

Cruising with ISLAND PACKERS

Authorized Concessionaire to the Channel Islands National Park

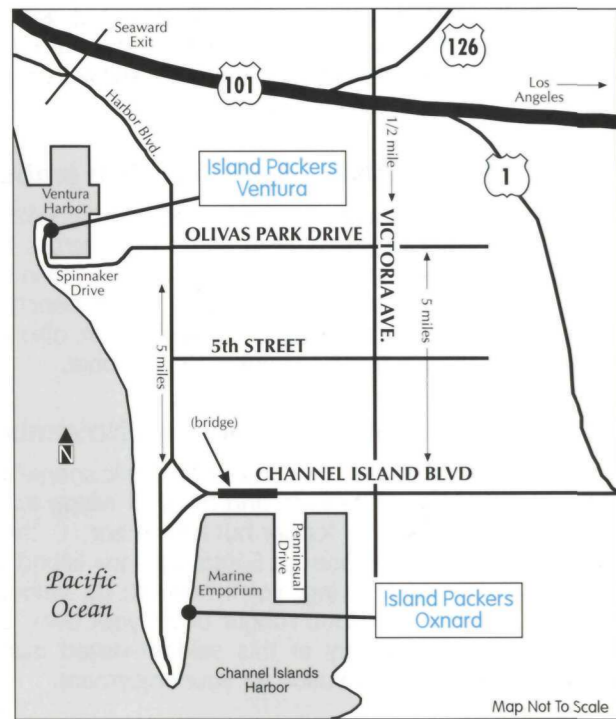


ISLAND PACKERS invites you to come aboard for an exciting -- and educational -- Nature Discovery Tour of the Channel Islands National Park. A variety of tour itineraries are offered year-round giving visitors a rare opportunity to witness the seasonal ebb and flow of life in a marine wilderness.

All ISLAND PACKERS' tours emphasize the joy of discovery. Tour groups are small, the mood is friendly and the crew enthusiastic. Since weather is often unpredictable -- and, on occasion, island landings may be wet -- be sure to dress comfortably (in layers), wear sturdy shoes (with non-skid soles), protect your camera, snacks, etc. by putting them in plastic bags, and be physically and mentally prepared for possible "extra excitement" as you discover the unique nature of Channel Islands National Park.

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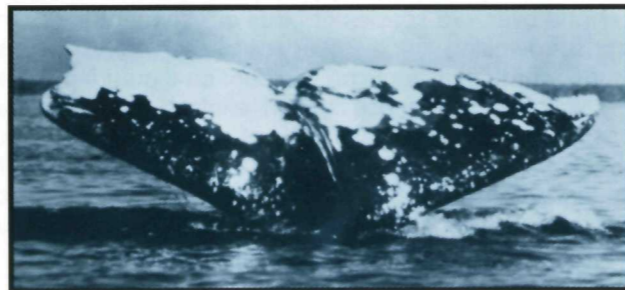
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WHALE WATCHING

PACIFIC GRAY WHALE

December thru March



EVERY YEAR THE Pacific Gray Whale migrates 6,000-10,000 miles to secluded lagoons in Mexico to breed and bear their young then journey back to their feeding grounds in the Bering Sea. ISLAND PACKERS invites you to observe these magnificent animals as they pass through the waters of the Santa Barbara Channel. HALF-DAY and ALL-DAY Whale Watching tours begin December 26th and continue through March.

BLUE AND HUMPBACK WHALES

June thru September

For the past several years large numbers of blue and humpback whales have returned to feed off the north shore of Santa Rosa Island. View these magnificent marine mammals on special all day excursions to Santa Rosa Island with a visit to Painted Cave on Santa Cruz Islands north shore.



Channel Islands National Park

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CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS:

Call: (805) 642-1393 between 9am & 5pm.



Weekend and holiday trips fill quickly during spring and summer months so, to avoid disappointment, be sure to make your reservations at least two weeks in advance. Island Packers will hold reservations with a credit card number or full advance payment. As soon as your reservation is confirmed you will be provided with complete details of your trip, what to bring, and where and when to check in for your trip. A minimum number of reservations are required for all Island Packers trips. If we do not have enough reservations to fulfill the minimum, the trip will be cancelled prior to the departure date. (See Cancellation Policy, below.)

