



San Diego
Dive Center



Guadalupe
white sharks



Bahia whale sharks
S. Sea of Cortez



MEXICO

Mulmo bull sharks
S. Sea of Cortez



Cabo
Dive Center



Socorro
giant mantas



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Monday - Saturday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sundays
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

On vessel departure dates
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Holidays (Closed Dec 25, Jan 1.
except boarding days)
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Located in the Tesoro Hotel next to the main lobby and the Lighthouse Restaurant on the harbour

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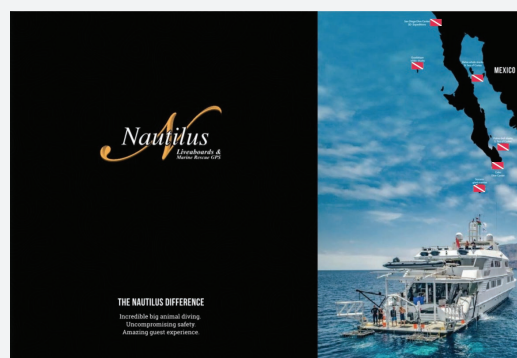
How You Can Stay in Touch at Sea

We are proud to have been the first dive boats in the world to offer satellite internet access while voyaging out to remote oceanic islands. Satphone and internet access is available on all our ships for a modest fee. Please note that the speed of our gen. 4 latest and greatest equipment doesn't compare to what you are used to on shore. WhatsApp and text emails usually work great. Media files and document attachments are not possible.

[Check out our new e-brochure online!](#)

Incredible big animal diving
Uncompromising safety
Amazing guest experience
189 departures in 2019 to choose from

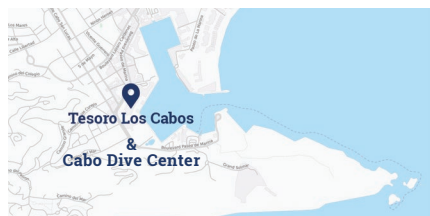
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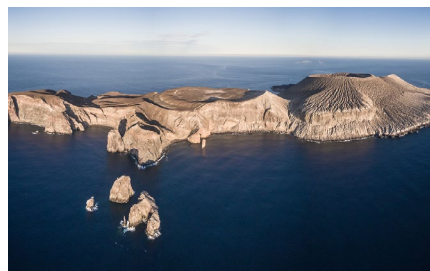
SAMPLE ITINERARY 9-DAY TRIP

Trips are always subject to the vagaries of big animals, weather and Mother Ocean!



Day 1:

Meet at our dive center in the sunny vacation hotspot, Cabo San Lucas. Cabo Dive Center is located next to the main lobby and bar of the Tesoro Hotel on the picturesque walkway of the Cabo marina. Your adventure to Socorro starts here! We encourage you to think of the dive center as your "home away from home". Our staff will be there to assist you with any rental gear you need, pre-trip day boat diving and the loan of a Nautilus LifeLine, Dive Alert and SMB. Starting in January 2019, we will also be offering a complimentary warmup dive off Land's End. Your ship will be available for boarding at 8 p.m. and is just a short scenic stroll away, where appetizers and champagne will be waiting for you.



Day 2:

Today is a traveling and relaxing day at sea. It is a one day run out to the islands. An orientation briefing will be held in the morning, followed by a fire and boat safety drill. A drill? On holiday? Don't worry, it is for your safety but we will make it lots of fun. We are proud to have been the first, and some of the only, ISM safety certified passenger vessel dive boats in the world, the same safety certification as the largest cruise ships. We'll keep you as busy as you like on this sea day with Manta 101 in the afternoon, then you will have a chance to prep your gear, read a book, relax on the sun deck or check out the movie selection on our onboard wifi. We will be watching for the "green flash" at sunset, and while cocktail hour is officially at 7pm every evening, many of our guests enjoy some adult beverages well before that on sea days! We should arrive at San Benedicto Island that evening allowing you a calm night to relax and get a restful sleep before the next morning's excitement of diving with the friendliest giant mantas in the world.



