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MAGDALENA BAY
Mexico Sardine Run

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WHAT CAN I BRING INTO MEXICO?

Concierge Service

Allow us to serve you better! Whether you have special requests, help with a pre-trip adventure, or assistance with transfers or hotel arrangements, our concierges are on standby to assist.

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SeeCreatures

Your trip meets at SeeCreatures Cabo.

Address:

Across from the town square in the heart of Cabo San Lucas and old town.
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How can we be of assistance!

- Transfers
- Hotel
- Dining recommendations
- Scuba and snorkelling trips
- Equipment rental and sales
- Local day boat diving
- Cabo Pulmo adventures
- Group trips to Isla Espiritu Santo
- Sailing adventures
- Trip extensions



Magdalena Bay 2026 Update



The 2025 Mexico Sardine run was on fire, our best ever, with the most marlin, sharks, visibility and animal behaviour that we have ever experienced. However, the inshore scuba diving has once again been inconsistent, sometimes with poor visibility and surge.

For some time, guests have been telling us they would prefer a trip that is one day shorter and skip the day of scuba diving. Safety and excellence in guest experience are the cornerstone of everything we do, and with guests feedback in mind, we have shortened our Magdalena Bay expeditions by 1 day to focus primarily on snorkelling and freediving with the bait balls.

What to Expect

- **Daily Bait Ball Action**

From the first afternoon through the final morning, each day is dedicated to the bait balls. Supported by our experienced local captains, who know the area inside and out, and an observation airplane on the first day of that surveys the region and records wildlife and ocean conditions.

- **Snorkelling & Freediving Focus**

This is now a 7 day / 6 nt trip focused primarily on snorkelling and freediving with the bait balls with the best visibility.

- **Optional Activities**

Guests have the option of spending the afternoon scuba diving or go ashore and explore the magnificent sand dunes.

Important Note

Bait ball encounters depend on weather and sea conditions, and while these can vary, we aim to provide the best trip possible and guest excellence.

Flying into SJD, Cabo San Lucas



If you are arriving by airline, you will be landing at SJD international airport which is a 45 minute drive from our SeeCreatures base in Cabo San Lucas.

The flight attendants should give you a form to fill out if you are on an international flight. You will get a customs declaration and it's important to fill this out accurately.

You might be able to disembark via a jetway or sometimes by portable staircase and then walking across the airport ramp. Either way, if you are on an international flight you will end up going down a staircase into the international arrivals hall to clear immigration. Then on to the baggage hall to collect your luggage before clearing customs. The customs officer will ask you to press a button and you'll get either a green or red light. Green light means it's margarita time. Red light means you will have to open your suitcase for a customs inspection before you can enjoy your margarita. We highly recommend that after leaving customs, you walk straight through the next area past all the nice people trying to offer their assistance and keep going. They are all time share salespeople and the offer of a free sunset cruise and drinks won't seem so cheap after you have been talked into buying a time share. Your transfer company should have a representative waiting outside the arrivals hall with the name of their company on a sign board.

For our guests arriving on a domestic flight, you have it much easier. You will arrive at the old terminal building. Disembark. Collect your bags. Head to Cabo!

Checking-In at SeeCreatures Cabo



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We recommend flying into SJD Los Cabo at least 1 day early to avoid any hassles with cancelled or delayed flights or lost luggage. Even better, it gives lots of time for a day trip to dive or snorkel Cabo Pulmo, a Gordo Bank diving adventure. or maybe a 2 tanker “let’s get wet” dive out of Cabo. Our concierges are on standby to assist with everything, including hotel, restaurant, and transfer recommendations. If you are arriving on the same day as your ship departure, we recommend going straight to SeeCreatures Cabo to check-in, drop off your luggage, and then enjoy the rest of your day.

Please be sure to be back at SeeCreatures Cabo by 4:30 pm and checked-in on your boarding day. We will have transfers arranged at 5:30 pm to your ship.

Typical Itinerary

7 Days / 6 Nights

Day 1 - Board and Get Underway

Please check-in at SeeCreatures Cabo by 4:30 pm. We will have transfers arranged at 5:30 pm to your ship. Board and set sail up the beautiful coast of Baja California. Our destination, the sheltered waters and outer Islands of Magdalena Bay sardine run.

Day 2 - Welcome to Magdalena Bay!

Late morning arrival in Magdalena Bay. Today is our warmup and tuneup day at the south end of Margarita Island. This adventure is primarily about snorkelling and freediving with the schooling sardine and bait balls, you will have the opportunity to snorkel with sea lions.

