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Nine-day Sea Turtle Camp: San Pancho and Sayulita

Puerto Vallarta (1 night)

Arrive in the golden coastal town of Puerto Vallarta, a destination rich in culture and traditions with the spirit and charm of a small Mexican town. Spend your first night in a comfortable hotel, have a nice dinner in town and get acquainted with your guides.



El Mayto sea turtle camp (4 nights)

After breakfast, depart for the sea turtle camp located on the Pacific Coast about 35 miles south of Puerto Vallarta. The camp is nestled between majestic mountains, rivers and caves. Here, you will stay in tents placed under the shade and protection of large palapas. (Tents provided; please see packing list for necessary equipment.)



Upon your arrival, meet with the local staff biologist and take a tour of the camp. This is a great opportunity to see how the project runs and learn about the vital conservation work being done.



At the turtle project, the real work begins at night. Patrol the beach in search of nesting sea turtles and hatchlings. It's tough work, but worth the effort. You may also conduct population studies, tag turtles, transplant eggs to a protected area or release hatchlings into the ocean. (Be aware that sea turtles are an endangered species and their nesting is not "scheduled" so we are unable to guarantee that you will see a turtle during your stay.)



During the day, walk in the mountains and explore fauna and flora, visit a bat cave, swim at a nearby beach where you may have a chance to swim with turtles or simply enjoy some free time to read, write, take photos or rest.

San Pancho (3 nights)

Depart from El Mayto Sea Turtle Camp and arrive in the small coastal town of San Pancho. Here, go on a jungle tour, bird watch and visit an orchid forest. You will also visit the San Pancho cultural center and participate in community work. Participate in community recycling projects, reading circles, maintenance ,cooking, beach cleaning or teaching English.

Visit Sayulita Beach famous for its surf waves and good food. Here, have a chance to pick from several activities – surfing, kayaking, yoga or horseback riding. Enjoy an evening farewell camp fire and share your experiences from the trip. In the morning, depart for Puerto Vallarta and your return flight home.