



THE WILD COAST WILD OAXACA ADVENTURE

Oaxaca is one of Mexico's most iconic regions. Gorgeous tropical landscapes and white sand beaches, rich culture, incredible wildlife, friendly people, and sumptuous food make it an ideal destination. The coastal region of Huatulco and southern Oaxaca is a world-class area of white sand beaches, wildlife-rich tropical forests, and the southernmost coral reefs of Mexico's Pacific Coast.

Led by ocean conservationist, author, and WILD COAST Executive Director Serge Dedina, this four-day itinerary includes snorkeling in Huatulco National Park with Mexican National Park staff, gentle rafting the Copalita River, releasing sea turtle hatchlings on the pristine and untouched Morro Ayuta beach with indigenous community leaders, and if conditions permit, witnessing a mass Olive Ridley sea turtle arribada (mass nesting event).

Add to this, private meals on white sand beaches featuring freshly caught and harvested seafood and natural ingredients cooked by indigenous and local chefs, and you have a unique and extraordinary adventure that few ever experience.

OCTOBER 24-27, 2019, 4 DAYS

US \$700 PER PERSON

Includes: Guide, airport transfers in Huatulco, transfers to and from included activities, guided snorkeling tour of Huatulco National Park including gear, guided rafting tour of Rio Copalita including gear, release of sea turtle hatchlings at Morro Ayuta, and four meals.

Airfare and hotel booked separately.

YOUR GUIDE: SERGE DEDINA—HERO OF THE SEA



Serge Dedina is an ocean conservationist, surfer, and author based in San Diego. He has spent the past 30 years protecting the unique coastal and marine ecosystems and wildlife of California and Mexico with The Nature Conservancy and WILD COAST. The co-founder and Executive Director of WILD COAST, Serge is the author of three books on conservation in Mexico. He oversees the successful WILD COAST conservation programs in Oaxaca focused on the protection of sea turtles, mangrove lagoons, as well as the globally important coral reef and marine life of Huatulco National Park.

Serge received the Peter Benchley “Hero of the Sea” Award, the San Diego Zoological Society’s Conservation Medal as well as the California Coastal Commission’s “Coastal Hero” Award in recognition of his conservation activities. His work has been reported on by *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Christian Science Monitor*, NPR, BBC, *Los Angeles Times*, NBC News, CNN and outlets around the world.

RECOMMENDED FLIGHTS

Departure: Volaris Thursday, October 24, 2019 Tijuana-Huatulco Flight: Y4 546 1:14pm – 7:10pm **US \$150**

Return: Volaris Sunday, October 27, 2019 Huatulco-Tijuana Flight: Y4 547 8:40pm – 11:58pm **US \$150**

It is recommended you purchase your CBX (Cross Border Xpress) ticket for the Tijuana airport with your flight. You may add this during the passenger information step of booking (approx. US \$32/person).

Participants are responsible for booking their own flights. Transfer to and from the airport in Huatulco will be provided for passengers on these flights. Flights may be booked at <https://www.volaris.com/>

ACCOMMODATIONS: HOTEL CAMINO REAL ZAASHILA HUATULCO

The Hotel Camino Real Zaashila Huatulco is a beautifully designed hotel by Mexican Architect Javier Sordo Madaleno located on the Pacific Ocean and the pristine beaches of Tangolunda Bay. With its gorgeous swimming pool, restaurants and bars with ocean views, this is a perfect and relaxing basecamp for your Oaxaca adventure. All rooms feature a balcony or porch, air conditioning, television, private bathroom, and a safe.

Deluxe Room (De Lujo): Approx. US \$145 per night + tax

Room 1: One king or two double beds

Deluxe Room w/ Private Pool: Approx. US \$190 per night + tax

Room 1: One king or two double beds

One Bedroom Suite w/ Private Pool: Approx. US \$210 per night + tax

Includes kitchenette, living area, and dining area.

Room 1: King bed

Two Room Suite w/ Private Pool: Approx. US \$360 per night + tax

Includes kitchenette, living area, and dining area.

Room 1: King bed Room 2: Two double beds

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel accommodations.

Reservations may be made here:

<https://www.caminoreal.com/Hotels/Details/CR/HUX>



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24



Today you'll arrive in tropical Huatulco. You will be escorted through the airport to your beachfront hotel, the Camino Real Zaashila Huatulco, surrounded by the azure waters and golden beaches of Tangolunda Bay. You can unwind with cocktails while watching the sunset. In the evening you'll be treated to a welcome dinner at the seaside restaurant *Azul Profundo*.



Meals Included: Dinner

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

After breakfast on your own, we will depart to the marina in Huatulco where you will gear up for our boat tour of Huatulco National Park, a gorgeous 17,000-acre protected area that encompasses Mexico's southernmost coral reefs, green-fringed, pristine white sand beaches and tropical forest. You will snorkel the underwater corals and spot marine life, and then have a leisurely lunch under a ramada on Playa Copalita, prepared by a chef from Colectivo Tilcoatlé, a local organization focused on community building and sustainable food.



Afterward, you will return to the Camino Real for a quick break and then depart for our afternoon adventure—rafting the Class II rapids of the Rio Copalita! We'll pass through tropical forest to embark on our voyage down this unique and stunning river that offers up plenty of scenic tropical forest views, as well as opportunities for bird watching. After our boat trip, we'll return to the hotel and you'll be free to have dinner on your own and visit the main plaza central of Huatulco for shopping opportunities.



Meals Included: Lunch

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

There are two scenarios for this day, depending on whether we are lucky enough to have a sea turtle arribada. If we have the opportunity to be present for an arribada, we will depart at 3:30am for Playa Morro Ayuta, so you'll be on the beach by 5:00 AM to catch the height of the arribada, when hundreds of thousands of sea turtles arrive to lay their eggs while the sun rises over distant mountain peaks. You will spend the morning with Mexican National Park staff, and sea turtle monitors from Rio Seco, an indigenous Chontal community. After the arribada you will have a freshly made breakfast at the Rio Seco Community Palapa on the beach and then return to the Camino Real for beach time, lunch and a siesta before our dinner adventure.



If there is no arribada, you will arrive at the Rio Seco Community Palapa at Morro Ayuta at 11am, release baby sea turtles with National Park staff, and then have a lunch of freshly caught seafood at the Palapa. Afterward, you will be taken back to the Camino Real. Our farewell dinner will be a unique and sumptuous Oaxacan feast prepared by Colectivo Tilcoatlé that will include their own brand of sustainably harvested and produced mescal.



Meals Included: Breakfast (scenario 1) or lunch (scenario 2), dinner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27



On your last day you are free to enjoy the beach and/or shopping in Huatulco. Surfing, snorkeling/diving, fishing and other water activities can be arranged as well. You will be transferred to the Huatulco airport for your flight home.

Even though our WILD COAST adventure is over, consider staying an additional day or two if you can to explore more of the beauty of Oaxaca.



Meals: Breakfast and lunch on your own

Please let us know if you would like to join us on this WILD COAST adventure by providing us with your payment of \$700. Contact information below.

It is recommended you make your hotel and flight reservations as early as possible while rooms and flights are still available.

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