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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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Your choice of meeting us in La Paz or at SeeCreatures Cabo with complimentary transfer to La Paz.

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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
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What is an ocean safari whales, mobulas, orcas and more!

Discover one of the most biologically rich bodies of water on the planet. Welcome to the Sea of Cortez, where things get seriously wild.

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.

Mega-pods of dolphins — bottlenose, common, spinner — showing off like they know you're watching. Sea lions that will have you laughing underwater. Whale sharks materialize out of the blue. Whales blow in the distance. No two days look the same out here. That's the whole point.

You'll travel by liveaboard through some of the best marine hotspots in the Sea of Cortez — UNESCO Isla Espíritu Santo, Las Ánimas, Isla Cerralvo, to name a few — with fast boats that take you to the heart of the action.

The biggest liveaboard advantage? You don't play by the same rules. Day boats have to watch the clock and their fuel gauge — we don't. If the orcas head two hours north, so do we. Unlimited range and no curfew, with hot showers, cold drinks, and freshly prepared food waiting for you on board.

The trip is built around your time in the water: snorkeling and freediving is at the heart of it, with kayaking and paddleboarding rounding out the days. For those who want to go deeper, there's usually room for certified divers to do a handful of scuba dives — including a night dive..

Possible wildlife sightings:

- Mega pods of dolphins
- Mobula rays
- Whale sharks *(occasional)*
- Humpback & blue whales *(spring)*
- Huge schools of fish
- Orcas
- California sea lions
- Fin, sperm, pilot & Bryde's whales *(occasional)*
- Seabirds & more

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!

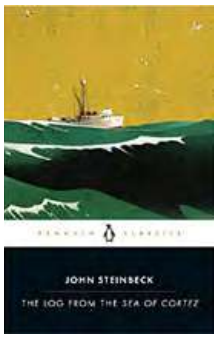
We have a large supply of rental wetsuits, snorkelling gear, and diving equipment. **Please make sure that your pre-trip guest information is completed and submitted to us well in advance so that we can better take care of all of your needs.** The majority of the information is optional, but some information, 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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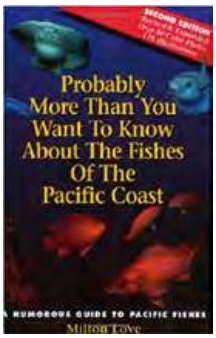
The log from the Sea of Cortez
by John Steinbeck

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



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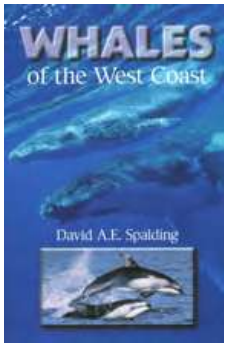
Probably More Than You Want to Know about
the Fishes of the Pacific Coast
by Milton Love

It's a hilarious good read.



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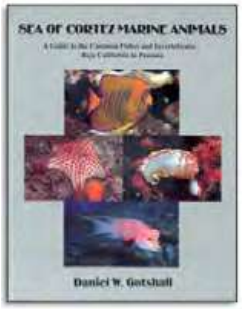
Whales of the West Coast
by David A.E. Spalding

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



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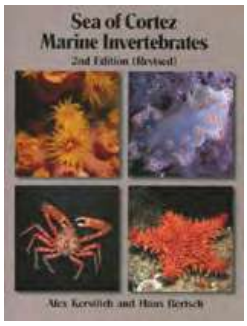
Sea of Cortez Marine Animals
by our friend and guest, Daniel Gotshal

This is our bible to the Sea of Cortez.



