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Specialty Lodging
in Baja, Mexico

Best of Baja's Whales, Dolphins and Sea Lions Transformative Experience



Laguna Ojo de Liebre (Scammons Lagoon), Pacific Coast & Midriff Island Region, Sea of Cortez

February – April 2027

Embark on an unforgettable adventure with our expert team at Baja Spirit Ecolodges and Tours, the premier Baja Mexico ecotourism tour operator since 1989. Dive into the heart of the majestic Baja peninsula with our 'Best of Baja's Whale, Dolphins and Sea Lions' trips. Led by our highly experienced guides, immerse yourself in the breathtaking world of gray whales as they birth and breed in these sheltered Pacific waters. You can also witness large pods of jumping dolphins and snorkel with friendly sea lions in the pristine Sea of Cortez

Our all-inclusive trips, limited to only ten lucky guests, offer more than just sightseeing—they provide a transformative experience that profoundly connects you with nature. From intimate encounters with curious calves to witnessing awe-inspiring breaches, every moment on our tours is filled with wonder and discovery. Join us for a soft eco-adventure of a lifetime and discover why Ojo de Liebre (Scammons Lagoon), Baja, Mexico, is renowned as one of the best destinations for Gray whale watching. Unlike any other Baja whale-watching tour, our "Best of Baja's Whales, Dolphins, and Sea Lions" trip is the ONLY tour that offers marine mammals in the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Cortez.



Book your trip with Baja Spirit Ecolodges and Tours today, and let us guide you to unforgettable moments with the Gray whales of Baja.

The Ultimate Baja Whale-Watching Experience Like No Other!

Your 6-day all-inclusive multi-sport soft eco-adventure departs San Diego and is based in a private and comfortable B&B on the Pacific side of Baja and our award-winning Las Animas Wilderness Ecolodge on the Sea of Cortez.

Our private and remote ecolodge is the #1 Tripadvisor Specialty Lodging in Baja, Mexico, with 211, 4.8-star reviews.

This is the ONLY boat-in ecolodge in Baja, Mexico, surrounded by the Valle De Los Cirios protected desert preserve and Parque de Golfo Island National Park



Baja Grey Whale Watching Days 1 – 3

Your first three days will be on the special whale nursery and outer lagoon for the winter calving and breeding for the California Grey whale in Ojo de Liebre, Guerrero Negro, which has the largest and most predictable concentration of adult and baby Gray whales. Here is your opportunity to get close to these amazing gentle giants, often so close you can smell their breath as they come to the surface right next to your boat. It is not unusual for three to four whales to vie for your attention next to the boat.

The whales are so curious that they even seek personal contact with you.

After your close encounters with Gray whales on the third morning, we have a short scenic nature drive across the Baja Peninsula through the Valle De Los Cirios, a protected desert preserve on the way to the “Galapagos of Mexico” on the Sea of Cortez and our boat accessible Las Animas Ecolodge. Here, you will connect with more marine mammals, a wealth of sea birds, fish, fantastic desert nature, wildlife, and some of the best Dark Skies you will ever see.

Your days are filled with cruising uninhabited coves and islands with your naturalist /guide-led excursions by boat, kayak, and hiking looking for up to 10 species of whales—including blue and finback whales, sea turtles, dolphins, and manta rays—and discovering the abundant wonders of the Sea of Cortez’s diverse marine life and the unique Sonoran Desert.

Easy, Fun Snorkeling With Curious Playful Sea Lions



As a bonus, a Sea Lion rookery island is only one mile away.

Our guests love the easy, fun snorkeling in shallow waters with these curious and playful marine mammals in shallow, clear waters

Addition Fun Experience – All Included

- Kayaking (single & double)
- Snorkeling clear, warm waters
- Swimming with Sea Lions
- Fishing (guaranteed catching)
- Walking
- Hiking
- Clamming
- Exploring
- Windsurfing
- Paddleboarding
- Lying in your hammock
- Taking in the beautiful, untouched scenery
- Amazing dark skies
- Whale & Dolphin watching
- Ocean Bioluminescence
- Birding
- Photography

About Gray Whale (*Eschrichtius Robustus*)

The Gray whale, known for its gentle demeanor and immense size, is a marine giant that captivates all who encounter it. Adult Gray whales can reach lengths of up to 50 feet and weigh as much as 40 tons, making them one of the largest animals on the planet. Every year, these magnificent creatures embark on an epic journey from their feeding grounds in the Arctic to the warm waters of Baja California, Mexico, to give birth and breed.

