept.24

Sept.26 - Oct.1







# 2023 TRIPS

## October - December

- Sardinia
- Catalina Island
- Baja, Mexico Whale Sharks
- Galapagos Exec. Leadership
- Galapagos Penguins

Oct.12 - Oct.19

Oct.27 - Oct.31

Nov.29 - Dec.5

Dec.12 - Dec.16

Dec.12 - Dec.18





# Baja, Mexico

## Gray Whale ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrival at La Paz or Cabo International Airport. We can assist with airport transfers at own expense. Check into Palapas Ventana beachfront resort at La Ventana, afternoon at leisure, welcome dinner followed by presentation.

### DAY 2

Welcome breakfast and presentation by owner of Palapas Ventana resort. Kayak, swim and relax at La Ventana white sand beach. Enjoy resort's infinity pool, hot tub, or bicycle into town. Relax in your own personal hammock in your private casita (Mexican Bungalow).

### DAY 3 & 4

Breakfast at resort. Depart and drive through lovely town of La Paz bay. Enjoy lunch on beach followed by drive to Magdalena Bay for two night stay. Indulge in an afternoon of leisure, followed by an evening presentation on gray whales with dinner.

### DAY 5

Start your day with a hearty breakfast before venturing out for two gray whale sessions on board boat in Magdalena Bay. Take a moment to view the variety of birds that make Baya their home. Relax and enjoy an afternoon at leisure, followed by dinner and presentation.

### DAY 6

Gray Whale session at Magdalena Bay. Lunch followed by optional shore cleanup. Check out of Magdalena Bay and have fun on a fossil hunt in private desert reserve and drive back to La Ventana. Afternoon at leisure with full use of resort amenities and beach equipment. Farewell dinner and gratefulness circle with conservation presentation.





# Baja, Mexico

## Manta Ray ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrival at airport. Start your adventure in charming town of La Ventana. Check in to beachfront Palapas Ventana Resort. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure followed by a welcome dinner and ocean conservation presentation.

### DAY 2

Enjoy breakfast and presentation on Sea of Cortez and Jacques Cousteau Island. Depart by boat for Manta and Mobula rays snorkeling and optional scuba diving. Lunch with beach cleanup. Dinner with entertainment by local folkloric school dancers.

### DAY 3

Early departure for snorkeling and optional scuba with Manta and Mobula rays. Return for dinner followed by discussion lead by UABS marine science speaker on habits and importance of local Manta ray populations.

### DAY 4

Breakfast, followed by SUP and shore snorkel and lunch at resort. Cooking class for ceviche and tortillas with celebrated local chef. Dinner and presentation on climate change and conservation.

### DAY 5

Start the day with breakfast before departing for Los Muertes Bay for snorkeling and optional scuba diving. Lunch on beach of Los Muertes Bay. Return to La Ventana to enjoy at your leisure all the complimentary amenities of the Resort. Dinner and discussion on Manta Rays.

### DAY 6

Breakfast followed by a full day of leisure at Palapas Ventana. Farewell dinner and gratefulness circle in the evening at Palapas Ventana.

### DAY 7

Farewell breakfast before checking out of your stay at Palapas Ventana Resort. Off to the airport for your departure. Until we see you again. Adios!

Massive schools of Mobula Munkiana, more commonly known as Munk's Devil Rays or locally as Mobula Rays, fill the waters of the Sea of Cortez and the Pacific Ocean.





# Baja, Mexico

## 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).

La Paz is able to surprise even the most experienced shoppers. A unique attraction is its street market Mercado de las Brujas.





# 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. End day with an evening of 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 on-board breakfast accommodations to start each day off exploring the many beauties of the Sea of Cortez.





# Central Mexico

## Monarch Butterfly ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive in Mexico City. Welcome dinner presentation on Monarch butterfly migration and conservation. Enjoy sight seeing down colorful streets of Mexico City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### DAY 2

Travel to the forested western Sierra Madre mountains in central Mexico. Discover Monarch Butterfly sanctuaries and surround yourself by millions of Monarch Butterflies.

### DAY 3

Explore the charming colonial capital of Michoacan; Morelia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With more than 200 historic buildings to see, immerse yourself in the towns architectural history that blends medieval, renaissance, baroque and neoclassical elements.

