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BAJA CALIFORNIA: AMONG THE GREAT WHALES



EXPEDITIONS

January 23-30, 2027 | Aboard the *National Geographic Venture*

SPECIAL OFFER: 20% GROUP SAVINGS



Dear Members and Friends,

Baja California is a remarkable destination. It provides an opportunity to discover and revel in an untamed wilderness few people imagine exists in our North American backyard. Join us on an adventure to the Gulf of California and visit a lagoon where whales spend the winter months and begin instructing their young before making the annual migratory trek to rich Arctic waters.



Roam freely aboard *National Geographic Venture*, a nimble expedition ship ruled by wind, waves and weather, and have the kind of experiences that only nature can provide. In winter, California gray whales give birth and raise their calves in the nursery lagoons. Spend time among them as you board local pangas for extraordinary up-close encounters with these gentle giants and their playful calves.

Explore the Gulf of California, where there are countless opportunities to experience a living sea. Observe dolphins by the score and encounter a variety of whales, including breaching humpbacks and perhaps even rare blue whales. Snorkel lively coral reefs, hike into cacti forests of surreal beauty, kayak along remote coastlines—and generally have the place to yourselves.

See, learn and do more with a team of expert naturalists, including an undersea specialist, who know this area well. For photographers, this paradise offers extraordinary light to capture it all with the help of a certified photo instructor.

To reserve your space, please return the reservation form or call us at **(800) 252-4910** for more information.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Stevens".

Terri Stevens
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Baja California: Among the Great Whales

8 Days | From \$5,160pp

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This eight-day itinerary explores Baja California's pristine coastlines and living sea in search of dolphins, sea lions and as many as five different varieties of whales. Board local pangas and enter sheltered lagoons for up-close encounters with California gray whale mothers and their newborn calves. Witness an undersea wonderland, serene desert isles and some of the most beautiful sunsets on Earth. Hike through towering cacti forests and up striking desert canyons or take a slow photo stroll along the shore. Every day is different and rewarding, with opportunities to indulge in active or relaxing pursuits.



Day 1 • Loreto, Mexico / Embark Ship

Day 2 • Bahía Concepción

Day 3 • Exploring the Gulf of California

Day 4 • Pacific Coast Gray Whale Lagoons

Days 5-7 • Cabo Pulmo / Los Islotes /
Gulf of California

Day 8 • Loreto / Disembark Ship

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

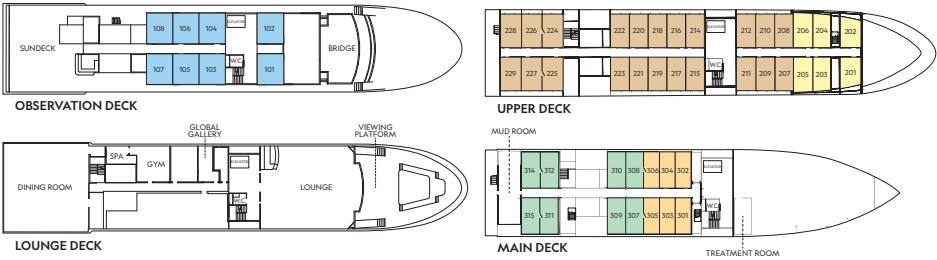
- Enter gray whale birthing lagoons for up-close encounters with gray whale mother-calf pairs.
- Embark on regular marine safaris in search of dolphins, sea lions and up to six species of whales.
- Snorkel amidst vibrant sea life, including playful sea lions at Los Islotes.
- Hike desert isles, including Espíritu Santo Archipelago National Park, and witness the variety of flora and fauna thriving in this region.
- Spot myriad bird species, including diving pelicans, magnificent frigatebirds and brown and blue-footed boobies.
- With National Geographic Explorers-in-Training, our exclusive family program, kids and teens will learn about this vibrant part of the world—from migrating gray whales to desert plant species.



National Geographic Venture

The *National Geographic Venture* accommodates 100 guests in 50 outside cabins and is ideal for the fast-moving channels and shallow coves of Pan-American waters. Modern and clean-lined, with large expanses of glass to take in the extraordinary views, the *National Geographic Venture* enables guests to experience the best of her geographies.

