

# Preliminary Itinerary for CCA Sea of Cortez Cruise

*The following itinerary was developed by Dan Gribble based on a wealth of local knowledge gained from his extensive cruising in the area. We'll likely update the plan with alternate destinations for weather conditions as the event gets closer.*

## **Friday May 3, 2024**

- Arrive in Loreto, non-stop from LAX, via Tijuana/CBX or with layovers from other locations
- If time permits, go to large supermarkets in town to buy provisions
- Transit to Puerto Escondido (10 miles by cab or van - we're working on a shuttle service)
- Welcome dinner at the restaurant at the marina in Puerto Escondido
- Take possession of charter vessels at 5 PM
- Spend night aboard vessels in Puerto Escondido

## **Saturday May 4, 2024**

- Provision boats if not accomplished on Friday May 3
- Sail 2 nm across to Isla Danzante to anchor for the first night. There are three coves at the north end of the island between Honeymoon Cove and Divorce Cove (!! ) which could accommodate the fleet.
- Activities include snorkeling and hiking ashore
- Uninhabited so no services

## **Sunday May 5, 2024**

- Sail north to Isla Coronado (about 20 nm). There is an anchorage at Isla Coronado West and another at Isla Coronado South. Both are good anchorages depending on the wind and West might be big enough to accommodate the whole fleet.
- Isla Coronado is an extinct volcano and one of my favorite stops.
- Activities include snorkeling and hiking ashore, including to the top of the volcano which provides incredible views of the entire region.
- Uninhabited so no services

## **Monday May 6, 2024**

- Sail from Isla Coronado to Isla Carmen and anchor at Puerto Balandra (about 10 nm). This is a very well protected bay which could accommodate the entire fleet.
- Activities include snorkeling and hiking ashore
- Uninhabited so no services

## **Tuesday May 7, 2024**

- Sail to Bahia Bahia Candeleros (about 20 nm). This is a large bay that could hold the entire cruise fleet. It offers good protection except from north winds and swell and occasionally experiences westerly winds (Corumels).
- This would be a good spot to have a group cocktail party or dinner ashore at the resort. There is also a store nearby.

### **Wednesday May 8, 2024**

- Sail to Bahia Agua Verde (about 16 nm). There are three anchorages around the bay so we would spread out the fleet, but all are within a dinghy ride of each other.
- Activities include snorkeling and hiking ashore
- There is a small village there with a very small market and a small café on the beach.

### **Thursday May 9, 2024**

- Sail to Bahia Amortajada on Isla San Jose (about 46 nm – our longest passage). This is a large and well protected bay that could hold the entire cruise fleet. The white sand beach there is several miles long.
- Activities include snorkeling and hiking ashore
- Uninhabited so no services
- There is a lagoon there accessible by dinghy through the surf. It is lined with mangroves and loaded with birds - a fun adventure!
- At the northwest end of the bay there is an abandoned salt mine that is interesting to explore.
- This would be a good spot to have a group cocktail party or dinner ashore on the beach.

### **Friday May 10, 2024**

- Sail south. Could stop at Isla San Francisco for a lunch stop and hike (about 5 nm) or could stop at Los Islotes, some pinnacle rocks off the north end of Isla Partida, and swim with the sea lions before continuing on to your anchorage.
- Continue on to anchor at any of several anchorages on the west side of either Isla Partida or Isla Espiritu Santo (about 20 - 30 nm depending on your choice of anchorage).
- Activities include snorkeling and hiking ashore
- Uninhabited so no services

### **Saturday May 11, 2024**

- Depart to sail to La Paz (about 10 - 20 nm depending on where you anchored for the night)
- Could stop at Bahia Balandra at the north end of La Paz peninsula for a lunch stop on the way. This is one of the most photographed bays in the Sea of Cortez with a long white sand beach and snorkeling.
- Arrive Costa Baja Marina in the afternoon
- Farewell dinner that evening in La Paz

### **Sunday May 12, 2024**

- Disembark vessels by 10 AM
- Depart for airport to fly home