Day 3-7:

Over five full dive days you will be able to experience some of our favourite sites such as El Canyon, the Boiler, Red Rocks, Roca Partida, Cabo Pearse, Punta Tosca and Roca Oneal. We know that many of our guests want the option of as many dives as possible and we strive to offer an average of 4 dives a day, other than the day that we do our mandatory check-in at the local navy base when you will likely have the option of 3 dives plus our world-famous silky shark night snorkel. Our roots are in the cold, current-swept waters of BC and Alaska and we have always catered to experienced self-reliant divers looking for complete freedom on their dives. These divers are usually first in the water. We love buddying up with new divers looking for the reassurance of being with a dive master from the time they start gearing up until they are back on the big boat. Most divers are somewhere mid-spectrum between these 2 groups and we make sure they are very well looked after as well! Note that several dives may be quite challenging and not suitable for divers of lower experience levels. The number of dives on offer is subject to weather, the whims of Mother Ocean, and crowding by other diveboats.

We will have other stuff going on to keep you as busy as you like with kayaks and paddle boards, shoreline tours, humpback whale watching (January to April), manta ID in the late afternoon and after-dinner presentations. Of course, it's always your option to find a nice quiet place to relax with a book, have a nice snooze, or maybe have a splash in our sparkling clear hot tubs.



Day 8:

We will likely get underway very early this morning for the voyage back to Cabo San Lucas. This is the perfect day to check out photos and videos with the new friends you made onboard, pack your dive gear up and take time to relax before reality sets back in. The islands, the mantas, the sharks and the dolphins are almost "other worldly" and we hope the magic stays with you for a long time.

Day 9:

Always a sad time for us. It's time to say goodbye and disembark the boat in Cabo at 8:30am for either SJD airport or our dive center in Cabo San Lucas. It doesn't have to be goodbye for long, we hope to see you again very soon.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

What am I going to see?

The friendliest giant mantas in the world. Bottlenose dolphins that are almost as friendly. Up to 10 species of sharks. Loads of fish. And in season you might see humpback whales, pilot whales, tuna or even false killer whales.

What to Bring

What do I need to pack? Personal toiletries. Dive 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 (sea-safe sunscreen will be available onboard shortly with our compliments). Towels and bed linen are provided onboard.

What wetsuit should I bring? It depends on the season. Expect water temps 80F or higher in November and December. Temps can drop down to 73F between January and March. Temps steadily start climbing up from April onwards to high 70's by July. Most divers choose a 5 mm or 7 mm wetsuit. A hooded vest is always a smart addition to your dive kit. Some divers are more comfortable in their drysuit.

What dive gear should I bring? All the obvious stuff!! i.e. regulators, BCD, computer, mask, booties and fins (high-quality rentals are available from our Cabo Dive Center). The park authorities prohibit divers from using gloves or 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.

Don't Forget!

What time do we arrive back in port? Usually by 8:30 a.m. We highly recommend booking an outward flight after 11:30 a.m. We can help arrange your outbound transfers.

Do you have a storm policy? YES. We highly recommend travel insurance which will cover you in this unlikely eventuality. Otherwise, you will receive a "day-for-day" credit towards a future trip for any days lost to weather

Can you accommodate special dietary requests? YES - with reasonable advance notice, we are pleased to accommodate vegetarian, vegan, lactose intolerance, gluten-free, low sugar, quasi-kosher and quasi-halal. We are likely unable to accommodate more esoteric special dietary requests.

What is NOT included in the trip price? Single occupancy (available for a 25% surcharge), \$65 park and port fee payable at the end of your trip, bar, gift shop, rentals and crew gratuities.

Travel Details

Do I need a passport? YES. And it must be valid 6 months from entry.

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.

Should I buy travel insurance? YES!!! Please note the capital letters! This is important and highly recommended but not mandatory. Travel insurance ensures you won't have any stress or worries if something goes wrong whether it's a cancelled flight or a medical emergency. Guests who buy [Dive Assure travel insurance via the link on our website](#) (or by calling or emailing us) will receive a \$100 credit onboard effectively rebating 40% cost of their trip insurance.

