



SANTA CRUZ ISLAND SPRING BREAK ADVENTURE

5-DAY TRIP ITINERARY INCLUDING KAYAK TOUR



Spend 5 days exploring with new friends on Santa Cruz Island! We will be backpacking the island trails, snorkeling, beach-combing, trekking, kayaking, relaxing in camp, and enjoying meals together with your fellow participants in this beautiful island environment. This is a fantastic trip for someone wanting a unique and rewarding kind of island experience! Prepare for exploring this magnificent island life!

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. Ability to swim.

Sample Itinerary (tentative due to weather, road conditions and other factors beyond our control):

Day 1: Drive to Ventura Harbor from UCSB (approx 1 hr.) Island Packers Boat to Island (Approx. 1 ½ - 2 hours depending on ocean conditions). Arrive at the island at Prisoner's Harbor, unload our gear. 3½ mile hike to Del Norte backcountry campground. Set up camp. Go on a short afternoon walk. Set up dinner, camp under the stars with the island foxes!

Day 2: Explore the backcountry trails, options for long or short trail hikes. Montonon Ridge, China Harbor, or cross island trail hike. Swim and relax. Dinner at camp.

Day 3: After early breakfast, we'll hike down to the beach meet our kayak guides and explore the caves and coves of eastern Santa Cruz Island by kayak! Snorkel, beach comb, hike. Day hike to and from the campground and resupply water in the late afternoon or hang out at the beach!

Day 4: Explore the Western National Park, hikes or swim and relax. Dinner at camp.

Day 5: Last fun day at the island. We will pack up and take our gear back to the beach so it will be ready for pick-up. 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. Then early afternoon back to the dock to prepare for our return to the mainland. Approx. return to UCSB about 7 or 8ish pm.

Meeting Time & Location: We will meet you at UCSB Rec Cen at 9:00am 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 boat in Ventura 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**. 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 Packer baggage standard no bag may weigh more than **45lbs**, please pack carefully.

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 (less **\$20 service charge**) **only** if someone **pays** for your spot. If the offering is **NOT** full:

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