



## Reservations Reservaciones

For all trips purchase your tickets in advance at Dimar Travel Agency, or if you booked by phone call you can pay during the trip.

### Viajes Dimar Travel Agency

December 15 – March 25  
Open 9 am - 3 pm, 5 pm - 9 pm  
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DIRECTLY Michael Malone  
**(954) 58 22962**  
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### Dimar Travel Agency Locations Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca

- 1) Zicatela Beach beside Hotel Puesta Del Sol
- 2) Main Beach, 902 Perez Gasga St, Hotel Casa Blanca

SORRY, WE CANNOT ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS  
ATM'S ARE AT MOST BANKS

#### Tipping

A tip of \$2 or equivalent in pesos per person is recommended for our boatman.

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Full info  
on our  
website:



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### Michael's Schedule

Mexico, Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca Dec. 15 – March 25  
Canada April 1 – Dec. 7

In Canada: **Pelee Wings Nature Store**  
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Leamington, Ontario, Canada  
Tel (519) 326-5193  
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## Manialtepec Lagoon

### Why is it so Unique?

The convergence of 3 rich aquatic habitats gives Manialtepec its phenomenal biodiversity. Here is the juncture of the Pacific Ocean coast, a large brackish water lagoon and a freshwater river all adding their unique flora and fauna. The lagoon connects to the sea to be nourished by ocean nutrients and spawning aquatic life while also receiving beneficial mineral sediments flowing from the mountain river. When the river flow diminishes for 6 months in the dry season the powerful ocean waves toss up a barrier beach which acts as a dam to expand the lagoon's mangrove forest wetlands.



The lagoon rises 5' in the dry season giving us deep water to explore via motorboat or kayak to seek out the extraordinary wildlife found in this specialized mangrove forest habitat. On most tours we'll see 60 or so species of birds, most of them easily viewed aquatic species like herons, egrets, ibis, parrots and raptors. Over the years in the lagoon

we have observed tropical otter, jaguarundi, opossum, anteater, coatimundi, iguana spp, boas, and crocodile, while on our beach break we enjoy spotting dolphins, whale spp, sharks, manta ray, sea turtles and their nests.

We invite you to experience this remarkable ecosystem up close and personal with our professional naturalist guide, Michael Malone. For more details on the lagoon biodiversity and possible animal sightings visit our website.



### Lagoon Conservation Projects

Hidden Voyages Ecotours is proud to sponsor conservation projects on the lagoon. Pictured below are 12 participants who each received a binocular, and bird field guide books for the Birds of Mexico and Birds of North America compliments of Hidden Voyages. Visit our website to learn about many more of our conservation and education efforts.



## Meet Your Guides

Offering 30 years of ecotourism expertise & knowledge on Manialtepec Lagoon



Michael Malone has enjoyed developing these lagoon tours for **over 30 years** and shares with you considerable knowledge and experience of the unique plant and wildlife of this diverse mangrove wetland. Former employment was with the Canadian Wildlife Service in habitat & seabird

research, the Metro Toronto Zoo as Keeper and with Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources. He and his wife Joan now operate **Pelee Wings Nature Store** at Canada's famous Point Pelee National Park bird migration site. Each winter for 35+ years they have migrated to Puerto Escondido to overwinter in this tropical paradise on Oaxaca's Pacific coast. Each tour includes support from our experienced Mexican boatman/guides.

Without exception **Hidden Voyages Ecotours** offers the highest quality ecotours available on this lagoon, with highly knowledgeable and experienced guides.

## Transportation

### First Class Service

Our lagoon explorer motorboats are 24' fiberglass, carpeted, comfortable 10 passenger boats with individual seats and backrests. Our 4 stroke engine has much less oil pollution, and we use models without an overhead canopy so we can enter mangrove tunnels with low overhanging vegetation to access the best wildlife viewing areas. Ground transportation is first class service provided by Viajes Dimar Travel Agency and their chauffeurs.

