Sister ships *Sea Bird* and *Sea Lion* carry only 62 guests and feel more like private yachts than cruise ships.
Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

Each winter, one of the world’s most exciting wildlife phenomena takes place in the bays and lagoons of Baja California’s Pacific coast — gray whales arrive by the thousands to breed, give birth and nurture their young. Why not follow the whales on your own migration to the warm and sunny climate of Baja?

This January 13-20, 2007, you can be part of this awesome event. Join us on an eight-day voyage around the coast of the Baja Peninsula. Cruising aboard our 62-guest expedition ship Sea Bird, experience firsthand the age-old migration patterns of the California grays. Sail around the tip of Baja, searching for fin, blue, sperm, and humpback whales in the crystal waters of the Sea of Cortez. The Sea Bird is the ideal vessel for exploring this remarkable region. She can easily maneuver to follow whales or a school of playful dolphins. And, where our ship can’t go, our Zodiac landing craft can, allowing for an up-close and personal view of these gentle and majestic giants.

Although the whales are a highlight of the journey, your voyage includes much more. Awake to a desert-hued sunrise... look for the green flash on the horizon at sunset... savor a beach barbecue as stars move across the desert sky... snorkel among playful sea lions in the clear waters of an isolated cove... kayak through the crystalline waters.

Most importantly, a dedicated staff of Naturalists, experts in their fields who know this region well and take pleasure in sharing their vast knowledge, will accompany you throughout your voyage. The Captain and his crew also keep a constant watch, surveying the seas for the next whale blow or giant fluke slapping the water’s surface.

I hope you will join us for an adventure that is both enriching and fun. You will come away refreshed — with new perspectives, a new understanding of the natural world and some new friends, too.

For reservations, please contact the Carleton Alumni Affairs office toll-free at 800-729-2586 or 507-646-5645, or return the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,
The Carleton Alumni Adventures Program Committee
Joanne Mechling ’87 (chair), Althea Dotzour ’99, Karin Feldt ’61, Andrea Iseminger ’59, Vicki Rupp ’66, Dan Turnquist ’65

P.S. As we strive to make getting to and from our ships easier, we have arranged for an exclusive charter flight between Los Angeles and La Paz. To further entice you, we’ve decided to provide this round-trip flight to you with our compliments when you book by August 31, 2006!

For information on other Carleton alumni adventures visit http://go.carleton.edu/4
I’ve sailed all the world’s oceans in my 40 years as an oceanographer and nowhere else have I seen the variety and numbers of whales that I have seen in Baja California. On a two-week voyage we saw thirteen species, including pygmy sperm and false killer whales. When most people think of Baja and whales, they think of the California grays which migrate yearly to the calving lagoons on the west side of the peninsula. An estimated 17,000 animals make the migration every year and so they are very much in evidence. But it is in the Sea of Cortez that the greatest variety is observed, beginning with thousands of common dolphins, hundreds of bottlenose dolphins and going all the way to the largest animals to ever exist on the planet, the blue whales. We also observe the second largest whales, fin whales, sometimes in large numbers, as well as Bryde’s, humpbacks, and the largest of the toothed whales, sperm whales. In addition we can see other toothed whales including killer whales, pilot whales, beaked whales, false killer whales, pygmy sperm whales and spinner dolphins. On special occasions we observe rarely seen behaviors, such as dolphins “bow-riding” on the great whales, life-and-death struggles between killer whales and their prey, and lunge-feeding by fin whales. In no other place can all these things be seen together.

