

## Sea Quest Expeditions Trip Schedule – Join a Kayak Quest for Whales!

### *San Juan Islands-Sea Kayaking with Orcas & Eagles – from Friday Harbor, Washington*

The west side of San Juan Island is prime orca whale habitat and features the world's first whale-watching park. If your goal is to see whales while kayaking, you should choose an outfitter that operates trips in the specific whale-watching zone of Haro Strait. All other areas within the island group offer very little chance of seeing whales. Sea Quest tours are specially designed to encounter orca whales, as well as porpoises, bald eagles, seals, and other marine life. Overnight trips camp on scenic islands accessible only by boat, usually at our exclusive private campsite away from overcrowded parks. Our sheltered islands are perfect for inexperienced paddlers, youth groups and families. Children under 12 may be eligible for a 20% discount – call for details. We also offer women-only trips - guided by women, for women! **April-October: Half Day \$65, 1 Day \$85, 2 Day \$339, 3 Day \$499, 5 Day \$749**

### *Baja Peninsula -Sea Kayaking & Snorkeling in the Blue Whale Triangle – from Loreto, Mexico*

The most popular winter kayak destination in North America features the wilderness islands of Loreto Islands Marine Park, sunny skies, and dazzling starcapes. Come paddle and snorkel with colorful fish, playful dolphins, and colossal whales in the warmth of the Baja sun. A great winter getaway for those who seek sunshine and outdoor adventure! **November-April: 8 Day Trip \$1249 includes 2 hotel nights**

### *Inside Passage of Alaska - Icebergs, Glaciers & Humpback Whales – from Petersburg, Alaska*

Sea kayak among emerald islands cloaked in ancient rainforest. Our trip offers the best combination of whale-watching and glacier paddling. Tranquility is disturbed only by cavorting humpback whales and thunderous icebergs. Otters, sea lions, porpoises, and seabirds also abound in North America's last frontier. **June-August: 9 Day Trip \$1459 includes airplane drop-offs & 2 hotel nights**

Visit our website [www.sea-quest-kayak.com/zoetic.htm](http://www.sea-quest-kayak.com/zoetic.htm) for dates & details for these exciting adventures and much more! Call us at 888-589-4253 or 360-378-5767. Email: [zoetic@sea-quest-kayak.com](mailto:zoetic@sea-quest-kayak.com).

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*Ocean Kayaking and Whale-watching in the Premier Whale & Wildlife Destinations*

- **BAJA:** Sea of Cortez Islands & Pacific Lagoons •
- **WASHINGTON:** The San Juan Archipelago •
- **BRITISH COLUMBIA:** Wilderness Islands •
- **ALASKA:** Glacial Bays & Fjords •

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## Sea Quest Expeditions

Our goal is simply stated: we want to provide you with the best sea kayak trip of your life! Join us for an outdoor adventure that offers everything from energized fun to calm serenity. Our staff skillfully handcrafts every Sea Quest Expedition into a custom learning experience – one that will surely enhance your appreciation of our natural environment. All expeditions are led by actual biologists and naturalists who double as highly trained educators and sea kayak guides. This level of excellence distinguishes us from all other outfitters. Our guides transform your sea kayaking experience into an adventure in learning.

### **PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.SEA-QUEST-KAYAK.COM!](http://WWW.SEA-QUEST-KAYAK.COM)**

We have created an award-winning website that provides much more detail than is presented in this brochure. Our website is attractive, easy to read, and easy to navigate to the information you seek.

You can learn more about all the topics presented here plus many more. You will also find specific trip itineraries & dates, and a reservation form.

## Your Expedition Leaders

The most important resource you need on a guided kayak trip is a quality leader. That's why Sea Quest has taken a major step beyond ordinary outfitters in the selection and training of our field staff. The process begins by choosing candidates with extensive experience as outdoor instructors. These candidates must demonstrate a

comprehensive knowledge of natural history, backed up with academic credentials and often publications in their field. Finally, they must pass our own sea kayak guide training course, which is two to five times as long and intensive as any other outfitter's, to be followed by a lengthy apprenticeship. The result is that all Sea Quest Expedition leaders are prepared and committed to provide you with the best experience possible. You will find them knowledgeable, enthusiastic, reliable, and above all, fun!



