



**Know Before You Go**



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**LUXURY LIVEABOARD KAYAKING**

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**ARE YOU BRINGING CAMERAS INTO MEXICO?**

**YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE!**

## Concierge

Our concierges are available 7 days a week to assist with every part of your upcoming adventures.

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## SeeCreatures

Your trip meets at SeeCreatures Cabo.  
You're home away from home!

### Address:

Calle Miguel Hidalgo 10, Centro, 23450  
Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S., Mexico

### Open Seven Days a Week

**8am - 5pm (GMT-7)**

- Whale Watching
- Snorkelling
- Discover Diving
- Scuba Day Trips
- Cabo Pulmo & La Paz Pre-Trip Adventures
- Imaging Workshops
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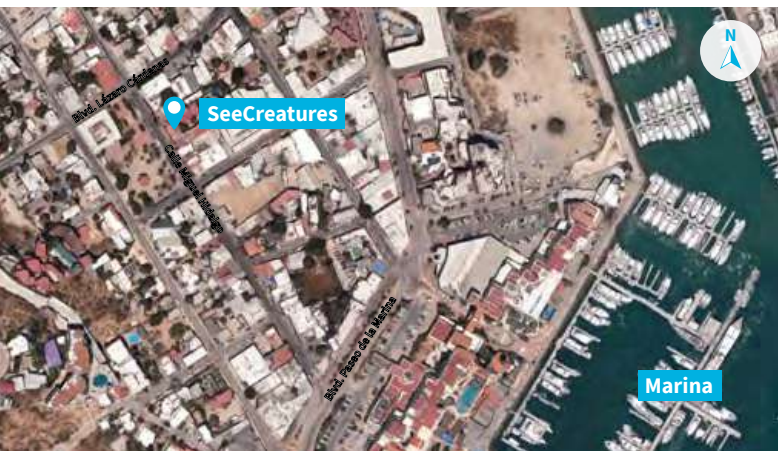
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# Sample Itinerary

## 8 Days / 7 Nights Trip



### Day 1 - Welcome Aboard!

Start with a meet and greet at 2:45 pm at our SeeCreatures activity centre in Cabo San Lucas. Your expedition yacht will be boarding in La Paz, and transfers to and from SeeCreatures Cabo are complimentary. If you prefer, you are very welcome to meet us at Baja Expeditions headquarters in La Paz around 4:45 pm. Our captain and crew will be standing by to welcome you with champagne and big smiles. We'll be setting sail this afternoon for ISLA ESPIRITU SANTO as you settle in onboard.

Note: your crew will work very hard to maximize your experience with the best animals and the best conditions, while being mindful of Mother Ocean's influence. For example, if we see a north wind coming in the forecast, they might elect to steam northbound straight to Loreto, and start the paddling portion of your trip there around the gorgeous white beaches and turquoise blue waters of Carmen island that are well sheltered from any wind. Every day and every trip is different, but the 2 things that are always the same: your safety and the excellence in guest experience.

### Day 2 - Let's Go Paddling!

We cater to paddlers of all fitness and experience levels with lovely, patient and very experienced guides plus our high-speed 32 ft RHIB support boat. Whether you're new to paddling or are your shoulders aren't what they used to be, no problem, today is an easy start to the trip and you can paddle as much or as little as you like with one of our guides nearby. What you can be sure of is that the scenery will be beautiful and excellent water visibility.

Are you a highly experienced paddler who would prefer to head off on full day adventure? We can easily accommodate your comfort level and send you off with a portable marine VHF radio to stay in touch with us as well as a Nautilus marine rescue GPS. We truly cater to paddlers of levels.

Your Seawark kayak is an easily maneuverable and very seaworthy fibreglass boat outfitted with carbon fibre paddles. Since this is mothership-supported kayaking, your boat will be light and fast without any cargo or gear onboard other than sunscreen and a camera. You can plan on meeting up with the mothership whenever you want with lunch, snacks, cocktail hour and dinner onboard as well as hot tub and the beautiful starry Mexican night sky.