During their annual migration, which spans thousands of miles, Gray whales navigate with astonishing precision, often following the same migration route year after year. Their arrival in the sheltered lagoons of Baja marks the beginning of a magical spectacle as mothers nurse their calves and males compete for the attention of potential mates. Witnessing these gentle giants in their natural habitat is a humbling experience, offering a rare glimpse into the intricate cycles of life and the wonders of the natural world.

Baja Spirit favors our whale encounters with curiosity and tolerance. Remember, we are visiting wild animals in their environment. We ask you to approach each encounter with caution and respect.

**40-Year Adventure Travel Professional Shares Why The Las Animas Ecolodge
in Baja, California, Experience is:
“right up there with Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands”.**



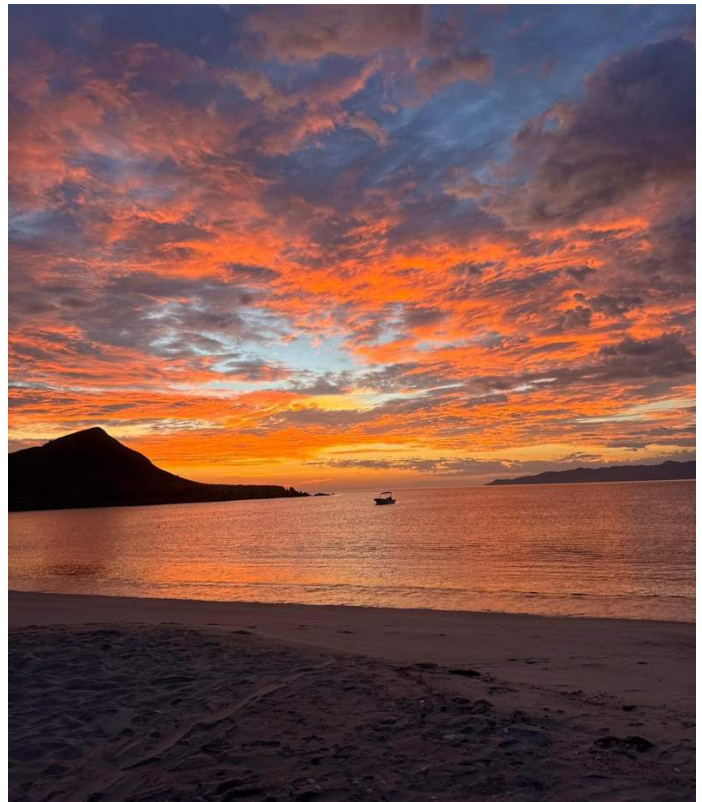
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Ultimate Whale Watching, Dolphins & Sea Lion Experience Itinerary (10 Guest Max.)

Day 1... Free local hotel pick-up or arrive at San Diego Brown Field at 7:00 AM. Private carriage transfer (3.5 hours) to San Felipe with a 20 - minute rest stop at the halfway point.

We will have muffins, fruit, and juice available. Scenic drive along the Sea of Cortez with amazing views of the Isla Encantadas (1.5 hours) with a 20-minute rest stop in Gonzaga Bay. We will have deluxe deli lunches and abundant snacks and drinks available. We then travel south through the National Park of Valle de los Cirios and then down to the Midriff Island region of the Sea of Cortez (1 hour).

We then head down to the Pacific side and the winter calving and breeding grounds for the California Grey whale at the lagoon at Ojo de Liebre (1.5 hours) to settle into our cozy B&B in Guerrero Negro. Enjoy happy hour and appetizers followed by a fresh homemade dinner by our Chef. **(AM snacks, Lunch, Dinner)**



Day 2: Coffee and Chocolate Abuelita (Mexican hot chocolate) will be available at 6:15 AM, followed by breakfast at 7:00 AM. The van picks up at 7:30 AM sharp.

