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**Just in Time For Spring
Island Packer Cruises Announces 2020 Spring Line Up
Of Excursions to The Channel Islands**

Ventura, CA- Island Packer Cruises, established in 1968, has recently announced its 2020 Spring line up of Excursions with regular trips for day visitors and campers to the Channel Islands National Park.

A variety of trips are scheduled March through the summer. Special trips include a visit to the Painted Cave, one of the largest known sea caves in the world as well as multi-island day trips and inter-island camper shuttles to expose visitors to the great diversity of the Channel Islands. Spring time is the best time of year to view wildflowers on all of the islands. Rates below are for the day trips. For camping rates, regular schedules, rates and special trips visit our website www.islandpackers.com.

**Anacapa Island landing trips (3 or 4 days per week)
\$ 59 for adult; \$ 54 for senior; and \$ 41 for child.**

- Guided hike or on your own the 1 ½ mile loop trail.

**Prisoners Harbor, mid Santa Cruz Island landing trips (almost daily)
\$ 59 for adult; \$ 54 for senior; and \$ 41 for child.**

Options for the day visitor:

- Guided hike from Prisoners Harbor to Pelican Bay is 2 to 5 miles round trip. (Moderate to strenuous level).
- Guided hike thru Canada Del Puerto on selected days only. (Moderate)
- Hike the National Park roads towards East Santa Cruz from Prisoners Harbor. (Moderate)
- Kayak tours along the shoreline with Channel Island Adventure Company or kayak rentals available through Channel Island Kayak Center.

**Prisoners Harbor and Shuttle to the Painted Cave (2 or 3 days a week)
\$ 75.00 for adult; \$ 68.50 for senior; and \$ 54.50 for child**

Special shuttle on selected dates to visit to the Painted Cave, near the western end of Santa Cruz Island (ocean and weather permitting). Offers a close-up look of the shoreline and view one of the largest sea caves in the world. After the boat returns to go ashore at Prisoners Harbor for approximately 1.5 hours.

**Prisoners Harbor and Anacapa Island April 26th, May 17th, June 6th, 14th, 20th & August 23rd
Price: \$77 for adult, \$70.50 for senior, \$54 for child**

- Two Island trip to see both Anacapa and Santa Cruz Island on the same day. This trip offers 1.5 to 2 hours ashore on both islands. Rate includes shuttle transportation between destinations and optional naturalist-led hikes on National Park Service Property only.

Other Special Trips landing on Santa Cruz with the Nature Conservancy are:

Cueva Valdez Anchorage May 9th and June 13th

\$ 80 for adult; \$ 74 for senior, \$ 57 for child

- Close-up cruise along shoreline and view the Painted Cave with landing via small boat onto rocky beach. Few hours to relax on the beach and picnic.

Willows Anchorage April 12th

\$75 for adult; \$ 70 for senior, \$ 55 for child

- Channel crossing and cruise the south shore of island to the anchorage. Access is by small boat onto white sandy beach. Unique geology & varied history are highlights by the crew.

Fry's Harbor March 15th and May 23rd

\$ 74 for adult; \$ 70 for senior, \$ 55 for child

- Close-up cruise along shoreline and view the Painted Cave. Access is by small boat onto the beach with a wet landing. Naturalist available to share the natural and human history of the area and lead a short walk up the canyon and creek bed.

Fraser Point April 4th

\$ 92 for adult, \$ 87 for senior, \$76 for child

- Rarely visited area, wild flowers, fantastic views, beaches and natural rustic beauty. The boat will circumnavigate Santa Cruz Island and view the Painted Cave (ocean & weather permitting). Access on western part of island by small shore boat onto the beach (can be a wet landing).

Santa Rosa Island landing trips are scheduled 3 or 4 days per week

\$ 82 for adult; \$ 74 for senior; and \$ 65 for children :

- Hike from Becher's Bay into the interior of Santa Rosa Island 2 to 5 miles (moderate)
- Cruise into the Painted Cave on above trips (ocean & weather permitting)

Half Day Winter Whale Watch Trips (No Landing) almost daily thru April 15th

\$ 38 adult; \$ 34 for senior; and \$ 28 for children.

- 3½ hours mid channel or near the Channel Islands for the Pacific Gray Whales migrating.

Half Day Island Wildlife Cruises (No Landing) frequent weekends and selected dates year around

\$ 38 adult; \$ 34 for senior, and \$ 28 for children.

- North shore Anacapa Island wildlife cruise up close to view Arch Rock, Lighthouse and Sea Lion Rookeries.

Three Quarter Day Wildlife Cruises (No Landing) April 19th, May 3rd, 25th and 31st

\$ 57 adult; \$ 53 senior; and \$ 42 for children.

- Cruise the northern coastline of Santa Cruz Island. Opportunity to search for whales, dolphins and other marine life. View the Painted Cave (ocean & weather permitting).

Although there is a galley onboard that sells snacks and drinks, passengers may want to bring a lunch for their trip. Campers have the option to camp on all the islands we are scheduled to run as well as some inter island camper shuttles to one or more islands while camping. Follow our website for schedules, rates and dates, **www.islandpackers.com**.

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