



BAJA WHALE

ADVENTURE ITINERARY

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A LETTER FROM SILVER SHARK ADVENTURES

Thank you for your inquiry and interest in joining us with the grey whales.

This particular trip ventures to 2 different locations within the Baja California peninsula in Mexico.

Our first stop is Guerrero Negro to observe the grey whales migrating south from Alaska to the lagoons in Baja. One of the longest migrations of any animal, these whales travel 10,000 to 12,000 miles (16,000 to 19,000 km) for the main purpose of females giving birth to their calves, nurturing them in shallow protected waters. These lagoons are the only places on earth where the grey whales give birth. It's also the only location where you can have up close and extremely personal encounters with these whales. These gentle giants are the ones initiating the contact and dictate the action. There is no doubt they seek out the attention from us humans. Mother grey whales will often nudge their calves towards the boats, sometimes going under their young and lifting them up to be touched. Generally these whales begin arriving in early January and can often be observed until the beginning of April. Early February is when the population in the lagoons are at their highest count, record numbers have been over 2,000 whales at Ojo de Liebre Lagoon. It's not uncommon to have counts of 1,500 whales or higher during this time. Definitely a unique level of whale watching and an experience like no other!

After spending 3 days with the grey whales, we venture 2 hours north to Bahia de los Angeles. This will be our home for the next 3 nights. Bahia de los Angeles offers a wide biodiversity of wildlife, particularly within the Sea of Cortez which surrounds the bay. Our main objective here is to look for large baleen whales such as fin whales, blue whales and humpbacks. Fin whales are generally the most common whale found in this area. They are the second largest animal ever to inhabit the earth with only the blue whale maxing out at a larger size. Blue whales are found here as well but not as commonly as the fin whales. Humpbacks are generally another visitor to these waters during this time of the year, where there is a high production of food available for these animals. Common and bottlenose dolphins are often observed. It is not uncommon to witness large pods of common dolphins here, sometimes megapods where numbers can be well over 1,000 individuals.

There are several rookeries where sea lions reside and where we snorkel with them. Although not as common, random appearances from other cetaceans such as sperm whales, pilot whales, false killer whales and orcas are possible. One of the greatest things about Bahia de los Angeles is the unpredictability every single time you venture out to sea. Expecting the unexpected is what this place is all about!

Attached below is a general itinerary of our daily schedule, along with prices and dates. It should give you a solid idea as to what our days entail during the trip. The schedule is always up for changes based on weather and particular animal sightings in the area during our time out on the water. These trips bring a maximum of 6 guests, something we pride ourselves in achieving. We strongly believe this helps to reduce the impact on the whales and any other wildlife we encounter during our adventure. Furthermore, traveling with a small group will greatly enhance your own personal experience.



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Guerrero Negro
Bahia de los Angeles
Baja California

DAY 1

We will be meeting in Los Angeles, California (departure location and time TBD). Most often, you will be picked up at your place of stay. There are options to be picked up in San Diego as well. We will be heading south towards San Diego and crossing the US / Mexico border in Mexicali. After entry into Mexico, we will merge onto a highway taking us along the Sea of Cortez and across the cactus forests of the Vizcaino Desert before arriving in the town of Guerrero Negro.

We should be arriving in Guerrero Negro between 4:00 - 5:00 pm local time. Upon arrival, we'll settle in at a hotel in the town and relax. We'll then proceed to a local restaurant for dinner. After dinner, we'll head back to hotel and meet to discuss our whale watching activities for the following day.



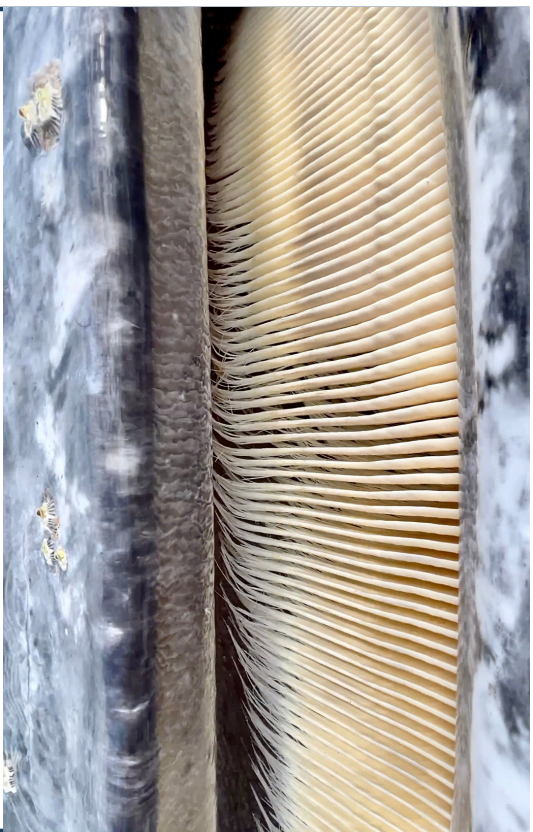
DAY 2 + 3

Wake up call at 6 am.

Gather items necessary for boat trips. Eat breakfast and leave hotel by 7 am. The drive to the lagoon to see the grey whales is approximately 30 min from the hotel. Our goal is to take one of the first boat trips which generally leave just after 8 am. Whale watching is approximately 3 hours in the lagoon.