- We will have a lecture on the [Viscaino Biosphere Reserve](#) (the largest in Latin America) and the [Grey Whale \(Ballenas Gris\)](#) before heading out for a morning whale watch at the entrance (Boca) to Laguna Ojo De Liebre ([Wikipedia link](#)).
- Return to B & B for lunch and free time.
- We will then head to the **special whale nursery** at the inner lagoon, 15 miles from the open ocean, where a large percentage of calves are born, for two back-to-back whale-watching trips in the afternoon. This amazing double-length trip will give us more whale-watching time to explore the entire inner lagoon as well as the rarely visited middle lagoon area heading up towards the entrada.
- After whale watching for those interested, we'll drive out to the old port and lighthouse and have an opportunity to see a local oyster farm (and, if we are lucky, perhaps taste some fresh local oysters). Return to the B & B for happy hour and dinner. **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

Day 3: Early breakfast will be followed by our final Grey whale watch trip to the entrada of Laguna Ojo De Liebre at 8:00 AM.

- Return to B & B for a quick restroom stop, followed by a van transfer across the Baja peninsula (2.0 hours) to the midriff Island region of the Sea of Cortez. We meet our captains for the approximate 1.5-hour scenic boat transfer out to Las Animas Wilderness Eco Lodge, passing numerous bird-nesting Islands, fantastic geology, and protected bays.
- Arrive at Las Animas Eco-Lodge for yurt assignment and orientation between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Enjoy a fun happy hour featuring local fresh seafood appetizers and our famous craft handmade Agave margaritas, followed by a delicious dinner. Enjoy an evening campfire under the brilliant stars as you take in the pristine wilderness of Las Animas. **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**





Day 4 - 5: Explore this remarkable [Sea of Cortez Unesco World Heritage region](#) with your naturalist / guide led excursions by boat, kayak, and hiking. Observe and/or snorkel with Sea lions and have a chance to see dolphins and several types of whales, including the [Fin whale](#) (the second largest on the planet).

- Visit numerous bird nesting Islands and a mangrove estuary with an amazing number of birds.
- Visit numerous bays in the Midriff Island region for some of the best sustainable clamming, which you'll dine on during happy hour.
- Opportunity to explore the pristine natural region and find your own private beach.
- Enjoy some of the best stargazing on the planet.
- Nightly campfire (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 6: Depart Las Animas at 7:00AM. A scenic 1-hour boat ride and the opportunity to see more marine mammals and birds on the way to the port.

Ground transfer through the Valle de Los Cirrios Park to Gonzaga Bay for a 20-minute rest stop (1.5 hours).

Scenic drive along the Sea of Cortez to San Felipe (1.5 hours) with a 30-minute rest stop. We will have snacks, drinks, and lunches enroute.

Continue to San Diego. (3.5 hours) with a 15 minute rest stop half way before we cross the border. Arrive at the US/Mexican border approx. 2:00 – 3:00 PM for border crossing. Arrive at Brown Field, San Diego, at approximately 4:00 – 5:00 PM. **(Breakfast, Lunch).**

Boat Accessible Only #1 Tripadvisor Specialty Baja Ecolodge

Our truly unique and private [Ecotourism Lodge](#) offers eight romantic, private beach-side yurts equipped with bathrooms, pressurized showers, Sun/Mar EcoToilets, California King-Sized Pillow-Top Memory Foam Mattresses, skylight roofs, and covered decks with Adirondack Chairs and a Hammock.

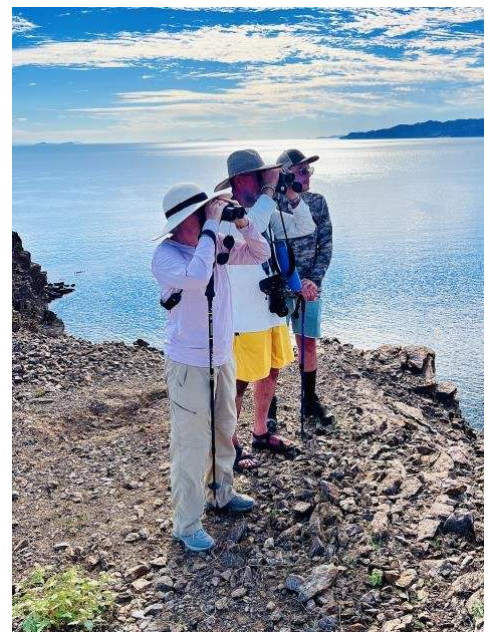
Trips are limited to 10 guests to ensure the preservation of the environment and the private experience you seek.



The yurts are built around the spacious main lodge yurt, with an expansive deck that serves as a central dining area, game area, and communal lounge space.