— James Kelley, Naturalist
Early this morning, the Sea Bird seemed isolated from the rest of the world, as a dense curtain of fog covered the whole area; La Florida, located south of the town of López Mateos, was immersed in an ethereal atmosphere. Cruising the calm, silent waters in the Zodiacs looking for whales was exciting to say the least! We soon encountered a couple of gray whales, mother and baby, and they too seemed to be influenced by the beauty of the moment, as the calf started breaching excitedly. Slowly, the fog dissolved to reveal a scenery of pure beauty, where whales rivaled frigate birds, pelicans, cormorants and bottlenose dolphins to get our attention. Well, not really, as it was very difficult to ignore those cavorting whale calves, playfully getting mouthfuls of mud as they followed the slow peace of their moms! Days like today remind all of us of why we came to Baja in the first place, as it is really unique. — Carlos Navarro, Underwater Specialist

Read more about the whales of Baja at www.expeditions.com
Daily Expedition Report | La Florida, Magdalena Bay, March 14, 2006

Photos left to right: Graceful fin whale; dramatic fluke of a blue whale; swift swimming orca can travel up to thirty miles per hour; a humpback performing a spectacular breach; sperm whale fluke; pilot whale sighting.
In the Baja desert, the primary citizens are the giant cardon cacti. Highly visible and widespread, these plants are emphatic greeters beckoning from an exotic and unique landscape. Their uplifted arms advertise a dramatic promise of wonders to come once you pass beneath their boughs. There are dozens of different kinds of cactus here, from the tiny fish hook, to the massive barrel, to the many-armed organ pipe. But be careful! Each is a fortress, with row after row of crenate ribs and rank upon rank of star-bursting spines guarding the most precious desert commodity — moisture. And yet, most species also have their softer, almost fuzzy side; they show it during the warm days of early spring, when they become concerned about reproduction. As onlookers, we are dazzled by rare colors, gorgeous shapes, and often experience pleasant scents from cactus flowers. These are “animal pleasing” characteristics that many other plants also strive to achieve with their flowers. But unlike lots of plants, cacti do things on the grandest of scales and with the greatest of panache. Petals look like crumpled tissue paper as they unfurl to expose bountiful pollen and nectar to bats, orioles and insects that carry the plant’s future to another flower for cross-polllination. Let us unravel some of the desert’s vast biological mysteries for you in Baja.

— Dennis Cornejo, Naturalist
Baja California boasts 91 species of cacti — including the tallest in the world: the giant cardon. Spring showers transform the desert vegetation into a blaze of color, with barrel cactus blooms and nightshade flowers. They burst onto the scene with a palette of surprisingly brilliant shades of yellow, blue, red and purple.
“Most islands present one with a state of permanent indecision — do you stay ashore and move about the wonders, or do you find a face mask and snorkel and look under the sea? Some islands present the dilemma more than most because there is so much on dry land.” — Keith Shackleton, Artist & Naturalist

In many ways, Keith captures the essence of what it means to be in Baja. It’s far more than the marine mammals that have put it on the map as an “international capital of wildness.” It goes way beyond the sea and its creatures. There’s the land: the fantastic dunescapes that happen where the desert meets the sea. Or where the sea and wind carve the volcanic cliffs that host hundreds of endemic plants, plus reptiles and dozens of bird species. Our ships serve as a floating base camp from which we head out on daily discoveries — kayaking among mangroves, snorkeling with sea lions, and among glorious fish, hiking along natural paths with sculpted desert vegetation. Zodiacs expand our range as we land on uninhabited shorelines to see what awaits us. Every day presents new sets of activities to engage in and new discoveries to make.

Left to right: Kayak up close to nature and make your own personal discoveries; Heermann’s gull, a common site in Baja; tide pool on an uninhabited shoreline.

Read more about the undersea life of Baja at www.expeditions.com
Daily Expedition Report | Los Islotes and Isla Espiritu Santo, Gulf of California, Mexico, Friday, February 24, 2006

Greeting us vocally were hundreds of California sea lions, barking as they squabbled over a prime piece of rock on which they could dry their bodies and warm in the morning sun. Preferring to be in touch with each other — packed like sausages side-by side — growling and barking would erupt as one decided it was time to return to the cool water.