After we return from our initial trip, we'll take a short break and board an additional trip to observe the whales. We go out on 2 trips at the lagoon. The day at Laguna Ojo de Liebre will include lunch served at the observation facility. The drive back into town will be early to late afternoon.

Return to hotel and relax before dinner that evening. After dinner will be free time. Rest up for the following day's activities.





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DAY 4

Wake up call at 6 am.

Eat breakfast and leave hotel by 7 am. Today will be final day of grey whale watching at Laguna Ojo de Liebre. A whale trip followed by lunch in the town. You will have the opportunity to shower back at the hotel before lunch.

After lunch, we'll make the 2 hour drive north to Bahia de los Angeles. We should arrive in Bahia mid afternoon, around 3 pm. Our first stop there will be at Campo Archelon on the beach...our residency for the remainder of the trip. Offload our vehicle and settle in at the hotel.

Relax for a few hours by the beach before driving to local mexican / seafood restaurant in town for dinner. After dinner we'll have a brief talk regarding the following day's boating trip.

Free time for remainder of the evening. Option to watch video and photographs taken from our time w/ the grey whales at Ojo de Liebre. Relax and rest up for next day.



DAY 5

The sunrises in Bahia de los Angeles are incredible and our hotel location is a prime spot for viewing. The sun will be rising approximately at 6 am. If you want to see the sunrise any of the mornings we are here, it is advised you be awake and out on the beach by 5:40 am...a bit earlier if you want to witness the full spectrum of color changes in the sky. If you want to sleep in, the wake up call will be at 6:00 am. Get ready and gather our belongings needed for our first whale watching trip in Bahia. We'll decide on breakfast before we head to the boat ramp. We often load a cooler w/ food, snacks and beverages to have on the boat.





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We need to leave the hotel by 6:40 am. You'll arrive by 7 am at the local boat ramp to board our "panga" for the day. After meeting our "panga" driver, we'll proceed to head out and begin searching for whales and dolphins.

There are numerous species of baleen whales which reside in the Sea of Cortez within Bahia de los Angeles, yet there are 2 particular species that are most common. The most common whale seen in Bahia is the fin whale, *Balaenoptera physalus*, second only to the blue whale as the largest living animal on earth. Fin whales can reach a length of approximately 25 meters (80 ft) and weigh up to 80 tons (160,000 lbs). Humpback whales, *Megaptera novaeangliae*, are another common whale in Bahia, especially in the winter and early spring months of the year. They display the most social and acrobatic behaviors of any other baleen whales. Breaching, tail lobbing and pectoral flipper slapping are common displays of humpbacks. They attain a maximum length of 15 meters (50 ft) and can weigh up to 40 tons (80,000 lbs). Other possible whale sightings in Bahia may include Brydes whales, Sperm whales and the largest animal in the world, the blue whale.

The 2 resident dolphin species in the area are bottlenose and common dolphins. You'll also have the option to snorkel w/ sea lions at a rookery, if the weather is relatively calm. We spend approximately 5 to 6 hours out on the water searching for marine mammal activity.

We'll return back to the boat ramp around 1 pm and proceed to eat lunch in town. After lunch, you are free to relax until dinner. This free time usually from 3 pm - 6:30 pm. Leave for dinner around 6:30 pm.

After dinner, we'll head back to hotel and relax. Rest for tomorrow.





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DAY 6

Once again, we'll be returning to the boat ramp by 1pm and proceed to lunch. Free time after lunch until dinner at 6:30pm. After dinner, we'll return to hotel, pack up our belongings and load the vehicle. We'll be leaving by 4:30 am the following morning, therefore its best to pack the evening prior to drive home.

Relax, enjoy our final evening in Bahia and get rest for the journey back to California.



DAY 7

Wake up call at 4 am. Depart by 4:30 am to Los Angeles, CA. The drive north will be the same route as we took down. Drive across the Baja peninsula, through the Vizcaino desert to the town of San Felipe where we will stop to eat and fuel the vehicle. From there, our journey will continue towards the Mexico / US border in Mexicali.

We should arrive at border by 12 pm. Wait time to cross the border back into the US varies, anywhere from 30 to 90 min on average. After border crossing, we will fuel vehicle for the final time and stop for a quick meal if necessary.

We should arrive in Los Angeles between 5 - 6 pm, depending on traffic.



TRIP DETAILS

- Trip Includes:
- Roundtrip transportation from Los Angeles, California, USA to Guerrero Negro, Baja California, Mexico
 - 3 nights hotel in Guerrero Negro, BC, Mexico
 - 3 days boat excursions with grey whales (2 boat trips per day / 3 hours per trip)
 - Transportation to Bahia de los Angeles, BC, Mexico
 - 3 nights hotel in Bahia de los Angeles, BC, Mexico
 - 2 days boat excursions (5 to 6 hours per day / boat trip) ** Snacks and beverages on boat excursions

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Please feel free to contact me with any other questions / concerns regarding the trip. I'm available to discuss any questions via phone with you as well. I prefer discussing trip details and answering questions through a conversation, as it gives me an opportunity to introduce myself to you. Please let me know if this option better suits you. My number: 1 (323) 309-9927. I can also be reached via Skype, Whats App, FaceTime or Facebook Messenger. Otherwise feel free to email me or send a DM (direct message) on Instagram.

For video / photographs from our previous adventures:
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/silversharkadventures/>
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Looking forward to hearing back from you soon and hoping to have you onboard for a unique adventure!

All the best,
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