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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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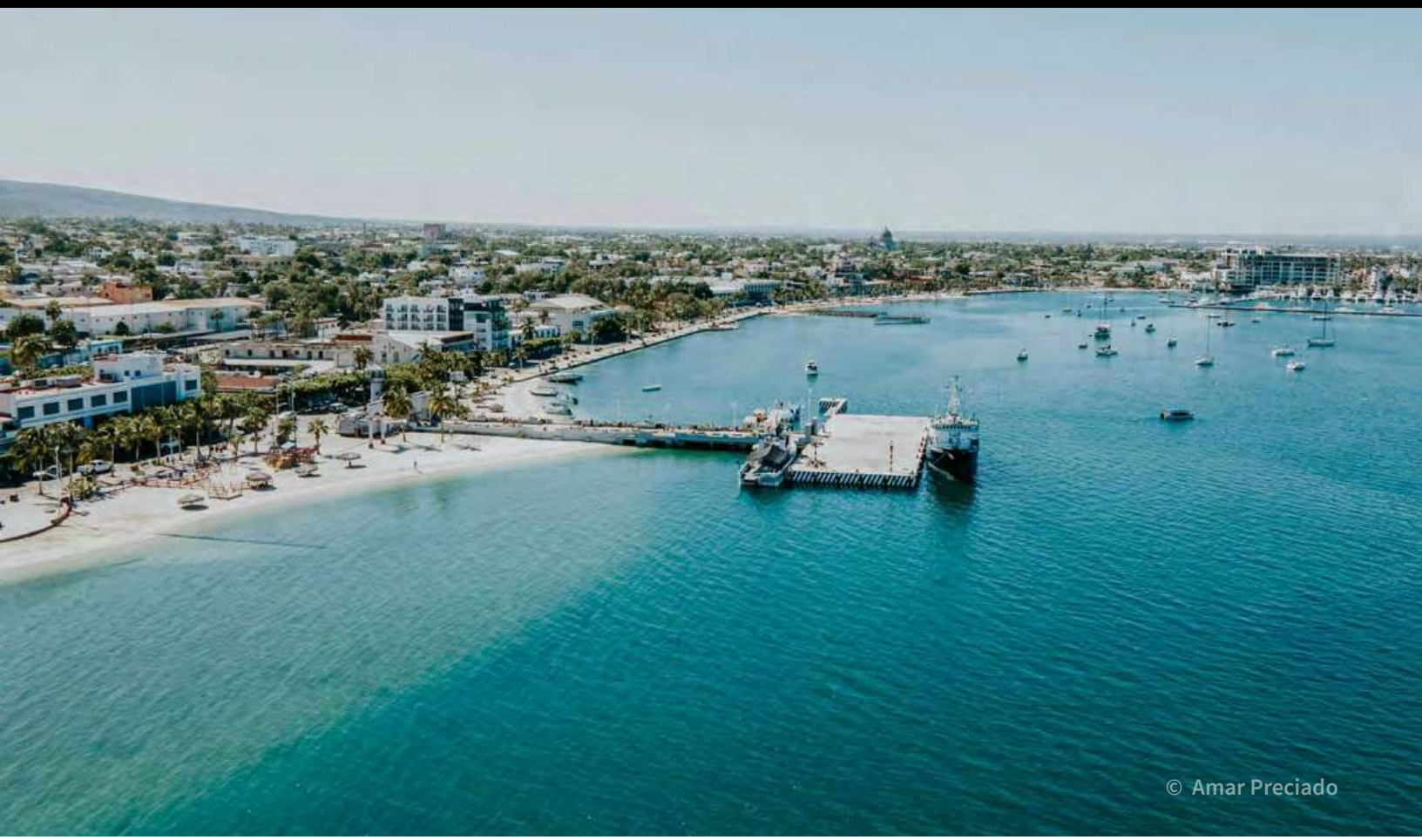
We recommend flying into SJD Los Cabo at least 1 day early to avoid any hassles with cancelled or delayed flights or lost luggage. Even better, it gives lots of time for a day trip to dive or snorkel Cabo Pulmo, a Gordo Bank diving adventure. or maybe a 2 tanker “let’s get wet” dive out of Cabo. Our 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.

Your complimentary transfer to the ship in La Paz departs from **SeeCreatures in Cabo San Lucas at 4:30 PM** (approximately a 2.5-hour drive). Please allow ample time beforehand for check-in and fitting any rental gear.

Flying into LAP, La Paz



La Paz is a beautiful city and the 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.