### DAY 4

Discover historical villages and towns of the Purepecha indigenous people. See their ancient traditions in producing some of the finest arts and crafts in Mexico. Visit the home of a local potter, enjoy lunch straight from their home kitchen.

### DAY 5

Visit Casa Azul, the home of Frida Kahlo. Return to Monarch butterfly sanctuary for another chance to be surrounded by butterflies. Farewell dinner and presentation on Mexico's contribution to land conservation, Monarch Butterflies and the effects of climate change.

### DAY 6

Farewell Breakfast and presentation by UNESCO representative in Mexico City. Adios! Until we meet again. Amigos!



The Metropolitan Cathedral in Mexico City is the first cathedral to be built in the Americas.





# 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 Kealahou 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 4

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 Astronomy Center OR. Scuba at Honaunau Bay next to Pu'u honua 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.





# 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.





# Sardinia

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1

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. Walking tour of historic city of Alghero, visiting fortresses and churches. Explore coffee shops at La Piazza Civica. Lunch In old town and boat ride to Neptune's caves at Cape Caccia. Dinner and evening free to explore.

### DAY 3

Breakfast the off to Nuraghic Palmavera village and the Anghelu Ruju necropolis, dating bback to 1100 BC. Lunch and venture to the Marine Protected Area of Capocaccia Isola Piana by boat. Optional swimming and snorkeling in the crystal blue waters. Return to hotel for dinner.

### DAY 4

Breakfast then depart for Capo Testa, renowned for Its clear crystalline waters. See turtles, eels, lobsters, red stony coral and more. Explore shipwrecks and ancient roman columns. Return In the afternoon and check Into hotel, with dinner and evening free to explore.

### DAY 5

Breakfast followed by boating. Snorkeling and sunbath on beaches of La Maddalena. Enjoy 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

Checkout of hotel and head to Tavolara Island. Experience the beauty of Gulf of Olbia then on to Padrongianus and the Isola della Bocca lighthouse. Venture to Island of Figarolo frequented by large groups of dolphins. Snorkel and swim crystal clear waters of Capo Figari and Cala Moresca. Check in to Olbia. Dinner and final evening at leisure.

### DAY 7

Farewell breakfast and checkout with airport transfer to Olbia Costa Smeralda Airport for air departures. Until next time!





# Crete, Greece

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive at Heraklion International Airport, then to hotel in Gouves or the Hersonissos. Known for its long sandy beaches and traditional villages, enjoy exploring classical Greek era port. Dinner followed by ocean conservation presentation and evening of leisure.

### DAY 2

After a leisurely breakfast, immerse yourself in Greek culture by exploring Ano Hersonissos, Koutouloufari, and Piskopiano villages. History buffs should pay a visit to the Minoan Palace of Malia and Kokkini Hani, Eileithya Cave. Visit CretAquarium, one of the largest, most modern aquariums in Europe.

### DAY 3

Sightseeing tour of small island of Spinalonga. Later, sail back to Elounda, enjoy Cretan lunch before enjoying some free time walking around, shopping, and swimming. Dinner presentation on climate change and resilience.

### DAY 4

Guided tour of Heraklion town and Palace of Knossos. Your guide will explain the myths surrounding the palace such as the minotaur that lurked in its labyrinth. explore Heraklion and discover historical buildings and landmarks. Enjoy a guided tour of the Archaeological Museum and get a closer understanding of Cretan History.

### DAY 5

Discover Chania (also known as Little Venice), and Rethymnon, with its fascinating mix of Italian and Turkish influences your day will be full of discovery, beautiful scenery, and rich history of Crete.

### DAY 6

See Potamies reservoir water dam. Continue journey through paths and olive trees, to reach ruins of the Roman aqueduct of Lyttos. See quaint village of Kastamonitsa, enjoy coffee break in the traditional kafenion. Climb high into the mountains to the cave of Zeus.

### DAY 7

After a leisurely breakfast, enjoy the rest of the morning at leisure. Check out and transfer to the Heraklion airport for your flight back home.

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





# Lesvos, Greece

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrivals at Mytilene International Airport, airport transfers to resort with cocktails followed by welcome dinner and ocean conservation presentation.

