



## **CIRCUMNAVIGATING ISLA ESPIRITU SANTO**

Mexico Sea Kayaking Adventure



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## ITINERARY

**9 DAYS • 8 NIGHTS**

## Sea Kayaking Expedition Circumnavigating Isla Espiritu Santo

**La Paz – Espiritu Santo Island – La Paz**

This itinerary can be tailored to suit your requirements.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience one of the planet's iconic sea kayaking destinations
- Explore the rugged coastline, off-shore islands and a series of headlands and deep bays which make each day a new adventure
- Walk along the spectacular white sandy bays and kayak below enormous towering cliffs, bizarre rock formations and alluring sea caves
- Spend free time snorkelling, swimming with sea lion pups, hiking intriguing volcanic arroyos and the list goes on...

## TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Style	Sea Kayaking Adventure
Tour Start	La Paz
Tour End	La Paz
Accommodation	Camp & Hotels
Included Meals	8 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 7 Dinners
Difficulty	Beginner - Intermediate
Group Size	Max. 12 people

## THE JEWEL OF THE SEA OF CORTEZ



Espiritu Santo is one of the planet's iconic sea-kayaking destinations. The UNESCO site and Mexican National Park island provides unbeatable scenery and magnificent camping beaches. The rugged shoreline, off-shore islands and series of headlands and deep bays make each day a new adventure. The west coast of Espiritu is studded with some of the most spectacular white, sandy bays you can imagine while the east coast has enormous towering cliffs, bizarre rock formations and alluring sea caves. Each day we will have plenty of time to snorkel, swim with sea lion pups, hike intriguing volcanic arroyos, bathe in the glorious Baja sun, watch manta rays leap up out of the water, admire a school of dolphins, explore hidden inland lagoons, sip a margarita and relax in great company. Isla Espiritu Santo really is paddling in paradise!