### Days 3-7

Hmmmm. Where will you wake up today!!! We typically get the mothership underway in the late afternoon, with all the kayaks stowed onboard and head off for an easy and comfortable ride to the jumping off point for tomorrow's kayaking. Sometimes we will be at anchor by 9 pm, sometimes later. Unlike other kayaking trips, you can be assured of hot showers, hot tub, fine dining, sophisticated bar and a very comfortable sleep with full air conditioning.

Your choice to get up early the next morning for coffee service, a continental breakfast, and your first paddle of the day before main breakfast is served. Or sleep in, relax, and go for a paddle after breakfast.

The southern sea of cortex is our cruising ground on this trip. We will be ranging from Espiritu Santo to as far north as the gorgeous Loreto national park, Carmen and Danzante Islands, and heading south again.

### Day 8 - Disembark

Sadly this is the last day of this part of your adventure with us. We hope you will be joining us again soon. Disembarkating by 8:30 am after a nice breakfast with complimentary transfers back to Baja Expeditions HQ, SJD Los Cabos airport, or Cabo SeeCreatures.



## WHAT TO BRING

### What do I need to pack?

Personal toiletries. Layered clothing for paddling. It might be windy some days, calm and hot other days. Closed toe shoes for going ashore for walks in the desert. Shorts and holiday clothes for beach walks and gathering for sundowners. Sunscreen (reef safe please). Towels and bed line are provided.

### What wetsuit should I bring?

Yes, if you want to go snorkelling with sea lions, dolphins and loads of fish. We recommend a 5 mm wetsuit and snorkel gear. We have rentals available in all sizes by advance request.

### What kind of safety gear do you provide?

Lifejackets (of course), portable marine VHF radio, Nautilus LifeLine marine rescue gps, tow line, bailer, etc.

### Can I bring my own alcohol onboard?

Sorry, but NO. We carry a great selection of signature drinks, single malts, microbrew beer and a varied wine list, all at very reasonable prices.

## BEFORE DEPARTURE

### Where do we meet the boat?

We will meet at SeeCreatures Cabo San Lucas located at: *Calle Miguel Hidalgo 10, Centro CSL. C.P. 23450, Cabo San Lucas, BCS.* We will coach transfer everyone to La Paz where your boat will be waiting for you.

### What time do we meet?

Please be back at SeeCreatures Cabo and ready for your transfer to La Paz by 2:45 pm latest. Shuttle leaves 3 pm.

### Can I go scuba diving before the trip?

Yes!! Of course. Scuba diving is a big part of what we do. We have day trips for divers of all experience levels from "Discover Scuba" for those who want to try scuba diving for the first time to day trips, Gordo Banks, Cabo Pulmo and more.

### Will I get seasick on this trip?

The Sea of Cortez is generally very calm. For anyone worried about seasickness, we recommend prophylactic use of the scopolamine "patch" as an anti-seasickness medication. The patch has revolutionized the dive boat industry and made going to sea practical for almost everyone. You will most likely not get seasick using the patch.

## MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

### What happens if I need a medevac flight?

Medevac can be arranged with a boat transfer to shore.

### Do you have an AED and medical kit onboard?

OF COURSE! All of our crew are trained in first aid and a number of our crew are trained first responders.

## TRAVEL DETAILS

### Do I need a passport and/or visa?

All guests must have a passport valid six months from entry. Visas are required from certain countries, please check your specific requirements online. All non-Mexican guests will require an FMM tourist visa.

### Do I need travel interruption insurance?

Guests are required to have medical evacuation insurance from a recognized provider before participating in any of our activities. [Click here](#) to purchase coverage. We highly recommend this provider because they are very dependable, reliable, and their policies are reasonably priced. Other providers may not offer the same level of reliability. We also highly recommend the optional purchase of trip interruption insurance, which covers everything from cancelled flights, weather-related delays, lost baggage, and reimbursement if another guest has a medical issue that affects your trip. If you decline coverage, please know that we do not issue credit refunds for anything that's beyond our immediate control.

### Do I need medical insurance?

YES. Evacuation insurance is mandatory.

### What airport do I fly into?

SJD Los Cabos International for both commercial airlines and private aircraft.

