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ULTIMATE WHALE SHARK

Ocean safari in the Sea of Cortez

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How can we be of assistance!

- Transfers
- Hotel
- Dining recommendations
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What is an ultimate whale shark adventure?



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Wow!! The whale sharks of Bahía de los Ángeles are absolutely amazing. We don't know of anywhere else on the planet where you can swim with whale sharks and have the sanctuary all to ourselves. Sometimes there may be another boat in the bay, but it's rare. What makes this even more special is the behaviour of the whale sharks themselves as they are often quite friendly and even interactive with us.

Will you always be able to swim with good numbers of whale sharks?? Not necessarily, this is the mother ocean, after all, not Disneyland! But our success rate has been excellent from June through October every year.

There is a lot more to this adventure aside from the whale sharks. On day 2 of the trip, we will likely start out at Las Ánimas with loads of sea lions and schooling fish, as well as the best chance of seeing hammerhead sharks in the Sea of Cortez. After that, we will continue adventuring north, travelling at night and anchoring during the day at our favourite sites, in some of the most rewarding, remote and difficult areas to get to in Baja.

Please note that this trip finishes with a day at sea running south back to La Paz. We will be on sharp lookout for interesting critters to splash with along the way, and have had very good luck jumping in with pilot whales, as well as some encounters with finback and sperm whales.

- Swimming with whale sharks
- Large numbers of dolphins
- Super playful sea lions
- Huge swirling schools of fish
- Really unique "birding"
- 🙌 Hammerhead sharks
- 🙌 Pilot whales
- 🙌 Finback whales
- 🙌 Sperm whales and orcas

Before Leaving Home



We hope you are excited about your upcoming adventure with us!!

You should definitely pack all the typical items for a shipboard vacation at sea in Mexico, like sunscreen, shorts, bathing suits, sunglasses, hats, windbreaker and sweater as it can be cooler at night. We are sometimes asked about seasickness and what works best. The Sea of Cortez is generally calm but it's best to be prepared and we say that you can't beat drugs and alcohol! By which we mean "the patch" (*scopolamine*) and a nice glass of wine! We also have "sea safe" sunscreen and body wash for our guests which helps us preserve the health and vibrance of the Sea of Cortez.

There is 24 hour AC (*alternating current*) power on your ship so don't worry about charging your phone, laptop and cameras or CPAP machine. For the safety of everybody onboard, we only allow unattended charging of lithium ion batteries in designated protected areas. You will have cell reception in some areas but no reception in other places. For a modest fee, you can get onboard satellite internet, which allows you to stay connected but it is much slower than shoreside due to the complex satellite connection. Streaming services such as Netflix won't be available, so it is best to pre-download all of your movies and shows!

We have a large supply of rental wetsuits, snorkelling gear, and diving equipment. **Please make sure that your pre-trip guest information is completed and submitted to us well in advance so that we can better take care of all of your needs.** The majority of the information is optional, but some information, like your full name and passport information is vital, otherwise the Mexican authorities will not allow you to join us. We are enthusiastic to provide vegetarian, vegan, lactose intolerant, gluten free and quasi-kosher/halal with at least several weeks notice. Keep in mind that you are embarking on an ocean adventure and not able to accommodate very specific unique dietary needs.

It's your job to please ensure that your dive gear is well-maintained and serviced and that you have replaced the batteries in your computer. It is a good idea to make sure that you, yourself, are well maintained and in decent physical condition before your trip. Of course, we accommodate and welcome everybody onboard. However, if going swimming would leave you exhausted and with chest pain, you should be careful about it

There is so much to see in the Sea of Cortez and we will be sure to have binoculars for you as well as our "eagle eyed" crew one critter lookout. We stock rental GoPros and housings at SeeCreatures as well as a selection of SD cards.

Please do **NOT** bring your own alcohol onboard. We don't allow that. We have a great selection of craft beer, wine, single malt scotches and more, and we are happy to look after special requests if you let us know ahead of time. We have a zero tolerance policy for narcotics and illegal drugs. Marijuana is not legal in Mexico.

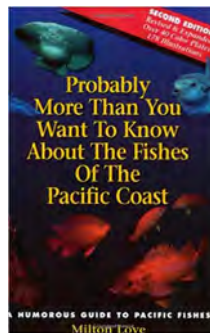
The Sea of Cortez is a magical place and if you can read about it ahead of time, your experience will only be enhanced that much more. Our favourites:



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*The log from the Sea of Cortez
by John Steinbeck*

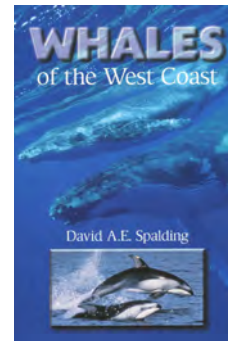
The classic!!! And the book that drew us to Mexico in the first place.