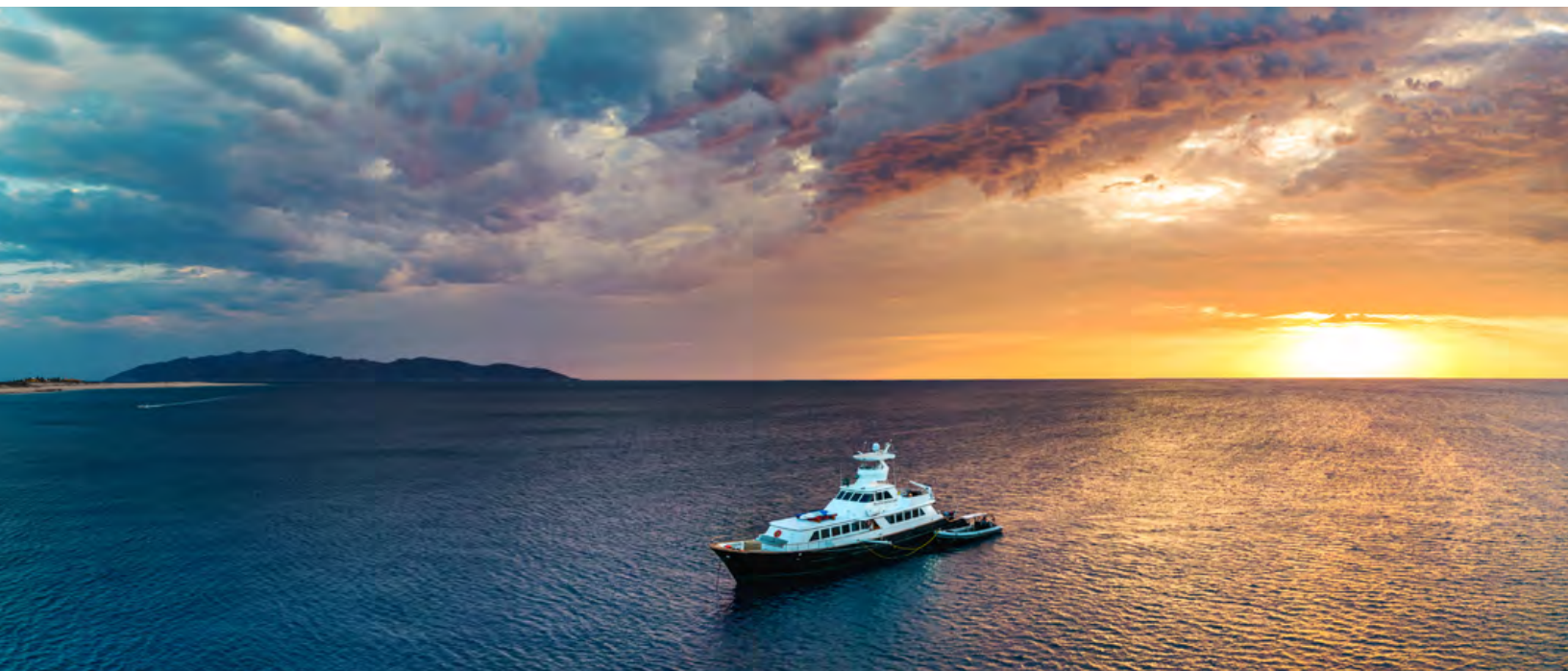
Days 3-6 - Enjoy Peak Season of Magdalena Bay

Let's find some bait balls! These next days are about snorkelling and freediving. We never know quite what Mother Ocean has in store for us, but on the vast majority of our trips, we are able to enjoy fairly calm seas with a low swell and loads of critters. Striped marlin and bryde whales are the stars of the sardine run but there is lots more to sea. This is a cooperative eco-tourism program working with local pangas and captains who pivoted from fishing to tourism. Nobody knows these waters and where to find the animals better than these guys. You should also see turtles, more sea lions, sharks, and seabirds. It can be very very exciting.

Guests have the option of spending the afternoons scuba diving or go ashore and explore the magnificent sand dunes.

Day 7 - Breakfast & Disembark

Breakfast and then disembark in Cabo by 8:30 am.



What am I going to see?

Every fall, the waters outside of Magdalena Bay are home to a deep ocean upwelling, which combine with warm waters to create perfect conditions for massive schools of sardine in the cobalt blue, shallow ocean water. The surrounding waters teem with life with bait balls and predators from seabirds to blue and mako sharks, sea lions, whales, dolphins and the ocean's fastest fish, the striped marlin. Marlin can swim as fast as 50 mph (80 kmh) and it's the thrill of a lifetime to be in the water next to a bait ball with marlin whizzing past you, dorsal fins full erect. Extra bonus is the hundreds of turtles often seen on the surface.

WHAT TO BRING

What do I need to pack?