### When should I fly in?

These trips are planned around the guests having the option of flying in and going straight to SeeCreatures to check in and then board the ship later that day. We recommend flying in several days early to take full advantage of our hospitality and all the neat stuff that we offer as pre-trip extensions.

### How do I get from SJD into town?

Sealine Cabo Transfers is our recommended provider of airport transfers to and from Cabo San Lucas. For booking, please Martin email: [mmoreno@sealincabotransfers.com](mailto:mmoreno@sealincabotransfers.com)

### Can you recommend a local hotel?

Yes. For sure. We have our favourite hotels that we recommend and we have arranged discounted rates for Nautilus and Baja Expeditions's guests. For hotel recommendations, or any other pre-trips, questions, concerns, or comments, please contact our concierge's directly:

**Phone:** +1 (604) 241-1918 - Please ask for Daniela or Maria

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**Email:** [concierge@nautilusdive.com](mailto:concierge@nautilusdive.com)



# FAQs

## DON'T FORGET

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### What time do we arrive back in port?

Reminder that most Sea of Cortez trips board and return to La Paz with an included transfer to SeeCreatures Cabo San Lucas, or SJD Airport. We are usually back in port by 8 am. Disembarking by 8:30 am after breakfast. It's a 2-1/2 hour transfer to SJD. For that reason we recommend booking your outward flight 12:30 pm or later.

### Do you have a storm policy?

We highly recommend trip interruption insurance, which will cover you in this unlikely eventuality.

### Can you accommodate special dietary requests?

Yes, with reasonable advance notice, we are pleased to accommodate vegetarian, vegan, lactose, intolerant, gluten, free, low sugar, quasi-kosher and quasi-halal. We are likely unable to accommodate other special dietary requests, or guests with severe allergic challenges.

### What IS NOT included in the trip price?

Bar, gift shop, high-speed Internet connection, rentals, nitrox, crew gratuities. A \$35 port fee must be paid on board in cash at the end of the trip.



# Pre-Trip Extensions & Adventures



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Pre-trip extensions. Come and take advantage of us! Whether it's a day of diving or a four day mobula rays & ocean safari adventure before you board a trip to Socorro. We do it all, from Cabo Pulmo or La Paz excursions to our new 48-ft fast boats to the Mexico sardine run.

Loads of options, [click here for details!](#)

# Rental Locker

**Borrowing safety equipment is always complementary for all our kayaking guests**

- Nautilus LifeLine Marine Rescue Radio
- Portable marine VHF radio
- Lifejackets
- Kayaking safety gear

## Sample Pricing (USD)

**Go-pro camera and housing**      \$150  
**Fins, mask, snorkel**              \$75

**Wetsuit**                              \$70

*\* Clients are responsible for the cost of repairing any damage except normal wear and tear. Prices subject to change without notice.*



# Excursion Risk



## We are excited to have you join us, but feel compelled to point out **some of the risks** involved in our adventures around Baja, Mexico and the surrounding ocean.

We operate at the whim of Mother Nature. Our ships and camps have connectivity with shore operations, and we carefully monitor weather conditions while maintaining communication lines for urgent and emergency situations. Our ocean-going ships are equipped with satellite communication technology, full-time data links, internet at sea, and marine radios. We need you to be aware that there is always a risk of adverse weather, mechanical breakdown, errors, or mistakes made by our crew, medical evacuations, or other interruptions to your trip that are beyond our control.

Dealing with animals involves risk. Camping out in the desert involves risk. Going to sea involves risk. This is not Disneyland. We give careful guidance on peak seasons and our previous experiences with the animals. But there is no guarantee that you will see the animals you are hoping for; Mother Nature doesn't work that way. Guests and crew alike are susceptible to accidents, tripping and falling, sprains, or broken bones, strokes, heart attacks, or medical conditions such as appendicitis, pancreatitis, diabetic complications, heat or sun exhaustion, dehydration, severe infections, abscesses, or other emergency conditions.