...Our day was only beginning. Wetsuits on, we were soon into the water with the sea lions and realizing just how inept we are in water compared to these sleek creatures. They swam rings around us! Later and also swimming rings around our ship was a massive school of common dolphins — adults and tiny calves — feeding along the east side of Isla Espiritu Santo. What a sight as they flashed to our bow and enjoyed a free ride in the clear water.

— Bryan Gates, Naturalist

Teeming with life: both above and beneath the surface
Encounter the rich tapestry of life beneath the surface by snorkeling (wet suits provided) in ideal conditions – calm seas, far-reaching visibility, and beckoning waters. Our Naturalists accompany all your outings, identifying sea life and ensuring your safety. At this time of year, impressive whale sharks as well as graceful mobula rays and ballet-like sea lions may cross your watery path. Spotted balloon fish (inset top right) and the aptly named bullseye ray (inset top left) and sunflower star (inset bottom right) may also be seen. The inviting water is teeming with colorful fish, fanciful invertebrates and birdlife. Rocky reefs and swaying gorgonian corals provide hiding places for king angelfish, tinsel squirrelfish and Cortez rainbow wrasses. Reef coronetfish drift slowly in the shallows. With luck, you might discover the five-pointed chocolate chip star, named for its brown-studded markings. And those who prefer a drier approach will be able to view this remarkable underwater footage — captured by our Undersea Specialist and by our special bow camera — in the comfort of our ship's lounge.
**Baja California:**
**Among the Great Whales**

**ITINERARY – 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS**

**Day 1: Los Angeles/La Paz/San Carlos/Embark Ship**
Arrive in La Paz on the charter flight from Los Angeles and drive across the Baja Peninsula to San Carlos to embark the ship. (D)

**Days 2, 3 and 4: Bahia Magdalena**
Imagine a vast system of protected harbors and channels, surrounded by a fringe of mangrove swamps at one edge of a vast, windswept plain. Such is Bahia Magdalena on the Pacific Coast of Baja California. It is one of the main breeding and calving areas for California gray whales. Each winter, the whales make the longest migration of any mammal — south from their Arctic feeding grounds to breed and raise their calves in these sheltered waters. In this vast water nursery, observe these enormous yet gentle animals from the ship and up close from our Zodiacs. One of nature’s greatest spectacles, these mysterious leviathans will humble and amaze you.

Also walk along sand dunes of incomparable beauty and discover dense mangroves by kayak and Zodiac. Bird watching in the mangroves can be excellent — magnificent frigate birds, pelicans, cormorants, terns and great blue
herons, ibis and willets are among the species we might see. On mud flats, we’ll often spot migrating species at rest. It’s not unusual to observe forty species of birds in just one day along these fertile shorelines where they refuel for their destinations ahead. (B,L,D)

**Day 5: Los Cabos and Gorda Banks**
Cruise past Friars Rocks at Land’s End. For those who wish, we will arrange a visit to the historic town center of San Jose del Cabo. The afternoon is spent at the Gorda Banks seamount, a gathering place for whales, especially humpbacks, as well as dolphins and other sea life. (B,L,D)

**Day 6: Islas Los Islotes and Espiritu Santo**
At Los Islotes, experience one of life’s great pleasures — snorkeling with curious sea lions. Don flippers, a mask and snorkel (which we’ll gladly provide) and swim among these graceful creatures. With deeply indented bays, Espiritu Santo may be the most beautiful island in the Sea of Cortez. We have a leisurely afternoon to swim, kayak or hike. Brown pelicans, gulls, wandering tattlers, great blue herons and boobies are all part of the landscape.