### DAY 2

Travel to amphitheatre and castle with historical cultural tour and Lunch. Activity at archeological museum of Mytilene. Presentation with University of the Aegean and Lesbos Marine Biology department. Dinner presentation for upcoming activities followed by evening of leisure.

### DAY 3

Site-see at Bay of Gera for snorkeling and optional scuba. Afternoon visit to olive oil farm. Evening of leisure with dinner and presentation on marine overview.

### DAY 4

After breakfast, head to Petra Beach Aegean Sea for snorkeling and optional scuba with onboard lunch. Afternoon cultural site visit and tour. Optional Ouzo tasting. Afternoon marine overview presentation. Dinner and evening at leisure.

### DAY 5

After breakfast enjoy A.M. snorkel and swim at Blue Hope spot at Aviaki with onboard lunch. Afternoon visit to Melostagma honey farm. Dinner with presentation.

### DAY 6

Start your day with hiking and birdwatching in natural wetlands of Kalloni. View the habitat of 100 migratory bird species. Lunch and visit to non-profit conservation organization. Group wrap up and farewell dinner.

### DAY 7

Farewell Breakfast, morning at leisure before checking out of hotel to depart for airport.

The Melostagma honey apiary produces some of the worlds greatest honey, pollen, royal jelly, propolis and meliceridia.





# 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 Turtle town 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.

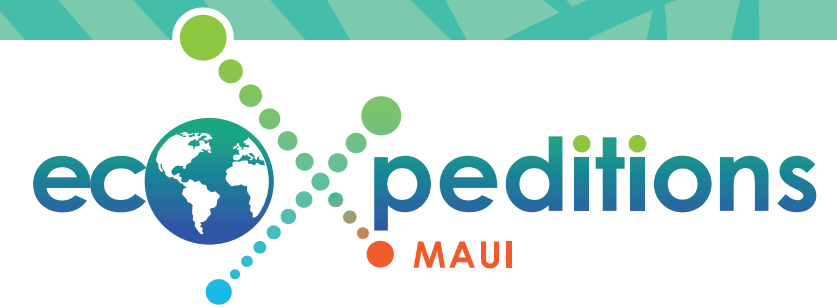
### DAY 6

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.





# 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 Darwin labeled the islands a "paradise for reptiles."





# Galapagos

## Executive Leadership ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrival on Baltra, transport to the Itabaca Channel. Visit Los Gemelos crater and see the impressive highland Galapagos tortoises. Enjoy an early dinner followed by first Leadership presentation, as well as a presentation on underwater photography.

### DAY 2

After breakfast, depart to Puerto Ayora where a private speed boat takes you on a two hour cruise to the island of Floreana. Enjoy hiking and learn about history of local people while discovering wildlife. Explore secluded bay while walking to La Loberia. End your day with leadership presentation and underwater photography workshop.

### DAY 3

Start your day with speed boat ride to Isabela island. Tour Tintoreras's small group of islands. See wildlife up close including the blue footed boobies. Try your hand at underwater photography. Leadership presentation and underwater workshop after dinner.

### DAY 4

Explore Santa Cruz island. Head off to the highlands for multi sport activities including mountain bikes down newly paved roads to Garrapatero beach. Option of shopping in port of Puerto Ayora. Enjoy bars, shops, and restaurants. Final leadership presentation after dinner.

### DAY 5

Farewell breakfast in Santa Cruz before departing to Charles Darwin research center. There you will learn about local conservation efforts. Transfer to Baltra for return flight to Ecuador.

Blue-footed boobies are one of three booby species found on Galapagos. They are large, distinctive birds, found along the Eastern Pacific coastline.





# 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.





# Catalina Island

## Scuba Diving ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Morning arrival to Catalina Island by ferry with welcome presentation on Catalina Island conservation efforts. Two afternoon dives. Evening meeting with underwater photography, diving mission and UW naturalist course.

### DAY 2

Morning presentation on climate resilience and dives: Two morning dives at Farnsworth Banks and two afternoon dives at Two Harbors area. Dinner presentation with dive history exhibit.

### DAY 3

Presentation on ocean conservation and the day's four dives: two morning dives at Eagle Rock. Two afternoon dives at Italian Gardens. Special citizen science opportunity in helping scientists at UC Santa Barbara monitor California's population of endangered giant sea bass. Evening dive if weather permits.

