



Winter 2008 - 2009

SEA KAYAKING IN BAJA

Baja Quick Escape

Baja's Isla Espiritu Santo is a kayak wonderland in the Sea of Cortez near La Paz in Mexico. The island is a fabulous wilderness of deserted beaches, protected coves and rugged cliffs. Kayak along this spectacular and varied coastline, camp on pristine beaches, snorkel in the blue waters, swim with sea lion pups and bask in the warm Mexican sunshine. With four days of paddling and three nights camping, the Quick Escape is a perfect winter getaway. No kayak experience is required to have a great time. Skill level 1.



West coast - Isla Espiritu Santo - Mexico

We offer 2 types of Quick Escape trips:

Self-Contained Trips: We carry all our food and gear in our kayaks and everyone contributes to setting up camp and cooking wonderful meals with help from the exceptional local guides.

Dates:	Fees: ex La Paz, Mexico
Oct 19-22, 22-25	\$450.00 US
Nov 2-5, 5-8	\$450.00 US
Dec 24-27	\$490.00 US
Jan 11-14, 14-17	\$490.00 US
Feb 11-14	\$450.00 US
Mar 1-4, 4-7, 15-18, 18-21	\$490.00 US
Mar 29-Apr 1	\$490.00 US
Apr 1-4, 26-29, 29-May 2	\$490.00 US

Fully-Catered Trips: These trips have full time motorboat (called a Panga) support. The Panga carries all our food and gear to the next campsite while we paddle light kayaks. Coolers aboard the Panga allow for special food and drink throughout the trip. The Panga crew and guides take care of all the cooking and clean up.

Dates:	Fees: ex La Paz, Mexico
Oct 26-29, 29 - Nov 1	\$590.00 US
Nov 9-12, 12-15, 16-19, 19-22, 23-26	\$590.00 US
Dec 14-17, 17-20, 21-24, 26-29, 28-31	\$590.00 US
Dec 31-Jan 3	\$590.00 US
Jan 4-7, 7-10, 18-21, 21-25, 25-28	\$590.00 US
Feb 1-4, 4-7, 8-11, 18-21, 25-28, 28-31	\$590.00 US
Mar 8-11, 11-14, 22-25, 25-28	\$590.00 US
Apr 5-8, 8-11, 12-15, 15-18,	\$590.00 US
Apr 19-22, 22-25	\$590.00 US
May 3-6, 6-9	\$590.00 US

Family Trips: Families with pre-teens may register for a Fully-Catered Trips only. Families with teens may register for either type of trip. We'll use tandem kayaks so younger kids can paddle with an adult. Children under 14 receive a 20% discount.

Circumnavigation of Isla Espiritu Santo

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Detailed Information Packages

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around the entire group of islands exploring both sides of this kayaking paradise. The trip includes 7 days paddling, 6 nights camping with two night's hotel in La Paz and a farewell dinner at an excellent La Paz restaurant. Skill level 1.

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Self-Contained Trips: We carry all our food and gear in our kayaks and everyone contributes to setting up camp and cooking wonderful meals with help from the exceptional local guides.

Dates:	Fees: ex La Paz, Mexico
Oct 18-26	\$790.00 US
Nov 1-9	\$750.00 US
Nov 15-23	\$790.00 US
Dec 20-28	\$790.00 US
Jan 10-18	\$790.00 US
Feb 28 - Mar 8	\$790.00 US
Mar 14-22, 28-Apr 5	\$790.00 US
Apr 11-19, 25-May 3	\$790.00 US
Single supplement fee:	\$80 US

Fully-Catered Trips: These trips have full time motorboat (called a Panga) support. The Panga carries all our food and gear to the next campsite while we paddle light kayaks. Coolers aboard the Panga allow for special food and drink throughout the trip. The Panga crew and guides take care of all the cooking and clean up.

Dates:	Fees: ex La Paz, Mexico
Oct 25-Nov 2	\$990.00 US
Nov 8-16, 15-23, 22-30	\$990.00 US
Dec 13-21, 27-Jan 4	\$990.00 US
Jan 3-11, 17-25, 31-Feb 8	\$990.00 US
Feb 14-22, 21-Mar 1	\$990.00 US
Mar 7-15	\$990.00 US
Apr 4-12, 11-19, 18-26	\$990.00 US
May 2-10	\$990.00 US
Single supplement fee:	\$110 US

Families with teenage children may register on either type of trip. We accept pre-teens on the Fully-Catered trips only.



Gray whale - Magdalena Bay - Mexico

Children under 14 receive a 20% discount.

