

Additional Baja FAQ

What day should we arrive?

Trip #1 - Please be in La Paz in time for a group dinner on Sunday, February 3rd. The boat will set sail on Monday, February 4th.

Trip #2 - Please be in La Paz for a group dinner on Saturday, February, 9th. The boat will set sail on Sunday, February, 10th.

When should we leave?

Each trip will conclude with a farewell dinner in a local restaurant (with Seaward's crew as our guests), a night in the hotel, and a farewell breakfast at the hotel the next morning. After that, housing and logistics will no longer be covered by Carleton. Trip #1 ends after breakfast on Saturday, February 9th. Trip #2 ends after breakfast on Saturday, February 16th. But you are, of course, welcome to extend your stay beyond the Carleton portion of the trip.

Is a visa required?

No, if you are an American citizen, you do not need a visa to enter Mexico but you do need a passport.

Can we share shuttles to La Paz?

Absolutely! Though the alumni office will not be able to help with the coordination of shuttles, we highly recommend using Eco Baja Tours for your shuttle needs. Once you have the trip roster, feel free to reach out to other participants to coordinate. The shuttle firm's URL is <https://www.ecobajatours.com/>.

Will you be sharing the trip roster soon?

Yes! You will receive a trip roster shortly, we are still finalizing some of the participants.

When do we find out what the hotels are?

We are still working on finalizing lodging in both La Paz and San Jose Del Cabo. We hope to be able to share that information soon. As a reminder, for both trips, Carleton will provide lodging for the night before departure on Seaward (Trip #1 – February 3rd and Trip #2 – February 9th) and the night of arrival in port (Trip #1 – February 8th and Trip #2 – February 15th). Any additional days of lodging are at your own cost.

I have a dietary restriction, how can I share that information?

Every participant is required to fill out the medical release form which asks about dietary restrictions.

What will we be eating aboard the boat?

A [sample menu](#) has been posted as a separate document. In addition to three meals and snacks, beer and wine will also be provided. Any liquor must be purchased on your own. We will make a stop at a store before our departure. You will be able to share any dietary restrictions in the medical release form that you will receive upon your final deposit.

Does the boat anchor at a port each night?

No. Once the boat leave port at the start of the trip, it will not enter port again until the end of the trip.

What is the sleeping situation?

The Seaward berths are all “bunk bed style.” At least five of the ten participants will have to sleep in a top bunk. While each person will have an individual bunk bed, participants will be sleeping in close proximity of one another. Chances are at least someone will snore at some point! If you’re a light sleeper, we recommend bringing earplugs.

I use a CPAP at night, can that be accommodated?

Unfortunately, no, we are not able to. The electricity on board is very limited and needed for the basic operation of the voyage. The boat is not equipped with additional plug-ins which makes plugging in extraneous electronics nearly impossible. If you are able to travel without a CPAP, you may want to consider doing so, but please consult with your medical professional.

How many people are on the boat?

There will be 11 participants from Carleton. The Seaward crew will be a trained group of sailors hired by Call of the Sea for the duration of our trip. They make up a captain, a first mate, a cook, and a naturalist.

What are the daily activities?

On the boat you can expect a typical day to involve quite a bit of sailing; anchoring in a cove for the evening; hiking, beach-lounging, snorkeling; viewing marine life; and feasting on scrumptious meals. All the while you'll be chatting with old and new friends, taking sailing direction from the crew, and having the opportunity to help with general daily duties. Because much of the activity depends on weather conditions, it is difficult to share an itinerary in advance.

What should we pack?

You will soon receive an email welcome from Professor Perry Mason which will also include a packing list, as well as the contact information for a past trip participant. Both Perry and the trip alum will be happy to answer any additional questions you may have.