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

What airport do I fly into? SJD Los Cabos International for both commercial airlines and private aircraft.

When should I fly in? At least 1 day before departure given our experience with airlines having mechanical problems, losing luggage or even cancelling flights. It's a one-day sail from Cabo out to Socorro which means the ships cannot wait for guests who have missing luggage or missed their flight, otherwise everyone else will also miss a day of diving.

How do I get from SJD into town? Terramar Transfers is our recommended provider of airport transfers to and from Cabo San Lucas. Please refer to page "[Airport Transfers](#)".

Can you recommend a local hotel? YES. We are based out of the Tesoro Hotel and can assist with your reservation. On our website we also offer online availability and bookings with a wide selection of hotels, condos and villas.



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO (cont.)

Before Departure

Where do we meet the boat? Cabo Dive Center, located beside the main lobby of the Tesoro Hotel on the boardwalk in downtown Cabo San Lucas. We want our dive center 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 complimentary warmup dive for anyone heading out to Socorro, as well as a variety of pre-trip packages including 2 or 3 tank boat dives or side trips out to Gordo Banks and Cabo Pulmo. In season, our beautiful 116' dive yacht Gallant Lady is stationed at Cabo Pulmo for 6-day liveaboard extensions into the southern Sea of Cortez.

What time do we meet? Please meet us at the dive center no later than 7 p.m. on the evening of boarding. Of course, we hope to meet you well before then when you take us up on our offer of a complimentary warmup dive or pre-trip diving packages.

Can you help me get dive certified before the trip? YES. We offer a full array of dive courses at our dive center.

Can I get nitrox certified? YES, at our dive center.

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

Will I get seasick on the crossing? MAYBE!! Ok, we are joking a wee bit. We highly recommend prophylactic use of the scopolamine "patch" as an anti-seasickness medication. The patch has revolutionized the dive boat business and made going to sea practical for almost everyone. If you follow the directions on using the patch, you will most likely not get seasick. The seas on the crossing - and out at Roca Partida dive site - are sometimes flat calm, while other times - maybe once in ten trips - the seas are rough. All of our ships are stabilized and the motion is comfortable - especially if you are using the patch - on the majority of days.



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About the Diving

How much experience do I need? All are welcome. Our roots are in the cold, current-swept waters of BC and Alaska and we have always catered to experienced self-reliant divers looking for complete freedom on their dives. These divers are usually first in the water. We love buddying up with new divers looking for the reassurance of being with a divemaster from the time they start gearing up until they are back on the big boat. Most divers are somewhere mid-spectrum between these 2 groups and we make sure they are very well looked after as well! Note that several dives may be quite challenging and not suitable for divers of lower experience levels.

Is the diving from the big boat or skiffs? Usually from our skiffs. We employ our multiple skiffs as "taxis" so that we can pick up divers when they surface and whisk them back to the big boat instead of waiting in the hot sun for everyone else to surface.

How many dives will I do? Over five full dive days you will be able to experience some of our favourite sites such as El Canyon, the Boiler, Red Rocks, Roca Partida, Cabo Pearse, Punta Tosca and Roca Oneal. We know that many of our guests want the option of as many dives as possible and we strive to offer an average of 4 dives a day other than the day that we do our mandatory check in at the local navy base when you will likely have the option of 3 dives plus our world-famous silky shark night snorkel. Note that weather conditions, Mother Ocean or crowding by some of our competitors may limit some diving.

Are the boats camera friendly? YES, VERY!

Are you rebreather friendly? YES, VERY!

Can I do deco dives? Sorry, no. Not unless you are part of a group who has chartered the entire ship for technical diving.

Can I do trimix diving? We can arrange the supply of helium T bottles as long as you are comfortable doing your own blending.

Where is the closest recompression chamber? There is a navy chamber on Socorro Island and civilian chambers in Cabo San Lucas.

