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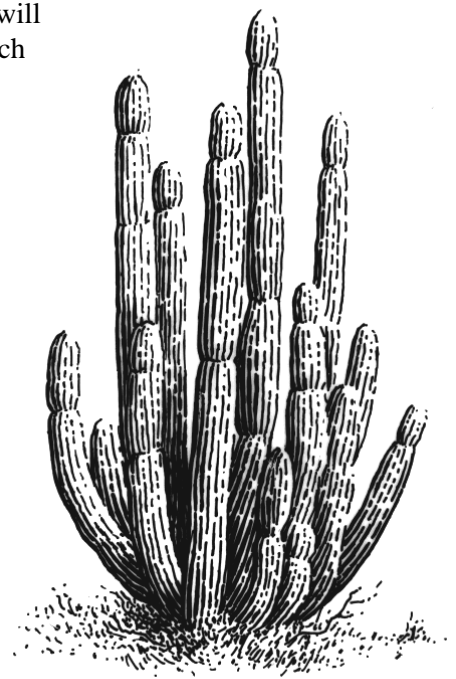
8 DAY 7 NIGHT SIERRA DE LA GIGANTA ITINERARY:

Day 1: Arrive Loreto Airport from Los Angeles. Clear customs. Put your Tourist Card (issued when you enter the country) in a safe place so you'll have it on your return trip. Your bags may be inspected by customs officials. After clearing customs look for a NAVTEC guide holding a sign that says "NAVTEC Expeditions Calafia" (This is the name of our company in Mexico.) The guide is there to assist you but will not be able to give you a ride into town. Taxis are available out front. Take one to your hotel and your guide will follow you in his vehicle. At the hotel your guide will assist you checking into your room and getting settled. Later, you and the other members of your trip will get together with your trip leader for a trip orientation. This normally occurs an hour or so after check in so everyone has a chance to rest and freshen up. Your guide will advise you of the exact time and location.

At the orientation your guide will give you waterproof sea bags to pack your trip belongings into. He will answer your questions and go over the trip itinerary in some detail. This will give all group members a chance to meet each other and learn more about Baja and the Sea of Cortez. The hotel has storage for your suit cases and things that aren't going on the trip with you. Your guide will advise you of the pick up time the next morning.

Day 2: Get up early enough so you can have a good breakfast with plenty of time to pack and check out. Your guide will meet you at the front desk at 7:30 A.M. unless otherwise announced. After loading our trip duffle in the vehicles we will drive the 10 miles to Juncalito south of Loreto. Juncalito is a beautiful little bay with some homes. We launch at the public beach. We will have an in-depth sea kayak exercise and orientation. We won't leave until everyone feels comfortable in his or her boat. From here we will paddle about five miles to our first night's camp on Danzante Island which means the dancer. This leg will take three to four hours time. Our first night's camp will be at Punta Arena, a fine sand beach on the island. Lunch will be set up as soon as we arrive. After lunch we will have a camp orientation to get everyone familiarized with our routine, the toilets, the best place to set up your tent etc. Find a good place to set up your tent and claim it by putting your tent, duffle and sleep gear there. Stop, and take a look around. Take time to absorb Baja. Later there will be time for snorkeling, hiking, paddling near camp and just hanging out on the beach. Your guides are available to answer questions and help with the various activities. We call "happy hour" at 5:00 PM. Enjoy the evening as your guides prepare an excellent Dinner. A natural history library is available for inquisitive minds.

Day 3: Wake to fresh coffee which is on the stove each morning around first light. We get an early start today because the paddling is best in the mornings and the winds haven't had a chance to kick





up. Today we will paddle three miles to Carmen Island which once had a salt mine on it's east side. We should arrive there in time for lunch. Our camp is gorgeous with a fabulous white sand beach. We will lay over (spend two nights in one camp) here. After unloading our camp equipment from the support craft find yourself a good tent site (save it by placing your waterproof bags there.) The afternoon is free to snorkel, paddle or do some offshore fishing by skiff with one of the guides. Once again happy hour is called at 5:00 PM. as your guides cook up another tasty dinner.

Day 4: Sleep in today and take it easy. No need to pack up because where here all day. After breakfast we'll take an optional paddle north up the east side of the island. You may want to bring your snorkeling equipment. We'll have lunch along the way. Or, if you prefer, hang out in camp and enjoy the ambience of your spectacular surroundings. As usual, the snorkeling is excellent. In the afternoon our skiff is available for offshore fishing. We have some fishing equipment which we are more than happy to share but you should bring your own if you plan on doing a lot of fishing. Your guides are busy preparing another delicious meal as the sun slowly sets in the west.

Day 5: An early start today so we can beat the wind as we cross back to the Baja coast. Remember, our company skiff is nearby for your safety. We will paddle eight miles today, our longest paddle day. The scene today is of the Sierra de la Giganta Mountains plunging abruptly to the sea. Numerous islands and reefs dot our course. All will agree, the scene is spectacular. Upon rejoining the coast, we stop at a beach to stretch our legs and have a snack. We continue down the coast to our next camp, called La Difuntita, one of the trips most beautiful. The beach is composed mostly of gravel. We'll have another lay over camp here. Afternoon free for more kayaking, hiking, fishing and snorkeling. Happy hour and fine food around an open fire tonight.

Day 6: An easy morning today. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast amidst breathtaking beauty. Optional paddle south down the coast with your guide to enjoy the hot springs and do some exploring. Lunch along the way. Or stay back for hiking and relaxation in camp. Abundant sea life, stunning scenery and nearby islands make this one of Baja's most spectacular areas. The entire length of the trip is within the boundaries of *Parque Nacional Bahia Loreto* established July 19th, 1996. The snorkeling is superb along the nearby rock point. Our small skiff is available for offshore fishing and snorkeling. Kick back and enjoy the moment.

Day 7: Pack up early today and paddle to our take out point, a half days travel away. Upon arrival we'll gather up everyone's gear and drive to Loreto and your hotel. Ha, hot showers await. Relax before joining your guide and other trip members at one of Loreto's quaint restaurants for a no host farewell dinner. The sea food is excellent.

Day 8: Time for shopping in the morning. Check out of your hotel. Take a taxi to the airport for your flight back to the states. You should be at the airport at least two hours before flight departure, earlier if its the busy season.. Make sure you have your tourist card handy, you'll need it on the journey home.

NAVTEC Expeditions reserves the right to make any itinerary changes as may be required or advisable resulting from high winds, heavy seas, occupied camps, dangerous conditions, government order or other factors that the trip leader may consider important.

