

# SANTA BARBARA



## AMBASSADORS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment introduces guests to the natural wonders and rich cultural history of the Ritz-Carlton Bacara, Santa Barbara. Designed for adults, families, and children, participants in Ambassadors of the Environment can discover the Gaviota Coast's natural wonders both on land and sea, including kelp forest, a diversity of birds, the intertidal zone, and traditional Chumash culture through exciting and memorable adventures and activities.

About Jean-Michel Cousteau  
President, Ocean Futures Society

Explorer. Environmentalist. Educator. Filmmaker. For more than six decades, Jean-Michel Cousteau has dedicated himself and his vast experience to communicate to people of all nations and generations his love and concern for our water planet.

Since first being "thrown overboard" by his father at the age of seven with newly invented SCUBA gear on his back, Jean-Michel has been exploring the ocean realm.

The son of ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau, Jean-Michel has investigated the world's oceans aboard Calypso and Alcione for much of his life. Honoring his heritage, Jean-Michel founded Ocean Futures Society in 1999 to carry on this pioneering work.

Ocean Futures Society, a non-profit marine conservation and education organization, serves as a "Voice for the Ocean" by communicating in all media the critical bond between people and the sea and the importance of wise environmental policy. As Ocean Futures Society's spokesman, Jean-Michel serves as an impassioned diplomat for the environment, reaching out to the public through a variety of media and educational programs. Meeting with leaders and policymakers at the grassroots level and at the highest echelons of government and businesses, Jean-Michel is dedicated to young people, documenting stories of change and hope, and lending his reputation and support to energize alliances for positive change.



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# GROUP ACTIVITIES



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### NATURALIST FOR A DAY

Is your group going whale watching in the Santa Barbara Channel, kayaking at a local state park, hiking the Gaviota Coast (SoCal's longest stretch of undeveloped coastline) or snorkeling The Channel Islands? If so, our Naturalists join your expedition - supplying local insight to the flora, fauna and history of the area, providing guests with binoculars, presentations and models to better explain our pristine ecosystems along the way.

**Excursion Price: \$100/hour/guide.**

### PRIVATE ECOHIKE

Explore our coastal nature trail and discover interesting adaptations that enable plants and animals to survive in this arid landscape. Step back into time as we understand how the Chumash survived on this land for thousands of years. On the hike, we engage in a scavenger hunt, several interactive discussions, and challenge activities. Time: Approximately 1 - 1.5 Hours

**Excursion Price: \$30/person**

### THE AMAZING RACE

Using a sense of humor teams take part in fun and engaging challenges that promote team collaboration. Teams are handed score cards and a team captain elected. Teams have 1 hour to complete as many of the challenges they find set up on the beach. Using strategy and cooperation, teams must come up with solutions and complete the 3D life size challenges. After 1 hour scorecards handed in and the winning team announced.

**Excursion Price: \$60/person. Includes reusable water bottle and backpack.**

### ELLWOOD ECOHIKE

The thousands of Monarch Butterflies that migrate to Ellwood each year are a testament to this bluffs serene beauty. Featuring miles of trails, a hard-sand beach and breathtaking vistas. Time: 1.5 hours including roundtrip transportation (5 minutes each way)

**Excursion Price: \$50/person.**

### ART IN NATURE

Choose from a variety of Nature based art activities. Crafts can be customized for your specific group focus.

- Pinot and Painting
- Nature Photography
- Bath bombs and Bubbles
- Succulent Building
- Glass Etching

Specific requests can also be honored.

**Activity Price: \$60/person, includes craft materials and an alcoholic beverage for ages 21+**

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Private educational activities and parties can be scheduled through Ambassadors of the Environment. Activities are lead by our Cousteau-trained naturalist and can focus on a variety of topics : sharks, whales, coastal environments, sustainable energy, etc. Includes Exclusive three-hour party, Party attendants, Pizza, bowls of fresh fruit and beverages, Activity for all attendees  
Sheet cake or decorate your own cupcakes available at additional charge.

**\$500 rental for 3 hours exclusive use of venue. \$50/child plus applicable taxes and service gratuities 10 children minimum/25 maximum**

### WATERSPORTS

Watersport rentals are available on request, reservations are required for group activities.

#### Prices Vary

Single Kayak \$25/hour

Tandem Kayak \$35/hour

Stand-Up Paddleboard \$30/hour

Surfboard \$45/daily

Surfboard and wetsuit \$60/daily

Wetsuit \$15/daily