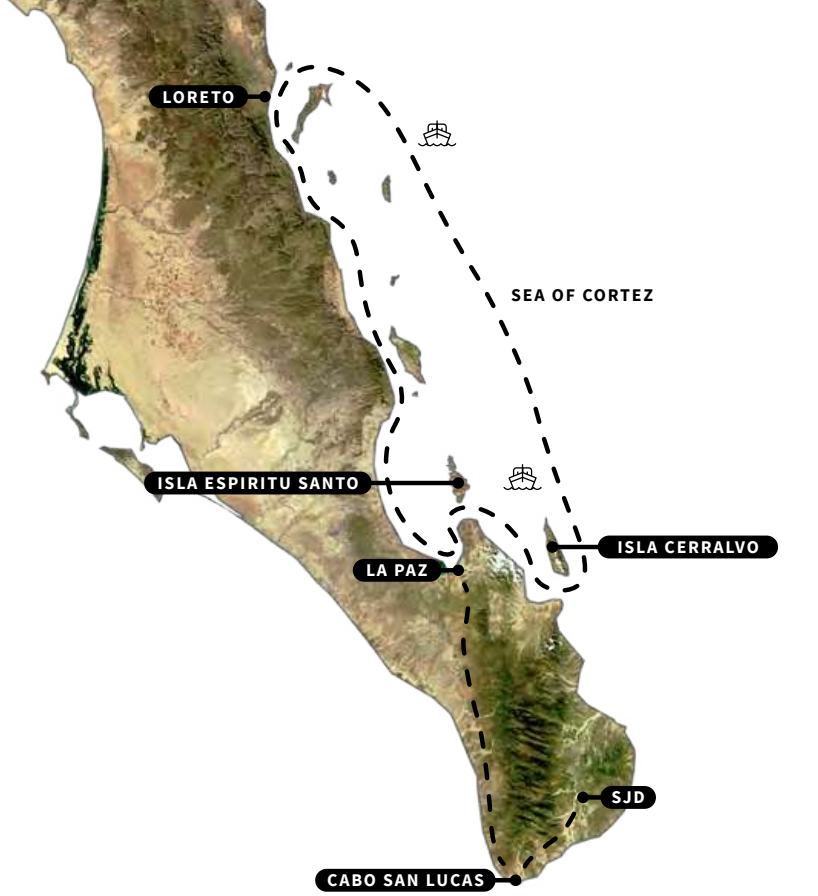
Upon arrival, disembarking the jet by external stairs and walking across the ramp to the terminal. For domestic flights, all you have to do is pick up your luggage and walk outside and you're done. There are no timeshare salesman or aggressive solicitors to worry about.

You can also join us directly in La Paz — either at Baja Expeditions HQ, with transfer to the ship departing at **6:45 PM** (please arrive earlier for check-in), or via complimentary local hotel pickup (approx. 6:45–7:00 PM) for direct transfer to the ship, with check-in onboard.

Please notify our concierge team in advance if you'd like hotel pickup arranged. If you're renting diving or snorkeling gear, please stop by our Baja Expeditions HQ in La Paz before 4:00 PM to try it on and confirm your sizes, so you have the best fitting equipment ready for your adventure.

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.

Sample Itinerary
8 Days / 7 Nights



Day 1 - Welcome Aboard!

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On the ship, our hosts will be waiting for you on the back deck with trays of margaritas and champagne, followed by dinner and departure for the Sea of Cortez.

Please note:
A few departures between late June and mid-July board directly in Cabo instead, without a La Paz boarding option for those trips. For these departures, your complimentary transfer departs from SeeCreatures in Cabo San Lucas at 7:30 PM.

Some October trips also disembark in Cabo rather than La Paz. You'll find the exact boarding time and disembarkation details for your specific dates when you select your trip.

If it's more convenient for you to fly into La Paz, we're happy to arrange a complimentary transfer from Baja Expeditions HQ in La Paz to SeeCreatures Cabo.