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*Probably More Than You Want to Know about
the Fishes of the Pacific Coast
by Milton Love*

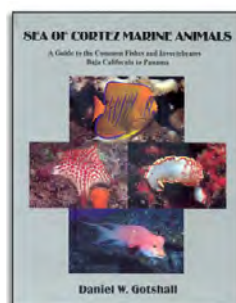
It's a hilarious good read.



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*Whales of the West Coast
by David A.E. Spalding*

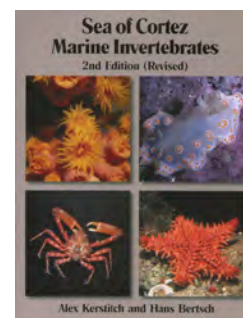
Have you wondered how to tell a blue and finback whale apart?



ISBN 0-930118-26-X

*Sea of Cortez Marine Animals
by our friend and guest, Daniel Gotshal*

This is our bible to the Sea of Cortez.



ISBN 1-55017-199-2

*Sea of Cortez Marine Invertebrates
by Alex Kerstitch and Hans Bertsch*

This will open your eyes to all the little critters.

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 if you are arriving in Cabo from SJD



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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.

For your Mares rental gear, we recommend arriving at SeeCreatures Cabo 30 minutes to one hour before your scheduled departure to allow lots of time to get fitted out with whatever you need. Otherwise, please be sure to be back by **4:30 pm at the latest** for your complimentary transfer to La Paz, where your ship will be waiting for you.

Flying into LAP, La Paz



La Paz is a beautiful city and the capital of Baja California Sur. The airport is small, modern, and easy to navigate. While there are few connecting flights from the United States, there are great connections from the rest of Mexico.

Upon arrival, disembarking the jet by external stairs and walking across the ramp to the terminal. For domestic flights, all you have to do is pick up your luggage and walk outside and you're done. There are no timeshare salesman or aggressive solicitors to worry about.

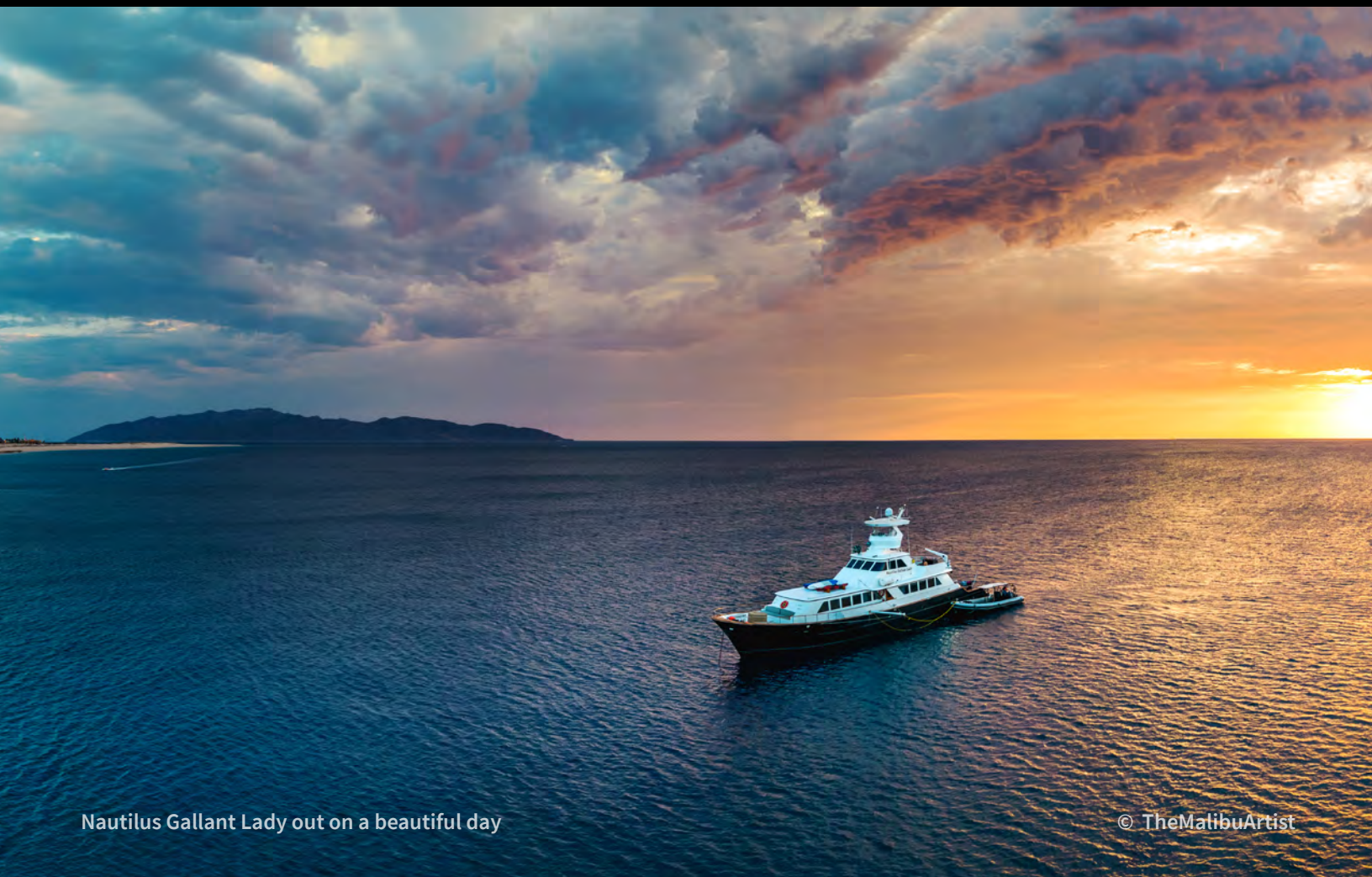
If you've arranged a transfer with us, your driver will be waiting just outside the terminal, holding a sign with your name. Otherwise, it's completely fine to take a metred taxi into town.

