



Baja Ecotours

Whale Watching at San Ignacio Lagoon

5 Day Air Trip - Overview

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Join us at our remote solar powered Ecolodge and base camp along the shores of San Ignacio lagoon where Gray Whales have migrated to for thousands of generations. Witness up close the splendor of these majestic giants as proud mothers with newborn calves approach our boats to show off their fourteen foot, two ton babies while young males pass below us seeking out mature females to begin the cycle of life in the lagoon once more. San Ignacio Lagoon is truly a unique location and is the only Gray Whale birthing lagoon in the world that has been left untouched by man and has a local community striving to keep the lagoon a sacred and protected sanctuary for these magnificent giants.

5 Day Air Trip Overview

A great way to see the Baja landscape scenery from the air and it only takes two and a half hours via our commercially chartered aircraft. Our trip begins in San Diego where we board a privately chartered bus that takes us to the airport just across the border for departure to San Ignacio Lagoon. You spend five days and five nights at our solar and wind powered Ecolodge and base camp in comfortable cabins with views of the lagoon, clean linens and beds, and electricity to charge your batteries and other devices. Enjoy whale watching twice daily with our local guides and boat captains who are residents of the lagoon that share with you their local knowledge of this peaceful gray whale sanctuary. Days are spent whale watching, kayaking and beachcombing while evenings are spent in the company of our local lagoon resident staff in our eco-lodge discussing the day's events and enjoying informal lectures from our staff and resident experts.

Trip Highlights

- **(6) whale watching trips**
- Up close whale watching unique only to San Ignacio Lagoon
- Round trip charter air direct to San Ignacio Lagoon
- All inclusive: beer, margaritas & happy hour
- Kayaking, hiking and beach combing
- Experienced "local" resident staff
- Two whale watch trips daily
- Evening presentations
- Flushing marine toilets
- Tide pool exploration
- Electricity in cabins
- Beachside cabins
- 4 days & nights
- Mangrove tour
- Bird watching
- Hot Showers

Campo Cortez at San Ignacio Lagoon

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5 Day Air Trip Fee

\$3,050 USD per person, double occupancy +\$28 tourist card + \$32 conservation passport + \$28 airport fees

Single Supplement Fee: \$500 USD (for occupying single accommodations & travel)

Campo Cortez Ecolodge

Seemingly perched on the edge of civilization “Campo Cortez” offers many modern amenities while maintaining a clean, comfortable and eco-friendly environment. Our Eco-lodge and base camp provides a modern solar and wind generation system in our dining palapa and well stocked Baja library and an electrical system that provides 110 ac or 12 volt dc power for all of your charging needs. You can charge up your video and camera batteries anytime in the dining palapa or your cabin anytime during the day. Constructed from local materials and by traditional building methods, our palapa is the gathering point for all of our daily activities. Always available in the palapa daily are:

- Book and video library of Baja & marine mammals & plants
- Television to view our daily videos & presentations
- Science & weather monitoring station
- Coffee & hot water for tea
- Snacks & fruit
- Sodas & beer

Beachside Cabins

Campo Cortez is a completely off the grid solar and wind powered eco-lodge. Our beachside cabins come equipped with electricity, comfortable beds and are well protected from the wind and elements. Twelve of our cabins are double occupancy with two single beds and three others are triple occupancy with a double bed on one side and a single bed the other side. All of our cabins are supplied with fresh linens, pillows and clean sleeping bags for each new guest.

The cabins operate on *Solar Power* and have a solar panel array on the roof that capture and store the radiant energy from the sun into a large marine battery. The battery is then connected to an inverter that converts this stored electricity from 12volt DC power to 110volt AC power to charge your small electronics such as video cameras, notebook computers and digital cameras. If you happen to use a CPAP machine, we do have cabins that provide power throughout the night to power you're your device.

Itinerary in Brief

Trip departs & returns to:	San Diego – Local hotel (see itinerary)
Night before departure meeting:	Meet guide in lobby at 6:30pm
Day 1:	Morning departure at 7:00am (private coach to airport) arrive camp for orientation and happy hour
Day 2, 3, 4:	3 full days & nights at camp (6 whale watch trips)
Day 5:	Depart camp after breakfast and arrive San Diego by 3:30pm to 6:00pm

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Included In Your Trip Fee

Included in your trip:

- All meals, beverages (sodas, beer & margaritas) at Campo Cortez
- Round trip transportation from San Diego to San Ignacio Lagoon
- Entrance fee to Vizcaino Biosphere – (additional charge)
- Tourist card: Mexican tourist visa (additional charge)
- Sleeping bag, pillow, blanket & linens
- Solar electric battery charging station
- Clean bathrooms with flushing toilets
- Naturalist led walks & discussions
- Two whale watching trips per day
- Kayaking & tide pool exploration
- Snacks on bus and airplane
- Hot water showers

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- Call or imported liquor drinks while at camp
- Transportation to San Diego
- Hotel stays in San Diego
- Travel insurance
- Staff gratuity

Camp Itinerary And Activities

Daily Camp Schedule:

7:00am: Coffee/cereals/fruit
 8:00am: Hot Breakfast
 8:30am: Whale watching
 12:00pm: Lunch
 1:30pm: Whale watching
 5:30pm: Happy hour
 6:30pm: Dinner
 9:00pm: Lights out – Palapa

Camp Activities:

- Guided tide pool exploration & critter hunts
- Guided kayaking excursions to mangroves
- Naturalist lead excursions & lectures
- Up close whale observation & petting
- Happy hour & incredible sunsets
- Gray whale graveyard
- Beach combing
- Bird watching

**Camp schedule WILL vary day to day based on tide movements and weather*

Before your departure, you'll receive from us:

- Comprehensive itinerary package & travel information
- Camp guidelines & whale watching information
- Guide information & contact telephone
- Detailed packing list

When to Book and Availability

Availability is on a limited basis. Please make your reservations well in advance in order to secure your space on the aircraft and at camp. Many of our guests plan and book their trips at least six to twelve months in advance. For your comfort, space is limited at camp and all of our reservations are taken on a first come basis. Please email us or check our schedule for availability.

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