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MEXICO SARDINE RUN

Magdalena Bay

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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.

Calle Miguel Hidalgo 10, Centro, 23450

Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S., Mexico

Contact Info:

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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

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Flying into SJD, Cabo San Lucas



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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.

For those guests on the **Coastal Cruise** leaving from Cabo, your transfer leaves at 4:30 PM. We recommend arriving early to allow for a relaxed check-in with extra time if you have arranged rental gear.

For our **Overland Express** trips, your transfer departs SeeCreatures Cabo at 8:30 AM for the drive north to Puerto Chale, please arrive early to allow time for check-in and fitting any rental gear. SeeCreatures is open at 7:30 AM for these departures. PLEASE let us know if you’d prefer pickup in La Paz along the way instead.

Flying into LAP, La Paz (*Mango Wind Overland Express only*)



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.

Coastal Cruise Typical Itinerary 7 Days / 6 Nights

Day 1 - Board and Get Underway

Meet at SeeCreatures Cabo for 4:30 PM. 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

Enjoy breakfast before disembarking at Cabo at 8:30 AM. Complimentary transfers can be arranged to San José del Cabo Airport (SJD), La Paz, or SeeCreatures Cabo to continue your adventure. Transfers to SJD arrive around 9:30 AM, so please book departing flights no earlier than 11:30 AM.

Pre- & Post-Trip Extensions

If you have more time in Baja, continue the adventure. Extend your stay with SeeCreatures Cabo, choose from scuba courses, local 2-tank dives in Cabo San Lucas, or day trips to the legendary reefs of Cabo Pulmo or Gordo Banks.



Overland Express

Typical Itinerary

7 Days / 6 Nights

PLEASE NOTE:

This itinerary applies only to trips aboard the Mango Wind sailing catamaran. Instead of sailing up the coast from Cabo, you'll travel overland by road directly to Magdalena Bay, then board the ship there, arriving relaxed and ready for the sardine run by early afternoon. It's the perfect option if you'd rather skip the coastal cruise.

Day 1 - Board and Get Underway

Your transfer departs SeeCreatures Cabo at 8:30 AM for the drive north to Puerto Chale — please arrive early to allow time for check-in and fitting any rental gear. SeeCreatures is open at 7:30 AM for these departures. *Please let us know if you'd prefer pickup in La Paz along the way instead.*

Arrive in Puerto Chale around 1:00–1:30 PM, then take a local panga out to the Mango Wind, anchored off Isla Margarita, for lunch onboard. From there, head out for your first afternoon on the water snorkelling and freediving among the bait balls, before returning by evening for cocktail hour, dinner, and evening presentation with your naturalist.

Days 2-6 - Enjoy Peak Season of Magdalena Bay

Striped marlin and Bryde's whales are the stars of the sardine run, but there's plenty more to see — turtles, sea lions, sharks, and seabirds, sometimes even humpback whales and orcas, often in dramatic fashion. We never know quite what Mother Ocean has in store, but on the vast majority of our trips, we enjoy calm seas, low swell, and no shortage of critters. This is a cooperative eco-tourism program working alongside local pangas and captains who've pivoted from fishing to tourism, nobody knows these waters, or where to find the action, better than they do. In the afternoons, choose between scuba diving or going ashore to explore the magnificent sand dunes.

Day 7 - Breakfast & Disembark

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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.

GETTING HERE

What airport do I fly into?

Los Cabos International Airport (San José del Cabo Airport – SJD) is well connected, with nonstop flights from more than 30 US cities, most of Mexico, and international routes from several Canadian cities, plus nonstop service from Frankfurt and Panama City. Connecting flights bring in many more US and international cities beyond the nonstop list. It's just a 45-minute drive from **SeeCreatures Cabo**, our sister company in downtown Cabo San Lucas, where your trip starts.

La Paz International Airport (LAP) has direct flights from Los Angeles, plus a handful of domestic hubs. La Paz is a popular gateway in its own right, especially for guests connecting from eastern Mexico or from European gateways via Mexico City. It's approximately 2.5 hours drive from Cabo.

Wherever you land, we're happy to help arrange local hotels at some of our favorite properties, at preferred contract rates.

When should I fly in?

We recommend flying in at least one day early, as a buffer against flight delays or lost luggage. We have pre-trip adventures that include scuba diving, snorkeling, kayaking, and whale watching (*in season*). That said, it's totally feasible to fly in on the start date of your trip if you prefer.

How do I get from the airport to town?

Our concierge team can arrange transfers or recommend reliable local companies. Note: that Uber is not permitted to pick up at Cabo Airport (SJD).

Can you recommend a local hotel?

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WHAT TO BRING

What do I need to pack?