There are possibilities for long walks or lazy beachcombing. End the day with a relaxing beach barbecue complete with campfire and a star-filled sky. (B,L,D)

**Day 7: Exploring the Sea of Cortez**
With the luxury of no specific plan, we may search for whales among the islands of the southern Sea of Cortez, an area that has proven to be one of the best for finding blue whales, and often common and bottlenose dolphins. Explore one of the many lovely, uninhabited islands such as Isla San Jose or Isla Santa Catalina to walk among huge cacti, swim, snorkel, and observe the great diversity of bird life — verdins, ladder-backed woodpeckers and Costa’s hummingbirds. Swim and snorkel in the clear bay of our anchorage. Below the surface, observe king angelfish, butterfly fish, damselfish and the beautiful parrotfish. (B,L,D)

**Day 8: La Paz/Disembark/Los Angeles**
Disembark after breakfast in La Paz and drive to the airport for the charter flight to Los Angeles. (B)

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Everyone gets a front-row seat for the daily adventure show aboard Sea Bird and Sea Lion

Our twin expedition ships, Sea Lion and Sea Bird, can reach places inaccessible to larger ships, yet each comfortably accommodates 62 guests in 31 outside cabins. The feeling, we’re told, is often compared to that of a large private yacht, with everyone integral to the adventure.

Accessibility means freedom. Our Captains have years of sailing experience in the regions we explore. They know when and where to navigate so that you feel the places we visit are all ours. Thanks to our sturdy fleet of Zodiacs and a brace of virtually untippable kayaks, you can be off the ship and out exploring within a moment’s notice. Launch your kayak from a picturesque beach, hike with our Naturalists into a lush arroyo or walk easily along a sandy dune.

During your time with us, our expedition staff likes nothing better than to surprise and delight us by directing the ship toward breaching whales, bow-riding dolphins or into an alluring cove. Our seasoned crew consists of expert Zodiac drivers and considerate service providers. Their energy, enthusiasm and field expertise are sure to enhance your experience. This is what expedition travel is all about: not just seeing wildness, but being out there, in it.

LEXspa
Wellness with nature in mind.
We’ve introduced LEXspa to the Sea Lion and Sea Bird, so after a morning of vigorous kayaking or a lazy day on deck you can experience the escape of massage and other wellness treatments in the serene and spectacular environment of Baja.
The *Sea Bird* and *Sea Lion*'s small size allows for incredible maneuverability; the bow is the perfect viewing spot, whether through the lens of the binocular or camera. Naturalists are always there to help spot & identify wildlife. Zodiacs, our “Land Rovers” of the sea, make going ashore safe and easy. Our open seating and casual approach to the onboard dining experience makes it easy to pull up a chair, meet and mingle with fellow guests.

**Category 1:** Main Deck (#300-305)  
Sole Occupancy $3,990  
$5,990  
Conveniently positioned between the dining room & lounge, these cabins feature two single lower beds, a writing desk and a large view window.

**Category 2:** Upper Deck (#200-212, 215)  
Bridge Deck (#100-104)  
Sole Occupancy: All of the above $4,360  
$6,540  
These well-located cabins include two lower single beds & a view window.

**Category 3:** Upper Deck (#214, 216, 217, 219)  
Bridge Deck (#105, 106)  
$4,960  
These cabins feature a seating unit with table and two large view windows. Upper Deck cabins include two lower single beds which can convert to a double bed and a pull-out single bed for a third person. Bridge Deck cabins include two lower single beds only.

**Note:** Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only.  
Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double occupancy rate.

**Shares:** If you wish to share accommodations, we will be glad to make arrangements at the double occupancy rate in Category 1 and 2 only.

The *Sea Lion*, built in 1982, and *Sea Bird*, built in 1981, and refurbished in 2005, are of U.S. registry and comply fully with U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Gross Tonnage: 99; Overall Length: 152 feet; Draft: 8 feet; Cruising Speed: 12 knots.