Personal toiletries. Dive gear (or travel light and use our rental gear!) Summer attire. Nights can be cold which makes a sweater or fleece jacket a good addition (or buy one from our gift shop). Sunscreen (reef-safe sunscreen will be available onboard with our compliments). Towels and bed linen are provided onboard. A drybag to store anything you don't want to get wet in the panga. A hat for the longer days in the panga.

What wetsuit should I bring?

We suggest bringing a 5 or 7 mm wetsuit plus hooded vest as water temps will be in the low to mid-70°F range.

What dive gear should I bring?

Free diving fins are best for this trip although regular fins will work as well. Plus mask, snorkel and hood.

Although these trips are primarily snorkeling and free diving, we will be doing up to 6 dives, so if you are a diver, bring the usual dive gear like BCD, regs, computer, or we can arrange all of that as rentals from SeeCreatures.

What kind of safety gear do you provide divers?

Nautilus LifeLines, DiveAlerts and SMB safety sausages.

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.

Do I need a passport?

YES. And it must be valid six months from entry.

TRAVEL DETAILS

Do I need to obtain a visa ahead of time?

Only for a very limited number of countries. Please check the requirements for your country.

Do I need insurance?

Guests are required to have medical and evacuation insurance from a recognized provider before participating in any of our activities. [Click here](#) to purchase coverage. The policies are very affordable. We also highly recommend the optional purchase of trip interruption insurance, which covers everything from cancelled flights, weather delays, and lost baggage, to reimbursement if another guest has a medical issue that affects your trip. If you decline coverage, please note that we do not issue credits or refunds for anything that is beyond our immediate control.

Do I need dive medical insurance?

YES. Dive and evacuation insurance is mandatory. We can assist you with purchasing this at check-in if you like.

What airport do I fly into?

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

When should I fly in?

We recommend always flying in at least one day early. There's lots to see and do in Baja, and we're always super happy to set you up with some pre-trip adventures. Also, Airlines can sometimes be unreliable, and arriving early provides a buffer in case of delays or lost baggage issues and so on. It is totally feasible to fly in on the start date of your trip if you prefer.

How do I get from SJD into town?

Our concierge team will be on standby to assist with arranging transfers and can recommend trusted local transfer companies. At present, however, we are not allowed to pick up from SJD (Los Cabos airport).

Driving time from SJD airport to town is about 45 minutes.

Can you recommend a local hotel?

We have great contract rates with some of our favourite local hotels. We are happy to either book accommodations for you or provide recommendations so that you can book directly with the best rates online.

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BEFORE DEPARTURE

Where do we meet the boat?

SeeCreatures, located directly across from the town square, two blocks from the marina and in the heart of the downtown restaurant and bar district. We want our place to be your home away from home! Please drop by when you get into town and we will get you kitted up with whatever you need. We offer a variety of pre-trip packages including two or three tank boat dives and side trips.

What time do we meet?

Meet at SeeCreatures Cabo at 4:30pm latest for check. We have transfers arranged at 5:30 pm to your ship.

Can you help me get dive certified before the trip?

YES. We offer a full array of dive courses at SeeCreatures.

Can I get nitrox certified ahead of time?

Yes.

Will I need to show my dive certification card before boarding?

Only if you are planning on diving this trip. No certification is required for free diving or snorkelling.

Will I get seasick on this trip?

The Pacific side of Baja 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.

Don't Forget!

What time do we arrive back in Cabo San Lucas?

We will return to SeeCreatures Cabo around 8:30am. Please keep in mind traffic and mother ocean can delay our estimated time.

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.

TRIP EXPERIENCE

How much experience do I need?

These trips are perfect for all experience levels and non-divers and divers alike.

How much time will we spend on the water?

Basically as much as you like! Sometimes it can take several days to get onto the bait balls or sometimes it happens right away. The local panga captains know these waters like the back of their hands and are extremely skilled at finding the bait balls.

Are the boats camera friendly?

YES, VERY!

Are these trips suitable for rebreather divers?

Magdalena Bay trips are not suitable for rebreather diving because of the limited number of dives and depth (shallow) of the diving.

Can I do deco dives?

Sorry. Only on whole boat charters on which your group has chartered the entire ship.

Can I do trimix diving?

We can arrange the supply of helium T bottles as long as you are comfortable doing your own blending.

Where is the closest decompression chamber?

The closest chambers are located in La Paz and Cabo San Lucas.

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.



Rental Locker

Borrowing safety equipment is always complimentary to all our guests

- Nautilus LifeLine Marine Rescue Radio
- SMB
- Dive Alert Signaling Device

Sample Pricing (USD)

Might we suggest booking your rental gear ahead of time. While our ships carry emergency loaners, visiting SeeCreatures is the best way to check out that perfectly fitted rental wetsuit and ensure that your camera and dive gear is working just right.