Enjoy the rocky island and its quaint waterfront city, Avalon. Discover Catalina Casino and Avalon Theatre.

### DAY 4

Optional Catalina Island excursion/ community outreach through nature conservancy. Dinner and presentation of EcoXpeditions photography; congratulations to underwater naturalist certified divers, final overview presentation on threats to the local area both marine and terrestrial.

### DAY 5

Departure day with presentation by EcoXpeditions team on climate resilience and ocean conservation mission.





# 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 conservation efforts to ensure these populations continue to thrive.





# 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 4

Breakfast and presentation followed by walk through the village to meet with the local villagers. Visit Yahuaracaca lakes to kayak through lush vegetation with wildlife. 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 environments in Central America by taking a slow boat cruise or a speedy zipline ride.





# Zimbabwe

## Safari/Victoria Falls ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrival at the Kasane Airport in Zimbabwe. Begin your African Safari on a boat ride up the Chobe River to your luxury Savanna lodge, overlooking the renowned Puku Flatts. Sunset river cruise and welcome dinner with African conservation presentation

### DAY 2-3

Welcome breakfast with presentation of Zimbabwe. Enjoy sunrise-to-sunset river safari experience down the Chobe river while you, photograph African wildlife. Enjoy fishing along the river.

### DAY 4

Depart for Victoria Falls. Check in to The Elephant camp right on the rim of the Batoka Gorge overlooking Victoria Falls. Presentation on conservation at Victoria Falls.

### DAY 5

Enjoy a full day of activities with a guided tour of Victoria Falls. Have lunch at Wild Horizons Lookout Café. Take an exciting Victoria Falls canopy tour.

### DAY 6-7-8

Partake in three days of African Wildlife viewing at Eastern Hwange national park. Get an up close view of elephants, giraffes, zebras, lions and more.

### DAY 9

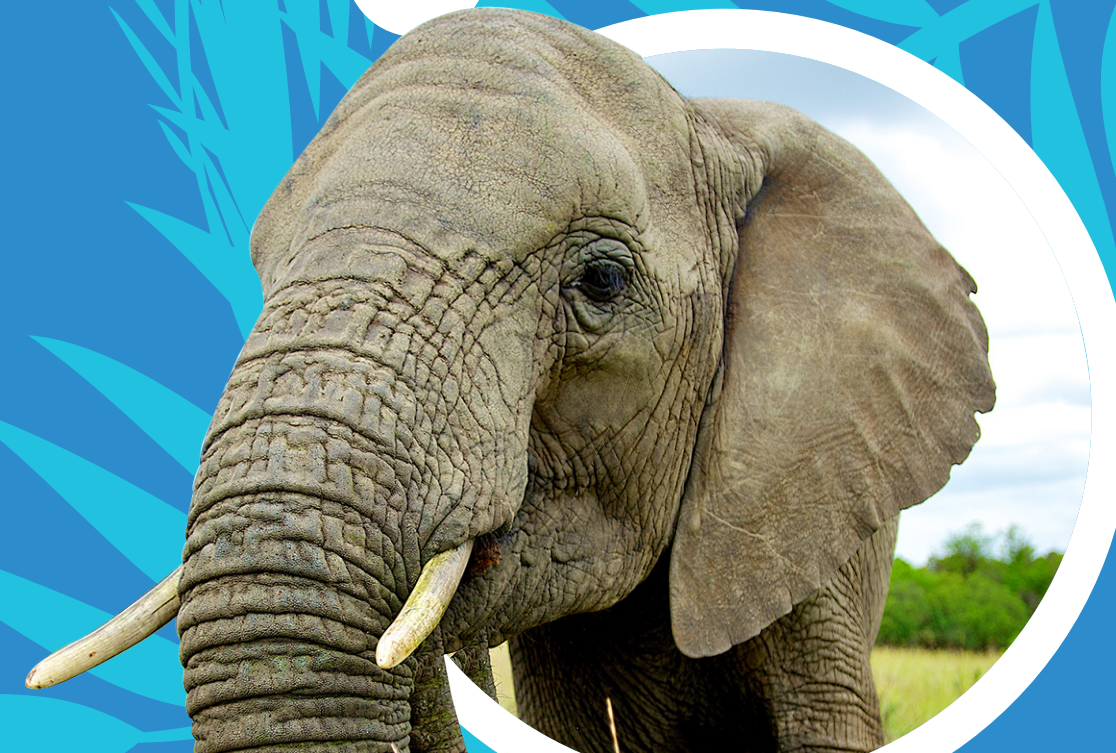
Start your day with Victoria Falls river safari. Watch river animals including hippos in the wild. End your day with an evening discussion on climate resilience.

