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

April 29 - May 5, 2019
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 December 18 will receive an early bird discount of $100. (Single accommodations available for additional cost.)

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, or call our office for credit card payment information
This is a non-refundable deposit.
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Itinerary

Apr 29 (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.

Apr 30  Introduction to the Kino Bay Center, and the geography of the Gulf of California.

Nearshore boat trip, Isla Alcatraz seabird colony

May 1  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 2  Offshore boat trip to Midriff Islands:

marine mammals, seabirds, and snorkeling

May 3  Indigenous Peoples of the Region: The Comcaac (Seri) of the Infiernillo Canal; visit Estero Santa Rosa and Punta Chueca

May 4  Estero Santa Cruz protected area

May 5 (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.