



CARLU DIVE
TRAVEL

BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR

The world's aquarium

THE MOST COMPLETE ITINERARY - MEXICO

FROM

€2,750

DATES:

NOVEMBER 9 – 18, 2027

SEA OF CORTEZ · PACIFIC OCEAN

The world's **aquarium**

That is what Jacques Cousteau called the **Sea of Cortez**. Over 10 days we visit the three must-see places of **Baja California Sur**: the **Cabo Pulmo** reef, the city of **La Paz** with the Espiritu Santo sea lion colony, and **Magdalena Bay** on the Pacific, where marlin hunt sardines. Between dives: desert, white-sand beaches and Mexican hospitality.

NATURAL WORLD HERITAGE SITE

UNESCO declared the islands and protected areas of the Gulf of California a World Heritage Site in 2005.

THE TRIP

Trip **facts**

10

DAYS

9 hotel nights

12

DIVES

Cabo Pulmo & La Paz

2

PANGA DAYS

in Magdalena Bay

3

DESTINATIONS

one trip

MARINE LIFE

Animals you'll **see**

Sea lions

Whale sharks

Striped marlin

Sardine bait balls

Bull sharks

Jack tornado

Mobula rays

Sea turtles

Snappers & groupers

Rays

Nothing is certain in the ocean, yet anything can happen. These are wild animals and we cannot always predict where to find them.

THE ROUTE

Three destinations, **one trip**

CABO PULMO

2 NIGHTS

The only living coral reef in the Sea of Cortez and the highest fish density in the Gulf.

LA PAZ

4 NIGHTS

The largest sea lion colony in the Gulf, wrecks, reefs and the whale shark reserve.

MAGDALENA BAY

3 NIGHTS

On the Pacific; striped marlin hunting huge sardine bait balls.



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ITINERARY · 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

Where will you be exploring?

TUE NOV 9	Pick-up at La Paz airport (LAP) between 9 and 11 am. Transfer to Cabo Pulmo and glamping check-in.	
WED NOV 10	Cabo Pulmo : full day of diving in the marine reserve.	4 DIVES
THU NOV 11	Cabo Pulmo : 2 morning dives. In the afternoon, transfer to La Paz and check-in.	2 DIVES
FRI NOV 12	La Paz : diving around Espíritu Santo Island. Picnic lunch on board.	3 DIVES
SAT NOV 13	La Paz : diving with the Los Islotes sea lion colony and other sites. Lunch on board.	3 DIVES
SUN NOV 14	La Paz : free day. Option to swim with whale sharks or join land tours.	FREE DAY
MON NOV 15	Free morning in La Paz. In the afternoon, transfer to Puerto San Carlos (3 h) and check-in.	
TUE NOV 16	Magdalena Bay : expedition day by panga looking for marlin and sardine bait balls. Picnic on board.	SNORKEL
WED NOV 17	Magdalena Bay : second expedition day (snorkel or freediving). Picnic on board.	SNORKEL
THU NOV 18	Transfer to La Paz airport (LAP) for your flight home. End of services.	

THE TRIP IN NUMBERS

12 dives

2 panga days

9 nights

3 destinations

The itinerary may change due to weather or flight schedule changes. In bad weather, alternative activities will be offered at no extra cost.

CABO PULMO · 2 NIGHTS

Diving in **Cabo Pulmo**

A former fishing village right on the Tropic of Cancer and a National Park since 1995. After 25 years of protection its reef has recovered from overfishing and is home to 226 fish species, 70% of the marine life in the Sea of Cortez. A world example of community-driven conservation.

El Bajo

16 M

A strip of rocks with seven coral species and the highest fish density in the area: groupers, snappers, turtles and jacks.

Los Morros

16 M

Rock groups with large rays, groupers and schools of fish. With current it can be drifted all the way to El Bajo.

Jack tornado

5 M

The huge ball of jacks that roams the reserve, moving in perfect synchrony.

El Cien

30 M

An 800 m reef where, with luck, tuna, dog snappers and bull sharks appear.

Las Casitas

16 M

The only caves in the park, with corals, resident turtles, rays and garden eels.

El Vencedor

16 M

A tuna boat sunk in 1981, now a thriving reef. The best chance to see bull sharks.

La Esperanza

20 M

For experienced divers: jacks, tuna and several shark species.



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LA PAZ · 4 NIGHTS

Diving in La Paz

Where the desert meets the sea. We dive for 2 days with 3 dives a day, chosen by the group. The must-dos: **the sea lion colony**, the **Fang Ming** wreck and **Swanee Reef**. In your free time, explore the historic centre and the malecón.

Los Islotes

5-15 M

The largest sea lion colony in the Gulf, about 300 animals. Females and juveniles come close to play with divers.

Whale sharks

SNORKEL

From mid-October to May the bay hosts dozens of whale sharks. We swim with them in small groups.

Swanee Reef

10 M

A bright, clear reef with nudibranchs, octopus, rays, morays and sea lions.

El Salvatierra

18 M

A 100 m ferry sunk in 1976, home to groupers, snappers, morays and torpedo rays.

San Rafaelito

5-25 M

A rock with a lighthouse and another sea lion colony, over a carpet of corals and Pacific fish.

Fang Ming

22 M

A ship sunk in 1999 as an artificial reef, famous for its turtles and black coral.



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PUERTO SAN CARLOS · 3 NIGHTS

Magdalena Bay

Three hours from La Paz, on the Pacific, Magdalena Bay is a wild place where the cold Alaska current meets warm tropical water. It is the most important sardine sanctuary in the North Pacific: every autumn giant bait balls form and **striped marlin** push them to the surface to hunt, one of nature's most amazing spectacles. During 2 days of ocean safari by panga we look for them, and the captain gives us the chance to get in the water, always respecting the marine life.