Sea Kayak and Whale Watching

The absolute best of both seas! We spend 4 days sea-kayaking and snorkeling in the shimmering, turquoise Sea of Cortez camping out on Espiritu Santo Island. Then we have a mid week pause to relax and explore the enchanting seaside town of La Paz with its beautiful boardwalk and sensational dining. Finally we transfer to the tranquil lagoons in Magdalena Bay on the Pacific coast of Baja. Here we are hotel based and embark on 2 days of whale watching expeditions by motor skiff. Every year the Gray Whale makes its annual migration from the Chirikof Basin to Magdalena Bay, a round trip of some 12,400 miles making it the longest migration by any mammal. During the Gray's winter visit, they calve and nurse in the shallow lagoons. These amazing Gray Whale nursing grounds are protected by strict Mexican environmental and ecological legislation. We are careful to observe these regulations by exclusively working with licensed cooperatives that have trained boat drivers. This in turn helps support local fishermen and their families. This trip combines 4 days paddling and 3 nights camping with 2 days whale watching and a total of 5 night's hotel accommodation. Skill Level 1

Dates:	Fee: ex La Paz, Mexico
Jan 24 - Feb 1	\$1,030.00 US
Feb 7-15, 14-22, 21-Mar 1	\$1,030.00 US



Beach campsite - Baja - Mexico

Single supplement fee: \$250.00 US

Baja Coastal Trip - Agua Verda to San Evaristo

7 days /6 nights exploring the superb coastal scenery north of La Paz in the Sea of Cortez. This remote stretch has no maintained road access and only a few small villages where fisherman live, untouched by the tappings of our modern world. Our 50 mile route is overlooked by the spectacular mountains of the Sierra La Giganta range - a marvelous backdrop to the rugged coastline and secret caves accessible only boat. After paddling an average of 4 hours a day we'll spend the afternoons snorkeling, fishing or exploring the adjacent canyonlands. We'll camp on extraordinarily beautiful white sand beaches. Depending on the time of year we may see dolphins, giant manta rays or whales.

We will have fulltime motorboat (Panga) support. The Panga will carry all our gear and food, leaving us the luxury of paddling lightly loaded kayaks. The panga crew will prepare our excellent meals and take care of the clean up. The package includes your hotel in La Paz on the first and last night. Skill Level 1+.

Dates: Fee: ex La Paz ,Mexico
 Oct 25-Nov 2, 2008 \$1,190.00 US
 Apr 20-28 and May 9-17, 2009 \$1,190.00 US



Kayaking in Patagonia, Chile - Altue Sea Kayaking
 Single supplement fee: \$110.00 US

SEA KAYAKING IN CHILE

The Andean Fjords of Northern Patagonia

An unforgettable 6 day adventure in the magnificent fjords of Comau, Quintupeu and Cahuelmó, on the eastern side of the Gulf of Ancud, where wild mountain cliffs soar out of the dark waters to touch the sky. See spectacular glacial valleys, primeval temperate rainforests, and numerous kinds of marine wildlife, including dolphins, sea lions, penguins and other sea birds. Smack your lips over fresh salmon steaks, or steamed shellfish gathered from the cliffs at low tide, all prepared by our cook in the miniature galley of our picturesque support vessel. Watch the sunset on the peaks as you relax in hot pools. Spread your sleeping bag under the diamond stars of the Southern Cross. With full time mother ship support and calm, protected waters, anyone can enjoy the unique beauty and variety of this majestic land. Skill Level 1.

Dates: Nov. 21-6, Dec. 4-9 & 15-20, 2008
 Jan. 9-14, 16-21 & 26-31, 2009
 Feb. 7-12, 20-25 & Mar. 4-9, 2009

Fee: \$1,380.00 US ex Puerto Montt, Chile

Ask about our 8 day trip with an additional excursion to see the



Kayaks and support ship - Patagonia, Chile

Andian Volcanoes and Lake District. Trip fee: \$1,500 US

CANOEING DESERT CANYONS

Rio Grande - The Lower Canyons

The legendary Rio Grande - flowing through some of the most beautiful and desolate desert canyons on the continent - is truly one of America's premier wilderness rivers and the finest canoe trip in Texas in term of isolation, scenery and adventure. It is an area of diverse landscape - desert flats, buttes, deep canyons and natural hot springs. In the spring the weather is dry and warm, the cactus are flowering, the water level is just right for canoes. The swimming is excellent and there are no bugs. Wild horses and burros roam the side canyons; falcons, hawks and vultures wheel overhead. The river is mostly placid with easy current interspersed with short technical rapids. Our 7 day canoe trip explores 134 km (83 miles) of the river east of Big Bend National Park through the Lower Canyons from Black Gap to Dryden Crossing. Skill Level 1+.