Diving can be challenging and may not be suitable for less experienced divers. You must be a trained and certified scuba diver to dive with us unless you are enrolled in one of our training programs. Guests are responsible for their own dive safety. Our dive guides and instructors are primarily responsible for ensuring top-quality dives, critter pointing, and the best possible guest experience. You must have good buoyancy control. Our guides are not responsible for teaching primary dive skills or looking after guests who do not have basic buoyancy skills.

Aerial medevac is available at or close by most of our destinations. We require that all guests have insurance that covers emergency care in Mexico, including aerial medevac and hospital procedures. A medical evacuation flight might cost \$10,000, and local hospital charges could be in excess of \$20,000. You will have to arrange for payment upfront for these costs if you require evacuation or a hospital stay and your insurance won't cover the charges. 'Dive Assure' offers excellent coverage and is highly recommended. [Click here](#) to arrange coverage.

A sample [liability release and waiver can be viewed here](#) and requires your acceptance, agreement and signature when you visit SeeCreatures before boarding your ship.

We wish you an excellent trip, meet loads of animals and have a beautiful and safe experience.





## **PASSENGER GUEST WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY (the "Waiver")**

In consideration of you allowing me to participate in your camping and/or whale watching and/or excursion (the "Excursion"):

I voluntarily waive, release and forever discharge NAUTILUS DIVE ADVENTURES AND/OR all its related entities: ICARUS AVIATION LTD also doing business as "Lever Diving" AND/OR NAUTILUS EXPLORER MEXICO, S. DE R.L DE C.V. AND/OR BAJA EXPEDITIONS AND/OR BSK, S.A. DE C.V. AND/OR SEECREATURES AND/OR CABO DIVE CENTRE, S. DE R.L. DE C.V (collectively the "Company") and its employees, directors, officers, agents and contractors (collectively the "Operators") from any and all liability, including but not limited to liability arising from the negligence (including gross negligence) or fault of the Operators or any of them for personal injury or death, property loss or damage or any other claims of any kind which may occur to me during or in connection with the Excursion and/or the use or misuse of any equipment, vessels or vehicles.

I agree that all agreements made between the Operators and myself (including this Waiver) shall be governed by the laws of Mexico and the courts of Mexico City, shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any matter relating to the said agreements or this Waiver.

I agree that this Waiver shall be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns and my estate and I agree that in the event that a claim is made against the Operators or any one of them in respect of any cause of action relating to me, I will indemnify the Operator(s) for their losses, damage and expenses arising from such claim.

I confirm that I have both read and fully understood the description of the risks involved in participating in the Excursion as set forth in the Company's disclosure information entitled "DIVING EXCURSION RISKS" published on the Company web site (<https://nautilusliveboards.com/diving-excursion-risks/>) and in the pre-trip information package provided to me.

I also confirm that I:

- (a) am physically fit; without any health related reasons that would otherwise preclude my;
- (b) have had sufficient instruction, preparation and/or training for; and
- (c) have not been advised by any medical professional to avoid participation in the Excursion.

Finally, I confirm that I read and fully understood this Waiver before signing and, that I had the opportunity to do so before making any commitment of whatsoever kind or nature to the Company.

**Please note that you will be required to sign this waiver form upon the arrival at the hospitality suite.**

# Our Responsibilities, Your Responsibilities

## Our Responsibilities

- To ensure your safety.
- To give you the best possible excellence in guest experience
- To treat you with respect and consideration and to provide excellence in service onboard.
- To be responsive to special requests and needs.
- To keep our ships in top condition, clean and in good mechanical repair. Please note that each ship has many complex systems and it may be impossible to prevent some maintenance problems during your trip, despite our best efforts.

## Your Responsibilities

### 1. Animals

We love Mother Ocean! Unfortunately, sometimes guests will demonstrate unsafe or irresponsible behavior towards animals that impedes other guest's experiences and/or may cause harm to the animals. It is your responsibility to follow the crew's directions and recommendations with respect to interaction with the animals. In the unlikely event that an individual is impeding other guests and/or causing harm to the animals, the captain will speak to that person and give them a formal warning. If the guest continues the same behavior, the captain has the authority to hold that guest out of the water for the remainder of the trip.

