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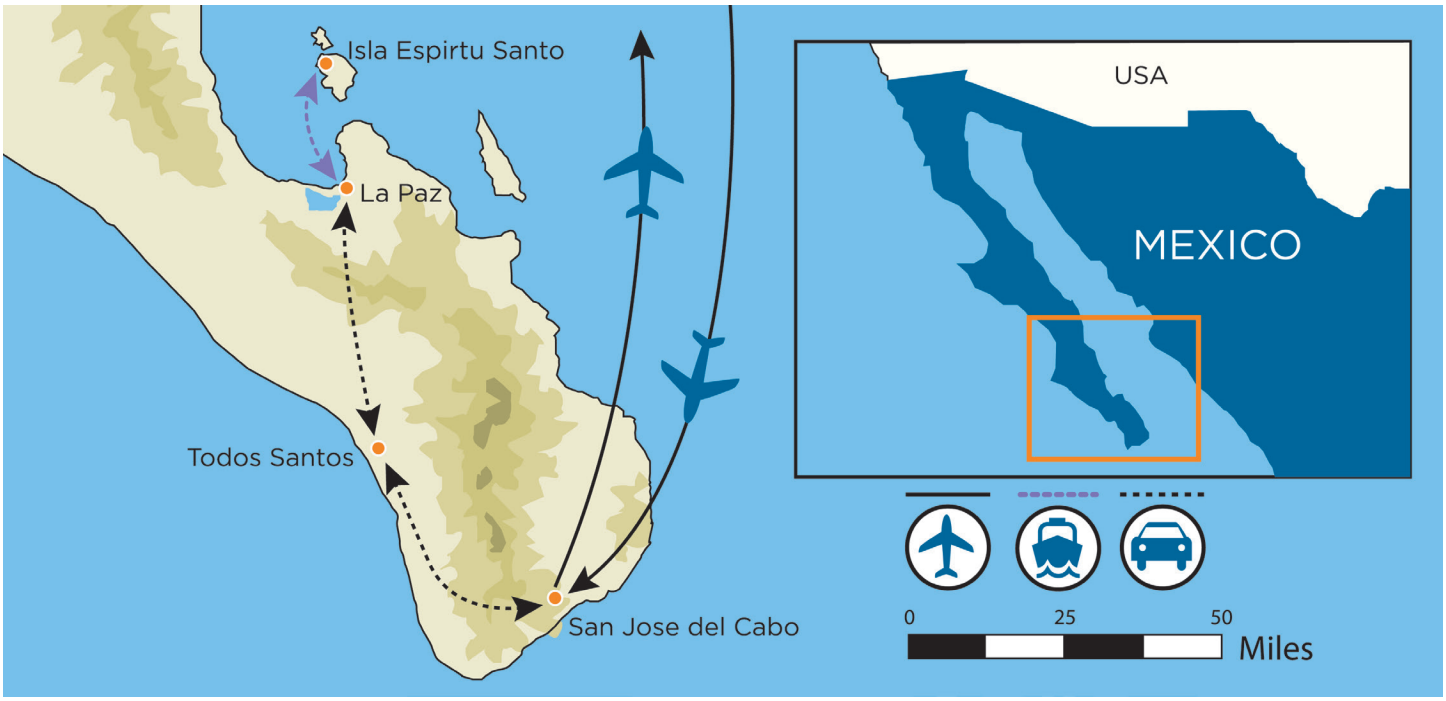
TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Join the party for El Dia de los Muertos and learn about Mexican culture, cuisine, and art
- Learn to surf as you laugh your way through your women-only surf clinic
- Enjoy yoga, hiking, horseback riding, and kayaking on this active Baja adventure
- Snorkel with sea lions in the Sea of Cortez
- Discover total relaxation while glamping under the stars on a private beach

TRIP ROUTE



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QUICK VIEW ITINERARY

Day 1: arrive in Baja, welcome dinner, visit the cemetery in the historic town
Day 2: surfing lesson, horseback riding on the beach, evening Day of the Dead festivities
Day 3: morning yoga, head to a private beach for three nights of glamping,
Day 4: swim with sea lions, relax on the beach
Day 5: choose what you want to do today -- kayak, stand up paddle board, or snorkel
Day 6: head back to Todos Santos, explore the town, farewell dinner
Day 7: depart Baja

TRIP PRICE

Main Trip: $3,590
Optional Single Accommodations: $600

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DAY 1

Saturday
10/31/20

Arrive in Todos Santos

Just as families celebrating El Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) warmly welcome ancestors, you're warmly welcomed to participate in these cultural celebrations in Todos Santos, where your seven-day Baja adventure unfolds. Once a sleepy Mexican town, today Todos Santos is a flourishing artists' colony and cultural hub. What better place to start your week of pure fun on the Sea of Cortez?

