



Travel Information
La Paz to Loreto/Loreto to La Paz
La Paz to La Paz
on MV *Westward*

General trip information

Your trip will begin in La Paz or Loreto, depending on which departure you are on (check your trip booking to confirm your date and departure port). Travel to/from La Paz or Loreto is usually booked to/from Los Angeles on Alaska Air (www.alaskaair.com).

Remember that you will need a passport. Please send us a copy or a scan with your paperwork.

Arrival

La Paz: Please plan to arrive at Los Cabos International (SJD) airport prior to 1:30 pm. A member of our crew will meet you and escort you to our van, which will depart the airport at approximately 2:00 pm for the two hour drive to La Paz. There are many daily arrivals at SJD, so please inform us of your flight schedule so that we don't miss you, and so that we can make arrangements should you arrive later than 1:30 pm.

If you cannot find a direct flight from your home airport, please plan your departure so that you have two hours to make the connection to Los Cabos. This is an international flight and you will need sufficient time to transfer to the international terminal and clear security.

Loreto: Plan to arrive in Loreto (LTO) via the Alaska/Horizon Air flight from Los Angeles (LAX) in the early afternoon. Once you leave customs, a member of our crew will meet you and escort you to our van for the short trip to our boutique hotel near the town square. There will be time for you to explore the historic central area, or take a nap before we meet for a group dinner in a nearby restaurant.

Departure

La Paz: We will arrive in La Paz the afternoon before your ground connection to Los Cabos Airport. After an early breakfast aboard *Westward*, moored in the historic port of La Paz, one of our crew members will escort you on the two hour drive to the Los Cabos airport, where our van will arrive by 1:00 pm. This will allow time for you to check your bags and clear security before most early afternoon departures.

Be sure to schedule your flight to Los Angeles or other US city allowing sufficient time (2 hours) between connections. You'll need time to clear customs and immigration in the International Terminal at LAX and get to the domestic terminal.

Loreto: After breakfast aboard *Westward*, you will be picked up at the harbor by our van and transported to the Loreto airport to catch the Alaska Airlines/Horizon flight from Loreto (LTO) to Los Angeles (LAX) at about 1:30 pm. Be sure to give yourself plenty of time (2 hours) between connections. You will need time to clear customs and immigration in the International Terminal at LAX and get to your domestic gate.

Missing your flight

If you miss your flight, or are otherwise delayed, please contact our office at 360.378.7123 immediately. We will advise the guides of your delay, so they can arrange to meet you upon your arrival and transport you to the *Westward*. *Note that there may be an additional charge for late arrivals.*

Grey Whale Lagoons

We are using a local eco-tour company for transportation to and from San Ignacio or Bahia Magdalena.

San Ignacio: Our accommodations at Laguna San Ignacio are wall tents with fabric floors, carpeting, and twin cots with thermarest pads. Deluxe, environmentally friendly toilets are a very short walk from the tents. Showers and sinks are operated with solar heated water, to provide utmost comfort. The central dining area is an enclosed palapa structure, featuring good, simple fare as well as happy hour with margaritas, wine and beer available for purchase.

Bahia Magdalena: Our accommodations at Bahia Magdalena are in a small, recently built, beach front hotel. All rooms are en suite.

For both locations, during the winter months, we advise bringing warm, layered clothing, as the nights can get quite chilly.

Whale Shark Snorkeling

We work with a local outfitter who will fit you with the necessary equipment for the whale shark swim.

Prehistoric pictographs and petro glyphs

We work with a local tour company that will transport us from Loreto to Mulege and back.

Travel Documents

Proof of citizenship is required to enter Mexico; you will need a valid passport. If you are a citizen of any country other than the U.S. or Canada, please check with a local consulate or tourist office for the necessary requirements. A free tourist card will be issued to you on the flight into Mexico. Half of this will be collected by immigration officials upon arrival. The other half must be presented when you leave the country; *keep this document with your passport.*

Money & Additional Costs

We recommend that you travel with about \$5,000 MX Pesos (approx. \$275 US) for incidental purchases. Most merchants in La Paz and Loreto will accept dollars. It's best to use small bills for easy exchange and to avoid leaving with excess pesos. Usually there are ATM machines available, but there are no guarantees. Some places of business do accept traveler's checks and Visa/Master Card for payments, but not all. Bring some cash for any of those special souvenirs

you might find or for added meals, snacks etc., that you might wish to purchase along the way. (Note: San Ignacio has no ATM machines and credit cards aren't accepted anywhere in the village. It is a pesos only economy here, please plan accordingly)