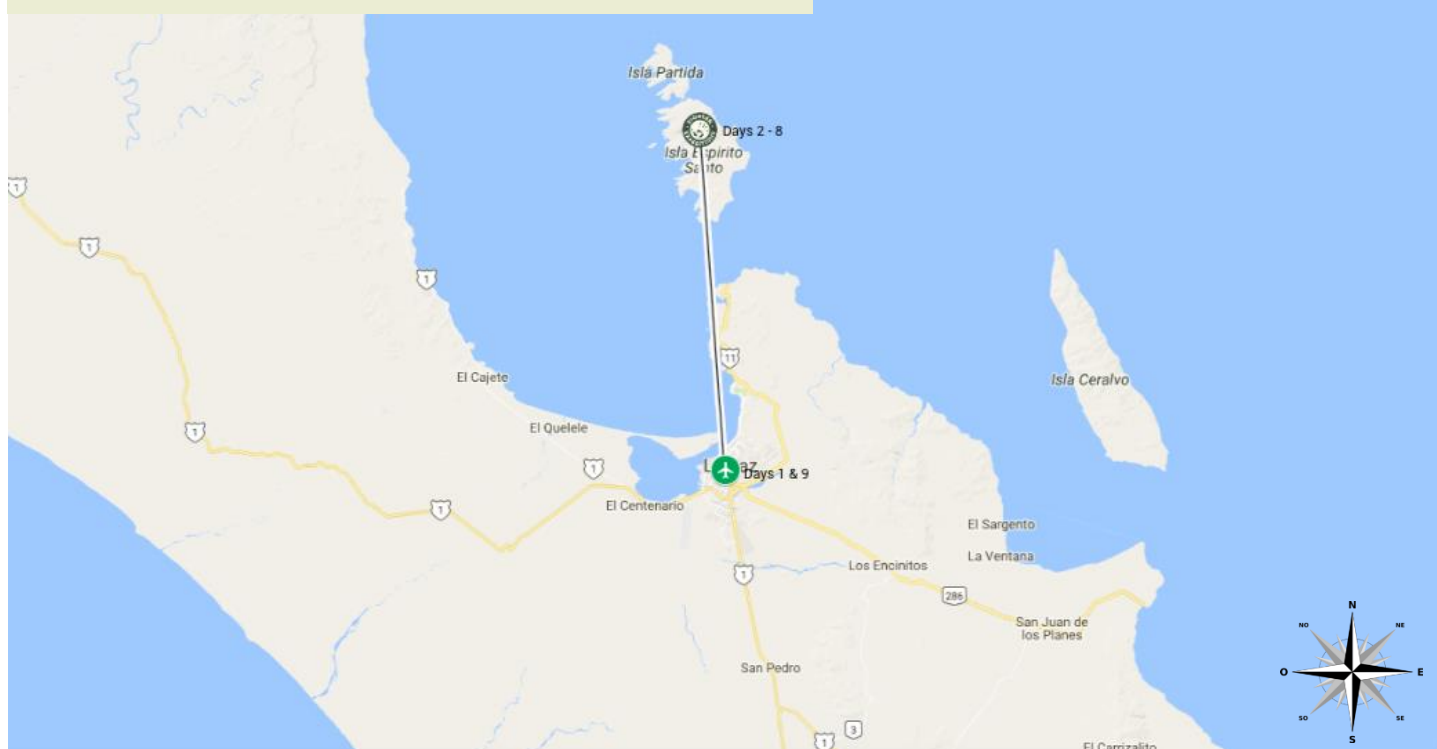
## MEXICO *an overview*

Bordered by the United States to the north, Pacific Ocean to the south, Guatemala, Belize and the Caribbean sea to the south east and the Gulf of Mexico to the east. Mexico is crossed north to south by two mountain ranges known as Sierra Madre Oriental and Sierra Madre Occidental, which are extension of the Rocky Mountains from northern North America. From east to west at the centre, the country is crossed by the Trans-Mexican volcanic belt, also known as, the Sierra Nevada. A fourth mountain range, the Sierra Madre del Sur, runs from Michoacan to Oaxaca. The Tropic of Cancer divides Mexico into temperate and tropical zones, both with constant temperatures. Home to a vast range of wildlife and geographic mountain regions, Mexico is the perfect destination for any adventure.

## WHY PIONEER EXPEDITIONS?

We really are one of the few specialists that really “do” off the beaten track and unique adventures. We are driven by a passion for adventure travel and wildlife. We are continuously collaborating with our local partners and tour guides to ensure that you have the best experiences on your dream adventure – this focus is reflected in our uniquely wonderful itineraries. Our experts are on hand whether you are looking for a small group trip or a bespoke holiday. Even better, our small group tours have a maximum of 12 people, making it a much more personal experience.

### MEXICO • Circumnavigating Isla Espiritu Santo



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## DAY 1: Arrive in La Paz

Upon arrival in La Paz you will make your way to your hotel where you will have a welcome meeting. At 9:00pm meet your guides for a trip briefing.



Overnight:  
**Hotel**



Meals:  
**NA**



Activity:  
**In Transit**



Distance:  
**NA**

## DAY 2: Transfer to Espiritu Santo Island

Transfer from your hotel in La Paz to Espiritu Santo Island in our high speed motor boat. Your guides will discuss points on safety and provide any beginners with the basics of sea kayaking and correct use of gear and kayaks. In the afternoon we will embark on our first paddle beneath spectacular volcanic cliffs and arrive at the first of many beautiful beaches to set up camp.



Overnight:  
**Camp**



Meals:  
**B, L, D**



Activity:  
**Kayaking**



Distance:  
**2.5hrs – 4.5hrs**

## DAY 3: Discover the coastline and its seabirds



You will wake up to the sounds of the sea...

After breakfast and packing up tents we continue in our kayaks exploring a new section of coastline with small off shore islands where numerous sea birds nest. Our next bay has an intriguing canyon with dry waterfall and a fresh water well where we can enjoy a refreshing rinse! Camp on a new beach.



Overnight:  
**Camp**



Meals:  
**B, L, D**



Activity:  
**Kayaking**



Distance:  
**2.5hrs – 4.5hrs**

## DAY 4: Kayaking to Ensenada Grande

After breakfast and packing our tents away we will kayak to the north end of the island crossing over to Isla Partida and setting base camp for two days in Ensenada Grande.



Overnight:  
**Camp**



Meals:  
**B, L, D**



Activity:  
**Kayaking**



Distance:  
**2.5hrs – 4.5hrs**



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## DAY 5: Boat rides, sea lions and snorkeling with tropical fish



This is our lay over day and will give us time to relax those paddling muscles! We will take a boat ride out to an exquisite off shore islet which is home to a large sea lion colony. Here you can experience the amazing thrill of swimming with sea lion pups and snorkel amongst thousands of tropical fish.