### DAY 10

Morning and afternoon game drives along the Zambezi River through the Zambezi national park. See elephants, buffalo, kudu, giraffe, zebra, eland, impala, warthogs, lion, wild dogs and cheetahs in the wild.

### DAY 11

Farewell breakfast, until you return to Africa once again!





# Tanzania

## Luxury Safari ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport in Arusha. Transfer to hotel at Rivertrees Country Inn home. Welcome dinner and conservation presentation.

### DAY 2

Welcome breakfast presentation. Take part in tree planting at Boma ngo'mbe. Take coffee plantation tour at Arusha coffee lodge. Visit to Shanga Shanga, a community arts and crafts area with disabled artisans.

### DAY 3

Arusha – Tarangire national park to see elephants, zebras, giraffes and more. See ancient Baobab trees. Have picnic lunch in the park along the river. Evening arrival to Acacia Tarangire luxury camp for dinner and stay the night.

### DAY 4

Drive to Lake Manyara for game viewing and optional village walk. See tree climbing lions and hippos. Dinner and overnight at Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge.

### DAY 5

Drive to Serengeti “endless plain” the oldest park, known for its migration of wildebeest, gazelle, and zebras. Enjoy dinner and overnight Seronera Acacia luxury camp.

### DAY 6

Full day at Serengeti where you will see cheetahs, lions and the endangered black rhino. Watch large herds of buffalo, elephants, wildebeest, giraffes, hippopotamus, zebra, and much more. Optional hot air balloon ride at additional cost. Dinner at Seronera Acacia luxury camp.

### DAY 7

Drive through Serengeti to Ngorongoro Crater Rim. Explore Maasai Village. Support the preservation of culture and community, and see where humans and animals co-exist. Observe the abundance of wildlife on the Crater floor. Dinner with climate change presentation.

### DAY 8

Descend world famous Ngorongo crater with picnic lunch. See most densely packed concentration of wildlife in Africa. Depart in afternoon for Kilimanjaro airport for your evening flight back home. Until we meet again!





# KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

## Conservation Experience ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Airport arrival, check in at Hluhluwe Bush Camp. Welcome lunch followed by an intro to isiZulu culture. Dinner welcome with Wild Tomorrow Fund team.

### DAY 2

Hop aboard a safari vehicle to tour Wild Tomorrow Fund's wildlife corridor, home to over 1200 species. Learn about local habitat conservation. Picnic on the reserve.

### DAY 3

Take part in forest restoration while learning about the endangered sand forest habitat. Lunch field briefing on giraffe conservation followed by sunset safari.

### DAY 4

Take part in a bird survey. Lunch and safari at nearby Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park, home to at least 1/5 of the world's rhinos, yet under severe poaching pressure. Evening presentation on rhino poaching and conservation.

### DAY 5

Assist with the management of a threatened species. This could include a rhino dehorning, or collaring of priority species for monitoring (e.g. wild dogs, cheetah, elephant or lions).

### DAY 6

Visit a community orphanage. Help the women in the kitchen, tend the veggie garden, or just play with the kids. Then it's off to Sodwana Bay.

### DAY 7

Enjoy a relaxing day at the beach with an optional add-on to scuba dive or snorkel. Presentation on shark conservation. Early dinner looking out to sea for whales.

### DAY 8

Morning snare patrol with rangers. Visit a community preschool to learn about the importance of community-focused conservation.

### DAY 9

Morning safari. Get your camera ready for the chance to see lions, elephants, cheetah and more while learning about their conservation.

### DAY 10

Spend the morning volunteering at a local rhino orphanage. Then take a walking safari at False Bay Park, exploring sand forests and thronvelds. Presentation on the importance of "little things" from scorpions to termites — while finding them in the bush

### DAY 11

Departure. Until we see you again. Safe Travels!





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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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