Days 2-7 – Sea of Cortez Ocean Safari

Your day might start with an ocean safari, a dive, or a snorkel. Our crew knows these waters well, and they have one goal: to maximize your encounters with the wildlife. The Sea of Cortez is vast, so spotting marine life takes patience. When we find something, we approach respectfully — our naturalists and captains assess whether in-water encounters are appropriate, and if conditions are right, you'll slip in to experience the animals up close.

No two days look the same. Some days you might hop in and out of the water half a dozen times; others, we'll spend hours searching before the perfect moment presents itself. That's the nature of a wildlife safari.

After lunch on deck, we head back out for the afternoon. The support boat runs as late as anyone wants, right up until dusk, so you'll have plenty of time in the water. The ship is always close by — take a break whenever you want. Kayaks and stand-up paddleboards are also available.

Certified scuba divers can get in three to four dives at local sites over the course of the trip.

Day 8 - Disembark

Enjoy breakfast onboard before disembarking in La Paz at 8 AM. From there, choose an included transfer to a local hotel (we're happy to arrange hotel reservations for you) or a transfer to either San José del Cabo Airport (SJD) or SeeCreatures in Cabo San Lucas. We highly recommend booking your outbound flight from SJD at 1 PM or later, to allow for transfer time and any possible delays on the highway to Cabo.

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FAQs

WHAT TO BRING

What do I need to pack?

Personal toiletries. Snorkel gear (or travel light and use our rental gear!) Summer wear, noting that nights can sometimes be chilly which makes a sweater or fleece jacket a good addition. Sunscreen (reef-safe sunscreen will be available onboard with our compliments). Towels and bed linen are provided onboard.

What wetsuit should I bring?

The Sea of Cortez is warming up. In May it is in the mid-70°F (21°C) range, and it just gets warmer from there. We recommend a 5mm wetsuit and a hooded vest, or a 7mm wetsuit and a hooded vest.

Can I bring my own dive gear?

This trip is predominantly focused on snorkeling and freediving, however if you would like to dive you will need to bring your own gear. High quality rentals are also available from SeeCreatures, including regulators, BCD, computer, mask, wetsuit, booties and fins. The park authorities prohibit divers from carrying a knife. Every diver should have their own **Nautilus LifeLine** but we will loan you one of ours if you haven't bought yours yet!

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.

WHAT TO EXPECT

What to expect during ocean safaris?

The Sea of Cortez is big, so spotting marine life can take time. When we spot something, we approach respectfully and our experienced naturalists and captains assess whether in-water encounters are appropriate. Some days you might hop in and out of the water six times. Other days, we might spend hours exploring before the perfect moment presents itself. It can be a day full of wildlife encounters or a relatively chill day with fewer animals to spot—that's the nature of wildlife safaris.

Will we see orcas on these trips?

Spring to fall is prime orca season here in the Sea of Cortez, and we have regular sightings during those months. That said, orcas are travelers, they can cover 100km a day, so one day they're right here and the next they could be hundreds of kilometers away. Some weeks we see them constantly, other weeks they're more elusive.

Can we swim with orcas?

If we encounter them and conditions align, yes. As of August 2025, Mexico's environmental authority (SEMARNAT) introduced the country's first regulations for orca encounters. These rules apply to a specific zone covering La Ventana Bay and the Cerralvo Channel, and we have permitted pangas to operate there. Swimming is allowed only when orcas are feeding on small prey such as fish, rays, mobulas, or turtles, not when hunting larger prey, transiting, or resting. Surface swimming only. Our naturalists and captains read their behavior and make the call. If we encounter orcas beyond this zone, we follow the same ethical approach: respectful distance, no chasing, animals dictate the terms. Their well being over photo opportunities, always.

When will we be able to get in the water?

You can count on a couple of evening snorkels in a quiet bay with mobulas. But you can spend as much time as you want in the water.

TRAVEL DETAILS

Do I need a passport and/or visa?

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

Do I need dive and travel interruption insurance?

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

Do I need dive medical insurance?

YES. Dive and evacuation insurance is mandatory.

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).

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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BEFORE DEPARTURE

Where do we meet the 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?

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

Will I need to show my 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.

DON'T FORGET

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.