Pick-up and Transfer

You will be picked up at the San Jose del Cabo airport by your guide and transferred to your hotel.

You will receive specific instructions on the exact meeting location about a month prior to your trip. The Cabo airport is very busy, but AdventureWomen will make sure you know where you're going!

Welcome Dinner

Enjoy a welcome dinner and learn about the history and traditions of the Day of the Dead festivities.

Accommodations
Los Colibris Casitas

Meals Included
dinner

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DAY 2

Sunday
11/1/20

Todos Santos

Todos Santos is an undiscovered gem, back-dropped by the Sierra de Laguna Mountains and rimmed with gorgeous beaches and lush gardens. It's an official Pueblo Magico, one of Mexico's 50 off-the-beaten-path towns known for their "magical ambiance."

There's no better time to visit Todos Santos than during the annual Day of the Dead festival, which honors and celebrates the importance of ancestors. The Catrina contest, symbolized by La Catrina, or "elegant skeleton," is the culmination of the Day of the Dead festivities. The symbolic Catrina is steeped in history, dating back to the ancient Aztec period. She is inspired by Mictecacihuatl, the goddess of death and Lady of Mictlan, the underworld.

Surfing Lesson — Take a surfing lesson today. No experience? No problem! Your instructors guarantee that you will stand up—at least for a moment—during your very first lesson!

Horseback Riding — Todos Santos has 70 miles of pristine beach. Take in the beauty of a Baja landscape on horseback.

Catrina Contest — Head into town and join in the iconic Catrina celebration! You won't be eligible to win, but you can fully participate. Have your face painted by a local expert in the stunning traditional Catrina style, wear your favorite "high society" costume dress from the 1910s (optional), and celebrate the Day of the Dead in true Mexican fashion.

Accommodations
Los Colibris Casitas
Meals Included
breakfast, lunch, dinner

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DAY 3

Monday
11/2/20

Todos Santos to Isla Espiritu Santo

One of the most striking things about the Baja peninsula is the incredible juxtaposition of desert and sea, happy home to both cactus and seagull. Artists and photographers are lured here by the quality of light, marine sports enthusiasts come to enjoy the challenging fun above and below the surface of the inviting big blue sea, and the local residents enjoy a stress-free lifestyle, welcoming visitors who seek a multi-layered getaway.

Morning Yoga	Enjoy an early morning yoga class on the sky deck. What better way to start your day than yoga overlooking the ocean?
Travel to Isla Espiritu Santo	Drive to La Paz, where you will get on a boat for your 90-minute ride to your exclusive camp on the beach. Wear your bathing suit this morning, just in case there is a chance to swim along the way!
Afternoon Activities	Spend your afternoon kayaking or stand up paddle boarding exploring hidden lagoons and desert beaches. Enjoy the sunset with your group!

Accommodations
Glamping on the Beach

Meals Included
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DAY 4

Tuesday
11/3/20

Isla Espiritu Santo

Jacques Cousteau once called the Sea of Cortez "the aquarium of the world" and "the Galápagos of North America." About 39 percent of the world's marine mammal species and 70 percent of the world's marine cetacean species live or migrate though here, making this region one of the planet's most bio-diverse ecosystems.

Swimming with Sea Lions	Swimming with sea lions is magical, with unforgettable nose-to-nose encounters. Grab some snorkel gear provided and jump in with them.
Dinner	Enjoy a dinner from the camp kitchen and a relaxing night on the beach.

Accommodations
Glamping on the Beach

Meals Included
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DAY 5

Wednesday
11/4/20

Isla Espiritu Santo

Spend the day on Isla Espiritu Santo. Go hiking to explore the lava rock formations and striking cliffs of the island and look for all of the strange birds in the air and curious animals on the mainland. When the time comes to get in the water, go for a swim, kayak, snorkel, or stand up paddle board.

Morning Hike

This 1-2 hour hike gets you out on the island to learn about the local flora and fauna on foot. Wear closed-toed shoes - there are cacti around!

Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Kayaking, or Snorkeling

Decide how you want to explore the sea just off of the coast of Isla Espiritu Santo. Talk to your guides to take out a paddle board, throw on some snorkeling gear, or jump into a kayak. There's no wrong answer; this water has a way of never disappointing.

Accommodations
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Meals Included
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DAY 6

Thursday
11/5/20

Isla Espiritu Santo to Todos Santos

Leave your beautiful glamping site on Isla Espiritu Santo and head back to Todos Santos.

Return to Todos Santos	Leave your beautiful camp and head back to Todos Santos.
Tour Historic Todos Santos	Tour the historic parts of Todos Santos. Visit local art galleries and do some last-minute shopping.
Farewell Dinner	Enjoy a farewell dinner with your group. Reminisce over all of the memories you have made and celebrate the end of an incredible trip!