CANCELLATION POLICY

Individual Day Trip Reservations: Notice of cancellation must be received by Island Packers no later than 5 days prior to your trip date for a full refund. Two-Day Excursions or Camper Transportation: Notice of cancellation must be received by Island Packers no later than 14 days prior to your trip date for a full refund. Weather Cancellations: During winter and spring months, scheduled trips may have to be cancelled due to adverse weather and/or sea conditions. For this reason, we ask that you call 805/642-1393 after 5:30 a.m. on the day of your trip to verify its departure. (For trips departing prior to 5:30 a.m., please call the same number the day before your trip date.) If your trip is cancelled by Island Packers, you may reschedule another date or receive a full refund. If weather and/or sea conditions cause your trip to return early, the boat fare will be prorated.

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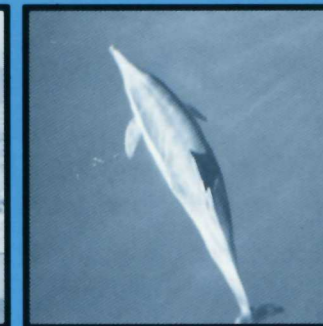
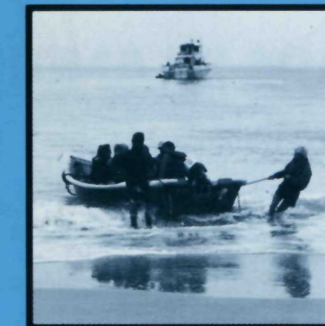
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EAST ANACAPA ISLAND

All Day Excursion – Year Round

BE PREPARED to climb 153 steps to the island's plateau where spectacular, panoramic views, picnic areas, a visitor center and nearly two miles of nature trails await. A National Park Service Ranger is usually available to lead nature walks and answer questions. After exploring the island, you'll cruise along Anacapa's north shore to observe seals, sea lions, and a variety of birds. (The channel crossing is approximately 1-1/2 hours.)

EAST ANACAPA EXPRESS

Year Round

THIS IS A shorter version of the All-Day Excursion to East Anacapa Island. You'll have approximately two hours ashore for island exploration and an opportunity to see Arch Rock as well as seals, sea lions, a myriad of bird life. (Channel crossing takes about 1 hour.)

WEST ANACAPA ISLAND

All Day Excursions

Tidepool Exploring - November thru April Swim & Snorkel Days - June thru October

Special landings on days of low tides. Enjoy 2 - 3 hours of tidepool exploration, picnicing, or just plain relaxing; followed by a narrated cruise to watch seals, sea lions, and graceful birds against the backdrop of Anacapa's rugged coastline. Crystal clear waters and kelp beds teeming with marine life offers hours of swimming and snorkeling enjoyment during summer and early fall.

ANACAPA HALF-DAY CRUISE

Non Island Landing

A PERFECT WAY to discover the natural environment of Channel Islands National Park without going ashore! This half-day tour includes a narrated cruise along Anacapa Island's rugged north shore highlighted by sightings of sea lions, seals and island birds. (A variety of marine animals and birds may also be encountered during the channel crossing.) You'll have plenty of time to capture it all on film so don't forget your camera. Relaxed, enjoyable and educational, the Anacapa Half-Day cruise is a great way to spend quality time with family and friends.

EAST SANTA CRUZ

Scorpion Anchorage Year Round

Santa Cruz, the largest of all the Channel Islands, offers some of the most varied hiking and opportunity for self exploration. Secluded coves and beaches are yours to discover. The Santa Cruz Island Scrub Jay, Island Fox, and many plants are "endemic" to the island (they are found nowhere else in the world). Swimming, snorkeling, and scuba diving are popular pastimes at Santa Cruz Island. Kayaking is increasingly popular among island visitors, and the coastline waters, sea caves, and coves of the island await the adventurous traveler. (Channel crossing takes about 1 and 3/4 hours).



