



TROPICAL
BIRDING



Baja California MEXICO: Avian Endemics & Marine Riches

A Tropical Birding
Custom Tour

February 24 - March 1, 2024
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TOUR SUMMARY

This is a short and sweet trip designed to take in Baja's small suite of endemic birds, plus some world-class marine experiences, namely Whale Sharks and the world's most approachable Gray Whales. This trip went off without a hitch, and the whole group had a great time. The hotels were comfortable, roads mostly excellent, and the food was fantastic, especially the local seafood. Though some Americans are worried about visiting Mexico, this part of Mexico is incredibly safe, and with friendly local people. It's a great tour if you want to dip your toes into international birding, or if swimming with Whale Shark or being a couple feet from a Gray Whale are on your "bucket list"!

For an immersive experience of this trip's highlights, check out the 5-minute video trip report:

[VIDEO TRIP REPORT on YouTube](#)

ITINERARY

February 24	Arrival in San Jose del Cabo. Night in San Jose.
February 25	San Jose Estero. Birding Miraflores, then drive to La Ribera. Night La Ribera.
February 26	Sierra de la Laguna. Drive to La Paz. Night La Paz.
February 27	Whale Shark snorkeling boat trip. Afternoon local birding. Night La Paz.
February 28	La Paz to San Carlos. Gray Whale boat trip. Night San Carlos.
February 29	Morning boat trip. Afternoon to El Pescadero. Night El Pescadero.
March 1	Morning desert birding. Drive to San Jose del Cabo to catch outbound flights.

BIRD LIST

The full list, including numbers and many other details, can be see as part of the [eBird trip report](https://ebird.org/tripreport/207502) for this trip: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/207502>

NON-BIRD LIST

White-tailed antelope Squirrel	<i>Ammospermophilus leucurus</i>
California Sea Lion	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>
Common Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>
Gray Whale	<i>Eschrichtius robustus</i>
Whale Shark	<i>Rhincodon typus</i>
Hunsaker's Spiny Lizard	<i>Sceloporus hunsakeri</i>
Cape Spiny-tailed Iguana	<i>Ctenosaura hemilopha</i>