



# YPO Baja Whale Watching Family Adventure 2019

## Packing List & General Info

March 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 2019



**DOCUMENTATION:** The United States & Mexico require a valid **PASSPORT**. Please carry on your person the day of departure. You will not be able to depart on your trip without a passport. You will need \$32 - \$34 dollars (550 pesos) for each your Mexican Tourist Visa and \$7 Mexico for each exit fee when you leave. (US or Mexican CASH ONLY)

**Minors:** Minors traveling with one parent or with one legal guardian **MUST** have a notarized letter of consent from the other parents allowing the legal guardian to take the minor out of the country. It is your responsibility to have all necessary documents for your trip.

**HOW TO PACK:** Only 2 nights. Small roll on bags that fit into overhead aircraft compartment. You can also bring a larger bag to check if you prefer.

\* The boat trips can be wet and cold. Cold weather attire is requested for all travel through March. Days may be temperate and pleasant, however evenings may drop into the lower 50's. Long underwear, ski caps and gloves strongly recommended! The hotel rooms are NOT heated.

- Brushed nylon combination pants/shorts with pockets
- Waterproof bag (for cell phones & camera's)
- Rain/wind jacket & pants (waterproof) for boat
- Sunglasses w/ strap
- Warm jacket
- Toiletries
- Shade hat
- Warm socks
- Sun block/moisturizing lotion
- Tee shirts
- Lip protection
- Ski cap
- Long underwear (great PJ's. rooms are not heated)
- Small flashlight
- Jeans/casual clothes for evening activities
- Fun Attitude!
- One pair comfortable tennis/hiking shoes

**Optional Items:** Journal, reading material, small day pack or fanny pack, camera, binoculars.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** A hat, sunglasses (polarized best to see whales under water) and sunscreen is a must. Any medications or prescriptions that you may need during your stay should be brought along as well. (Prescription medications should be in original containers.) Please let us know if you are having a birthday or anniversary while on your trip.

**A WORD OF WARNING:** Mexico and U.S. Customs have very strict and harsh laws regarding possession of any illegal drugs. For your own peace of mind, do not put your vacation in jeopardy by bringing anything that is not in its original prescription bottle or packaging.

## **Baja AirVentures & Las Animas Ecolodge** **Celebrating 30 Years • Tripadvisor Top Rated**

### **MISSION, GOALS & METHODS OF RESPONSIBLE TOURISM**

#### **MISSION**

Baja AirVentures, S. de R.L. de C.V. mission is to combine eco-adventure travel, with excellent service and safety that is fun and relaxing for our guests in remote areas of Baja. We encourage and promote awareness, deeper appreciation for, and preservation of the environment.

#### **GOALS**

- To operate responsible tourism.
- To provide ongoing training for staff and guides.
- To involve local communities in our tour programs.
- To maintain sustainable growth at all levels of our operation.
- To give the highest quality of safety and service possible to our clientele.
- To conserve and protect the environment, wildlife, and the cultures we visit.

#### **Methods of Responsible Tourism**

- Preparing travelers to minimize their impact while visiting sensitive areas.
- Preparing travelers for each encounter with the local cultures and with native plants.
- Using adequate leadership and maintaining small enough groups, ensuring minimum group impact on destinations. Avoid areas that are over visited.
- Ensuring managers, staff, and contract employees know and participate in all aspects of company policy to prevent impacts on the environments and local cultures.
- Giving managers, staff and contract employees access to programs that will upgrade their ability to communicate with, and manage clients safely in a sensitive, natural and cultural settings.
- Contributing to conservation of the region being visited through voluntary donations. Providing competitive, local employment in all aspects.