



## Vermilion Sea Institute

### 2016 Facilities Fees

Thank you for your interest in visiting the Vermilion Sea Institute (VSI) field stations both located in Bahía de los Ángeles, Baja, México. VSI has hosted scientists, conservationists, educators, and students since the 1970's and, in particular, has fostered strong and empowering relationships with the communities at each of our station locations.

We invite students and researchers to visit our field stations but we also welcome “aspiring naturalist” who may be people from any walk of life that carry a love and appreciation for nature. An aspiring naturalist is anyone who wishes to experience the wonders of the Baja desert and Sea of Cortez for themselves while also exhibiting the utmost respect to both the natural world and the Mexican culture.

We encourage and will happily facilitate aspiring naturalist participation in one of various citizen science programs that are currently underway in each location.

Listed below are our 2016 facilities, meals, and transportation fees and more.

#### Accommodations:

The Vermilion Sea Field Station and Rancho San Gregorio are first and foremost facilities for researchers and educators in the environmental sciences. The stations can accommodate individuals or groups up to 25 people. At the Vermilion Sea Field Station, all reservations include access to the station lower level consisting of 3 dormitory rooms with several cots for sleeping, three large multipurpose rooms, library, natural history exhibit room, two changing/bucket shower rooms, two half bathrooms (bucket-flushed), full restaurant-style kitchen, garage, and veranda. There is no air conditioning but there are several fans available for use.

At Rancho San Gregorio, all reservations include access to a large, central meeting house, a three-room basic dormitory with several cots for sleeping, two bathrooms (bucket-flushed), a changing/bucket shower room, rustic kitchen and outdoor oven. There is no air conditioning and very limited electricity which is restricted for urgent communication needs.

All fees are per person per day and in USD unless otherwise noted:

<b>*Visitor Type</b>	<b>International</b>	<b>National (Mexican)</b>
<i>Undergrad Student</i>	\$20	\$10
<i>Graduate Student</i>	\$25	\$10
<i>Interns/Assistants</i>	\$25	\$10
<i>PhD Level Researchers &amp; Postdocs</i>	\$30	\$15
<i>Aspiring Naturalist</i>	\$30	\$15

\*Rates are subject to change. Scholarship funds may be available for qualifying visitors.

At the Vermilion Sea Field Station, a separate staff house with one large room and full flushing bathroom located a very short walk across the driveway from the field station can be rented for an additional \$30/day flat fee.



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At the Rancho San Gregorio Field Station, a separate building with five private rooms and select beds, a bathroom (bucket-flushed), and a changing/bucket shower room may be available to rent for an additional \$30/day flat fee. Because the building is periodically occupied by holistic health patients visiting the Ranch, availability is not guaranteed.

### **Meal Package:**

A meal package including three meals, water, and a snack per person for each full day at the field stations can be included for **\$25/person/day**. The meal cost is the same across the visitor categories.

### **Equipment Use & Rentals at Vermilion Sea Field Station Only:**

Access to lab microscopes, projector screen (projector not included), speakers, tandem kayak with paddles, and limited internet for emergencies is included in the daily accommodation fee. Internet access is limited due to the remoteness of the Bahía de los Ángeles community but may be possible to expand upon request for an additional fee. Fins, wetsuits, and snorkels may be rented as a set for **\$10/person per visit**.

### **Transportation Package:**

Transportation including 1-2 vans, gas, tolls, and wear & tear for up to 24 individuals (including a Vermilion Sea Institute staff driver) can be provided for the fees listed below:

**\$900/trip** Driver + one(1) van accommodating 10 additional travelers, luggage/gear, gas, wear/tear

**\$1800/trip** Driver + two (2) vans accommodating 24 additional travelers\*, luggage/gear, gas, wear/tear

*\*Second van to be driven by a member of the reserving party at least 18 years of age with a valid U.S. or international driver's license.*

Van(s) would be available for use by the reserving party for traveling in and around Bahía de los Ángeles for the duration of the trip.

### **Boat Rentals and Island Passes:**

Generally, boat rentals in Bahía de los Ángeles \$200/boat/day. A “day” typically equals 4-6 hours on the water. According to Natural Protected Area guidelines, each boat can welcome 6 passengers. For entrance to the islands in the biosphere reserve, visitors will need to purchase a bracelet that is typically about \$6/person/day and must be worn at all times while visiting the islands or out on the water. VSI staff can provide additional information about boat rentals and islands passes upon request.

### **Hiring VSI Guides:**

With several decades experience traveling throughout Baja and developing a strong relationship with the local Bahía community, VSI staff are imminently qualified to help coordinate and facilitate a memorable Baja and Sea of Cortez experience. VSI staff can be hired at the rate of **\$200/day** at the field station to design a daily tour itinerary including the coordination of boat rentals, preparation of meals (with purchase of a meal package), leading visitors on local desert and island hikes, presenting select biological lectures in their areas of expertise, or even engaging visitors in citizen science opportunities such as whale shark monitoring.



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### Individual Insurance and Liability:

It is a requirement that all visitors obtain Travel & Medical Emergency Insurance for the duration of their visit and that failure to provide proof of insurance will prevent visitors from staying at the station and forfeit any reservation payments.

### Contact:

Please email [info@vermilionseainstitute.org](mailto:info@vermilionseainstitute.org) with questions or to request a reservation form.