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.

ABOUT OCEAN SAFARI

How much experience do I need?

This trip is for everybody! No prior experience is required. This trip is primarily around snorkelling and optional freediving, and our crew are there to support guests of all comfort levels in the water.

Is the diving from the big boat or skiffs?

We take a maximum of 12 guests on Nautilus Gallant Lady expeditions. All guests can comfortably fit on our 32-foot, high-speed 'zodiak style' skiff. With twin 250 hp engines, we are able to speed around in excess of 35 mph to get you in the right place at just the right time, onto the large squadrons of mobulas. We'll go out for a few hours, splash in the water, come back, have lunch, and repeat in the afternoon!

How many dives will I do?

Please keep in mind, this is primarily a snorkeling and freediving trip. There will be an opportunity for 3-4 dives total during the trip, including a night dive. The majority of the trip will be spent in the water seeking the incredible experience the mobulas will bring us.

I am a diver, why would I want to go on a snorkeling trip?

While we are typically all about scuba diving, the best way to interact with the mobulas is by snorkeling or freediving.

Are the boats camera friendly?

YES, VERY! Ask about rental cameras and photo pro services.

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.

BAJA EXPEDITIONS

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.

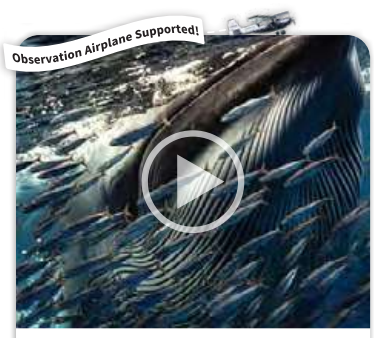
More info...

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

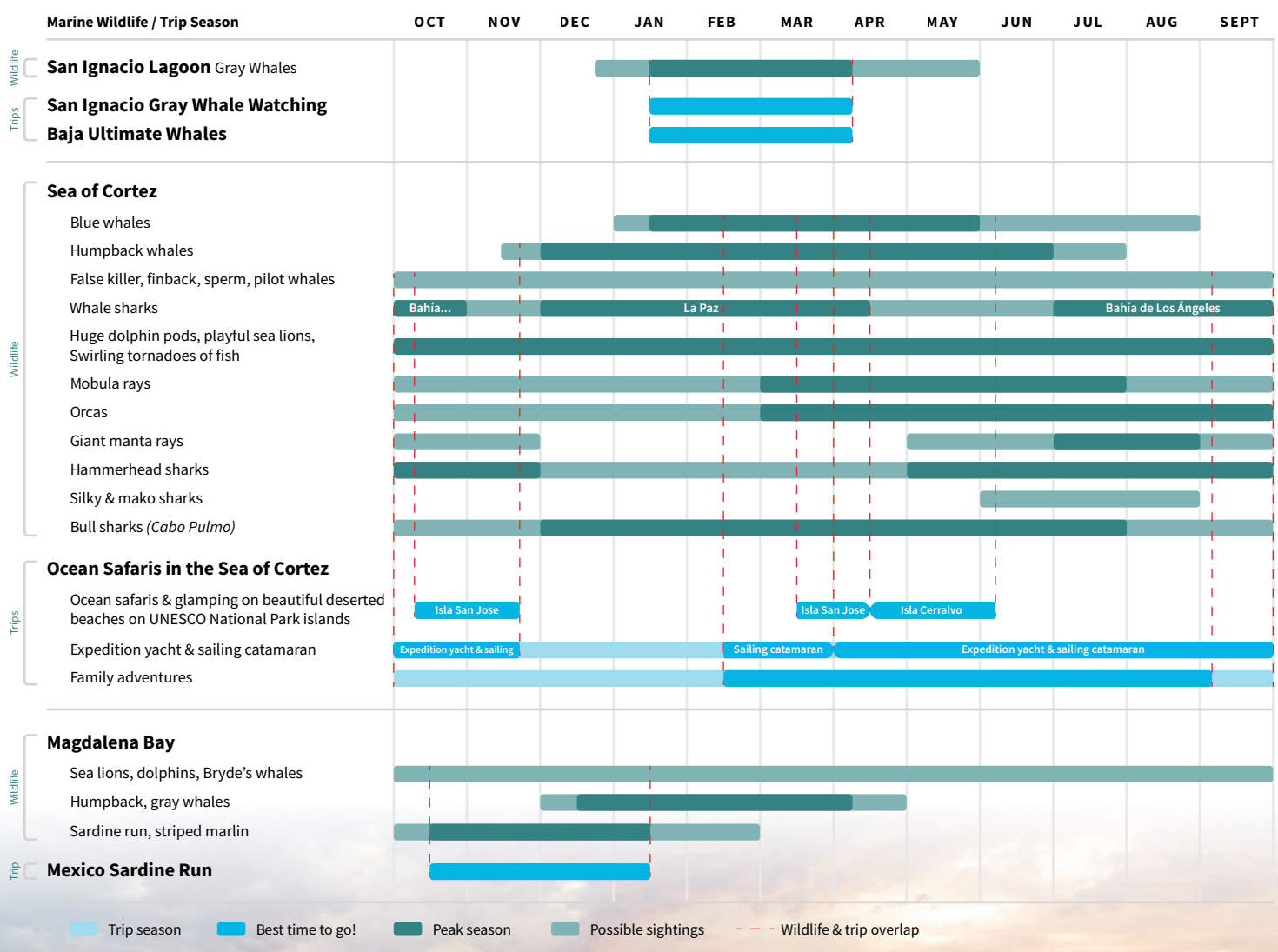
Season **Mid-Oct - Mid-Jan** | Duration **7 Days, 6 Nights**