Please check in upon arrival. Settle in and relax. Perhaps go for a walk, grab an ice cream cone, or enjoy a stroll along the malecon (boardwalk), which we highly recommend.

Please confirm with our concierge team the meeting point and time.

Our concierge team will be on standby to assist with arranging transfers and can recommend trusted local transfer companies. We also have preferred rates with some of our favorite local hotels. We're happy to either book accommodations for you or provide recommendations so you can book directly at the best available rates online.

Boarding the Ship



Nautilus Gallant Lady out on a beautiful day

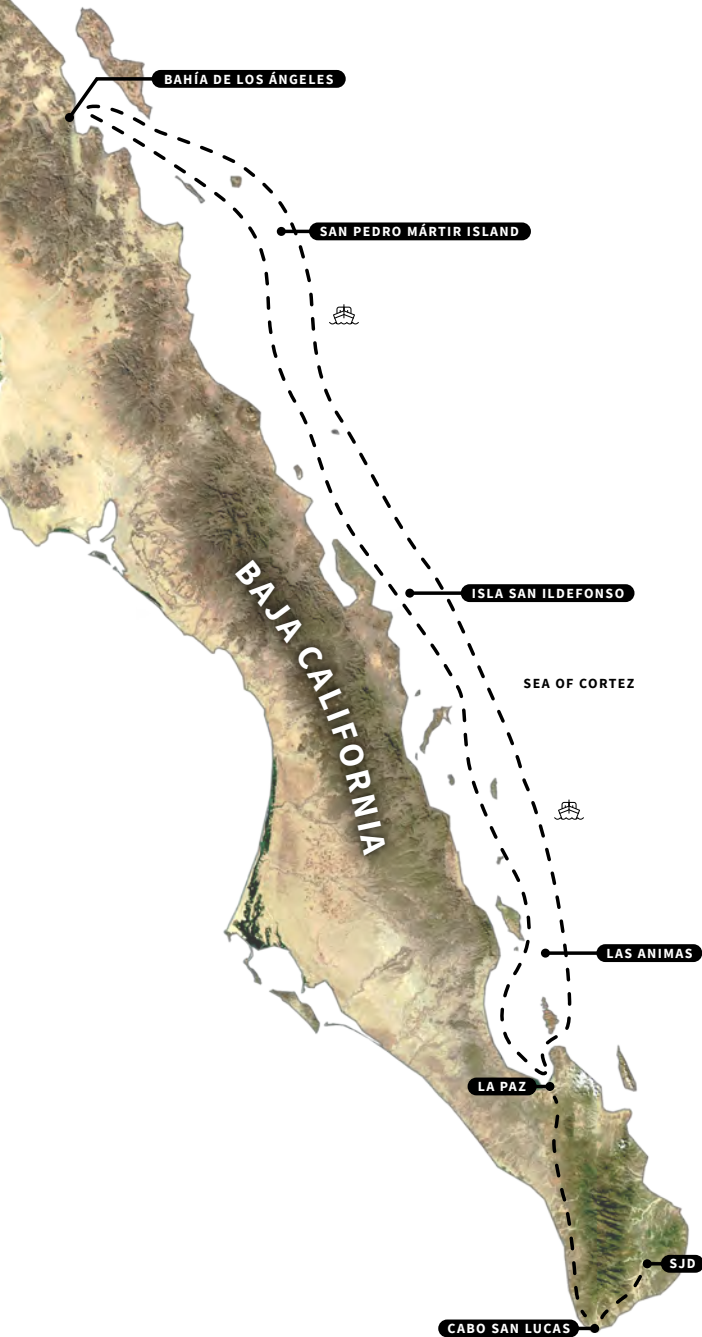
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We recommend arriving at SeeCreatures Cabo 30 minutes to one hour before your scheduled departure.