ISLAND FOX

SANTA BARBARA ISLAND

April thru November

SANTA BARBARA Island is truly an island of the sea. A marine terrace with steep cliffs topped by two peaks, forty-six miles offshore from Ventura, the island is a remote haven for birds and marine wildlife. The island's 640 acres, laced with nature trails, provide spectacular views and visitor access to a diversity of plant and animal habitats. Home of the huge Northern Elephant Seal, Santa Barbara Island offers the rare opportunity to photograph and observe this magnificent marine mammal, along with sea lions, seals, birds, tide pools, island plants and wave-sculpted land forms. You may join the island ranger for a guided nature walk or, if you prefer, you can picnic and explore on your own. This is a rigorous tour so visitors should be in good physical condition. (Channel crossing takes about 3 hours.)

SANTA ROSA ISLAND

April thru November

WHITE SAND beaches, rolling grasslands, canyon groves of oak, ironwood and Torrey pines, seals, island foxes, elk, deer and over 195 species of birds are some of the many surprises awaiting your discovery as you explore Santa Rosa Island. Your time ashore can be spent on a nature hike (led by a National Park Service ranger), exploring the shoreline, or simply relaxing in the serenity of this distant isle. Your cruise to and from the island will be highlighted with frequent sightings of marine mammals and a spectacular view of the Painted Cave on the North Shore of Santa Cruz Island. (Channel crossing takes 3 to 3-1/2 hours).



OVERLOOKING POINT BENNETT

SAN MIGUEL ISLAND

April & June thru October

SPECIAL ONE and two-day excursions are scheduled to this beautiful, secluded island. You will board the boat the evening before for an early morning departure to Cuyler's Harbor, San Miguel Island. After landing through the surf onto a sandy beach, you'll enjoy hours of island exploration to discover such places as the eerie Caliche Forest (ghostlike calcium-carbonate castings of ancient trees).

On the two-day trip, visitors will also go around the island to the Point Bennett area (weather permitting); the only area in the world where SIX species of pinniped (seals and sea lions) are found together. After sleeping aboard, you'll go ashore on Santa Rosa Island the second day for hours of hiking, enjoying the crystal-clear waters, or just relaxing. All meals are included in the two-day trip. (The crossing to San Miguel Island takes about 5 hours and can be rough).

ISLAND CAMPING

FEW AMENITIES are available to Channel Island campers. The National Park Service provides vault toilets, tables and, on Santa Rosa and San Miguel, windscreens. You will have to pack in everything else you need -- including water.* Camping permits are required. Call 800-365-2267.

ANACAPA ISLAND - Year Round

Camping atop this small islet offers little area for hiking, but plenty of solitude and natural beauty. During the summer months (or all year round if you have a wetsuit), the underwater preserve of East Anacapa gives snorkelers a magnificent expanse of wonders to explore.

EAST SANTA CRUZ ISLAND - Year Round

The Scorpion Ranch campground is located within the eucalyptus grove behind the historic buildings. Campers must carry all gear 1/4 mile from Scorpion Beach landing area to the campground.

SAN MIGUEL ISLAND - May thru November

Camping on San Miguel Island is for the hearty! The Channel crossing (4-5 hours one-way) can be rough and landing through the surf exciting. You may experience strong winds or thick fog during your stay, but will be rewarded with rare opportunities for hiking and kayaking as you explore this remote island wilderness known as the "Back Country of the Channel Islands."

SANTA ROSA ISLAND - April thru November

The campground on Santa Rosa is tucked back into Water Canyon with a spectacular view of Santa Cruz across the ocean. Campers may spend hours hiking unescorted in the Canyon's watershed and along a portion of the beach at Canyon's mouth. Guided, ranger-led walks can also be arranged. Beach camping for kayakers is available.

SANTA BARBARA ISLAND - April thru November

Camping on this remote island offers fantastic snorkeling and kayaking, plenty of solitude and miles of hiking trails. You may stay for 3 days or longer but remember . . . there are no stores or distractions on Santa Barbara Island so whatever you forget to bring, you'll have to do without. Whether guided by the island ranger or on your own, the wildlife and natural beauty of this seldom-visited island offers a world of serene isolation for your enjoyment.

*Water available at Santa Rosa