What happens if I need a medevac flight? We can arrange the flight for you. There is a 5000-foot navy airstrip on Socorro Island. A single flight costs a minimum of US\$10,000 and if you don't have adequate insurance, you will need to arrange for pre-payment of the flight.

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.

Available for rent from Cabo Dive Center

IMPORTANT NOTE
The ships carry emergency loaner gear, but no rental gear.
Please ensure you are kitted up with rentals from Cabo Dive Center before boarding your ship.

Complimentary to all our guests

- Warmup dive in Cabo San Lucas (starting January 2019)
- Nautilus LifeLine Marine Rescue GPS
- Dive Alert signaling device
- SMB "safety sausage"
- Nautilus dive light
- Tank beacon

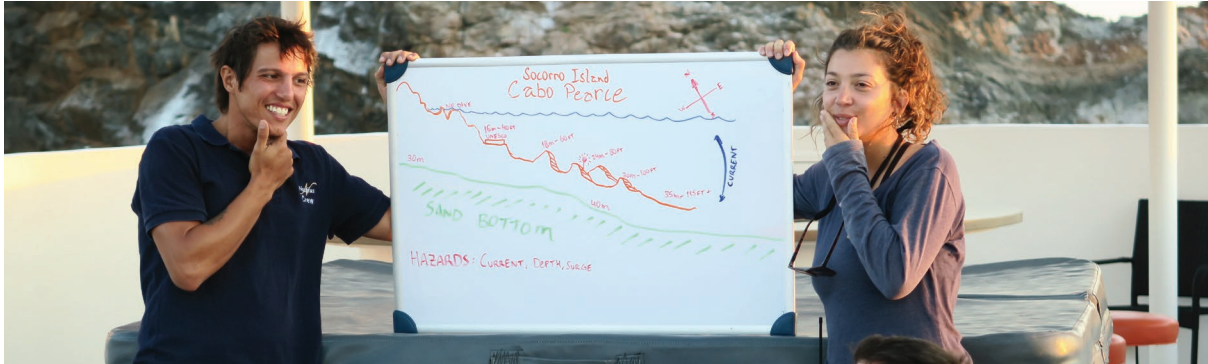
Sample Pricing: 9-Day Trip

All prices in USD

Hood	\$10	Dive Computer	\$35
Booties	\$10	Regulator set	\$55
Mask	\$15	BCD	\$55
Fins	\$20		
Hooded Vest	\$20	Package: dive computer, regulator set, BCD	\$110
Wetsuit	\$55		
Gloves/knives	not permitted per park regulations	Steel cylinder	\$36
Package: hood, booties, mask, fins, wetsuit	\$90	15L cylinder	\$60
		Pony bottles	\$25 (please bring your own mount)
		Rebreather bottles	\$30
Nitrox		\$100	/\$20 each additional day
Rebreather oxygen fills		\$100	/\$20 each additional day
SCR rebreather		\$100	/\$20 each additional day
CCR Diluent bottle (if other than air)		\$50	/\$10 each additional day
Sodasorb or Sofnolime		\$5.45	per pound
GoPro Camera		\$115	/\$23 each additional day

Clients are responsible for the cost of repairing any damage excepting normal wear and tear. 😊

NOTICE OF RISKS ONBOARD



We are excited to have you join us, but feel compelled to point out some of the risks involved in making an open ocean transit to visit and dive in a remote archipelago far off the coast of wild Baja.

On a voyage like this, we are always at the whim of Mother Ocean. All of our ships are equipped with the latest in satellite technology, full time data links, internet at sea and marine radios. We can't control the weather but we can monitor the forecasts very carefully and our shoreside management team is in constant contact with the ships and available 24/7 in case of emergencies. 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.

Diving with marine animals entails risk. This is not Disneyland! Scuba divers risk embolism, decompression sickness, dehydration or other medical issues. Guests and crew alike are susceptible to accidents, tripping and falling, sprains or broken bones, heart attacks, stroke or medical conditions such as appendicitis, pancreatitis, diabetic complications, severe infections, abscesses or other emergency conditions.