Nitrox	\$25	Go-pro Camera	\$160
Steel 95 cf Cylinder	\$20		

Packages

Wetsuit, BCD, Regulator	\$110	Fins, Booties, Hood/Mask	\$75
BCD, Regulator, Dive computer	\$110	Full Gear (Wetsuite, BCD, Reg, Computer, Booties, Hood, Fins, Snorkel and mask)	\$200

Items

Wetsuit	\$80	Hood	\$15
BCD	\$30	Mask	\$15
Regulator	\$30	Premium MARES Liquid Skin Mask	\$40
Dive Computer	\$25	Snorkel	\$20
Fins	\$35	Hooded Vest	\$30
Booties	\$35	Dive Lights	\$20
Premium Avanti Quattro+ & Booties	\$55		

Zorb	\$7.63 per pound
Oxygen fills	\$100 / \$20 each additional day more than 5 days
Oxygen Rebreather Cylinder	\$50 / \$10 each additional day
Diluent Rebreather Cylinder	\$50 / \$10 each additional day

* 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.

Responsibilities

Our Responsibilities

- To ensure your safety.
- To give you the best possible diving experience.
- To treat you with respect and consideration and to provide excellence in service onboard.
- To be responsive to special requests and needs.
- To plan each trip with respect to weather, sea conditions and animal behavior in order to maximize your diving experience.
- 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. Diving Safety

It is your responsibility to attend dive briefings and comply with the principles of safe recreational diving. 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 dive 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 have left you with the feeling that our crew has served you with warmth, good cheer, and has done their very best to ensure your safety and excellence in guest services. I am incredibly proud of our hardworking and dedicated staff.

Attitudes towards tipping vary around the world. In Mexico, it is considered disrespectful to the crew and staff to not leave a gratuity if the service is deserving. For your guidance, most guests leave a tip of US\$350 to \$400.

We greatly value your feedback about your experience with us, including anything we can improve on. I would really appreciate any comments or thoughts you might share. Simply click on **“Your Feedback”** on the boat Wi-Fi portal to share your thoughts.

On a personal note and as my thanks to you, I invite you to join our Last Minute Club, exclusively for repeat clients. Members receive incredible savings of up to 75% on last-minute adventures, offered 3 or 4 times a year. If you love awesome deals, simply click on **“Last Minute”** on the boat Wi-Fi portal to sign up.

Thank you very much for trusting us with your vacation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Leven".

Captain Mike

Proprietor, Nautilus Adventure



What objects can I bring in my luggage to Mexico?

If you are visiting Mexico, you may bring the following tax-exempt items, whether new or second hand:

- Baby gear, such as strollers, car seats, cribs, walkers and their accessories.
- Two cameras or camcorders and camera gear; three cellphones or other wireless devices; one GPS; one electronic organizer; one laptop, notebook, omnibook or other portable computing device; one portable copier or printer; one CD burner and one portable overhead projector and its accessories.
- One tent and other camping articles.
- Two sets of personal sport gear; four fishing rods; three gliders with or without sails and their accessories; trophies and awards, as long as you can carry them without any difficulty.
- Two musical instruments and their accessories.
- One hand tool set, including its case, a drill, pliers, wrenches, screwdrivers, power cords, etc.
- One pair of binoculars and one telescope.
- Five laser disks, ten DVDs, thirty CDs, three software packs and five storing units for any electronic device.
- Five toys, including collectables, one videogame console and five videogames.
- One blood pressure monitor and one blood glucose monitor (or one monitor for both purposes), reagents included; drugs and other psychotropic substances, including cannabis, in which case you must present the prescription, have the medical identification number or any other contact detail of your physician and exclusively bring the amount needed for your trip.
- Valises, trunks, suitcases or any other item needed to carry your personal belongings.
- If you are over eighteen, ten packs of cigarettes, twenty-five cigars or two hundred grams of tobacco; three litres of alcoholic beverages and six litres of wine.
- Wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches or any other assistive device for the elderly or disabled people.
- One portable audio recorder, audio player or audio recorder and player (or two digital sound and image recorders or players instead), one portable DVD player and one set of portable speakers and its accessories.

If you enter or leave Mexico, you must declare any sum of money equaling US\$10,000 or more that you bring in cash, checks, money orders, other cashable documents or a combination of them. Failing to declare carries a fine ranging from 20% to 40% of the exceeding amount. Failing to declare sums of US\$30,000 or more is punishable by six months to six years of imprisonment and the amount being seized for the federal treasury if its lawful origin is not demonstrated. Should you not prove its lawful origin, you will be sentenced to a period of five to fifteen years of imprisonment and to one thousand to five thousand day-fines.

For more information, please contact the following Mexican government agencies:

- Servicio de Administración Tributaria (SAT):
www.sat.gob.mx
(55) 627 22 728 in Mexico City or +1 (877) 448-8728 from the USA and Canada
- Instituto Nacional de Migración (INM):
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