



**ECOLOGY PROJECT
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BAJA MARINE SCIENCE

SNORKEL WITH MARINE LIFE | CAMP ON A SECLUDED BEACH | STUDY DESERT & MARINE ECOLOGY



WELCOME TO BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR

The Gulf of California is the ideal laboratory to study marine science. From our lodging in the coastal town of La Paz to Espiritu Santo Island, we'll venture into the Gulf to study the incredible diversity of life, with countless opportunities for wildlife interactions and hands-on field research.



YOUR FIELD WORK

This is your chance to assist with international conservation efforts at a World Heritage Site. In the water, you'll conduct marine surveys on invertebrates and reef fish, contribute to coral restoration projects, and swim with curious sea lions. Back on land, you'll investigate desert ecology on a guided hike and give back to the community with a beach clean-up.



DESERT & COASTAL ADVENTURES

Despite being a challenging field-based course, there will be time for leisure activities and fun! In addition to contributing to research efforts, you'll connect with fellow students from EPI Mexico's local Eco Club, discover La Paz's renowned waterfront promenade, and gain insights into desert ecology while exploring Espiritu Santo Island.

• INSPIRING STUDENTS WITH NATURE & EMPOWERING THEM WITH SCIENCE •



BAJA MARINE SCIENCE SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN BAJA

- Head north to La Paz, Baja California Sur
- Get to know your instructors and hear course introductions

DAY 2: TRAVEL TO ESPIRITU SANTO ISLAND

- Keep an eye out for dolphins, leaping rays, and even whales as you journey into the Gulf of California
- Set up camp and explore the protected shores of Espiritu Santo Island

DAYS 3-5: DIVE INTO MARINE SCIENCE

- Explore and investigate the desert island ecosystem and travel north to swim at a sea lion rookery
- Practice your snorkeling skills and conduct a marine reef fish census or collect data on marine invertebrates

DAYS 6-7: GET INVOLVED IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

- Travel to a protected beach where you'll take part in a coral restoration project
- Meet local Eco Club members and learn how they've worked to promote sustainable living

DAY 8: CELEBRATE THE END OF COURSE

- Take in vibrant art inspired by conservation and marine life during a stroll along La Paz's iconic waterfront
- Enjoy a farewell dinner and celebrate the work you've done to protect the world's aquarium

DAY 9: DEPART FOR CABO SAN LUCAS AIRPORT

Length	Research & Service Hours	Coursework Hours	Focus
9 Days	15	30	marine biology and ecology, sustainable living



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