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

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

Mzy 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.