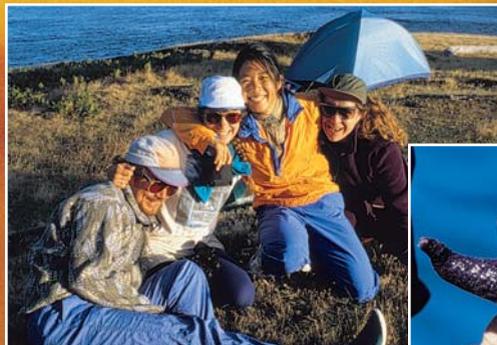
## Whalewatching with Sea Quest

All of our expeditions are designed for whale-watching – it's our specialty! Our paddling routes traverse the legendary whale retreats in the proper seasons: orcas in the San Juan Islands, humpbacks in Alaska, and both grays and blues along the Baja coasts. Sea Quest offers you the very best opportunity to see and learn about whales and other marine wildlife from the perspective of a sea kayak. We consider kayaks an environmentally friendlier alternative to motorized boats and hope you make the same choice.

On our field staff – *"Your incredible expertise and concern for excellence made the trip truly outstanding."* Dorle Vawter – St. Paul, MN

## ***YOU CAN PARTICIPATE***

If you can hike, bike or swim, you can paddle our sea kayaks. ***No previous experience is necessary!*** Nor do you need any swimming skills. Anyone in average physical condition may join a trip. The only prerequisite is a healthy spirit of curiosity and adventure. Regardless of your age or skill level you will find that our expeditions offer enough flexibility to make your experience with us safe and rewarding. We will show you proper paddling technique and water safety before leaving the beach. Our boats comfortably hold two paddlers and an abundance of gear. They are extremely safe and stable, yet swift and easy to maneuver with foot-controlled rudders. Due to their modern design and safety features, you will never have to “Eskimo roll” or capsize!



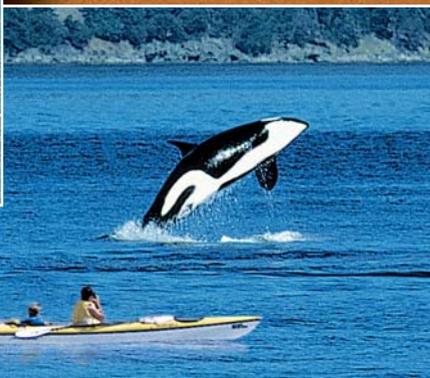
## ***THE ART OF SEAKAYAKING***

Sea kayaks create an intimate bond between paddler and ocean. Gliding silently across the water's surface in your kayak, you absorb the sea's pulse through paddle and hull. Like the salmon, puffin, and orca whale, you feel compelled to respond to complex rhythms of wave, current, and tide. These primeval sensations have been experienced by kayakers for centuries. Ancient people of the far north traveled in many styles of kayaks. Lone hunters stalked the frigid waters in tiny boats often made entirely from animal skins and bones. Larger kayaks transported whole families, including sled dogs and supplies. The remarkable seaworthiness of kayaks allowed their originators to hunt even the great whales on the open ocean. More recently, sea kayak adventurers have crossed the largest oceans of the world in these indomitable craft. The modern kayaks you will use on a Sea Quest Expedition represent a graceful blend of these enduring designs. Join one of our trips to experience the freedom of traveling lightly across the water.