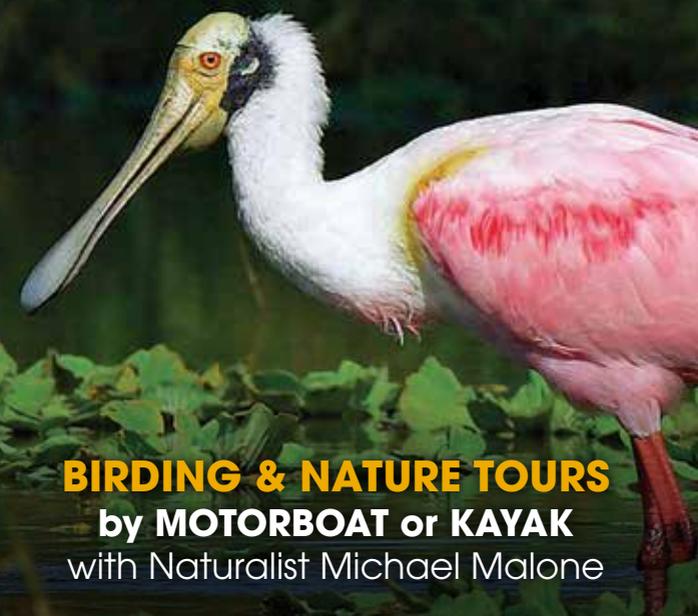
### Recommended by

Lonely Planet Travel Guide  
Fodor's Travel Guide to Mexico  
Vogue Magazine  
Moon Pacific Mexico Handbook  
Southern Mexico & Yucatan Guide  
Formmer's Traveler's Guide  
See our website for many more!

# HIDDEN VOYAGES



# ECOTOURS



**BIRDING & NATURE TOURS**  
by **MOTORBOAT** or **KAYAK**  
with Naturalist Michael Malone

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900 pesos • \$55 US

## Manialtepec Lagoon 3.5hr Boat Cruise

4 – 10 people

This excursion is offered for people interested in tropical birds or who would like a close-up look at the remarkable plant and animal life of Oaxaca's lush coastal lagoons. Manialtepec "the place where water springs from the hills", is a tranquil mangrove encircled lagoon hosting a rich diversity of wetland birdlife. We'll glide quietly past tropical waders like herons, ibis, and egrets while watching for exotic species like Whitefronted Parrot, Tiger Heron and Roseate Spoonbill.

There are great photo opportunities of towering mangrove forest, magnificent displays of tropical flowers and fishermen at work from their dug-out canoes. Our most popular excursion for the past 30 years, this trip is information packed. We'll enjoy a 45 minute brunch break on the beach at 9:45am. Extra food can be ordered from the beach restaurant.

**Departure:** 7:00 am sharp from your hotel

**Return:** 12:00 Noon

**Includes:** Complementary coffee, premium quality binocular, local Mexican Boatman/Guide to operate your boat

### Laguna Manialtepec en Lancha 3.5 horas Solamente el Lunes, Miércoles, y Viernes

4 a 10 personas

Para personas interesadas en las aves tropicales y migratorias, o para aquellos quienes simplemente disfrutan de la naturaleza. La laguna se encuentra rodeada completamente por manglares, los cuales albergan una gran variedad de aves y vida silvestre. Veremos por ejemplo la Cucharita Rosada, la Jacana, Ibis y Garzas. Además de una amplia variedad de vegetación tropical, observaremos a los pescadores en un ambiente de tranquilidad. Lleve consigo cámara, sombrero, agua y pesos para comprar desayuno.

**Salida;** a las 7:00 de la mañana

**Retorno;** 12:00 mediodía

**Incluye;** café, viaje redondo desde el hotel, guía naturalista, binoculares de primera calidad, guía naturalista y lanchero Mexicano



1000 pesos • \$65 US

## Manialtepec Lagoon 4.5hr Kayak Excursion

1 – 8 people

For an intimate exploration of this wild lagoon ecosystem, our very stable single or double kayaks provide silent access to its innermost secrets. With an English speaking expert naturalist guide we'll cruise some 8km of interior mangrove passages, many not accessible by motorboat.

