

Sea of Giants: Marine Life of the Baja Peninsula

Expedition Packing List

GENERAL

- Expedition Logistics Document
- Your travel plans, rendezvous details, and Earthwatch's emergency contact information
- Photocopies of your passport, flight itinerary, and credit cards in case the originals are lost or stolen; the copies should be packed separately from the original documents.
- Passport and/or visa (if necessary)
- Certification of vaccination (if necessary)
- Documentation for travel by minors (if necessary)
- Clothing/Footwear for fieldwork
- Bring clothes you don't mind getting dirty and wet.
- Lightweight, quick-drying, long-sleeved shirts to keep you protected from sunburn and mosquito bites.
- Long shorts
- Quick-drying, long hiking/cargo pants; keep in mind they will get wet (to avoid sunburn/bug bites on the boat)
- Swimsuit
- The whale shark tour operators can provide snorkeling gear, including the following: **Note:** Sizes and styles can be quite limited. You may wish to bring your own equipment for this reason. It is also possible to rent equipment from dive shops in La Paz if you so choose (budget approx. \$50 USD).
 - Mask
 - Snorkel
 - Fins
 - Wetsuit
- Wide-brimmed sun hat
- Sunglasses (polarized lenses are best)—neck strap recommended.
- Poncho or light rain jacket
- Sneakers (be prepared to get them wet)
- Ankle-high dive booties
- Well-worn-in hiking boots with good ankle support

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR LEISURE

- At least one set of clothing to keep clean for the end of the expedition.
- Sandals or flip-flops
- Shorts and shirts for wearing around the home base or for recreational time.

FIELD SUPPLIES

- Small daypack
- Two one-liter water bottles

- Dry bag or plastic sealable bags (good for protecting equipment like cameras from dust, humidity, and water)
- Very Important: Sunscreen lotion SPF 30+
- Insect repellent

BEDDING AND BATHING

Note: Sheets, pillows, towels, and blankets are provided at the rental home.

- Extra Towel (recommended)

PERSONAL SUPPLIES

- Face masks—enough for the duration of the project
- COVID-19 antigen (rapid) tests
- Personal toiletries
- Hand sanitizer
- Personal first aid kit (e.g., anti-diarrhea pills, antibiotics, antiseptic, itch-relief, allergy meds, pain reliever, bandages, blister covers, etc.)
- Personal medications or other necessities, enough to cover possible time beyond your planned travel days.
- Spending money

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Camera, film or memory card(s), extra camera battery
- Hardware for sharing digital photographs at the end of the expedition.
- Books, games, art supplies, etc., for free time
- Binoculars, preferably 8x to 10x magnification with wide lens aperture
- Travel guide
- Bandana for extra sun protection
- Anti-itch cream
- Electrolytes
- Dramamine or your preferred motion sickness treatment

Note: *Bring only what you can carry and handle on your own. If traveling by air and checking your luggage, we advise you to pack an extra set of field clothing and personal essentials in your carry-on bag in case your luggage is lost or delayed.*