ACCOMMODATION

Where we **stay**

2 NIGHTS

Cabo Pulmo

Glamping

Shared glamping tents with breakfast, next to the reserve.

4 NIGHTS

La Paz

Hotel 7 Crown Centro

Shared double room with breakfast, in the city centre.

3 NIGHTS

Puerto San Carlos

Hotel Brennan

Shared double room with breakfast, by Magdalena Bay.

OPTIONAL

Extra **activities**

Balandra tour

€100 / 2,000 MXN

Hiking at Punta Lobos, a visit to Todos Santos and a turtle release.

Whale sharks

3,000–4,000 MXN

Swim with whale sharks in their La Paz sanctuary.

Night dive with mobulas

TBC

Night dive with mobula rays from La Paz.

GEAR

Equipment **rental**

Cabo Pulmo

PER DAY

Full equipment	700 MXN
Regulator	200 MXN
BCD / jacket	200 MXN
Wetsuit	100 MXN
Mask	100 MXN
Fins	100 MXN

La Paz

PER DAY

Full equipment	800 MXN
Single item	250 MXN

Full equipment: mask, fins, regulator, wetsuit and BCD. Dive computers are not available for rent.



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PRACTICAL GUIDE

Get ready for your **trip**



Pick-up

At La Paz airport (LAP) between 9 and 11 am on day one.

Documents

Passport valid for at least 6 months. Spanish citizens need no visa; check the requirements for your nationality.

Diving

Minimum level Open Water. Water between 24 and 27 °C, 5 mm wetsuit depending on how you feel the cold. Bring a torch, SMB and dive computer.

Tips

€100 per person, handed over on day one. Shared among all service providers.

Each dive day

Sea, wind and currents decide the sites and times, adjusted daily. Outings start early and finish around midday. In Cabo Pulmo, sites are drawn among the guides.

Meals not included

Most restaurants take cards; pay in pesos to keep fees low.

Luggage

Bring a windbreaker, poncho or warm layer for long panga rides, and a reusable bottle.

Weather and time

October to December: warm days and cool nights, between 22 and 28 °C. Time zone UTC -7.

Currency

Mexican peso (MXN); US dollars are accepted in most tourist spots. With a stopover of 2+ h in Mexico City, exchange money there.

Electricity

127 V, type A and B plugs. Bring an adapter if your devices are European.

YOUR EXPEDITION

What does your trip **include**?

INCLUDED

- ✓ Airport – hotel – airport transfers listed in the programme.
- ✓ **Carlu Travel** coordinator throughout the trip.
- ✓ 2 nights in Cabo Pulmo in glamping tents, 4 in La Paz (Hotel 7 Crown Centro) and 3 in Puerto San Carlos (Hotel Brennan), shared room with breakfast.
- ✓ 6 dives in the Cabo Pulmo reserve.
- ✓ 6 dives from La Paz, with picnic lunch and soft drinks on board.
- ✓ 2 panga days in Magdalena Bay (snorkel or freediving), with picnic lunch and soft drinks.
- ✓ Experienced dive guides.
- ✓ Tanks and weights for all dives.
- ✓ Park fees and local taxes.

NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ Domestic and international flights.
- ✗ Meals not mentioned in the programme.
- ✗ Equipment rental (see prices).
- ✗ Optional activities on the free day.
- ✗ Travel, dive and cancellation insurance.
- ✗ Personal expenses.
- ✗ Tips: €100 per person.
- ✗ Anything not listed under "Included".

Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed: these are wild animals. If services are cancelled due to bad weather, alternative activities will be offered, but the agency reserves the right not to refund them.



BOOKING

Prices and payments

PRICE PER PERSON

shared double room

€2,750*

**The package price has been calculated based on the exchange rates, transport fares, fuel costs, fees and taxes applicable at the time. Any substantial change in the price of these items may lead to a revision of the final trip price.*

Payment options

OPTION 1

Full payment at the time of booking

Your spot is confirmed immediately.

€2,750

OPTION 2

30%

Deposit

At the time of booking

€825

40%

Second payment

6 months before · May 9, 2027

€1,100

BALANCE

Final payment

90 days before · Aug 11, 2027

€825

The initial deposit is **NON-REFUNDABLE** if the client cancels, for any reason.

By bank transfer (EUR account · Wise)

BANK	WISE	HOLDER	Carlu travel LLC
IBAN	BE46 9050 6680 6836	BIC/SWIFT	TRWIBEB1XXX
REFERENCE	Baja + First and Last Name		

Book your spot

Spots are confirmed in order of booking. Email us at info@carludiveandtravel.com with:

- 1 Full name
- 2 Date of birth
- 3 Nationality
- 4 Passport number and copy
- 5 Dive certification (minimum Open Water)



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BEFORE YOU GO

Cancellation and **insurance**

Cancellation conditions apply according to the date of cancellation relative to the departure date:

OVER 12 MONTHS

Loss of the initial deposit (30%) + any penalty set by the airline if the plane ticket has already been issued.

12 TO 6 MONTHS

50% of the total trip price + any penalty set by the airline if the plane ticket has already been issued.

6 TO 3 MONTHS

75% of the total trip price + any penalty set by the airline if the plane ticket has already been issued.

UNDER 90 DAYS

100% of the total trip price.

Insurance

Carlu Travel recommends that all guests purchase travel, dive and cancellation insurance.

Get your **dive insurance with DiveAssure**: scan the code or click [here](#).



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