

Organ Pipe Cactus NM Naturalist Journey



The unique beauty, biodiversity, and inherent biological and cultural value of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument merits both designations – US National Monument, and UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve! Protecting over more than 329,000 acres, the Organ Pipe Cactus Wilderness preserves the natural beauty of an expansive area within the Sonoran Desert Region. Join Naturalist, Ethnobotanist, Wildlife Biologist, and Wilderness Survival Instructor Vincent Pinto on 3 memorable days of slow-paced Naturalist explorations in a variety of highly unique habitats. Explore thriving communities of plants and animals throughout the park. Visit upland and lowland Sonoran Desert - rich bajadas, a lush Desert Oasis, and towering Mountains. Join RWWJ to learn about a Sonoran Desert full of life: 589 species of vascular plants, 53 species of mammals, 43 species of reptiles, and more than 278 species of birds - all in Arizona's third largest Wilderness. Learn about their fascinating and complex evolutionary adaptations to survive and thrive in Organ Pipe. 3 species of towering columnar Cacti are a highlight. Wildlife may include **Gila Monsters**, a wide range of **Desert Birds** - including wintering species typical of Mexico, **Desert Bighorn Sheep** and the westernmost **Whitetail Deer** in the region. Don't forget to bring your camera and binoculars, as many unforgettable sights await you! **Distance: total roundtrip walking distance for the 3 days is about 5 miles. Terrain: walking will include desert flats to rocky canyons with moderate elevation change. Level: Easy - Moderate.**



WHEN: JANUARY 20, 2018

TUITION: \$125/person - EXCLUDES: Lodging, Meals, and Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument Park Fee

**LODGING: Sonoran Desert Inn & Conference Center, Ajo, AZ.
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TRANSPORTATION: You drive your own vehicle

DETAILS: www.ravensnatureschool.org - TOURS