



This 8-day program includes over 30 hours of coursework and instruction in subjects like marine biology, desert ecology, and conservation, plus over 20 hours of field research while snorkeling in the turquoise waters of the Sea of Cortez.



BAJA



Teacher Fellowship



Highlights

- Snorkel with sea lions, sea stars, & tropical fish
- Explore marine diversity in the Sea of Cortez
- Camp on a pristine beach under the stars

Welcome to Baja! Baja California Sur is your primary classroom in EPI's Baja Marine Education Fellowship- providing you a unique opportunity to assist with international conservation efforts in the Sea of Cortez, a World Heritage Site that's home to 39% of the world's marine mammal species.

The Island: Espiritu Santo is a protected island in the Sea of Cortez, just an hour boat ride from La Paz, Mexico. The island's waters are a marine reserve, due to their unique ecology and their bounty of rare and native species. Here you'll find stunning beaches, red rock cliffs, abundant bird life, reptiles, and desert plants. While on Espiritu Santo, you will help evaluate research projects that are under consideration for deployment during EPI's 2017 field season and beyond. Instructors will introduce you to EPI's unique model for creating positive learning environments in the field, engaging communities in conservation efforts, and applying field science at home.

EPI's Local Students: After completing your field work on Espiritu Santo, you'll meet with Mexican students and teachers at a local high school. You'll learn about local customs and traditions, and enjoy a day together.





Baja Island Ecology

SAMPLE ITINERARY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

DAY 1: **ARRIVE AT EPI CAMPUS IN LA PAZ**

- Get to know your instructors, other Fellows, and explore the EPI campus
- Enjoy the sunset over the Sea of Cortez

Room type	Fellows per room	Running water	Hot water	Toilet type	Electricity
Dormitory	4-8	✓	✓	flush	✓

DAYS 2-6: **MARINE ECOLOGY ON ESPIRITU SANTO ISLAND**

- Travel by boat to the pristine and secluded Espiritu Santo Island
- Research protocols and snorkeling introduction
- Explore and investigate the desert island ecosystem
- Develop your own research project
- Snorkel with sea lions as you bid farewell to the island

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Tents	2-4			pit	

DAY 7: **INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE DAY**

- Interact with local students and teachers
- Practice your Spanish skills
- Explore the Malecón & other cultural highlights in La Paz

DAYS 8: **DEPART FROM BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR**