Please meet us back at SeeCreatures Cabo by 4:30 pm. Most of our trips board in La Paz, though a small number of departures leave directly from Cabo. Either way, we will be ready to transfer everyone to your ship for boarding, champagne in hand, and a warm welcome from our crew. We will move your luggage to your stateroom so all you have to do is be ready to join cocktail hour as soon as you board! Once provisioning, cleaning, and any last-minute engineering tasks are complete, the ship will get underway for a lovely dinner and we will be on our way.

We will be sure to provide a safety orientation when you board with introductions, full safety briefing, and a practice fire and boat drill on the morning of day 2.

Nautilus is one of the only companies in the world with a certified ISM safety management system. You can sleep easy knowing that our ships are operated, managed and audited to the same safety standards as the largest cruise ships in the world. ISM covers everything from fire protection to sprinkler systems to crew training and certification to operational and safety processes. Unfortunately, it also means that we are required to comply with ISPS protocols which include the requirement for us to search 15 - 20% of luggage brought onboard the ship. We apologize for the inconvenience and will be as tactful as possible.



Sample Itinerary

8 Days / 7 Nights

Pre- & Post-Trip Extensions

Maximize your Baja get-away with pre-trip extensions at SeeCreatures Cabo. Anything from a photo course to 2 tank dive, side trip to Cabo Pulmo, dive adventure to Gordo Banks and much more.

Fly into SJD Los Cabo or LAP La Paz. It's possible to fly in on the same day as departure but if your time permits, we recommend flying in early and having a longer vacation.

Day 1 - Boarding Day!

Please check in with SeeCreatures Cabo by 4:30 pm for your transfer to your ship, where our hosties will be waiting for you on the back deck with trays of margaritas and champagne, dinner on the stove and departure for the Sea of Cortez.

Days 2-7 - The Sea of Cortez!

Every day will be different and your captain and dive guides will update your itinerary to maximize animal and diving encounters and minimize any challenges with weather. This is a stunning time of year to dive the Sea of Cortez with water temps typically in the high 70's and 80s.

One of the nicest things about this time of year is that the seas are generally very calm without any motion aboard our heavy steel stabilized ships. You can expect to visit Las Animas, Isla San Ildefonso, San Pedro Martir, and Bahia de Los Angeles.

We will spend the last day at sea exploring our secret hot spot near Mulegé, where pilot whales, dolphins, and other incredible marine life are often encountered.

Day 8 - Last Day

Morning breakfast. Disembark at 8:30 am in La Paz and complimentary transfer back to either SeeCreatures Cabo San Lucas or SJD Airport.

Your last day is always sad for us. We hate to say good-bye. But wait, you don't have to say good-bye just yet. There is still time to head to Cabo Pulmo with us for a one day adventure or take advantage of our special offer staying in a local hotel. Or for divers, this could be your chance to dive the famous pinnacles of Gordo Banks before you go home!



Spotter Airplane "Scout"

© Dan Taylor

TRIP DETAILS

The Sea of Cortez is a magical place, an ocean bordered by a desert with a diverse ecosystem and plethora of animals. For almost 50 years, we've been exploring the sea of Cortez, between 80 and 220 whale sharks have aggregated every year between May and beginning of November in Bahia de Los Angeles. These magnificent animals are the highlight of our ultimate whale trip adventures, but have no worries, there is plenty else to see in the Sea of Cortez, from sea lions to giant finback whales, second only in size to blue whales.