American Naturalist & Field Biologist Are With You The Whole Trip

From the moment you meet your [Baja Spirit naturalist guide](#) at departure, you will see they are deeply rooted in the unique ecosystems of the Baja peninsula, bringing decades of local knowledge and hands-on experience exploring the Sea of Cortez. With an intimate understanding of the region's wildlife, landscapes, and natural rhythms, our guides offer more than just a tour – they provide a genuine, personal connection to this extraordinary environment. Their wealth of local wisdom transforms each trip into an enlightening journey of discovery.



Passionate about sharing the wonders of Baja, our guides and boat captains are true stewards of the natural world. Their deep respect for the local environment, combined with decades of firsthand observation and exploration, ensures that every guest experiences the magic of this remarkable region through the eyes of those who know it best. From marine life to desert ecosystems, our naturalists' guides, field biologists, and local boat captains bring the landscape and Sea to life with engaging stories, keen insights, and an infectious love for the natural world.

Your Private Retreat Destination



Discover our award-winning [Las Animas eco-lodge](#), ranked #1 on TripAdvisor for Specialty Lodging in Baja, nestled in the heart of a breathtaking landscape of mountains, deserts and the Sea of Cortez.

Our all-inclusive sanctuary offers a versatile, private venue perfect for transformative experiences of all kinds – from wellness retreats and yoga workshops to family reunions, corporate team-building events, and intimate weddings.

Our private **boat accessible-only Eco-lodge** provides accommodations for our guests and a serene and totally private backdrop for meaningful connections, personal growth, and unforgettable group experiences.

Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Baja, where every detail of our all-inclusive retreat center is thoughtfully curated to support your unique gathering. From cozy, comfortable beachside yurts to a main lodge with indoor and outdoor spaces that can be customized for various activities, our eco-lodge invites groups to create deeply personal and memorable moments.

Whether you're seeking a peaceful corporate retreat, a soulful wellness experience, a family celebration, or a romantic wedding destination, we offer the perfect environment for connection, rejuvenation, and inspiration – all seamlessly included in your stay.



Amazing Fresh Food is a Key Element of Our Baja Eco-Travel Experience



In our case, the source of a good deal of positive feedback from our clients. We use only the freshest local ingredients to prepare top-quality meals for our guests.

Our staff and guests harvest seafood from the ocean by fishing and snorkeling whenever possible. Fresh from the sea, Baja Spirit's team creates cuisine that would make any chef envious. Meals are well-balanced, and servings are ample.

We can also accommodate special vegetarian or vegan diets.

Our happy hour and handmade agave margaritas are world famous, so our guests say. 😊

Our Mission

[Baja Spirit's mission](#) is to combine excellent service, lodging, and safety with transformative nature-based Baja soft eco-adventure vacation experiences. We strive to create a fun and relaxing environment for our small groups of guests in the remote pristine areas of Baja, Mexico, and the Sea of Cortez.

We promote and encourage a greater appreciation, awareness, and preservation of our environment.

Our Goals

- To operate responsible Baja ecotours in undeveloped pristine areas of Baja
- To facilitate local community involvement in our programs and operations
- To maintain a sustainable level of small group size at all levels of our operation
- To protect and conserve the environment, and the wildlife and cultures that live within it
- To provide ongoing, quality training for all staff and guides

Las Animas Ecolodge: Best Dark Skies on the Planet



2027 Best of Baja's Whales, Dolphins, and Sea Lion Experience: Availability*: Availability*: End of January – Early April.

- Jan. 25 – 30: **SOLD OUT**
- Feb 1 – 6: **SOLD OUT**
- Feb 8 – 13: Call for availability
- Feb 15 – 20: Call for availability
- Feb 22 – 27: Call for availability
- March 1 – 6: Call for availability
- March 8 – 13: Call for availability
- March 15 – 20: **8 Open**
- March 22 – 27: Call for availability
- March 30 – April 3: **SOLD OUT**

Please call the office for current availability and questions because departures can fill quickly.

All-Inclusive Whale, Dolphins, & Sea Lions Package from San Diego

- Trips can fill fast. Website and online brochure many not be totally up to date.
- **2028 trips:** 6-day all-inclusive depart every Monday and return Saturday beginning 2/1/28 and last trip currently scheduled departs 3/29/28.

Please call if you have any questions or to make your Reservations.

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Join us. You'll be glad you did.

Please call us to secure your ultimate Baja Bucket List experience.

PS If you have a group of 8 – 14, call us about having your own private retreat and saving \$\$ too.



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