Accommodations
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Meals Included
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DAY 7
Friday
11/6/20

Todos Santos and Depart

After a fond farewell and breakfast, say "hasta luego" to your guide and new friends!

Transfer to the Airport Say goodbye to your new AdventureWomen friends as you transfer to the airport for your flights home.

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time, if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.

Meals Included
breakfast

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Accommodation Details

Los Colibris Casitas

Los Colibris—The Hummingbirds—is located in Todos Santos, just a ten-minute walk from the area's beautiful beaches. The property features two big casas (houses) and two casitas (little houses). Each building is configured and decorated in a unique way. The accommodations all include a kitchen or kitchenette with appliances, a dining area, a balcony, porch or patio, ceiling fans, and lovely views of the Pacific Ocean and lagoon.

Glamping on the Beach

You will love your base camp on one of the island's most beautiful beaches! It features walk-in safari-style tents with twin beds, mattresses, pillows, sheets, and lamps. The accommodations are so comfortable and beautiful that you won't want to leave. This is glamping (glamorous camping) at its best! There is a kitchen tent where our on-site chef makes wonderful meals for you every day, and there are sun showers and portable toilets in separate sheds.

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Included/Not Included

Included:

- All hotel accommodations throughout the trip
- All meals as listed in the itinerary
- All ground transportation
- Fully-guided sightseeing as indicated in the itinerary
- English-speaking guides throughout the trip
- Gratuities for assistant guides, drivers, lodge staff, and camp staff
- One AdventureWomen Ambassador

Not Included:

- International airfare to and from Baja
- Optional activities as listed in the itinerary
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages
- Fees for passports, visas, or immunizations
- Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- Items of a personal nature
- Gratuities for main guide

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Activity Level:

Moderate **Active** High Energy Challenging

We rate this trip as Active. Our Active adventures at AdventureWomen get you on your feet! You should be in good physical condition for these trips and comfortable walking on uneven surfaces, such as cobblestone streets, biking well-maintained paths and natural trails, or kayaking in calm waters. Please note that this is a general description of what you might encounter; for specific details about your trip, please consult the itinerary.

We recommend training before your trip (with your doctor's permission!) to make the most of your adventure. We have a partnership with FitForTrips, a company that will design an individualized fitness plan for you with this itinerary in mind. Best of all, AdventureWomen guests get a 25% discount with the code FITWOMEN. Learn more at: https://fitfortrips.com/partners/adventure-women/

You should come with a flexible, adventurous, and enthusiastic spirit, and a wonderful sense of humor that adventure travel requires.

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The deposit for this trip is $800, and is nonrefundable and nontransferable. Once you book, you will need to fill out and return to AdventureWomen:

- ☐ Information Form
- ☐ Booking Conditions Form
- ☐ Copy of Flight Information
- ☐ Copy of Issuing Page of Passport (Photo Page)

Final payment is due to AdventureWomen in a cash form (check, money order, or wire transfer) on or before August 2, 2020. A maximum of $1,500 per person can be put on a credit card, which includes your deposit.

Passports and Visas:

Citizens of the United States must have a passport valid for six months beyond your travel dates with at least two blank facing pages. If you do not have a passport, please apply now!

Health Considerations:

Make an appointment with a travel clinic. There are no immunization requirements for travel to Mexico, however your local travel clinic may have recommendations for you based on your age, health, and past vaccination history.

For more health information, go to www.cdc.gov/travel and navigate to the page about Mexico.

Money:

US Dollars are accepted in most places in Baja. Credit cards are accepted in downtown Todos Santos. We recommend bringing cash.

Suggested Gratuities:

- Main guide: $20 per day

All other tips are included.

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Arrive: Arrive at San Jose del Cabo (SJD) on October 31, 2020 by 3:00pm.

Depart: Depart San Jose del Cabo (SJD) on November 6, 2020 after 12:00pm.

We are happy to help you make your flight and travel arrangements. Please contact us at:

(800) 804-8686 or (617) 544-9393
email: info@adventurewomen.com

If you'd like to do anything prior to or following the AdventureWomen trip, we'd be delighted to help you arrange any trip extensions you're interested in.

Note: The recent trend in travel is for travelers to finalize their plans much closer to departure time than was customary in the past. While we try to be as flexible as possible booking last-minute registrants, we must release hotel rooms two to three months prior to departure! Please keep this in mind when making your travel plans.

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In early November, the weather in Baja is warm during the day with cool evenings. The highs will be in the upper 70s to low 80s, and the lows will be in the upper 60s. Dress for this Baja adventure is casual.