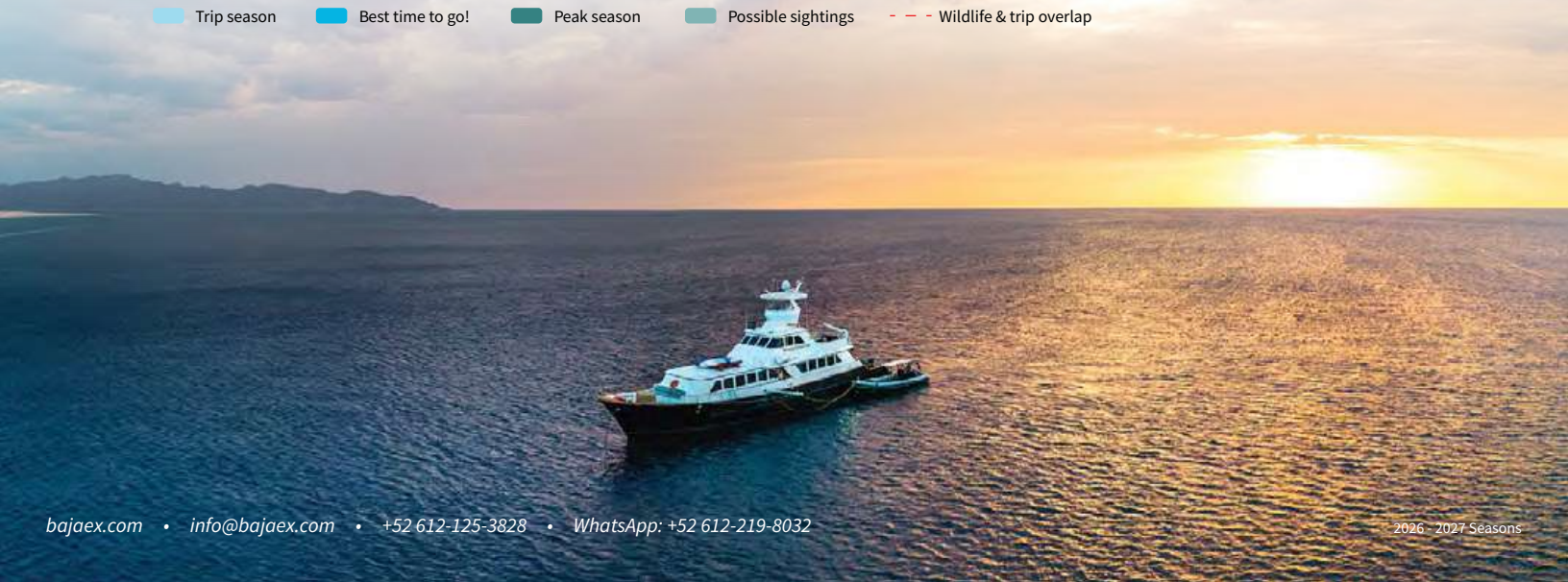
Every fall, Magdalena Bay comes alive with the world's second-largest sardine run, drawing marlin, whales, & sharks into one extraordinary spectacle. Expedition Yacht or an intimate experience on our sailing catamaran.
Coming Soon: Glamping!

