

CUBAR ODYSSEY SPECIAL EVENTS

The cruise from San Diego to La Paz is just the beginning of your Mexican cruising adventure. The CUBAR Odyssey Committee has put together some additional, optional culinary and cultural events that will enhance the overall cruise. These activities are not part of your entrance fee and may require advance reservations and payments. Periodic updates to the Special Events may be found in the **Documents** tab at cubar.sdyc.org.

Ensenada

Wine Tasting/ Lunch in Guadalupe Valle, Wednesday, November 8

Take a tour through Guadalupe Valle's beautiful high desert vineyards. Spend two indulgent hours visiting Casa de Piedra founded by one of Mexico's founding fathers of this growing wine region, Hugo d'Acosta. Following a tour of the vineyard we will walk up the hill to Conchas de Piedra. This is Michelin-rated chef Drew Deckman's latest venture in the Guadalupe/Ensenada area. Sitting on a patio looking out over the vast panoramic views of the neighboring vineyards we will be treated to a light tasting lunch specializing of the pairing of Casa de Piedra's sparkling wines with oysters, ceviche and other seafood treats fresh from Ensenada's shores. The tour includes four tasting courses paired with three sparkling wines, two red wines.

Contact **1-800-862-9020** to reserve and pay for your space. Ask for Veronica Ochoa to make reservation for **CUBAR Wine Tour**. Best time is between 10:00 and 6:00 p.m. You will be asked to make a non-refundable credit card payment at time of reservation. Tour is limited to 50 people. \$70.00 + tax/person. ***It will be necessary to pay an additional \$7.50/person or \$15.00/couple service fee at the winery.***

Magdalena Bay

Guided Tour of Magdalena Bay Mangroves, Tuesday, November 14.

Mag Bay is home to one of the most pristine and biologically important mangroves in the world. As the largest wetland in Baja, the mangroves provide an important sanctuary for wildlife. Board your dinghies and join us for a guided tour of the mangroves where we are likely to see crested cormorants, herons,

ospreys and other wildlife. Cost: CUBAR is providing guide but tips for the guide will be appreciated.

Mangrove fishing trip, Tuesday, November 14

Want to take full advantage of the wonders of Mag Bay? Some of the best mangrove fly fishing is right here in Mag Bay. You can hire a private fishing guide and fly fish from a panga. This ½ day excursion can accommodate 1-3 persons per panga. You will need to provide your own fishing gear. The cost of the guide and panga is \$200 + tip per panga. Contact Tom Nielsen at tom@nielsenbeaumont.com for more information.

San Jose del Cabo

Thursday Night Art Walk, Thursday, November 16.

Behind San Jose del Cabo's historic main square and church lies the ever-growing Gallery District, which in recent years has become the cultural center of Los Cabos with many high-end fine art galleries displaying original paintings, sculpture, photography, prints and jewelry made by local, throughout Mexico and international contemporary artists. Along with an abundance of galleries, the Gallery District is home to some of the area's top restaurants. Every Thursday night the galleries and restaurants stay open from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. CUBAR is providing a shuttle from the marina to the town square so that cruisers may spend a lovely evening walking around this iconic Colonial town and grabbing a bite to eat in one of their many restaurants. Shuttle times will be announced closer to the evening. Cost: Tip for the driver will be appreciated.

Brunch/Lunch at Flora Farms, San Jose del Cabo, Friday, November 17

Up the hill for Puerto Los Cabos marina is the fabulous Flora Farms. This restaurant has been rated as one of the top ten farm-to-table restaurants in the world! It is a short cab ride or healthy walk for you to go up to Flora Farms where you can dine, shop and walk their gorgeous grounds. Their Bloody Marys' are truly a garden treat! You can make your dining reservations at reservations@flora-farms.com. In prior years, it has been challenging to get a taxi for the return trip from the Flora Farms back to the marina. There is now a taxi stand at the farm and return transportation is easily available.

Note: Friday evening is the CUBAR dinner party so plan your trip to be back at the marina by 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30.

Cooking Class/Lunch at Nim Restaurante, La Paz, Dates to be determined based on participants. More information about this is listed below.

Cristina Kiewek of Azul Marino Restaurante and Nim Restaurante has designed an interactive cooking class for Cubaristas. The plan is to spend the morning cooking Mexican specialties followed by lunch where we will get to eat everything we made. We will also receive printed recipes to take home. The menu looks fabulous!

- Sopa de tortilla – *tortilla* soup with crispy tortilla, crema, cotija cheese, ancho chiles and avocado
- Sope de cochinita pibil frijoles refritos y encurtido de cebolla morada – *Yucatan style pulled pork with refried beans and pickled red onion*
- Ceviche de camaron al verde - *shrimp ceviche with cucumber cilantro, mint, mango, serrano and avocado*
- Albondigas al chipotle – *chipotle meatballs served with a roasted tomato sauce, cilantro and Chiapas cheese*
- Enchiladas verdes – *Chicken enchiladas with green salsa and tortillas au gratin*
- Flan casero con crujiente de nuez – *Traditional Mexican Flan served with crispy nut crumble.*

Available dates for the class are November 21, 22, 27 and 28. Cost is \$1500 pesos (\$80). Classes are a minimum of 6 people and a maximum of 12 people.

Please email Kelly Dahill at kellydahill@cox.net with the dates you are available for the class. You will then be given instructions on how to pay the restaurant. Sign up early as these will fill up quick!

Upcoming Events in 2018

Day trip to Todos Santos, January 2018 date to be determined.

Staying in La Paz and Sea of Cortez environs during the month of January? We can charter a bus to go into the picturesque Colonial town of Todos Santos. The weather should be great to walk the cobbled streets to shop in the galleries and bazaar, visit the famous Hotel California of the Eagles song, as well as dine in one of the many restaurants. Cost of the charter vehicle will be split among evenly among participants. If interested, email Kelly Dahill at kellydahill@cox.net.

Loreto/Puerto Escondido Rendezvous, March 2018 date to be determined.

You have spent the winter exploring the Sea of Cortez, cruising down to Puerto Vallarta and perhaps fishing off the tip of Cabo – basically doing your own thing. What's left to do? Let's meet for a final rendezvous in Loreto/Puerto Escondido. The marina in Puerto Escondido is truly awe inspiring, nestled on the waterfront with the majestic Sierra Gigante mountains as a backdrop. A short cab ride takes you into the colonial mission town of Loreto which is a great, lazy place to hang out for a day or two. There are additional opportunities to visit the missions up in the mountains. If interested, email Kelly Dahill at kellydahill@cox.net.