These are multi-activity trips based on our large ocean-going dive liveaboard vessels. Your ship will primarily be transiting at night to position in just the right place for each morning's activities. Divers are happily accommodated in the normal Liveaboard lifestyle of diving, eating, diving, relaxing, more diving, and then sleeping. This is a perfect trip for those interested in a more relaxed pace of diving or other activities in the Sea of Cortez. These activities might include going ashore, hiking in the desert, snorkelling, kayaking, paddleboarding, or simply enjoying a great adventure in the Sea of Cortez.

WEATHER

The Sea of Cortez is mostly calm this time of year. We will be traversing a lot of areas with regional variations in water temperature and wind. We will likely see water temps ranging from the mid-70s to the mid-80s. It can be very hot during the day, but this is not a problem with air conditioning on board. Comfort on board is ensured, with lots of water activities and shore activities generally scheduled for the first thing in the morning or late in the day when the temperatures are cooler. One of the coolest things about these trips is that, unlike open ocean expeditions, the waters are quite smooth, and there may be very little or no movement on the boat for days at a time.

THE WHALE SHARKS

The whale sharks aggregate in the estuary at the south end of Bahia de Los Angeles, which is a protected reserve in a CONANP national park. Interaction with the whale sharks is by snorkelling only; no diving is allowed. Visibility is typically 30 to 40 feet in the area where the whale sharks gather. Depending on the group's interest, there will either be a morning session with the whale sharks or two opportunities, morning and afternoon, to get in the water with the animals. We work together with the local dive operator, using his pangas and captains for the actual whale shark interaction. We always reserve our trips with him ahead of time, but this is a small place in the middle of nowhere, and Ricardo and his team are not always available when booked. We always get our guests in the water, but there are sometimes delays.

AIRPLANE SUPPORT

We support year round aerial patrols for scientific and conservation purposes. The spotter aircraft is incredibly useful in helping to understand changing conditions and animal aggregations. We call it the "eye in the sky".

DIVERS

Approximately 15 dives plus 1 day swimming with whale sharks and hopefully additional snorkelling with cetaceans. A 5mm wetsuit is recommended at the start of the season in July, while a 3mm wetsuit will likely be fine from August onwards. Our SeeCreatures ocean activities centres are located in Cabo San Lucas and La paz are there to support whatever you need from discounted pre-trip adventures including day trips to Cabo Pulmo and Gorda Banks to photography workshops to wetsuit, gear and go-pro rentals. On our Sea of Cortez adventures there's usually the opportunity for several night dives noting that the half day or day that we spend with the whale sharks is a snorkelling opportunity rather than scuba diving. There is no minimum experience level required for this trip, but all divers need to have buoyancy control and other skills required for open water certification. We will have dive guides in the water on all dives to assist our guests.

SWIMMERS

A trip like this is heaven for swimmers. Beautiful warm water, lots to see, and lots of adventure. You'll be traversing deep into the Sea of Cortez, exploring little-visited areas that very few people get to see. There has never been a swimming safari offered like this in Baja. To participate in a swimming safari based on one of our Liveaboards, you do need to be a competent swimmer. But don't worry about fitness. You can swim as much or as little as you like, and you'll get stronger every day. Support skiffs will be nearby. Whether you swim very little or, for hardcore summers, you might swim up to 10 km a day, the choice is yours.

PADDLERS AND PADDLEBOARDERS

Self-reliant paddlers and paddleboarders are welcome to head off on their own, subject to safety restrictions. Please let us know your experience and kayak preference well before departure. We have both single and two-person kayaks available. We have very high-end Seaward ocean touring kayaks that are very fast, but a little bit tipsy, and to delegate to be hauled up on rock beaches or alternatively, we have some high-quality plastic touring kayaks that are a bit more stable and much tougher. We can arrange a guide for a minimum group size of six or a custom guide can be requested by prior arrangement.

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN THE ADVENTURE

Come and join us! There will be opportunities to go ashore, hike in the desert, and we will do our best to arrange a tour to view cave paintings. You'll also have the chance to snorkel with whale sharks, and most likely go ashore on remote Isla San Pedro martir, home to one of the largest populations of blue-footed and brown boogie birds in the world. Additionally, you can snorkel with sea lions, jump in the water with a pod of dolphins, try your hand at kayaking or paddleboarding in North America, climb the Ridgeline on Isla San Francisco, enjoy beach walks, hike through the desert, and much more.