### 2. Safety

It is your responsibility to attend all safety and pre-departure briefings please. Deco diving or deliberately "going blue" is not allowed. The captain has the right to revoke the diving privileges of anyone who is diving in an unsafe manner.

### 3. Alcohol

With over 30 years of operational experience running charters, we have learned the safest alcohol policy is to restrict guests from bringing their own alcohol on board. We provide a wide selection of beer, wine and alcohol from the ship's bar at reasonable prices. We are also happy to hold your duty-free purchases or local purchases of alcohol in bond in the ship's storage until the end of your trip.

### 4. Government Rules

You must comply with all Mexican government rules and regulations. Please note that government regulations and laws may change without notice. Our contract with you is subject to "force majeure" without compensation.

### 5. Marijuana

Marijuana is illegal in Mexico including medicinal prescription marijuana. We have a zero tolerance policy regarding guests bringing marijuana onboard.

### 6. Illegal Substances

We maintain a zero tolerance for illegal narcotics or substances on board. We're required under Mexican law to report any problems to the Mexican Federal Police.

### 7. Crew

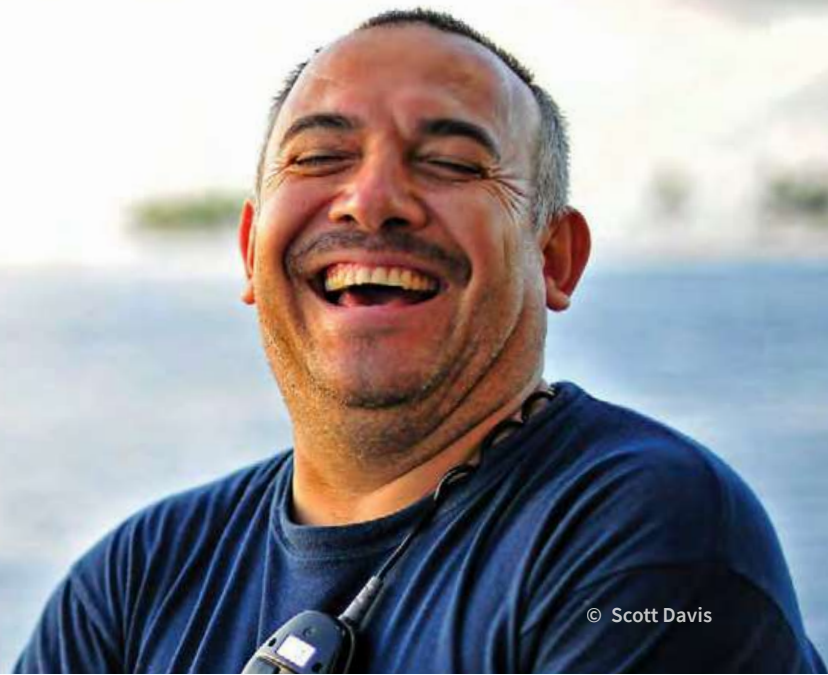
Treating our crew and staff with courtesy and respect.

### 8. Getting Sick

We sincerely hope that you stay healthy and don't get sick during your trip. Please let the crew know if you are not feeling well so that we can give you extra love and attention and also do our best to prevent anyone else onboard from getting sick.



# A Note on Gratuities



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I hope we leave you with the feeling that our crew has served you with warmth, good cheer, and has done their very best to provide you with a sense of being safe, along with excellence in guest services. I am very proud of our hard-working and dedicated staff.

Gratuities are never required but are customary in Mexico if you feel that the service is deserving and the staff went way above and beyond in looking after you. For your guidance, most guests tip between \$300 - 400 on these trips.

On a personal note, I am always appreciative of any comments or feedback about your experience with us and anything that we can improve on. Comments can be made in confidence from any personal computing device on the nautilusatsea Wi-Fi at <https://NautilusExperience/nautilus>.

As a personal note to thank you for joining us, and if you are interested in the possibility of last-minute travel for repeat clients (only) with incredible savings of up to 75% with offerings 3 or 4 times a year, I would like to extend an invitation to join our Last Minute Club <https://nautilusliveboards.com/last-minute-club/>.

