

# Popular Animal Tourism Spots in Mexico



When planning to travel to Mexico, it is advisable to look at a list of the most appealing places to visit and get information about the animals living in sanctuaries and those living in the wild. Mexico has many fascinating animal spots where you can see animals such as great white sharks and ocelots among others. They include the following.

## **Racho El Aribabi**

This is a ranch that lies about thirty miles south of New Mexico in Mexico's Sonora state. It is a popular spot for bird watching. This conservation ranch currently works together with the Sky Alliance as it seeks to keep the Jaguar from becoming extinct with photos of this big cat being taken in the ranch. More than thirty five endangered or threatened species of animals and plants live in Racho El Aribabi. The ranch has guestrooms and facilities for up to twelve people and you can support its course by visiting it.

## **Gray Whales of Baja**

It is curious to find gray whales that appear friendly as they are mentioned in an article in New York Times Magazine written by Charles Siebert. These whales live in three areas off of Baja, California. These areas are San Ignacio Lagoon, Laguna Ojo de Liebre and Puerto San Carlos – Bahía de Magdalena. According to Toni Frohoff, who is a behavioral biologist, the whales seek to interact with visitors. The whales migrate to Baja during the months of January to March.

## **Catazajá; Wetlands, Chiapas**

The animals that live in the Catazajá; Wetlands are Antillean manatees. Visitors usually see them often in the south western part of these wetlands characterized by permanent lagoons.

## **Sea Turtles in Laguna San Ignacio**

The green sea turtle that lives in San Ignacio Bay is under research and people who live in this area assist with the research work. They have a reason to protect this endangered species as they are compensated for their efforts. You can also help with these efforts through Earthwatch and See Turtles. You can expect to pay 2,500 dollars for a 1-week expedition.

## **Magdalena Bay**

See Turtles works together with groups that labor to conserve turtles and eco-volunteers and you can take a trip to see the researchers study the green turtle, which is an endangered species. During the research work, locals are responsible for trapping the turtles in nets. This is a good alternative to fishing

or poaching turtles, which kills many turtles accidentally. This work is completed through GrupoTortuga and Magdalena Baykeeper.

### **Hammerhead Sharks in the Sea of Cortez**

The Sea of Cortez is home to Hammerhead sharks. This area lies close to Baja, California. Through club Cantamar, you can participate in diving, boating and kayaking expeditions to see whale sharks and hammerheads. Young sharks are found close to the shore while adults gather in undersea hills during the day.

### **Great White Sharks of Guadalupe Island**

Shark Diver offers five-day packages that cost about 2,500 to 3,200 dollars for Great White Shark viewing tours. The tours start from Ensenada and San Diego in Mexico and end at the area near the Guadalupe Island. Only certified divers are allowed to participate in Shark Diving tours. Shark Divers also offers shark expeditions in many other hotspots worldwide.

### **Xcaret**

One of the largest manatee populations in Mexico is found in Quintana Roo. Their numbers are close to a hundred and they particularly live in the Bahia de Chetumal, Rio Hondo and Laguna Guerrero areas. The area around Cancun also hosts swim with manatees programs, which are unsavory and unusual since this species is endangered. Manatees are also found in the Xcaret's Eco Park even though the park claims that it rescued them.

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