We will then head back to our camp in time for a sunset dinner.



Overnight:  
**Camp**



Meals:  
**B, L, D**



Activity:  
**Snorkeling & Wildlife**



Distance:  
**2.5hrs – 4.5hrs**

## DAY 6: Paddle along the east coast

We continue around the north end of the island for our first paddle along the east coast. A sharp contrast in scenery with spectacular towering cliffs. We will paddle through a narrow channel between Espiritu Santo and Isla Partida to discover a perfect setting - a natural turquoise "swimming pool" and the location of our next camp spot.



Overnight:  
**Camp**



Meals:  
**B, L, D**



Activity:  
**Kayaking**



Distance:  
**2.5hrs – 4.5hrs**

## DAY 7: Kayak through stunning scenery of towering cliffs

After breakfast and camp admin we have a dramatic paddle beneath towering cliffs up to over 2000ft tall. We are rewarded with sea caves which skilful navigators can paddle right through. In the afternoon, we arrive at our favourite camp spot ~ a magnificent 2 mile stretch of superb sweeping white sand.



Overnight:  
**Camp**



Meals:  
**B, L, D**



Activity:  
**Kayaking**



Distance:  
**2.5hrs – 4.5hrs**

## DAY 8: Final day sea kayaking

Our final morning sea-kayaking to complete our circumnavigation. After lunch we will return to La Paz by speed boat. Before checking in to your hotel. There is time to shop for souvenirs before a farewell dinner together.



Overnight:  
**Hotel**



Meals:  
**B, L, D**



Activity:  
**Kayaking & Transfer**



Distance:  
**2.5hrs – 4.5hrs**

## DAY 9: Depart La Paz

After breakfast you will make your way back to the airport in time for your flight home or why not extend your holiday.



Overnight:  
**NA**



Meals:  
**B**



Activity:  
**Depart**



Distance:  
**NA**



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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Included	Not Included
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All meals as described (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner) including cold beers, happy hour and wine with every evening meal</li> <li>• Accommodation as described</li> <li>• Tours as described</li> <li>• Naturalist tour guide from days 2-8</li> <li>• Local guide</li> <li>• All gratuities to hotel, restaurant staff, local drivers, guides and porters</li> <li>• All airport transfers</li> <li>• Single and/or double kayaks</li> <li>• All kayaking gear</li> <li>• Camping equipment</li> <li>• Transportation from your hotel in La Paz to the island</li> <li>• Farewell dinner in La Paz restaurant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ International flights (These can be arranged through us, if needed)</li> <li>➤ Visa fees</li> <li>➤ Meals other than mentioned</li> <li>➤ Personal expenses</li> <li>➤ Sleeping bags, snorkel sets and wetsuits (these are available to hire).</li> </ul>

## ACCOMMODATION *at a glance*

	Location	Accommodation	Example
<b>Nights 1 &amp; 8</b>	La Paz	Hotel	<i>Hotel Cathedral</i>
<b>Nights 2-7</b>	Isla Espiritu Santo	Camp	<i>Beach camp</i>



## WHAT OUR CLIENTS HAVE SAID...

*"A memorable, fun adventure of sea kayaking around Isla Espiritu Santo with camping on the beach, great food, good company and excellent guide service."- Blake*



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# THE PIONEER BOOKING PROCESS

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Where do you go from here? Well, you can feel free to email us at [info@pioneerexpeditions.com](mailto:info@pioneerexpeditions.com) if you're interested in this trip, or any of our other expeditions from around the world.

**1. Contact us -**

We will be happy to answer any questions or enquiries you may have. From here we will begin to plan and put together your dream adventure holiday! Alternatively, on our website you will find our booking and enquiry forms; once filled in, we will be notified of your enquiry and will get back to you ASAP.

**2. Leave everything to us -**

Everything will be arranged and booked by us, but we will make sure to keep you updated every step of the way. In addition, we can arrange your international flights if needed, as we have access to competitive airfares. We can also arrange any additional tours or additional night's accommodation.

**3. Wait for your adventure to begin -**

Sit back and count down the days until your trip of a lifetime with Pioneer Expeditions. We'll handle all of the last minute preparations and provide you with everything you need. All practical information will be sent out to you, prior to your trip.

