



SummerTree Institute  
**EXPEDITIONS**  
a nonprofit endeavor



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Fellow travelers,

The SummerTree Institute is very pleased to offer an exciting Expedition to the amazing California Channel Islands this summer season. If you would like us to reserve space on our Channel Islands trip, contact us and we will send you more information. We are happy you have found out about this incredible adventure.

### **Our Channel Islands Expeditions are four days and four nights.**



The adventure begins aboard the *Vision*, our comfortable 85-foot vessel which serves as our home base as we explore Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and San Miguel Islands. Whether snorkeling, kayaking, hiking, or tide pooling, we will make sure you have opportunities to experience the islands at their best. Our background in marine life, botany, water sports, and island and natural history will help you make the most of each day and will deepen your appreciation of island life and ultimately our planet.



We will meet at Santa Barbara Harbor to board the *Vision* anytime after 8 pm the night before we sail. By breakfast we will be on our way to the Islands, with detours along the way to encounter whales, dolphins, and other sea life.



Our first breakfast and all meals including our last day's lunch will be prepared by the excellent chef aboard our vessel.

\$200 per person is tax-deductible for this expedition. The cost of the entire expedition for travelers in single-occupancy berths is \$925 per person. Expedition cost for double-occupancy middle berths is \$1850 per couple. Expedition cost for double-occupancy lower berths is \$1650 per couple. A \$300.00 deposit is required to hold your reservation, with the balance due no later than sixty days prior to trip departure. To provide the most comfortable and enjoyable experience for all guests, we limit each expedition to 30 travelers.

Whether you picture yourself cruising for whales on the backside of the Islands, snorkeling in a quiet cove, or watching the sun set over an Island arc, our experienced naturalists will help you become one of the few who get to experience all that these unique islands have to offer.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Warm regards,

*Doug Thompson*

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Director, SummerTree Expeditions



The SummerTree Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit endeavor dedicated to making environmental education irresistible. Let us help you explore the Channel Islands in a way that honors their importance as a wildlife sanctuary and precious resource.

# Our Vessel, The Vision

The *Vision* provides comfortable travel for 49 people, but we maximize your comfort by limiting our passenger total to 30 persons.

The Pullman-style sleeping arrangements include both single and double bunk options with privacy curtains, reading lights, pillows, blankets, and storage for personal belongings. Although we provide blankets and pillows, we suggest that you also bring your own sleeping bag and a personal pillow if you have neck problems.



The deck of the boat offers ample room for observing dolphins and whales, enjoying happy hour, and relaxing at the end of each day. Our outstanding crew provides everything you need for a relaxing journey, including excellent fresh food and all non-alcoholic beverages. You are welcome to bring your own alcoholic beverages which can be stored in the boat's coolers.

For ocean sports and shore activities, the *Vision* includes a skiff and several kayaks. You are welcome to bring your own wetsuit, mask, fins, and snorkel, as well as your own kayak. You may also rent any of this equipment at the dock (call Truth Aquatics at 805-962-1127). The boat is equipped with a variety of gear to allow you to do some exploring on your own, or you may join us for daily naturalist walks, critter talks, and introductions to the magnificent underwater creatures.

## Comfort & Health

We can normally accommodate the particular food preferences of various people, including vegetarians. Please inform us prior to departure if you have any dietary concerns.



*Double occupancy (middle) berth pictured above; double occupancy (lower) berth pictured below.*

If you have any sort of chronic condition that warrants medical attention and could cause you trouble, or if you have any doubt of your physical condition, we ask that you have a physical examination. Discuss with your doctor the details of the trip as described in our literature, and let your doctor determine your fitness for this journey. Even though we have adequate first-aid and emergency gear, we will be in a remote area far from medical facilities.



Directions to our vessel, the *Vision*, docked at Truth Aquatics/Sea Landing Office (805-962-1127) in Santa Barbara Harbor.



### Coming from the North:

Head South down Hwy 101 and take the Castillo Street exit in Santa Barbara. Take a right on Castillo, go to Harbor Way and take a left (this is the main harbor entrance). Take a left at the Naval Reserve Building, and continue into the parking lot after taking a parking ticket. Go straight to the last parking lot. You will see the Sea Landing Building and boats sitting at the dock. Park only in the parking stalls. Double length stalls are reserved for vehicles with boat trailers. If you park in a double stall, you will be ticketed and towed. Make sure you take your parking ticket into the Truth Aquatics/Sea Landing Office and Dive Shop for validation. With validation, parking costs only three dollars a day.

### Coming from the South:

Head North on Hwy 101. In Santa Barbara take the Cabrillo exit TO THE LEFT off of 101. After going down the exit ramp to the stop sign, take a left. Follow the road as it parallels the beach and the ocean. Go to Harbor Way and take a left (this is the main harbor entrance). Take a left at the Naval Reserve Building, and continue into the parking lot after taking a parking ticket. Go straight to the last parking lot. You will see the Sea Landing Building and boats sitting at the dock. Park only in the parking stalls. Double length stalls are reserved for vehicles with boat trailers. If you park in a double stall, you will be ticketed and towed. Make sure you take your parking ticket into the Truth Aquatics/Sea Landing Office and Dive Shop for validation. With validation, parking costs only three dollars a day.