



Baja's Birds & Gray Whales 2018

Golden Gate Audubon Society & Quetzal Adventures

February 17-24, 2018

\$2,684 per person

(7.5% of trip's cost donated to Golden Gate Audubon Society)



Explore Baja California's Cape region in search for birds and meet 35-ton Gray Whales during their annual migration to Baja's coastal lagoons. The Cape is one of Mexico's prime birding hotspots. It has 6 endemic bird species, including the stunning Xantus's Hummingbird and various unique subspecies such as the pale San Lucas Robin. Baja's vast and mostly undeveloped terrain and desert oases provide migratory stopovers for landbirds, including flocks of Brewer's and Clay-colored Sparrows and Lark Buntings along with wintering Cassin's Kingbirds and Black-and-White Warblers. Moreover, Baja's jagged coastline provide habitat for thousands of resident and migratory shorebirds and waterfowl, including Blue-winged and Cinnamon Teal, American Oystercatcher, Reddish Egrets and Tricolored Herons.

Leader:

Juan-Carlos Solis: Has worked as a naturalist and education program manager for 20 years in California. He has led natural history expeditions and lectured in Antarctica, Australia, India, Sweden and across the Americas. He is a former Public Programs Manager and Research Field Associate for the Ornithology and Mammalogy Department at the California Academy of Sciences, Senior Naturalist for the Oceanic Society, and class instructor for the Golden Gate Audubon Society.



Questions?

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Itinerary:

Day 1: San Jose del Cabo. The adventure begins with dinner and cocktails at our hotel lobby

Day 2: Estero San Jose. Morning birding at the Estero, a large body of water with vast wetlands where fresh water from Rio San Jose meets saltwater from the Pacific Ocean. We'll search for the endemic Belding's yellowthroat.

Day 3: Sierra de la Laguna. Search for endemic birds in oak woodlands at 2500 ft. above sea level. We'll look for the "San Lucas" robin, "Viosca" band-tailed pigeon and the Cape's pygmy-owl

Day 4: Sonoran Desert. Bird the Sonoran Desert in search for the endemic Xantus's hummingbird, gray thrasher, and other birds such as Costa's hummingbird, black-throated, clay-colored and Brewer's sparrows.

Day 5: La Paz. With some of the best mudflats in Western Mexico surrounding a large bay, we'll look for shorebirds such as Wilson's plovers and others such as white ibis, and blue-footed boobies.

Day 6: Desert & Mangroves. Will drive along the coast along the rocky shoreline and look for more shorebirds such as American oystercatcher, surfbird. We'll also peek into patches of mangroves in search for yellow-crowned herons, reddish egret, and the endemic "Mangrove" yellow warbler.

Day 7: Magdalena Bay. We'll take a boat tour in Magdalena Bay and search for gray whales. There is a real possibility of meeting newly born calves who are often curious and approach boats. Other whale behaviors we may see are nursing, mating, spyhopping, and breaching.

Day 8: Todos Santos. Wake up at a desert oasis and look for more resident and migratory birds including green-tailed towhee, and the endemic Xantus's hummingbird. Later in the morning, we'll head back to San Jose del Cabo where our adventure ends.

RESERVATION FORM:

Baja's Birds & Gray Whales
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\$2,684 PP/Double Occupancy

Mail to: Juan-Carlos Solis
 2918 Kobio Dr.
 Concord, CA 94519

Trip Cost: \$ 2,684 per passenger (based on double occupancy). Only 10 spaces available.

Terms and Conditions

Cost Includes: All accommodations and lodging, all meals, entrance/permit fees; excursions and sightseeing; taxes, service charges.

Not Included: Airfare; travel insurance; alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages; phone/fax/email charges; discretionary gratuities at restaurants.

Reservations: To confirm your place, mail a completed Reservation Form and advance payment of **\$600 per person** by check or money order (sorry no credit cards) payable to: **Juan-Carlos Solis**. A complete trip information package will be mailed after your reservation is received.

Final Payment: Full payment is due **60 days prior to departure**.

Got Questions? Please, call/email Expedition Leader Juan-Carlos Solis (925) 222- 8573
 JuanCarlos@QuetzalAdventures.com

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Number of Days Prior to Trip Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
89 to 60 days.....	50 % of the trip cost
59 to 0 days.....	90 % of the trip cost

Please reserve ___ place(s).

Name: _____
(As it appears on passport)

Name: _____
(As it appears on passport)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Accommodations: ___Double ___Single ___Share

I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for this program and agree to them.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

___ Enclosed is my deposit, payable to **Juan-Carlos Solis**
 of \$ _____ (US \$600 per person).