More info...

Day Trips

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





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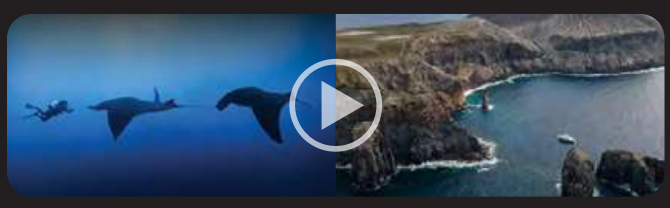
Nautilus Diving

ALL ABOUT DIVING



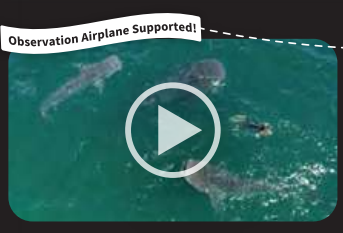
Socorro Island - Giant Mantas, Dolphins, Sharks

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.

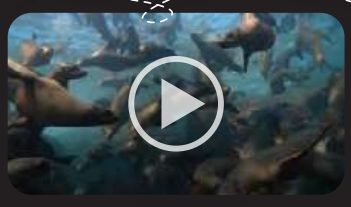
More info...

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!

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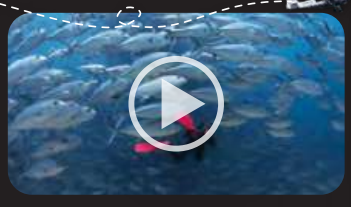

Sea of Cortez - La Paz South to Cabo Pulmo

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!

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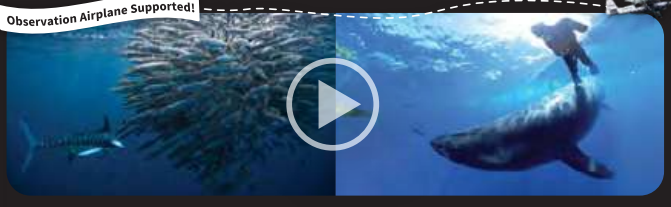

Magdalena Bay - Mexico Sardine Run

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.

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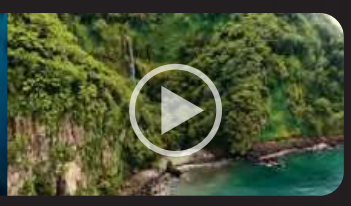

Costa Rica Ocean & Rainforest

August / 4 Days, 3 Nights

132-ft liveaboard 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 Espíritu Santo, Los Islotes, and Balandra beach.

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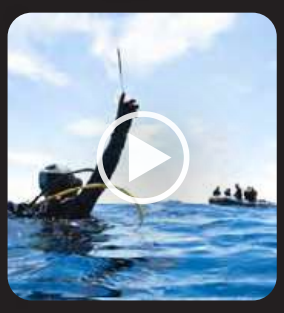

Marine Rescue Radio

- We have put safety into the hands of 100,000 + people on the water.
- More than a hundred lives saved *(that we know about)*.
- 64 km range.
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- AIS and DSC enabled.
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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**	$35
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 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://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 arrival.

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 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

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-$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 Liveaboards
Baja Expeditions

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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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