An early start ensures great views of myriad aquatic birds feeding on the lagoon at sunrise, terrestrial species like parrots and birds of prey active along the mangrove forest shoreline, and always some surprise encounters. On arrival at the ocean beach we'll be able to swim in the lagoon or ocean, relax in a shady palapa, and sample the local cuisine for lunch. To end in the warmer part of midday we'll be whisked back to the dock by motorboat. Bring a hat, sunscreen, camera, towel, water and your snack items.

**Departure:** 6:30 am sharp from your hotel

**Return:** 2:00 pm

**Includes:**

- Premium quality single or double kayak, binocular
- Dry bags for waterproofing personal items
- Motorboat support to traverse long distances

### Viaje Largo en Kayak 4.5 horas Solamente el Jueves

1 a 8 personas

Fabuloso viaje en kayak para una íntima exploración de la laguna con un guía naturalista que habla inglés o español. Viajaremos 8km solamente accesible en kayak donde veremos muchas aves como cotorras, aves acuáticas y de caza. Para finalizar nuestro recorrido en la playa podremos nadar o descansar en la sombra de la palpa y probar la comida local. Nuestro regreso será en lancha de motor. Trae un sombrero, bronceador, cámara, toalla, y agua.

**Salida;** a las 6:30 de la mañana

**Retorno;** a las 2:00 de la tarde

**Incluye;** viaje redondo desde el hotel, guía naturalista, binoculares y kayaks de mejor calidad



750 pesos • \$45 US

## Kayaking Lite 3hr Kayak Adventure

1 – 10 people

Great mini adventure for the first time, or experienced kayaker. We paddle and explore the main lagoon, skirting along the mangrove forest looking at abundant bird and wildlife.

Our early start ensures great views of a wide diversity of aquatic birds feeding on the lagoon at sunrise, and usually some unique encounters with some amazing creatures such as parrots and birds of prey. We often pull up alongside fishing boats to watch them hauling in their nets to see the fish and seafood they are catching. Always something new to discover!

**Departure:** 8 am sharp from your hotel

**Return:** 12:00 noon

**Includes:** Premium quality single or double kayak, binocular Dry bags for waterproofing personal items

### Viaje Corta en Kayak 3 horas Solamente los Domingos

1 a 10 personas

Un tour corto en el manglar con guía profesional observando a las aves y la naturaleza acuática. Se puede aprender a remar un kayak en un ambiente de tranquilidad. Lleve consigo cámara, traje de banar, sombrero y agua.

**Salida;** a las 8:00am

**Retorno;** 12:00 mediodía

**Incluye;** Viaje redondo desde el hotel, guía naturalista, binoculares y kayaks de mejor calidad



## Specialty Tours

To organize a custom kayak or birding tour for your group or family, or to seek out local endemic birds email or speak directly to:

**Michael Malone: tel 58 22962**

### Tours de Las Aves y la Naturaleza

Paseos en lancha de motor o kayak; Ornitólogo Profesional Reservas con Agencia de Viajes Dimar Perez Gasga #905, o en la Calle del Morro, Playa Zicatela, junto al hotel Puesta del Sol Indique que se desea los tours de **Michael Malone: tel 58 22962**



## All Tours

### BINOCULARS/WILDLIFE - Rich tropical diversity

Included with your tour along side Naturalist Michael Malone, is use of a premium grade (\$700) binocular, and a bird guide checklist. We usually view 50-70 species of birds as well as mammals and reptiles, including on occasion dolphins, whales, sea turtles, and endangered species such as the tropical otter and jaguarundi.

*See back of brochure for more information on your experienced guides.*

### ITEMS TO BRING

Camera, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, snacks, water, pesos for meal



### TRANSPORTATION

Round trip transportation to/from hotel provided.

### DEPARTURES • Timing is Critical

Our Departure each morning is as early as possible in order to be on the lagoon when bird activity is best. All wildlife activity in the tropics diminishes quickly as the midday heat intensifies. Be in front of your hotel or in the lobby on time. The dock restaurant sells beverages to go but not food for your trip. There are good restroom facilities at the dock restaurant, and "rustico" facilities on the beach. The beach restaurant can also prepare a good breakfast for you.