

# Join us in Mexico

## March 31-April 5, 2025

Seacology and Paddling South invite you to explore Baja California Sur in a full-service kayak and camping adventure!



## Explore beautiful Baja

oin Seacology for a six-day, five-night sea kayaking expedition along the pristine coast of Baja California Sur. This unique, skiff-supported journey, designed specifically for Seacology's supporters, combines the thrill of paddling with the luxury of comfortable camps, guided by the experienced Paddling South crew. Discover vibrant marine life, scenic beaches, secluded coves, and breathtaking volcanic landscapes—all while learning about Seacology's environmental work in the region.

#### Trip highlights

- Panga-supported kayaking: Explore Baja's coast comfortably, with a support boat carrying all gear and supplies, letting you paddle lightweight, unburdened kayaks.
- World-class snorkeling: Discover vibrant reefs and shallow waters teeming with marine life, with snorkeling opportunities at nearly every campsite.
- Private campgrounds and scenic hikes: Set up camp in pristine locations with thrilling hikes, including the summit of Punta Pulpito and the volcanic cone of Isla Coronado, offering panoramic views across the Sea of Cortez. Each campsite is hand-selected to showcase Baja's natural beauty. In the evenings, gather around the campfire with fellow Seacology supporters, sharing stories and learning about the local ecology.
- Exclusive Seacology project visit: On Isla Coronado you'll learn about Seacology's environmental impact in the Loreto Marine Park from local representatives and environmental advocates.

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## Itinerary

## Arrive in Loreto (by March 30)

Arrive in the picturesque town of Loreto, a designated "Pueblo Mágico" known for its rich history and welcoming culture. Stroll the vibrant plazas, take in views from the waterfront boardwalk, and savor local Baja cuisine. The evening of March 30, our group will gather for a welcome meeting and dinner, where you'll meet your guides, learn about the route, and prepare for the days ahead.

#### Day I: Ensenada San Juanico to Las Tinajas

After breakfast, we'll travel north to our launch point at Ensenada San Juanico. Here, we'll set off on our first paddle along the dramatic Baja coastline. Our goal is to reach the secluded beach camp between Las Tinajas and San Saquicismunde. At Las Tinajas, a hidden box canyon hike awaits, offering the chance to see a freshwater spring. The crystal-clear waters in

front of camp are perfect for snorkeling, with ample opportunities to spot colorful fish and other marine life. In the evening, you'll be treated to some of the clearest night skies Baja has to offer.

## Day 2: Punta Pulpito and return to Las Tinajas

Today, we head north to Punta Pulpito, a striking promontory known as "the Gibraltar of Baja." If conditions allow, we'll land here and hike to the summit, where sweeping views extend across the Sea of Cortez to the Sonoran coast. Our paddle takes us back to camp at Las Tinajas for another night under the stars. With each evening, our guides will prepare delicious, locally inspired meals, with ample time to unwind and enjoy the natural beauty surrounding us.

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## Days 3-4: The Sea of Cortez's Hidden Gems

Over the next two days, we'll paddle southward, exploring a series of remote beaches, hidden coves, and colorful marine ecosystems. Each day will bring around 2.5 to 4 hours of relaxed paddling, interspersed with stops for snorkeling, beachcombing, and hiking. Highlights include:

#### San Basilio Bay and Punta Mercenarios (Day 3)

A unique stretch of coastline awaits, with multi-colored cliffs, limestone formations, and rich underwater life. We'll set up camp near the cliffs, and enjoy some of the best snorkeling along the route.

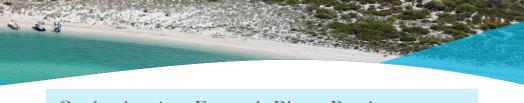
#### Punta Mangle or Punta San Bruno (Day 4)

This area's combination of beach and cliff landscapes attracts a diverse array of bird species, including the iconic blue-footed booby. After a day of paddling and snorkeling, unwind on the beach and keep an eye out for these beautiful creatures.

## Day 5: Isla Coronado — Seacology project and final camp

Our journey culminates with a short crossing to Isla Coronado, the northernmost island in the Loreto Marine Park. Formed by a 16,000-year-old volcanic cone, Isla Coronado is known for its white sandy beaches, sea lion colonies, and exceptional snorkeling right off the beach. Here, we'll have a special presentation from local environmental representatives, offering an exclusive look into Seacology's conservation impact on the island.

For those up for an adventure, a hike to the summit of Coronado's volcanic cone offers sweeping views of the Giganta mountain range and the surrounding islands. This is also an ideal spot for spotting sea lions, who often swim near kayaks and snorkelers.



## Our local project: Ensenada Blanca Beach

This popular beach on Coronado Island lacked proper restrooms—and as a result, the dunes where birds and sea turtles nest were polluted.

In 2021, Seacology began working with local ecotourism providers to install high-quality composting toilets. This simple intervention improved sanitation on the island, and provides additional income for local people who





Day 6: Return to Loreto and farewell celebration

After a beautiful sunrise and breakfast on the beach, we'll paddle back to the mainland and conclude our journey just north of Loreto. Back in town, we'll gather for a celebratory farewell dinner, where you can relax, recount stories, and celebrate the new friendships and experiences you've made along Baja's breathtaking coast.

## Locations **Punta Pulpito** Las Tinijas San Juanico **Punta Mercenarios/** San Basilio Bay **Punta el Mangle** San Bruno Isla Coronado Loreto Isla Carmen USA Mexico

## Book your spot

This expedition costs **\$2,295-2,495** per participant (final price will depend on group size).

To initiate your reservation, a 20% non-refundable deposit is required (20% of the 8-person tier of \$2,495, which is roughly \$499). At the time of final payment your final balance will reflect the pricing tier of our actual group size.)

To make your reservation, visit bit.ly/SeacologyBaja2025

or call Paddling South at 415.332.8494

**Price includes:** All meals during the kayaking portion, guide and captain support, kayaking, snorkeling, and camping equipment, and skiff support throughout.

**Not Included:** Airfare, accommodations in Loreto before and after the trip, and personal expenses.





Seacology protects ecosystems and helps communities on islands around the world by providing funds to villages for a needed civic project — such as a new school or health clinic — in exchange for the conservation of a nearby forest or coral reef.

Since 1991, Seacology has launched more than 400 projects on islands in 70 countries, protecting 1.5 million acres of marine and forest habitat.

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