Sunglasses, a hat, and comfortable wear well suited for a relaxing time at sea, plus a sweater or fleece for the evenings. Reef-safe sunscreen, linen, towels, soap, and shampoo are all included with your trip. The sun can be strong out on the water, with reflection off the surface adding to it, so good sun protection is well worth packing.

What wetsuit should I bring?

A 5 mm or 7 mm wetsuit plus a hooded vest, since water temps run in the low-to-mid 70s°F.

What gear do I need for snorkeling and freediving?

A mask, snorkel, wetsuit, hooded vest, and fins — freediving fins are ideal, but regular fins work fine. If you're doing the optional dives, you'll also need the usual scuba kit (*regulator, BCD, dive computer, mask, wetsuit, booties, and fins*). You can bring your own snorkeling and scuba diving equipment or rent from SeeCreatures in Cabo.

What kind of safety gear do you provide divers?

Nautilus LifeLines, DiveAlerts, and SMB safety sausages are loaned free to all guests.

INSURANCE & DOCUMENTS

Do I need a passport 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.

Is insurance required?

Yes. We require all guests to have medical and evacuation insurance. Divers are required to have divers' insurance. We highly recommend **DiveAssure** for all your needs, diving or nondiving.

In addition, we highly recommend the purchase of trip insurance interruption insurance from DiveAssure (*some other providers have provided insufficient coverage to previous clients*). This gives you peace of mind and financial security in case of named weather events, cancelled flights, medical issues whether your own or other guests, lost bags and much more. If you decline coverage, please note that we do not issue credits or refunds for anything that is beyond our immediate control.



TRIP BASICS

What is the minimum age for this trip?

12 years old. That said, the liveaboard environment suits some kids and teens better than others, and you know your family best. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out — we'd love to chat and help you decide if it's the right fit. Please note that all kids and teens under 18 need a parent or guardian aboard.

Is this a snorkeling or scuba diving trip?

Primarily snorkeling and freediving. There may be an opportunity for up to two scuba dives during the trip (*please note scuba diving isn't permitted with the bait balls*).

What can I expect from the snorkeling and freediving?

This expedition is built around snorkeling and freediving with bait balls, putting you right in the middle of the action. Our research and observation plane is in the area every week, and our captains and dive guides — who know these waters better than anyone — have almost always had great luck positioning you where the sardine hotspots are. We work closely with the local communities of Puerto Chale and San Carlos, using their experienced captains and pangas to make this the best experience possible.

Do I need to be a certified diver?

No certification is required for free diving or snorkeling. This trip is for everybody. Certification is only needed for the optional dives.

LIFE ONBOARD

Can you accommodate dietary restrictions?

Yes, with advance notice — vegetarian, vegan, lactose-free, gluten-free, low-sugar, and quasi-kosher/quasi-halal can be accommodated. More specialized requests may not be possible.

Can I charge my phone, laptop, and other devices?

Yes, there's 24-hour power onboard, so feel free to bring your phone, laptop, e-reader, camera, and CPAP machine. Our vessels use standard North American outlets (110VAC), so if you're coming from outside the US, bring a travel adapter. For everyone's safety, unattended charging of lithium-ion batteries is only allowed in designated areas onboard.

Is there internet onboard?

Wi-Fi is available for an additional fee for the whole trip. It runs on a satellite connection, so it's great for staying in touch — emails and apps like WhatsApp work well — but not for streaming sites like Netflix or YouTube. Best to pre-download any movies or shows before you travel.

Are the boats camera-friendly?

Yes, very — all our boats have dedicated camera areas and charging stations.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Will I get seasick?

The ship anchors in a calm, sheltered bay, but the pangas and fast boats head into open ocean to find bait balls. Seas are generally calm this season, but a scopolamine patch is strongly recommended.

Where's the nearest decompression chamber?

La Paz and Cabo San Lucas.

What if there's an emergency?

All crew are first-aid trained, most captains and mates and some dive guides and naturalists are trained first responders, and there's an AED and medical kit aboard. Medevac is arranged via boat transfer to shore.

BEFORE DEPARTURE

Where do we meet?

SeeCreatures Cabo, 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?

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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, also at SeeCreatures.

DON'T FORGET!

What time do we arrive back in Cabo San Lucas?

We will return to SeeCreatures Cabo around 8:30 AM on our Coastal Cruise and around 12:30 PM on our Overland Express. 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.

What IS NOT included in the trip price?

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



Glamping and luxury camps, small ships, expedition yachts, sailing catamaran, 27 boats, and 215 dedicated staff. All focused on creating extraordinary Baja adventures, from whale encounters and ocean safaris to family adventures and the epic Mexico Sardine Run.



San Ignacio Gray Whale Watching

Season
Mid-Jan - Early-Apr

Duration
4 to 6 day trips

The most extraordinary gray whale encounters on the planet. Private fly-in glamping in luxury camping in a UNESCO protected reserve.

