

Learning Expeditions - Educators



Purpose: To increase your understanding of the theory and practice of experiential place-based learning (EPBL).

Participants: – Up to 12 educators/participants (plus 2 guides & 2 program deliverers).

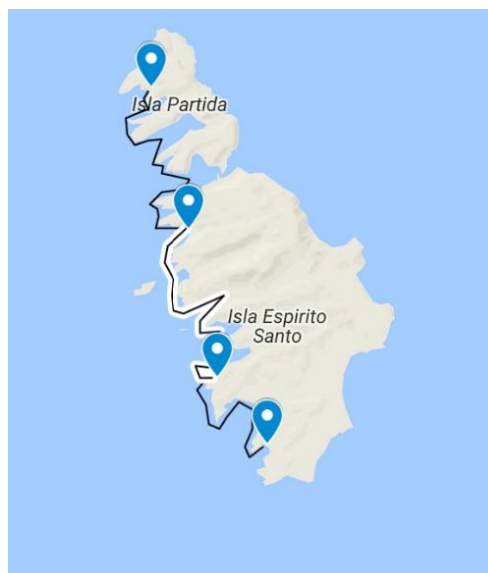
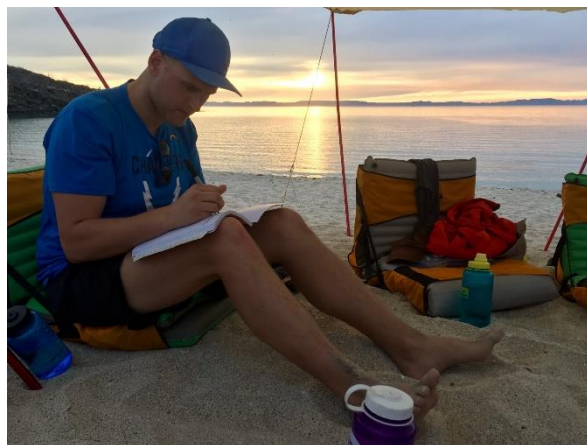
Cost: \$3400 CAD (includes instruction, guiding services, 2 hotel stays in La Paz, 5 nights camping, boat shuttle to and from Isla Espirito, sea lion experience, all group gear and food (including kayaks and tents). You are responsible for your flights

to and from La Paz (flying into Cabo and shuttling to La Paz is sometimes a more economical option), baggage fees, food during travel, personal gear or rental (such as sleeping bag, snorkel gear, wetsuit if desired).

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this professional development, you will be able to:

1. Propose new ways to incorporate EPBL in their courses and programs
2. Design, deliver and evaluate learning in accordance to EPBL principles
3. Advocate for the increase of EPBL in their home institutions
4. Exemplify adoption of EPBL





Location: La Paz, Mexico and Espiritu Santos Island.

See link to zoom in on map:

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Agenda

March 30-April 6, 2024 (5 nights camping)		
Sat. Mar. 30	Arrive in La Paz before supper (via Cabo or fly direct to La Paz) and stay in Hotel (cost covered)– meet group, instructors & guides for supper (your cost)	
Sun. Mar. 31	Head out by motorboat to National Park (Espirtu Santos Island). Camp on Playa Dispensa for intro to sea kayaking lesson – this includes learning and performing a wet exit – meaning going upside down in the kayak and getting out	
	Experiential Place Based Learning (EBPL) session 1 – What is it? Definitions	
Mon. Apr. 1	Paddle 9 km to campsite 2- paddle in Mangrove	
	Experiential Place Based Learning (EBPL) session 2 – Why Does it Matter	
Tues. Apr. 2		Paddle 13.8km to campsite 3 (& 4) (Playa Candelora) - stop and hike - to caves
	Experiential Place Based Learning (EBPL) session 3 – How to Design for EPBL	
Weds. Apr. 3	Stay at Campsite - Experiential Place Based Learning (EBPL) session 4 - How to Deliver with EPBL	
	Experiential Place Based Learning (EBPL) session 5 – How to Evaluate with EPBL	
Thurs. Apr. 4	Paddle 13.3km to campsite 5 (Playa Ensenada Grande), hike	
	Experiential Place Based Learning (EBPL) session 6 – How to Share EPBL	
Fri. April 5	Experiential Place Based Learning (EBPL) session 7 – Final reflections/celebration/commitment	
	Sea lion colony (swim with sea lions), back to La Paz, farewell dinner. Stay at Hotel (cost covered)	
Sat. Apr. 6	Depart Mexico (from La Paz or Cabo)	
Note: Agenda is wind and weather dependent – plans subject to change		

Participant Expectations:

Pre-trip preparation: Read 'Experiential Education in the College Context' by Jay Roberts and 'On Becoming Experiential' by Carrie Nolan



During trip: Full participation in all EPBL sessions. Also, as the trip is 'cooperatively' catered, there is no motor boat support. You are kayaking fully loaded kayaks and participating in all the camping and cooking duties, under the leadership of your guides.



We are guided by Baja Outdoor Activities (BOA). Some FAQs about their trips (<http://www.kayactivities.com/planning.php>):

What will the weather and sea temperatures be like?

In March/April, the temperatures is hot/warm with warm/chilly evenings. Days will range from 26-33C and nights will range from 11-16C (yes, you will need a toque and warm layers). There will be little to no rain. The sea temperature is 18-25C.

What will we paddle?

BOA takes a combination of singles and double kayaks on all of our trips. We try to rotate people around so that everyone has a chance to paddle the different kayaks.

I've never sea kayaked before, does that matter?

This trip is rated beginner-intermediate. The first day on the island will begin with a sea kayak school. Your experienced guides will help you get the hang of paddling, however, this is a physically demanding trip in that you will be living on the ground and getting in and out of kayaks and paddling distances each day.



Can I fish on this trip?

During our kayaking trips there is often time and opportunity to fish. If you are keen to participate/fish, please come prepared with your own rod and lures. Green and yellow medium size (4-5") Rapalas <http://rapalaworld.com/> are the most popular lures. At times you may be able to fish from your kayak and/or from the rocky shoreline. You will need a fishing permit which can be purchased on-line. Permits cost \$17/day - \$30/week - \$40/month - \$52/year (US dollar prices). Alternatively you can buy one in our office before the trip.

Where do I go to the bathroom?

We provide marine portable toilets which are set up in secluded locations each time we change camp site.