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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, Crete
- FL. Keys & Miami
- Colombia
- Baja, Mexico Sail w/ Stein.
- Greek Isle, Crete
- 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







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## October - December

- Sardinia
- Catalina Island
- Baja, Mexico Whale Sharks
- Central Mexico, Butterfly
- Galapagos

Oct.12 - Oct.19

Oct.27 - Oct.31

Nov.9 - Nov.15

Dec.6 - Dec.11

Dec.12 - Dec.18





# 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).

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



## Double Occupancy

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# 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!



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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'uhoonua 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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# 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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# Crete, Greek Isle

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive in Heraklion, Crete. Welcome to Greece! Airport greeting and transportation to your hotel. Enjoy your day of leisure. Afternoon cocktail welcome reception with Ocean Conservation presentation.

### DAY 2

Leisurely breakfast with Climate Resilience presentation. Day of leisure for beach and village strolls. Visit CretAquarium, one of the largest aquariums in Europe.

### DAY 3

Morning with sail and guided sightseeing of island of Spinalonga, ancient Greek fortress. Cretan lunch back at Elounda. Leisurely afternoon for swimming and shopping.

### DAY 4

Guided sightseeing tour of Heraklion Town and Palace of Knossos, dating back to 1900 BC, the hub of Crete's Minoan civilization, where the fearsome Minotaur resided in the labyrinths. Stroll and visit Heraklion with charming fountains, extraordinary museums, and a guided tour of the Archeological Museum on Cretan history.

### DAY 5

Guided tour of two charming Crete cities: Chania (also known as Little Venice) and Rethymnon, a charming harbor front town, for a fascinating day of discovery, shopping, exploring. Dinner presentation on Ocean Conservation.

### DAY 6

Guided tour of Potamies Reservoir Water Dam, through olive tree groves and Roman aqueduct of Lyttos. Enjoy coffee with locals in Kastamonitsa, followed by off-road adventure onto Minoan paths to the cave of Zeus.

### DAY 7

Leisurely Farewell breakfast with presentation on Climate Change, morning at leisure for a stroll or swim or walk on the beach. Depart for Heraklion 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 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.

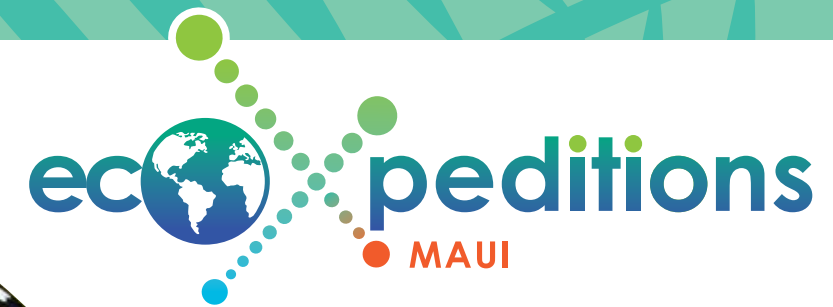
### DAY 6

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.



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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 Darwin labeled the islands a "paradise for reptiles."



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# Florida Keys, Miami

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive in Miami and visit Frost Science for behind-the-scenes tour. Session on South Florida marine conservation efforts. Check into hotel, enjoy evening leisure 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 Quiescence 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.



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# 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.



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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 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.



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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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