[More info...](#)



San Ignacio Gray Whales + Swim With Whale Sharks

Season
Mid-Jan - Early-Apr

Duration
8 Days, 7 Nights

Take advantage of 2 seasons overlapping, swim with whale sharks near La Paz, then fly to San Ignacio Lagoon for the most intimate gray whale encounters on Earth.

[More info...](#)



Baja Ultimate Whales

Season
Mid-Jan - Early-Apr

Duration
8 to 10 day trips

The full whale migration – humpbacks in Cabo, an expedition through the Sea of Cortez for blue and fin whales, then a private fly-in to San Ignacio's gray whales.

[More info...](#)



Ocean Safari + Island Glamping in the Sea of Cortez

Season
Spring & Fall

Duration
5 Days, 4 Nights

The Sea of Cortez as most people never see it, orcas, mobula rays, ocean safaris, and zero-footprint glamping on Jacques Cousteau Island. Ocean safaris and pop-up glamping on beautiful deserted beaches on uninhabited islands in the UNESCO National Park. Ask about expedition yacht or sailing options!

[More info...](#)



Ocean Safari on Expedition Yacht or Sailing Catamaran

Seasons
Apr - Nov (expedition)
Mid-Feb - Nov (sailing)

Duration
8 Days, 7 Nights

Mobula rays in schools of thousands. Sometimes tens of thousands, leaping and flipping as far as the eye can see. And where the rays gather, orcas follow.

[More info...](#)



Family Adventures

Season
Year-Round
Mid-Feb - Early-Sept (peak season)

The memories of a lifetime in the Sea of Cortez. Spring and summer breaks adventures designed especially for families. Expedition yacht, glamping, or sailing catamaran options. **40% discount for kids and teens.**

[More info...](#)



Mexico Sardine Run

Season
Mid-Oct - Mid-Jan

Duration
7 Days, 6 Nights

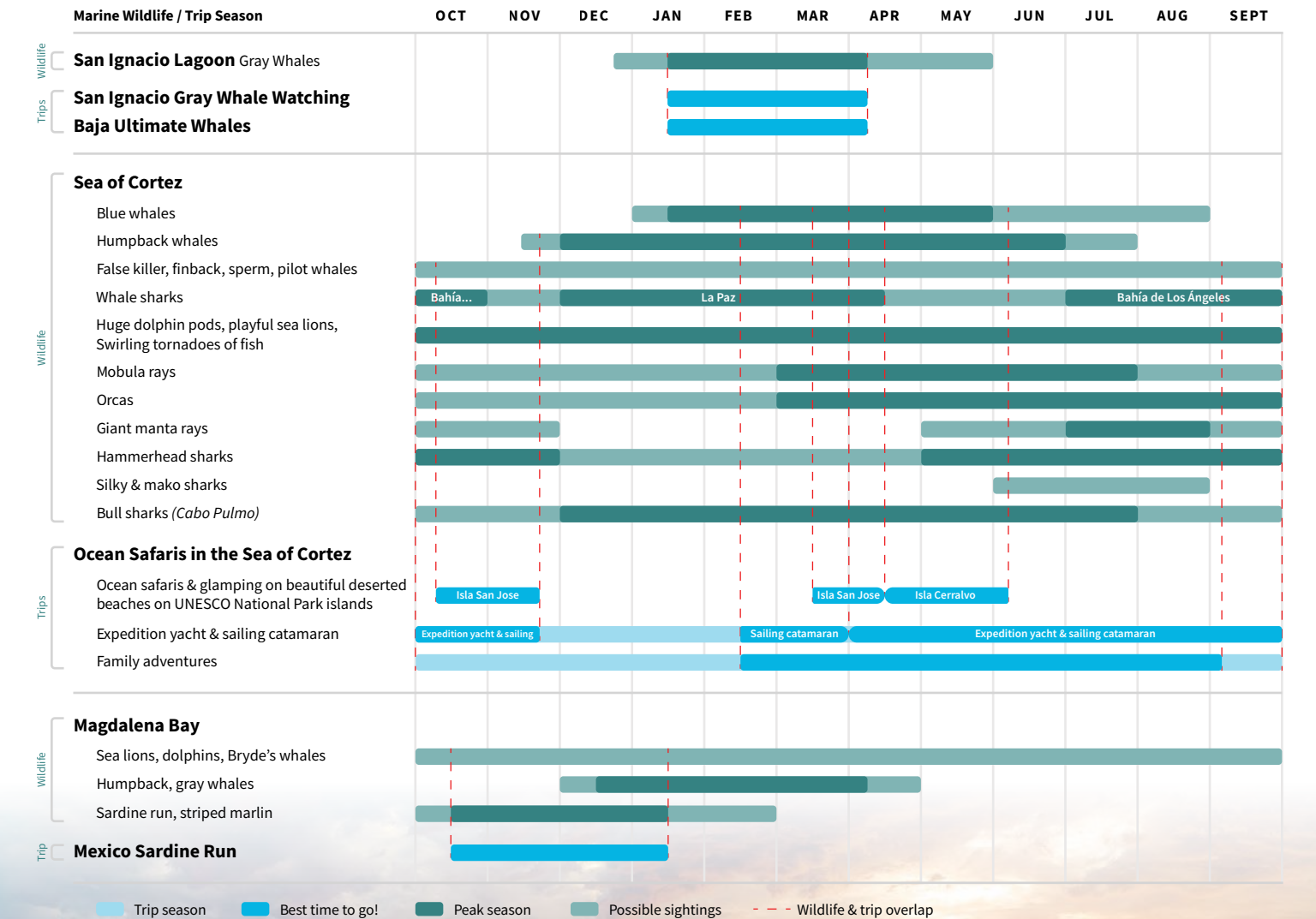
Every fall, Magdalena Bay comes alive with the world's second-largest sardine run, drawing marlin, whales, & sharks into one extraordinary spectacle. Expedition Yacht or an intimate experience on our sailing catamaran. *Coming Soon: Glamping!*