**Complimentary Air on Among the Great Whales:**  
Round-trip charter flight from Los Angeles to La Paz is included in the cost when you book by August 31, 2006.
One of the hallmarks of Lindblad Expeditions is the caliber of our expedition team and ship’s crew — and the way they work in tandem to create opportunities for extraordinary experiences in the wild. All of our expeditions set out with a generous complement of experts aboard, under the direction of an experienced Expedition Leader (EL). Our Baja team includes land and marine biologists, botanists, geologists, cetacean specialists, as well as professional wildlife photographers. In addition to their expertise, there’s another important distinction between our expedition team and the idea of a “tour guide.” They aren’t there to herd you around, they are there because their knowledge adds immeasurably to your appreciation of all that you’ll see and experience. Whether you’re hanging out on deck with them whale watching, snorkeling a reef, or hiking up a wash to a spectacular wild cactus garden, you’ll find that their company — their passion and respect for the life we observe, and their sense of humor — will prove as vital to your enjoyment as the marine mammals and seabirds you’ll see. And a good part of the reason that you’ll see the sheer number and diversity of whales we routinely see, get in close to bird cliffs, sculptural rock formations or secret coves as we regularly do, is the quality of our Captains and their spirited and highly skilled crews. They know these waters intimately, and working with the expedition team, they chart courses based on their knowledge and instincts that bring us right to where we want to be: in front row seats.

You’ll experience Baja with one of the most passionate and expert Expedition Teams we have assembled.

Representing the entire season’s 40-person roster of expedition team are: Top, left to right: Expedition Leader Ralph Lee Hopkins, Naturalist Sharon Grainger, Naturalist William Lopez-Forment, Undersea Specialist Iliana Ortega and Wildlife Biologist Jack Swenson.

Gulf of California Conservation Fund
Together with the Mexican Nature Conservation Fund (MNCF) Lindblad Expeditions launched the Baja Forever! campaign, which gives guests the opportunity to promote conservation through donations that are then matched not once, but twice, by the Packard Foundation and the MNCF. Projects that will directly benefit from these funds include sea lion disentanglement at Los Islotes, the restoration of Santa Catalina Island to its natural state, and radar surveillance of Bahia Loreto Marine Reserve to monitor illegal fishing traffic in the reserve.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

COST INCLUDES: All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals; nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship; entrance fees; excursions and sightseeing; taxes, service charges, and tips (except to ship’s crew). There’s never a charge for kayaks, Zodiaks, snorkeling equipment, or the services of the ship physician and Lindblad’s expedition staff.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare to and from Los Angeles, alcoholic beverages; personal items such as phone/fax/email charges, travel protection plan; discretionary gratuities to ship’s crew; LEXspa; baggage/accident/travel protection plan.

NOTE: A complete packet of pre-journey information, including recommended reading and suggestions on what to bring, will be sent after your reservation is confirmed.

AIRFARE:

Please call Lindblad Expeditions at (888) 3-00 for information on flights to Los Angeles.

RESERVATIONS:

To confirm your place, a completed reservation form and an advance payment of $400 is required at the time of reservation and is payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover.

FINAL PAYMENT:

Due 60 days prior to departure.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLANS:

Travel protection and medical insurance are available at extra cost. Ask about our comprehensive guest protection plan for worry-free expedition.

SMOKING POLICY:

Allowed in designated outdoor areas.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of the Company’s liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests prior to final payment, and to prospective guests upon request.

NOTE:

Prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date, and are subject to change. The company reserves the right to impose surcharges based on increases in the company’s actual cost of fuel.

CANCELLATION POLICY

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This policy applies to expeditions and extensions. We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.

RESERVATION FORM

AMONG THE GREAT WHALES

Aboard the Sea Bird
January 13-20, 2007

Please reserve _________ place(s).

Name: ______________________________________________________ Class/Year: _______________________________

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Street Address:  _______________________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________ State: _________________ Zip: __________________________

Home Phone: _________________________________ Business Phone: _________________________________

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I/We are □ Smokers □ Non-smokers.

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Travel + Leisure 2005 World’s Best Tour Operators Award ranked Lindblad Expeditions in the top ten by readers.
Condé Nast Traveler Gold List 2006 ranked Lindblad Expeditions among the best:
“...a 93.9 score for Destinations/Itineraries, 96.2 Service and 89.3 for Activities.”