



Mangrove Action Project 8-Day Mangrove Kayaking & Whale Watching Tour Benefit Paddle in Baja

Join MAP's Executive Director, Alfredo Quarto, on a trip that promises to remind us why we do this work!

Join us, the Mangrove Action Project, for our second journey to the mangrove estuary in Magdalena Bay. Thanks to our friends at Blue Waters Kayaking we will join their expert naturalist kayak guides to have the opportunity to navigate the labyrinth of pristine mangroves by kayak. This is a spectacular opportunity! Despite the ongoing demand to convert the mangrove ecosystem over to large-scale commercial use, the local people and Mexican Government continue to protect Magdalena Bay as a sacred place for the Gray Whales to give birth and as a diverse mangrove ecosystem. We will invite local fisherman and biologists and activists to join us for insightful discussions on the ongoing battle to protect Magdalena Bay.

This is a fully guided tour that includes two nights at a lovely hotel overlooking the Sea Of Cortez, in the charming town of Loreto, and six nights at the Blue Waters Kayaking base camp located on a protected island in the heart Magdalena Bay. The camp is nestled between the mangrove estuary and the lagoon where the Gray Whales give birth. From camp you can see whales spouting and playing in the distance, dolphins swimming by, pelicans visiting on the beach next door and coyotes howling at night—a nature lover's dream.

Mornings will be spent visiting the whales by motorboat and in great amazement these enormous mammals approach us to introduce their newly born young. In the afternoons we will kayak the mangrove labyrinth as flocks of white pelicans fly overhead and yellow-crowned night-herons stare at us at eye level between mangrove leaves. There will plenty of time for relaxation and walks on the beach.

The only Island base camp situated between a Mangrove Estuary and a Gray Whale Birthing Lagoon:

Our exclusive beach camp is ready to serve you with hot showers, and the best kitchen this side of the border, solar electricity to charge your cameras, large tents with plush sleeping pads and wall tents with elevated cots, plenty of fresh water, a large community dome, and chairs & sun umbrellas for lounging and reading.

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January 24th - February 1st, 2009
\$1695

(does not include airfare)

Kayaking in the bird-filled mangroves will be available ✦ No prior kayaking experience is necessary ✦ Kayaking is not required, however, it is offered as part of this trip.

Each trip limited to 14 participants



Details at www.Bajakayaktours.com or www.mangroveactionproject.org
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