SHIP DECK PLAN & PRICING



VOYAGE DATE: JANUARY 23-30, 2027

Advance Payment Details: \$3,000 per person

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo		20% Savings	
Category 1		\$6,450	\$5,160
Main Deck #301-306 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two portholes.			
Category 2		\$6,900	\$5,520
Main Deck #307-315 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two portholes.			
Category 3		\$7,380	\$5,904
Upper Deck #201-206 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two large windows.			
Category 4		\$8,860	\$7,088
Upper Deck #207-229 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, sliding glass door and small, private balcony.			
Category 5*		\$9,750	\$7,800
Observation Deck #101-108 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, large windows, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.			
Category 1 Solo		\$9,675	\$7,740
Main Deck #301-306			
Category 2 Solo		\$10,350	\$8,280
Main Deck #307-315			

Note: Solo occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third-person rates are available in certain categories at one-half the double occupancy rate.

Shared Accommodations: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

SPECIAL GROUP SAVINGS:

Enjoy 20% savings on the cabin fare (as indicated) when traveling with Betchart Expeditions. Valid on this departure date of *Baja California: Among the Great Whales*, for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions.

INCLUSIVE PRICING

- All accommodations aboard ship
- Excursions and hotels, as indicated in the itinerary
- Airport transfers for flights arriving and departing within the recommended window
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary, plus hors d'oeuvres and 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, nonalcoholic beverages and filtered water
- Selection of exploration tools curated to the destination, such as kayaks, Zodiacs, etc.
- Presentations on your destination by expedition staff and expert guest speakers
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers and local tour escorts, where applicable
- The services of a medical professional where applicable
- Morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment where available
- 24-hour access to the lounge, library, observation decks and other shared spaces
- Complimentary reusable water bottle
- Park and site entrance fees, special access permits and port taxes

Beer, Wine, Cocktails & Spirits: Your bar tab is included. Premium wines and spirits are available for purchase.

Complimentary Wi-Fi: Wireless internet is offered through Speedcast and Starlink. Enjoy a complimentary basic Wi-Fi plan that accommodates email, messaging and social media apps. Upgrades are also available, ranging in price from \$25 per day to \$300 for the entire voyage.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double occupancy in USD. Prices quoted are valid at the time of printing, and are subject to change and availability at time of booking.

COST INCLUDES: All amenities listed in inclusive pricing above. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare (except flights when indicated as included and/or as required); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights; premium brand cocktails and spirits; crew gratuities; private transfers; enhanced and premium Wi-Fi plans aboard expedition fleet; laundry, spa treatments, and phone services; travel protection plans; passport, visa and immigration fees.

ITINERARY MODIFICATIONS: Itineraries, routing and speakers listed are correct at time of publication, and are subject to change.

AIRFARE: Airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee.

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of \$3,000 per person is payable by check. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due no later than 120 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: It is strongly recommended that you purchase a travel protection plan and medical insurance, which are available at an extra cost. Information will be sent upon registration.

ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country(s) through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country's requirement.

RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS: Certain provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic Expeditions' (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC) liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure, or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

CANCELLATION FEE POLICY (PER PERSON)

120 or more days prior to expedition start: **No penalty.** Advance Payment will be credited toward your next expedition*

119-90 days prior to expedition start: **50% of trip cost****

89-0 days prior to expedition start: **100% of trip cost****

**Advance payments will be credited in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate, valid for 12 months from the date of cancellation, and which may only be applied towards final payment on any future booking.*

***Trip cost is total price paid including extensions, charter airfare and other additional services.*

This cancellation policy applies to expeditions, extensions and all other additional services. The effective date of a cancellation will be the date on which your cancellation notice is received. Note: Airline cancellation policies vary by carrier and type of fare used to issue your ticket.

Any revisions you make within the cancellation penalty period, such as departure date or choice of voyage, are subject to cancellation fees. The cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and holiday departures may vary due to high demand for these voyages. We strongly recommend purchasing a travel protection plan to protect yourself from fees in the event you need to cancel your reservation.

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Reservation Form



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Contact Information

Please send reservation to:

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E-mail: info@betchartexpeditions.com

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ABOARD THE *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE*

Passenger Information

Please reserve _____ place(s).

Guest 1: _____
(Name as it appears on passport)

Date of Birth: _____ M/F: _____

Guest 2: _____
(Name as it appears on passport)

Date of Birth: _____ M/F: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____

Accommodations: ☐ Double ☐ Single ☐ Twin share with a friend
☐ Share with roommate assigned by tour operator.

Advance Payment Information: \$3,000 per person.

Please make check payable to: **Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account**

☐ Enclosed is my advance payment of \$ _____

☐ I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership: ☐ AAAS ☐ Sigma Xi ☐ ACS ☐ Planetary Society ☐ Other

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Pioneering Responsible Exploration: From our consistent quest to improve our practices to offsetting 100% of our carbon emissions, supporting conservation, science, and education initiatives around the planet, and investing in the communities in the places we explore, we are guided by our commitment to explore responsibly.

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