Thank you very much for trusting us with your vacation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Lever". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Captain Mike**  
Founder  
*Nautilus Adventures*

# Mexico Customs and Cameras

We have received reports of isolated incidents in which Mexican Customs (Aduanes) has charged taxes cameras and housings being brought into the country by divers. While this is a violation of both Mexican and international law, local officials have continued with this illegal behaviour. We are fighting it in every way that we can with the help of our lawyers and the tourism boards.

In the meantime, the easiest way to avoid problems with customs is to pack cameras and equipment in regular looking suitcases. NOT in pelican cases. No dive stickers. No destination stickers. Just plain old carry-in suitcases. Mexican customs seems to focus on luggage that looks like it contains dive or photography gear.

We are very sorry for this hassle. It's not fair. We sincerely hope that things will revert back to normal with the newly elected government in 2024.

## Other steps that you can take in case your luggage is identified as dive gear

1. Carry invoices for the used depreciated value of your camera and housing. The lower the dollar amount, the less illegal duty you will be assessed.
2. If you do get assessed duty, make contemporaneous notes. Including the identification of the customs officer. They likely won't let you take their photo but they do have to show their badge number. Be sure you note the time, place, badge number and the amount you were assessed.
3. Use your credit card to pay any duties or taxes. That way you can dispute the charge with your credit company. This is where your contemporaneous notes will be very valuable.
4. Please let our concierges know what happened. We will fight hard on your behalf.

# MEXICO & COSTA RICA ADVENTURE

## LIVEBOARD SCUBA DIVING

### Socorro Island

November - July  
9 Days, 8 Nights



From **\$3,395**  
Pp. dbl occ.

### Cocos Island of the Sharks

August - September  
11 Days, 10 Nights



From **\$5,095**  
Pp. dbl occ.

### Sea of Cortez

July - November  
Choose either 5 or 7 nights

Spotter Airplane Supported!



From **\$1,895 / \$2,095**  
Pp. dbl occ.

### Conservation & Citizen Science



Contact Us!

### Nautilus LifeLine



**\$135**

Trade-In Special

## WHALES

### San Ignacio Lagoon Gray Whales

Mid-January - Mid-April  
4 or 6 night adventures  
Glamping & luxury



From **\$2,595**  
Pp. dbl occ.

### Baja Ultimate Whales

Mid-January - Mid-April  
8 Days, 7 Nights

Spotter Airplane Supported!



From **\$4,995**  
Pp. dbl occ.

### Orcas in the Sea of Cortez

April - August  
5 or 7 night adventures



From **\$2,995**  
Pp. dbl occ.

### Our Eyes in the Sky



• Our Cessna spotter aircraft is the secret weapon that allows us to both direct our ships on to where the big animals are and has also given us a much deeper understanding of the Sea of Cortez and the Pacific side of Baja.

## SPECIALTY TRIPS

Spotter Airplane Supported!

### Mexico Sardine Run

Mid-October - December  
8 Days, 7 Nights



From **\$3,395**  
Pp. dbl occ.

### Beach Adventure Camp Isla Espíritu Santo

October - May  
2 - 7 Nights



**\$375**  
Pp. per night.

### Kayaking in the Sea of Cortez

October - May  
2 - 7 Nights



From **\$1,895**  
Pp. dbl occ.

### Ultimate Whale Sharks in the Sea of Cortez

June - October  
8 Days, 7 Nights



From **\$2,895**  
Pp. dbl occ.

### Costa Rica Ocean & Rainforest

May - October  
6 Days, 5 Nights



From **\$1,695**  
Pp. dbl occ.

### NEW! Cruise & Learn Sailing

Year-Round  
8 Days, 7 Nights



**\$2,500** Per Person  
Shared Stateroom

**\$3,500**  
Single Occupancy

### Sailing Adventures

Year-Round - 45 ft yacht  
2 Night minimum



**\$2,250** Per Night

### Day Trips

Year-Round



From **\$125** pp.