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MEET THE FRIENDLY
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MARCH 5 THROUGH MARCH 13, 2012

◆ EMBARK ON THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME ◆

THE SEASON APPROACHES. It won't be long before the Pacific gray whales congregate in San Ignacio Lagoon, Baja California, to give birth and to mate. Join Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's experienced naturalists on our 38th annual expedition to encounter these magnificent giants up close. Each year a limited number of adventurers are permitted by the Mexican government to enter San Ignacio Lagoon on special tours. Here you may come within arm's reach of gray whale mother and calf pairs. You will also go ashore to explore the beach and cruise slowly through mangrove wetlands to observe ibis, herons and other bird life.

VIEWING BAJA'S WEALTH OF MARINE LIFE and its pristine coastal environments are also objectives of the trip. Exploration of the islands of Todos Santos, San Benito, Cedros, and San Martin will allow you to enjoy diverse geological formations and native vegetation at each location. You will come within close-up camera range of elephant seals, sea lions and marine birds. **YOUR FLOATING HOTEL** is the 113-foot *Royal Polaris* of San Diego. Delicious meals and clean cabins provide comfortable accommodations for 30 passengers. The friendly crew and CMA's naturalists ensure exciting, informative and enjoyable experiences every day.

TO SIGNUP FOR THIS TRIP OF A LIFETIME, please send us a \$500 deposit to reserve your place now. Per person cost is \$2,495, plus a \$150 gratuity for the very hard-working boat crew, payable in cash on-board. Cabin assignments are on a first-come, first-served basis.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit due now\$500
Payment #1 due Oct. 30, 2011\$997.50
Payment #2 due Jan. 21, 2012\$997.50

For further information, call
Larry Fukuhara (310) 548-7562, ext. 223.

NOTE: MODERATE PHYSICAL AGILITY IS REQUIRED OF ALL PASSENGERS TO BOARD SKIFFS FOR SHORE LANDINGS.

◆ CMA'S 2012 BAJA ADVENTURE ITINERARY ◆

DAY 1 DEPART CMA by bus at 5 pm for the trip to San Diego to board our vessel the *Royal Polaris*.

DAY 2 ISLAS TODOS SANTOS are two small rocky islands 10 miles off of Ensenada. The small northerly island is low and flat. We will stop for a close look at the 313-foot high southerly island. The vegetation is coastal scrub and cacti. We will see **harbor seals** and grand vistas of sea and rock, as well as numerous **sea birds** riding the air currents up the cliffs and nesting on top of the island.

DAY 3 ISLAS SAN BENITO are three rocky islands which are breeding rookeries for **elephant seals**. There will be many photo opportunities at close range. A wide variety of birds, including several **nesting os-**

prey will be seen close up. We will also visit a historic old lighthouse on this day.

DAYS 4-5-6 PRISTINE SAN IGNACIO LAGOON is noted for its **friendly whales** that will often come right up to the boats for a closer look. **Whale watching** at arm's length is a daily adventure. Excellent whale watching will also be had from our "home-base" which will anchor right in the middle of the prime whale watching region of the lagoon. A **mangrove wetland** full of birds, a photographer's delight, will be explored by skiff.

DAY 7 CEDROS ISLAND, named for the pines that grow only on its highest ridges, is 23 miles long and has peaks to 4,000 ft. Located 50 miles west of Scammon's Lagoon, Cedros is the largest island off the Pacific coast of Baja. We will land at one

of the island's many canyon areas that offer rocky shores, native plants and **unique geological features**. We will also skiff-ride near a **sea lion rookery**.

DAY 8 SAN MARTIN ISLAND is a small volcanic peak 150 miles south of San Diego. The island has a small, shallow lagoon that is a haul-out spot for **harbor seals** and **elephant seals**. The lagoon is protected by a unique breakwall of rounded lava boulders formed by eruptions in times past. Hiking around the clifftops, we will find spectacular ocean views and **sunken lava rock grottos** with abundant varieties of **wildflowers, cacti, succulents,** and **lichens** in profusion.

DAY 9 RETURN TO CMA by bus from San Diego, approximate time, 12 noon.

WE'RE HEADED SOUTH ON THE BEAUTIFUL BLUE PACIFIC

I want to meet the Friendly Whales of Baja, March 5th through March 13th, 2012. My party consists of _____ person/s and enclosed is a check or money order for \$_____ (\$500 each) to reserve space on this adventure.

I have read and understand Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's cancellation and refund policy.

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