



*The Gulf of California, México:
Wild Islands, Rich Desert*

May 14-20, 2018

Leader: Dr. Tom Fleischner -- Executive Director, Natural History Institute
With local naturalists and researchers



Registration

Cost:

\$1500, Inclusive from Arizona (pickup available in Prescott, Phoenix, or Tucson, or Hermosillo, Sonora), except for dinners (relatively inexpensive) at local restaurants.

Deposits received by **January 4** will receive an **early bird discount** of \$100.

(Limited to 12 participants; single supplement \$250)

To reserve a space:

Please send a check for **\$500** made out to "Natural History Institute" to:
Natural History Institute, 126 N. Marina St., Prescott, AZ 86301. This is a **non-refundable deposit**. Contact our office with any questions.



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Itinerary

- May 14 (Mon) Travel to Bahia Kino, Sonora, México – pickup available in Prescott, Phoenix, or Tucson, Arizona, or Hermosillo, Sonora. Settle in to hotel; dinner along beachfront.
- May 15 Introduction to the Kino Bay Center, and the geography of the Gulf of California.
Nearshore boat trip, Isla Alcatraz seabird colony
- May 16 Ecosystems, Flora, and Fauna of the Gulf
The Central Gulf Coast Subdivision of the Sonoran Desert: the richest part of the richest desert
Sea Turtles of the Gulf; Sea Turtle monitoring with Grupo Tortuguero Community Conservation Group
- May 17 Offshore boat trip to Midriff Islands: marine mammals, seabirds, and snorkeling
- May 18 Indigenous Peoples of the Region: The Comcaac (Seri) of the Infiernillo Canal; visit Estero Santa Rosa and Punta Chueca
- May 19 Estero Santa Cruz protected area
- May 20 (Sun) Departure for home; lunch en route



*Participants should be in good physical condition.
Daily activities include moderate hiking with optional swimming and snorkeling.*

A gear list and pre-trip reading suggestions will be provided.