



# SANTA CRUZ ISLAND ADVENTURE

## 3-DAY CAMPING ITINERARY



Welcome aboard! This will help you prepare for our adventure of fun and scenic beauty at Santa Cruz Island. The island is rich in marine and bird life, so be ready for fantastic sightings as we hike along the rocky shoreline. Activities on this trip include hiking, exploring, camping, watching beautiful sunsets from the bluffs, enjoying meals together at our campsite, and generally enjoying the remote feeling of this island adventure. We will travel with gear to the island on a boat operated by Island Packers, a partner of the Channel Islands National Park.

In order for your experience to be a pleasurable one, we ask that you thoroughly read the information in the handouts provided, including the **Itinerary**, the **General Trip Expectations** and follow the recommendations on the **Packing list**. You must supply your own lunches, money for road meals, and personal equipment. (Camping gear rentals are available <http://recreation.sa.ucsb.edu/adventure-programs/outdoor-gear-rentals>) This trip requires that you be in good physical condition. Please feel free to contact the Adventure Center at (805) 893-3737 during business hours if you need any additional information and/or our leaders have not contacted you five days before departure date.

**Minimum Experience Level:** Beginners welcome, good physical condition.

Sample Itinerary (*Please be flexible as itinerary is always subject to change due to weather, permits and life in the great outdoors*):

**Day 1:** After arriving at the island, we will unload our gear, set up our campsites, and spend the rest of the day exploring the dramatic sea bluffs and relaxing in the coastal coves.

**Day 2:** We will look forward to another full day of hiking and exploring the hills and coves of the island. Depending on the desires of the group, afternoon outings may include moderate to more strenuous day hikes. Evening will include a tasty dinner and a relaxing night under the stars.

**Day 3:** After packing up camp, we will spend the morning continuing to explore the island. Perhaps we will discover some Chumash relics or spot a bald eagle or island fox. We'll hike back to the beach sometime early afternoon to prepare for our return to the mainland.

**Meeting Time & Location:** We will meet at the **UCSB Recreation Center at 6:00AM** on the first day of the trip and drive by van from Santa Barbara to the Ventura Harbor. Please be on time since we need to make sure to connect with the ferry in Ventura (about an hour drive) and the boat will not wait for us. The boat departs the harbor **ON TIME!** Island Packers is a ferry service and similar to an airlines, leaves on time no matter who is on board or not. Please be on time and remember there are **no refunds if you miss the boat**.

**Special Trip Considerations:** Participants who become seasick easily are encouraged to bring over-the-counter seasickness remedies for the boat ride. Please consult us for specific recommendations. As an Island Packers baggage standard no bag may weigh more than **45lbs**, please pack carefully.

**Approximate Drive Time:** 1 hour depending on length of stops.

**Approximate Boat Channel Crossing Time:** 1 ½ - 2 hours depending on ocean conditions and wildlife spotting.

**Approximate Return Time:** Between 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 PM on the last Day. (*See above on itinerary flexibility.*)

**No Drugs or Alcohol:** University regulations and program policies do not allow alcohol or drugs on this trip. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Refund Policy:** Once an offering is **full**, you will be offered a refund per the schedule below **only** if someone **pays** for your spot. If the offering is **NOT** full:

- **30 or more days** before the course date- Full refund (-\$20 processing fee).
- **29 to 8 days** before the course date- 50% refund (-\$20 processing fee).
- **Fewer than 8 days** before the course date- no refunds available.