SAFETY

Safety, excellence in guest experience, and the happiness of our guests are the cornerstones of our operations. Nothing is more important than your safety. At Nautilus and Baja Expeditions, we are proud to be the only operation in the world with ISM certification and external annual audit of our safety management system. This is the same certification that the largest cruise ships on the oceans hold. We strictly adhere to written processes, procedures, and protocols, and our captain and crew are trained into both initially, and with annual recurrent training. Every activity starts with a briefing on a whiteboard on board. All drivers must be equipped with an SMB and dive alert, which we provide as needed. Any guest participating in water activities must be equipped with a Nautilus Lifeline, emergency radio, and GPS device. We carry AEDs and extensive medical kits with a contract medical officer available to receive our sophisticated satellite communication system.

FAQs

What do I need to pack?

Personal toiletries. Dive gear (or travel light and use our rental gear). Summer wear, noting that nights will be cooler. It can be very hot in the desert this time of year. Sunscreen (reef-safe sunscreen will be available on board with our compliments), towels, bed linen, soap, and shampoo are provided on board.

Do I need a passport?

Yes, and it must be valid six months from entry date.

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 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.

What airport do I fly into?

SJD Los Cabos International for both commercial airlines and private aircraft. Or fly into airport of La Paz (LAP). For guests flying into La Paz, please let our concierge team know and they will provide information about our check-in.

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 into town?

Our concierge team will be on standby to assist with arranging transfers and can recommend trusted local transfer companies. Often, we can also coordinate pickups from LAP (La Paz airport). 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, while from LAP airport to town takes about 30 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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Email: concierge@nautilusdive.com

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.

Do you have a storm policy?

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

Where do we meet our boat?

Flying into La Paz? Please let our concierge team know you will be in La Paz. They will provide the meeting point and time.

Flying into Cabo? You're welcome to stop by SeeCreatures Cabo anytime. Please come by and say "hi". Please be at SeeCreatures by 4:30 pm on the departure date. We recommend arriving 30 minutes to one hour early to allow lots of time to get you fitted out with whatever you need. We feature the latest Mares rental gear. We will be departing for your included transfer, it will be an approximate 2 hour 20 minute drive to La Paz.

Can you help me get dive certified before the trip?

Yes. We specialize in introducing as many people to scuba diving as possible. We offer a full array of diving courses at SeeCreatures.

Can I get nitrox certified before we leave on the ship?

Yes, we could do it. This is a one day course at SeeCreatures.

Will I need to show proof of insurance, and if I'm a diver, a dive certification card before boarding?

Yes.

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.

How much experience do I need if I'm a diver?

Your experience doesn't matter. If you're not certified, we can arrange a discover scuba experience. If you're an experienced and self-reliant diver, you're welcome to head off on days by yourself, and do your own thing if you wish, with the sole exception of diving in a national park where diving must be done with a guide. Our dive guides are always available for whoever wants to dive with us.

Are the boats camera friendly?

YES, VERY! Our boats are well set up for photography. Ask us about rental cameras or professional photo services.

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 hour 30 minute transfer to SJD airport. For that reason we recommend booking your outward flight 2:00 pm or later.

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.

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	\$120	Go-pro Camera	\$160
Steel 95 cf Cylinder	\$42		
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Packages			
Wetsuit, BCD, Regulator	\$200	Fins, Booties, Hood/Mask	\$75
BCD, Regulator, Dive computer	\$200	Full Gear (Wetsuite, BCD, Reg, Computer, Booties, Hood, Fins, Snorkel and mask)	\$360
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Items			
Wetsuit	\$80	Hood	\$15
BCD	\$80	Mask	\$15
Regulator	\$80	Premium MARES Liquid Skin Mask	\$40
Dive Computer	\$60	Snorkel	\$20
Fins	\$35	Hooded Vest	\$35
Booties	\$35	Dive Lights	\$35
Premium Avanti Quattro+ & Booties	\$55		
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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://nautilusliveaboards.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 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 many 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 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.

Tipping is customary in Mexico when staff and crew go above and beyond and work very hard to provide top notch, sincere, and authentic service. It is upsetting to them when no gratuity is left for a well deserving crew. That being said, leaving a gratuity is entirely discretionary. Most guests leave between US\$300 - \$375.

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,

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):
www.gob.mx/inm
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