On the spirit of the expedition: *"Superb . . . almost a dream-like quality, it was so beautiful. I will highly recommend you."* Melinda Pratt - Portland, OR

## ***ORCA WATERS: THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS***

Imagine yourself in a kayak flowing down a broad ribbon of blue water. Surrounding you are more islands than you can count, and in the distance, you see snow-capped mountain peaks. Your flotilla of companions rounds a headland crowned by an old lighthouse, and suddenly, they appear. A pod of twenty orcas rises to the surface, their six-foot dorsal fins cutting straight for your group. Your senses are filled by their awesome presence: explosive exhalations echo from the cliffs, the smell of fishy breath drifts on the breeze, and a seven-ton bull harmlessly breaches amid a thunderous splash. Glistening black-and-white hulks gently glide through your flotilla without so much as rocking a single kayak. Gradually the family of whales rounds the point and leaves your sight – but the memory stays with you forever.



When it comes to finding whales, Sea Quest Expeditions has the best success of any outfitter in the San Juan Islands – our records prove it. Our paddling routes are carefully planned to traverse the most important whale habitats. And our skilled guides are able to utilize their years of experience to help bring about an encounter. These are key differences between Sea Quest and other outfitters. Another is that we use kayak campsites that can only be reached by boat – usually at our exclusive private camp where we can avoid summer crowds at the public parks. Our one to five-day tours in the protected waters of the San Juan Islands are the perfect introduction to sea kayaking.

***Detailed information, itineraries and dates are available on our website.***

*“Paddling with the orca whales was the climax of an entirely great trip.”*  
Dr. David Eilender—Salt Lake, UT

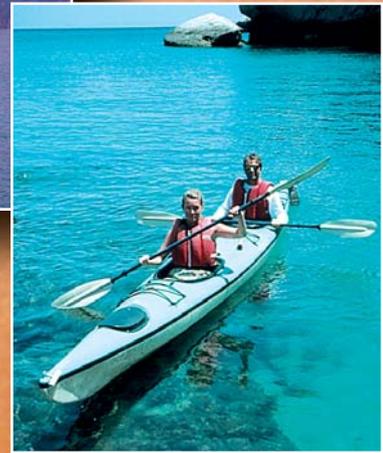


## ***THE FORGOTTEN PENINSULA: BAJA***

A collision of two opposing realms: desert wilderness and fertile sea. Perhaps this best describes the remote beaches of Baja. Do you seek sunny skies, uninhabited islands, and dazzling desert starscapes? Would you like to swim among colorful tropical fish, paddle with playful dolphins, and have a close encounter with a colossal whale? The spectacular coast of Baja awaits you this winter season. Whether you are a kayaker, hiker, snorkeler, fisher, beachcomber, or naturalist, our Baja trips have something for you.

Join our experienced biologists for the finest guided kayaking expeditions in Mexico. We lead expeditions on both sides of this narrow peninsula, kayaking in regions that are amazingly different despite their nearness. On the Sea of Cortez side we traverse the “*Blue Triangle*”, perhaps the only location in the world where blue whales and other huge species may be commonly encountered by sea kayak. Many of the campsites we use here are part of the Loreto Islands Marine Park where fragile desert ecosystems have been spared from grazing and human impacts. Over on the Pacific side we explore the lagoons famed for vast herds of breeding gray whales, some friendly enough to be petted!

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On Baja . . . *“I was essentially at the ends of the earth . . . it was fantastic!”* Mark Hoffman—Seattle, WA

## ***THE GLACIAL FJORDS OF ALASKA***

For adventurers, Alaska is one of the most inspiring destinations in the world. It is remote, biologically rich, and awesomely beautiful. In answer to the eager urging of our alumni, we are now offering two different kayak expeditions to explore the most remarkable of Alaskan locations.

Our most popular trip is called "Glaciers & Whales", actually a combination of two unique areas linked by a scenic seaplane flight. One campsite overlooks an important humpback whale feeding ground, and the other is placed near LeConte Glacier. The tranquility of these camps is often disturbed by explosive "calving" of huge icebergs into the sea, and by cavorting whales! Our most remote route is in the Tebenkof Wilderness, a supremely isolated region of ancient rainforest and fertile waters. Whales, sea lions, and sea otters abound in this spectacular setting. *Detailed information, itineraries and dates are available on our website.*



On Alaska . . . *"I've been on other kayak trips before but this one had to be the best!"*  
Dave Semega – Olympia, WA