Clothing and Gear:

- ☐ Duffel bag or small suitcase (**soft-sided only**; wheels OK)
- ☐ Daypack
- ☐ Rash guard (for surfing and snorkeling)
- ☐ 2-3 short sleeve shirts (quick dry recommended)
- ☐ 2-3 long sleeve shirts (quick dry recommended; good for bug protection)
- ☐ 1 medium weight fleece sweater/jacket for cool evenings
- ☐ 1-2 pairs of lightweight pants (for horseback riding and bug protection)
- ☐ 1-2 pairs of shorts
- ☐ 1-2 sets of nicer clothes for dinner
- ☐ 2 bathing suits
- ☐ 1-2 sun shirts/beach coverup
- ☐ 1 set of yoga clothing
- ☐ Waterproof/windbreaker jacket
- ☐ Hat for sun protection
- ☐ Underwear & bras
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ **Sneakers or hiking shoes (closed-toe shoes for horseback riding)**
- ☐ 1 pair of sandals/beach shoes
- ☐ Sleepwear

AdventureWomen Essentials:

- ☐ Travel documents (passport, airline tickets, money)
- ☐ 2-3 spare passport photos (in case of lost passport)
- ☐ Write down/print out travel insurance number
- ☐ Locks for your suitcase/duffel bag
- ☐ Travel alarm clock with spare batteries
- ☐ Headlamp or small flashlight with spare batteries
- ☐ Binoculars (optional; 8x40/42 models are excellent choices; center focus models are easiest)
- ☐ Digital camera, memory cards, battery charger
- ☐ Power adapters/power bank
- ☐ Sunglasses, case, and strap
- ☐ Spare glasses, contact lenses, cleaner, saline, etc.
- ☐ Money belt or neck pouch
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Sunscreen and lip balm with SPF
- ☐ Mosquito repellent
- ☐ Hand wipes/hand sanitizer
- ☐ Toothbrush/toothpaste
- ☐ Soap, shampoo, and conditioner
- ☐ Small packet of tissues
- ☐ Tampons and panty liners (avoid plastic applicators)
- ☐ Earplugs: we recommend silicone earplugs

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Essentials Continued:

- ☐ Assortment of stuff sacks and bags (please consider bring reusable or silicone bags to reduce the use of disposable plastics)
- ☐ 1-2 bandanas/Buff
- ☐ Reading material/journal and pens

Personal First Aid Kit:

- ☐ Prescription medicine you usually take (in original containers)
- ☐ Personal epi pen (if you need one, don't forget to pack it!)
- ☐ Bandages, Gauze, Ace bandage, blister prevention
- ☐ Antiseptic wipes/spray
- ☐ Antibiotic ointment
- ☐ Cotton-tipped applicators
- ☐ Oral rehydration tablets/ packets
- ☐ Antidiarrheal medication
- ☐ Mild laxative
- ☐ Antacid
- ☐ Cold remedies
- ☐ Ibuprofen/acetaminophen
- ☐ Eye drops
- ☐ Tweezers, scissors (travel size), safety pins

If you prefer to buy a complete kit, we recommend the Smart Travel first aid kit.

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Cancellations and Refunds

Notification of cancellations must be received in writing. Full payment is due 90 days prior to departure date, and the registration deposit is non-refundable.

For cancellations received 61-90 days prior to the trip departure date: 50% of the total trip cost is non-refundable. For cancellations received 1-60 days prior to the trip departure date: 100% of the total trip cost is non-refundable.

You are highly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance to cover emergency situations. Travel insurance information will be sent to you once you have registered for your trip.

Switching Trips

Our deposits are nonrefundable and nontransferable. If for some reason you need to switch to a different trip, please call us and we will do our best to accommodate you, but switching is not guaranteed.

No Smoking Policy

Beginning in 1995, our trips became smoke free. Please note that there will be no smoking by any participants on AdventureWomen vacations.

Health Insurance

You must have your own health insurance to participate in an AdventureWomen trip.

Adventure Travel Today

At AdventureWomen, we want everyone to understand that our excursions are adventure travel vacations and not "tours." We define "adventure travel" as travel in which one actively participates, as opposed to a "tour," in which one is more or less a passive observer. AdventureWomen designs and organizes vacations all over the world for women who want to experience an active, out of the ordinary vacation, and meet new friends. Most of all, we want our trips to be fun!

In this spirit, the successful adventure traveler should be a good-natured realist and have a sense of humor! Adventure vacations, by nature, require that participants be self-sufficient, flexible, and able to accept situations as they exist, and not just as they would have preferred or expected them to exist. The constraints of scheduled group traveling also necessitate that each of us be understanding of and sensitive to others. Being on time is important, and contributes to the congeniality, success and well-being of both individuals and the group!