[More info...](#)



Day Trips

- Swim with whale sharks
- Cabo whale watching
- Diving and snorkelling
 - Cabo San Lucas
 - Cabo Pulmo
 - Gordo Banks



ALL ABOUT DIVING



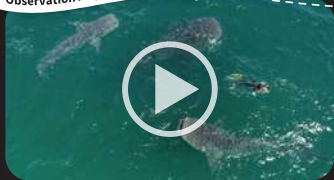
Socorro Island - Giant Mantas, Dolphins, Sharks

Nov - Jul / 9 Days, 8 Nights

Amazing diving is an understatement. Socorro is famous for its friendly giants, the manta rays. This offshore archipelago, national park and UNESCO World Heritage Site is also home to 11 species of sharks including whale sharks and schooling hammerheads, super friendly dolphins and dense schools of fish. It's a must-do experience for any diver.

[More info...](#)

Observation Airplane Supported!



Ultimate Whale Sharks

Jun - Oct / 8 Days, 7 Nights

Whale sharks!! Who doesn't want to swim with whale sharks, especially when there are loads of them in a deserted bay and national park deep into the reaches and best diving in the Sea of Cortez.

[More info...](#)



Sea of Cortez 6-Day Getaway

Jul - Nov / 6 Days, 5 Nights

Jacques Cousteau called it the "Aquarium of the World." We call it the perfect 5-night getaway including, dives, hikes, beach time, and Baja hospitality. Calm waters, and amazing wildlife.

[More info...](#)



Sea of Cortez - La Paz North to Loreto

Jul - Nov / 8 Days, 7 Nights

This eight-day expedition pairs the famous La Paz dive sites with the remote islands of Loreto National Park. Up to four dives a day!

[More info...](#)



Sea of Cortez - La Paz South to Cabo Pulmo

Jul - Nov / 8 Days, 7 Nights

The southern Sea of Cortez at its best: our favourite dive sites around La Paz, then the living spectacle of Cabo Pulmo National Park!

[More info...](#)

Observation Airplane Supported!



Magdalena Bay - Mexico Sardine Run

Oct - Jan / 7 Days, 6 Nights

Experience the Pacific side of Baja, where Magdalena Bay explodes with life during the annual sardine run. Imagine bait balls, striped marlin, playful sea lions, sharks, sea birds, turtles, and even bryde's whales!

[More info...](#)



Costa Rica Cocos Island of the Sharks

Aug - Sept / 10 or 11 day trips

Cocos is the dive destination that experienced divers speak of in whispers. It's legendary, super sharky, and some of the best diving anywhere on the planet.

[More info...](#)



Costa Rica Ocean & Rainforest

August / 4 Days, 3 Nights

132-ft liveboard safari boat. Unique adventure combines peak humpback whale season with diving Caño Island and naturalist guided rainforest adventure.

[More info...](#)

1 DAY ADVENTURES

Scheduled departures—Bookable online (prices include 16% IVA tax)

20% savings when booked as a pre-trip extension

\$80

Whale watching
(Dec - May)

\$140

Snorkelling
Boat diving
Discover scuba

\$245

Dive gordo banks
Diving courses
Nitrox course

\$295

*incl. transfers, lunch, wetsuit, gear

Cabo Pulmo - dive or snorkel
Swim with whale sharks (Dec - Jan)

Group charters available upon request

Isla Espiritu Santo, Los Islotes, and Balandra beach.



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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		
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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
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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		
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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 British Columbia, Canada and the courts of British Columbia 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 website (<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 arrival.

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.

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\$350 - \$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,

Captain Mike
*Proprietor,
Nautilus Liveboards
Baja Expeditions*



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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