Aerial medevac is available from Socorro Island. We require that all of our guests have dive insurance that covers emergency care. We highly recommend travel insurance that covers evacuation flights. We make it really easy to purchase this insurance - [click this link](#) - or at the Cabo Dive Center. Guests who purchase insurance through us will receive a \$100 rebate in the form of an onboard credit. A typical policy costs \$240 less the rebate. The cost of a medevac flight is at least \$10,000 and the cost of chamber treatment starts at \$15,000. You will have to arrange payment up front for these costs before any flight or treatment if you don't have insurance coverage.

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

We wish you an amazing and completely uneventful trip with smooth seas and excellent diving.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Our Responsibilities

1. To ensure your safety.
2. To give you the best possible diving experience.
3. To treat you with respect and consideration and to provide excellence in service onboard.
4. To be responsive to special requests and needs.
5. To plan each trip with respect to weather, sea conditions and animal behavior in order to maximize your diving experience.
6. 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 at Socorro. The government of Mexico has set a maximum depth restriction of 133'. The captain has the right to revoke the diving privileges of anyone who is diving in an unsafe manner.
3. **Alcohol:** With over 25 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 leave you with the feeling that our crew served you with warmth and good cheer, and did their very best for you. I am very proud of our hard-working and dedicated staff.

I am sometimes asked if tips subsidize our crews' wages. I answer with great pride that our captains and crew are likely the highest paid of any dive boat in the world. I think that just because our crew are very well-paid, that should not preclude them from the same tips as other dive boats in this part of the world.

Gratuities are a personal matter. I would like you to know that tips of \$250-\$350 USD per person are common and customary in Mexico if you thought the service levels were deserving, and the staff went "above and beyond."

Gratuities are shared equally by all crew members. Payment can be made with cash or credit card. Please do not hesitate to let the Captain know if you have any questions. A "tip envelope" will be provided at check-out on the last day of the trip.

On a personal note, I am always very appreciative for any comments about your experience on board, or suggestions of things we can improve on. Comments can be made in confidence on the ship's wifi at <http://NautilusExperience/nautilus>. Alternatively, please email me at mikelever@nautilusliveboards.com.

Thank you very much for trusting us with your dive vacation!

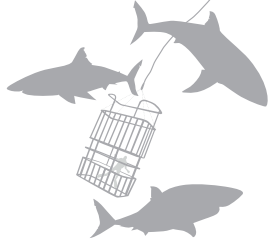
Sincerely,

Captain Mike

Founder
Nautilus Liveboards

OTHER NAUTILUS DESTINATIONS

Guadalupe WHITE SHARKS



The best white shark
diving on the planet.



A remote bay visited by up to 220 whale sharks and
San Pedro Mártir, the gem of the northern Sea of Cortez



The very best of the southern
Sea of Cortez

Pulmo bull sharks and a vibrant coral reef
in a UNESCO World Heritage Site



AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Terramar Transfers is our recommended provider of airport transfers to and from Cabo San Lucas.

For reservations, please contact their office directly.

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MX Tel: +52 (624) 142-9200

Email: cabo@terramar.com.mx

Option 1 - Shared Shuttle

This is a shared transfer with an average wait time of 10 - 15 minutes and 1 - 2 stops enroute to either your hotel, or our Dive Center located at the Tesoro Hotel, Cabo San Lucas

Cost: \$25/pp one-way (+\$5 gratuity recommended)

Service available from Main Marina to SJD on return.

Option 2 - Private Transfer

Private transfer at surprisingly affordable pricing (and cheaper than a taxi)

SJD airport to Tesoro Hotel (one-way)

Vehicle	Passengers*	Total**
Suburban	5	\$105
Escalade	5	\$125
Van / Hiace	8	\$120
Sprinter	12	\$145
Motor Coach	44	\$450

* With regular luggage

** Tax included