Dates: Mar 1-7, 2009



San Juan River - Wendy Grater

Fee: \$1695.00 US ex Odessa, TX

Canoe the San Juan River

Utah's San Juan River is born as snow on southern Colorado's Continental Divide. Meandering through sculpted, painted canyons, it eventually joins the Colorado River under what is now Lake Powell. Evidence of ancient inhabitants abounds in the San Juan River Basin. The basin was home to the Azanazi Culture, which flourished in the tributary canyons and in sheltered areas. They were a semi-nomadic people, who are best known for their rock art, found on canyon walls and in sheltered overhangs. The river flows swiftly with an average drop of over 2.65 m/km, a pace faster than you can jog! There are few rapids, though there are several class II and III to add some excitement. As well, sand waves, a relatively rare phenomenon, add surprises and excitement. Sand waves are caused by the water's movement against the silted river bottom. Our 84 mile (137 km) trip goes through an ever-changing

landscape of canyons and flood plains. The San Juan is suitable for both the novice and the experienced boater. Skill Level 1+.

Dates: Apr 12-18, 2009

Fee: \$1,695.00 US ex Grand Junction, CO



Chalets at Nipika Lodge - Wendy Grater

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

X-C Ski Holiday in the Rockies

A perfect cross country getaway for recreational and advanced skiers - and a wonderful winter retreat. Nipika Lodge, our base, is nestled in the BC Rockies, between Kootenay National Park and Mt. Assiniboine Provincial Park. Nipika boasts over 50 km of groomed trails, suitable for both classic and skate techniques. The scenery is spectacular, with mountains rising up on all sides, and the Kootenay River flowing swiftly through the valley. Join Nipika director Lyle Wilson and BF director Wendy Grater for 5 days of friendly instruction and coaching, followed by participation in the fun 'Nipika Loppet' (with various distances and skill levels for both recreational and competitive skiers). Relax at the end of the day in the wood fired sauna or hot tub. Accommodation each night is in the comfortable lodge. Delicious, home-cooked meals and warm camaraderie make for a great winter escape. Skill Level 1.

Dates: Jan 18 - 25 (arrive in the afternoon)

Fee: \$1595 CAD plus GST ex Radium Hotsprings, BC
add \$75 each way for transfer from Calgary Airport.

DOGSLEDDING

Dogsledding Adventure in NE Greenland

A true adventure dogsledding with Greenlandic hunters in the dramatic fjords and mountains of Scoresbysund, the largest fjord system in the world. This is the winter home to musk oxen, snowhares, arctic foxes, seals and polar bears. You'll travel past 2000 meter alpine peaks, great bird cliffs, giant glaciers and 80 meter icebergs frozen in the sea ice. Expect daytime temperatures in the -4°C to -8°C, excellent for fast sledding. You'll visit tiny hunter villages and pass remote trapping stations. Cross-country skiers can bring their skis and stretch

out their legs along the way. We'll overnight at small huts or tents in warm arctic sleeping bags where the guides will prepare a mix of local Greenlandic traditional foods (seal, walrus, etc) and European fare. No previous experience is required but you should be fit, adventurous and ready to embrace unusual experiences unlike anything you've done before. Skill Level 2.

Dates: April 25 - May 2 2009

Fee: \$5,795.00 CAD ex Reykjavik, Iceland



Dogsledding in Greenland

Dogsled in Algonquin

Mush a team of Alaskan sled dogs through the pristine winter Algonquin wilderness. Enjoy the crisp days on the trail with your trusty canine friends. Sleep in wood heated prospector tents amongst the howls of the dogs and the dancing of the stars, and perhaps the northern lights, in the winter sky. This is a trip designed for the beginner or intermediate winter camper who wants to enjoy the winter in a whole new way. Best of all ... no mosquitos! We offer either 2 day/1 night, 3 day/2 night and 5 day/4 night trips in Algonquin. Skill Level 1. Trip run in co-operation with Chocpaw Expeditions.

2 Days/1 Night

Dates: Jan. 3 - 4, 10 - 11 and 17 - 18,

Feb. 28 - March 1

March 7 - 8 and 21 - 22

Fee: \$410.00 CAD plus GST, ex South River, ON

3 Days/2 Nights

Dates: Jan. 2 - 4, 3 - 5, 9 - 11, 10 - 12, 16 - 18 and 17 - 19

Feb. 20 - 22, 21 - 23, 27 - Mar. 27, and 28 - Mar. 28

March 6 - 8, 7 - 9, 20 - 22 and 21 - 23

Fee: \$565.00 CAD plus GST, ex South River, ON

5 Days/4 Nights

Dates: Jan. 17 - 21 and Feb. 8 - 12

Fee: \$902.00 CAD plus GST, ex South River, ON

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