

Clothing

- Broad brim sun hat with strap and/or visor, baseball cap and/or buff for sunny and windy days
- Short sleeve shirts (rash guard, synthetic or T-shirts)
- Long sleeve shirts and/or rash guard for sun protection
- Shorts (quick dry are best)
- Fleece jacket (light, mid or heavy weight depending on the month)
- Waterproof windbreaker/rain jacket with hood – mostly used to keep dry from spray in boats when water is rough OR in case of rain
- Swimsuits
- Lightweight long pants
- Socks – bring an extra pair for whale camp to use for sleeping
- Sneakers or lightweight day-hiker boots
- Aqua socks or Teva type sandals – This is a personal preference. Sand and small pebbles will get into whatever shoe you wear. Sand in aqua and semi-closed water shoes is difficult to remove and your feet remain wet inside. Most of us prefer open water/river type sandals like Teva's, Chaco's or Keen's (with no siding). When worn loosely sand and pebbles are easily removed by rinsing your feet in the sea
- Casual town clothes (can be left at hotel if not wanting them at camp)
- Sarong or sundress (during warmer months)
- **Rain-pants to keep you dry in boats on possible rough water days during long crossings (hopefully you never need to use these)
- **Mid-weight long underwear or warm pants
- **Warm hat and gloves for evenings

** For December through mid-March trips only. Synthetic fabrics (ie. polar fleece & capilene) NOT cotton are best for keeping warm in wet environments. Please note the weather in Baja varies greatly from month to month. These ** items are recommended for trips taking place mid-winter. Keep in mind the weather in Baja can be VERY unpredictable. We prefer you have the proper clothes (but may never use them) to keep warm and dry IF the weather turns especially windy or cool on your particular trip. This can occasionally occur in March, April and November although these months normally present a milder, warmer climate. October and May are most certainly the warmest months of the season and warm clothes (warm hat, fleece, long underwear, rain pants) are usually NOT necessary during these months.

Miscellaneous

- Sunglasses with strap
- Small day or fanny pack and/or dry bag for kayaking, hiking and snorkeling to store dry clothes and towel in the boat. Keep in mind gear in our boats tends to get wet. A waterproof style backpack/dry bag is ideal as it is interchangeable for use during hiking, kayaking AND snorkeling. Or you can bring a regular daypack for hiking and use large zip-lock bags for keeping items inside dry when using it for snorkeling or kayaking excursions.
- Water bottle(s) x 2 so you can always have one in the cooler
- Small beach or quick dry towel
- Toiletries (toothbrush, paste, comb/brush, medicines)
- Flashlight/headlamp
- Reef Friendly Sunscreen (sunscreens containing oxybenzone, Octinoxate, or octocrylene kill corals in even tiny doses. These sun creams include Neutrogena, Aveeno, Banana Boat, Coppertone, and Hawaiian Tropic, among others). Check the ingredients and respect Baja's corals and new government regulations.
- Lip balm with sunscreen
- Ziploc bags for keeping items dry in backpacks in boats and use for personal garbage in tents
- Earplugs in case of snoring neighbors, wind flapping tents and/or city noise in La Paz
- Biodegradable soap/shampoo for salt water (Campsuds, Joy or Dawn work great)
- Compact camp pillow (only if booked on a mobile camp trip, pillows are included at luxury base camps and are not available for rent)

Personal Gear Available for rent in La Paz (bring yourself or rent from us)

- Sleeping bag
- Snorkel gear (mask, snorkel & fins) for Sea of Cortez trips only
- Wet suit (for snorkeling on Sea of Cortez late Nov-May trips – NOT for paddling). Our wetsuits are 3MM thick, long-sleeved, short pants with a front zipper
- Camp pad* (for mobile camp trips only)

*Pads on cots and pillows are included at our luxury base camps.

Optional items

- Kayak seat pad. A kayak seat pad can add a great deal of comfort to your paddling experience, especially on extended paddling trips such as the Baja Coast or Espiritu Santo Circumnavigation. If you are less than 5'3" tall, we highly suggest bringing a thick kayak seat pad to elevate you in your seat while paddling for extra comfort.
- Small dry bag approximately 10x20 inches for small personal items that you want to keep dry and handy while paddling such as camera, binoculars or clothes.
- Paddling gloves. Some people use these to protect their hands, especially on our longer kayak trips.
- Super light weight slippers can be handy especially at whale camp when walking to the toilet to keep your feet from getting sandy.
- Underwater flashlight. On our fall trips in October and early November, when the water is the warmest, we sometimes offer a night snorkel outing to observe the nocturnal creatures of the sea. If you are interested, bring an underwater flashlight with extra batteries.
- Extra snacks. Although we provide plenty of food and some snacks, if you have a high metabolism, you may want to bring along a few of your own favorite snacks.
- Camera. Don't forget your camera with plenty of memory and extra batteries.
- Binoculars for bird watching (not necessary for whale watching)
- Pocket-knife (MUST be packed in checked luggage, NOT carry-on)
- Reading materials
- Dive-skin/light weight long underwear. During the warmer months of October, November, late April and May IF not using a wetsuit for snorkeling you may want to bring light weight long sleeved shirts and pants (quick-dry, light weight capilene or merino wool work well) or a lycra dive skin to snorkel in for protection from the sun and possible "stingy things" in the water. These can even be used under wetsuits for added insulation during cooler months.