

Words to Live By: Baja California

Join award-winning writer Susan J. Tweit on magical Isla Espiritu Santo to write your way into the life-story you want to become

Isla Espiritu Santo

December 26 - January 2



Write

We become the stories we tell ourselves.

—Mary Pipher

Celebrate the turning of the year, renewing your creativity and your spirit on Isla Espiritu Santo in the Sea of Cortez! This six-day workshop will help you reconnect to what matters in your life—and the stories you carry—as you immerse yourself in the spectacular edge where rust-red desert cliffs meet the azure blue sea.

What stories are you telling? Who do you want to become? What do you alone bring to the world? Join us in this extraordinary place of stunning natural beauty for a time out of time: listen to your inner voice and re-discover your unique and powerful stories.

We'll get to know the place through the words of John Steinbeck, Ann Zwinger and others. We'll spend time observing and making notes, learn to sit with a place and hear what it has to say. We'll write and talk words, stories and life paths.

You'll take away the tools you need to find inspiration and solace in your everyday life—wherever you are—and to write your way into telling the stories you want to become.

Recharge

We had marked the southern end of Espiritu Santo Island as our next collecting stop. ... It is mountainous and stands high and sheer from the blue water. —John Steinbeck

Compliment the half-day intensive writing workshops with other activities: Begin the day with yoga on the beach. Photograph the dawn, the sea, and the sunset. Listen to the lapping of the blue-green waves. Eat freshly-cooked, delicious meals prepared by camp staff. Paddle a sleek kayak along the protected coast as a sea turtle surfaces nearby. Snorkel past a school of sierra fish as sea lions shoot by. Hike the cliffs above camp. Sketch the rocks. Take a nap; read a book; count the stars.

Workshop Leader

An award-winning author & commentator, Susan J. Tweit worked as a plant ecologist until she fell in love with the stories the land tells. Her writing, speaking and teaching combine a scientist's keen eye with a poet's heart and a nature-lover's spirit. Her most recent book is the acclaimed memoir *Walking Nature Home*.

Your writing is an inspiration and you are an inspiration. —Baja workshop participant

Details

\$1,850/person (20% deposit by Sept. 15 reserves space, balance due 8 weeks prior to departure)

Includes boat ride from La Paz to Isla Espiritu Santo, five nights in Baja Expeditions' fully-equipped camp on the island (capacity: 16 guests), all food and drink on the island, guide services, kayak and snorkel instruction and equipment, and writing workshop—six half-days plus a personal writing consultation. (La Paz accommodations extra, arranged through Baja Expeditions or on your own.)

SCHEDULE: Arrive in La Paz Dec 26th. Meet for our first session that evening. Leave for Isla Espiritu Santo the next morning on Baja Expeditions' pangas, with naturalist guides. Spend the next six days (five nights) based on a secluded beach on the island in comfortable wall tents furnished with cots & sleeping gear. All meals provided by guides (fresh seafood!) plus solar shower. Kayaking and snorkeling gear provided as well. (See Baja Expeditions' web site: www.bajaex.com)

Limited space available for companions not taking the writing workshop. Contact Susan for details (info@susanjtweit.com)