

Sea Cave Kayaking for School Groups in Channel Islands National Park

The Channel Islands National Park offers some of the best kayaking opportunities in California. Beautiful marine life, rich natural history, pristine kelp forests and hidden sea caves make the Channel Islands a great outdoor classroom for a full day fieldtrip. Join us for the ultimate educational adventure that will leave your students challenged and inquisitive of our natural world.



One Day Sea Cave Kayak at Scorpion Anchorage on Santa Cruz Island

A full day of incredible kayaking and learning! Groups will meet at the Ventura Harbor in the morning and cross the Channel via ferry boat. On the enjoyable ferry ride, guests often spot migrating whales and pods of dolphins. Upon arrival to Santa Cruz Island, guides will outfit your group for the day with optional wetsuits and paddle jackets and required helmets and PFDs; then provide a paddling demonstration and safety briefing.

Once on the water, guests will paddle along the coast surrounded by beautiful kelp forests and along rugged cliffs. The group will paddle in and out of breathtaking sea caves, conditions permitting. Guides will offer discussions of marine ecology and natural history of the islands. Abundant marine life and sea birds offer great opportunities for wildlife viewing throughout the trip. Select an educational focus for your trip or allow us to adapt the trip as we go depending on student interest. The ferry returns in the late afternoon to pick up your school group.

Level of Difficulty

All levels, beginner through advanced welcome

1.5 hour tour

\$109/adult + \$59/adult ferry
\$99/youth + \$46/youth ferry

Group of 16+ (AM & PM double block only)

\$99/adult + \$59/adult ferry
\$89/youth+ \$46/youth ferry

3 hour tour

\$149/adult + \$59/adult ferry
\$139/youth + \$46/youth ferry

Group of 16+

\$139/adult + \$59/adult ferry
\$129/youth+ \$46/youth ferry

Trip Includes

Authorized concessionaire boat transportation, knowledgeable guides, kayaks (single or tandem available) and paddling gear, wetsuits, paddle jackets, helmets, sea cave kayaking (conditions permitting). Food vending is not permitted on the island and no food is included in the cost of this trip. Price does not include optional gratuity.

Please see the next page for our optional education focuses for school groups.

Optional Educational Focuses for Channel Islands Sea Cave Kayaking

All of our Channel Islands guides are knowledgeable in marine ecology and natural history. If preferred we offer a diverse array of educational focuses for school groups. Please note when booking your school trip if you'd like an education focus for your tour.

Native American History – Learn about the Chumash history of the Channel Islands! As the first humans on the islands there is a rich Chumash maritime history of hunting and trading, tomol canoe building and paddling, the village of Swaxil at Scorpion and mythical legends such as Rainbow Bridge. We'll discuss this integral California Native American history.

Geology – Our geology tour focuses on showing and explaining underwater island formation. We'll check out the fault lines visible at Seal Beach, the chert and diatomaceous earth of Geology Cove, evident of landslides near Cavern Point, and examples of local lava and sedimentary rocks. Our geology tour will rock your student's minds!

Ecosystem Balance – Learn about restoration projects and species decline and recovery efforts specific to Santa Cruz Island. We'll also kayak around Scorpion Rock to discuss and view the ongoing seabird habitat restoration project.

Volcanic Caves – With conditions permitting we'll explore a series of caves that show extensive examples of rocks created by underwater volcanism. We will point out pillow lava along with fault lines, and learn about littoral sea cave erosion, lichens and algae, and freshwater drips.

Intertidal Ecology – We'll focus on exploring this rich transitional area with an abundance of diverse creature. We'll use low tide to our advantage for the best viewing of tide pools.

Kelp Bed Ecology – Learn about the incredibly rich dynamic kelp ecosystem of Channel Islands National Park. We'll identify different species, and discuss ecosystem balance, predator protection, canopy structure and growth. The many *Macrocystis Pyrifera* kelp forests around Scorpion Anchorage on Santa Cruz Island offer a lot of flexibility for our tour route.

Marine Protected Areas – We will tour the protected Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary between Scorpion Rock and Potato Harbor, noting diverse species variety and volume while discussing various species benefits to keeping the ecosystem afloat.

Botany Tour – We'll hug the coastline close to the shoreline to view endemic and native plants (dudleya, choreopsis, hazardia, rock cress, etc.), algae, and lichens on rocky cliffs.

All of our programs may be customized or combined to fit group size, time frame, goals, and budget. We are also able to accommodate specific standards or curriculum needs. Please reach out to us to discuss your groups specific needs and desires at (805) 884-WAVE or toll free (877) 885-WAVE or letsgo@sbadventureco.com