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# **OCEAN SAFARIS IN THE SEA OF CORTEZ**

## **Sailing Mobulas & Orcas Expedition**

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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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## SeeCreatures

Your trip meets at SeeCreatures Cabo.

Take advantage of some day boat adventures or complimentary photo and video workshop.

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Calle Miguel Hidalgo 10, Centro, 23450  
Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S., Mexico

### Contact Info:

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### Join us for even more fun with a pre-trip extension:

- Our favourite hotels
- 2 or 3 tank diving
- Scuba courses
- Cabo Pulmo
- Gordo Banks
- Isla Espíritu Santo
- La Paz
- Sailing adventure
- Kayaking adventure
- Swim with whale sharks (*Dec - Jan*)
- Whale watching
- Guided overlanding
- Surf lesson Todos Santos



# What is a sailing ocean safari with mobulas & orcas?



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Multiple pods of orcas (killer whales) visit the Sea of Cortez every spring and summer. Unlike almost anywhere else in the world, these magnificent apex predators choose to interact with us. Orcas are actually present year-round, but we start seeing a lot more of them in January, with peak sightings in July and August, with up to 20 days of orca sightings in each of those months. Of course, orcas don't just hang out at their favourite cafe but can be found almost anywhere.

Special feature during this season: joyful, jumping and flying mobula rays are residents. Massive schools of mobulas from the end of March through early July. Getting in the water with one of these massive schools of 4 to 5 ft rays is a truly special experience.

Every trip is different. Mother ocean has been throwing us curveballs with changing conditions with new animals never been seen in the Sea of Cortez while some of our old favourites have moved on. Fingers crossed on:

- Huge pods of dolphins
- Super friendly sea lions
- Enormous schools of fish
- Mobula and cow nose rays
- 🙌 Orcas
- 🙌 Finback whales
- 🙌 Sperm whales
- 🙌 Pilot whales



# 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 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 board the ship. 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.

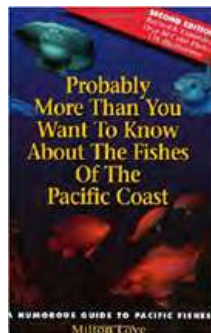
The Sea of Cortez is a magical place and if you can read about it ahead of time, your experience will only be enhanced that much more. Our favourites:



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

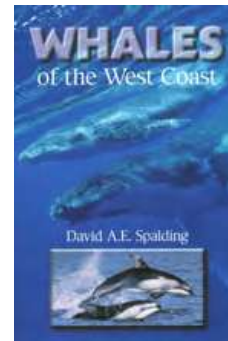
The classic!!! And the book that drew us to Mexico in the first place.



ISBN 0-9628725-5

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

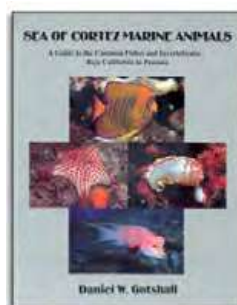
It's a hilarious good read.



ISBN 0-930118-41-3

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

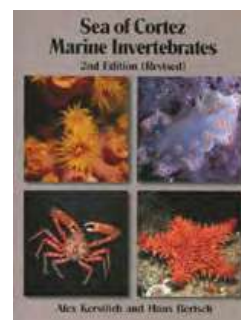
Have you wondered how to tell a blue and finback whale apart?



ISBN 0-930118-26-X

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

This is our bible to the Sea of Cortez.



ISBN 1-55017-199-2

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

This will open your eyes to all the little critters.



# Arriving in Cabo



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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. Meet your transfer outside!



# Checking-In



## SeeCreatures - Cabo San Lucas

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

Please be sure to be back at SeeCreatures Cabo by 4:30 pm at the latest for your complimentary transfer to your ship.

# Sample Itinerary

## 8 Days / 7 Nights Trip



### Day 1 - Welcome Aboard!

Our Nautilus owned SeeCreatures is located near the harbour in downtown Cabo San Lucas and is your home away from home. We encourage you to fly in early and allow us to arrange for some local diving. Your trip includes a complimentary photo lesson at 1:00pm. Our photo pros will coach you on how to get that perfect underwater image, help set up, service or repair your camera gear, and assist with camera rentals. You are welcome to drop your bags off and check-in whenever it's most convenient. We ask that you please check-in at SeeCreatures Cabo by 4:30pm latest for your complimentary coach transfer to La Paz, where our hosties will be waiting on the back deck for you with trays of margaritas and champagne.

This trip is predominantly focused on snorkelling and freediving, however if you would like to dive we have rental gear available at SeeCreatures before boarding, or you can bring your own gear.

[View Safety Video](#)

**Baja Expeditions** has been doing this for 48 years, and our crew is comprised of pioneering old timers who know these waters, and its wildlife, better than anyone.

### Days 2-7 - Sea of Cortez

Our crew and naturalist/observer specialize in finding marine animals and are the very best in the business. They have one goal in mind: to maximize your encounters with the animals.

You might have heard that the best place to find the mobulas is in the triangle between Espiritu Santo, Carpenter Rock on the west side of Cerralvo, and Las Ventanas on Baja. Our sailing yacht and high speed RHIB changes the calculus on this completely. We are finding animals like never before and will take you to where a mama blue whale and calf might be waiting for you, or humpback whales, whale sharks, cow nose rays, and hundreds of dolphins. Be patient, as it might take ten splashes for the mobulas to allow snorkelers and freedivers into the middle of the pack, but you'll be rewarded with truly spectacular encounters.

If Mobulas are close to the Mango Wind, your day will start very early. At around 6:00 am you will have the chance to snorkel with the mobulas before they start to disperse with the sunlight. You will return for breakfast onboard the Mango Wind and then jump back in the panga to look for any critters. You will return to the Mango Wind in the afternoon for some relaxation time and dinner.

If Mobulas and other creatures' reports are far from the Mango Wind location, you will jump in the panga for a long day of adventures. Depending on the encounters, you will return during the afternoon for lunch, and a relaxing evening and dinner.

The highlight of any trip is if we spot the black fins of orcas slicing through the water. All interactions are conducted in compliance with the laws and regulations of Mexico. For our diving friends, bring your dive gear, and we will be sure to get you some splashes on local dive sites.

### Day 8 - Disembark

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





## 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 (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.

### What dive gear should I bring?

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

### Will we see orcas on these trips?

Maybe. We hope so. The iconic creature on these adventures is the orca, also known as the killer whale. The sight of those sleek black dorsal fins slicing through the water when the orcas make an appearance is truly unforgettable. With a combined experience of over 80 years between Baja Expeditions and Nautilus, we have had the privilege of respectfully interacting with these magnificent creatures, from the chilly waters of Alaska to Roca Partida and Socorro Island further south. Any interaction is always done in full compliance with the laws of Mexico.

### Are orcas guaranteed?

No. We are confident that you will have great encounters with schools of mobula rays, California sea lions, mega pods of bottlenose dolphins, and much more. Along the way, you may also encounter sperm whales, fin whales, pseudorcas, pilot whales, Risso's dolphins, and the super-acrobatic spinner dolphins. Whale sharks are spotted on almost every trip. When reports of exciting wildlife activity come in, we will make every effort to position ourselves in the best possible location to maximize your experience.

### When will we be able to get in the water?

Most snorkelling and freediving will be done either from our pangas or even from the large water level platform at the stern (that's the back end) of your sailing yacht. 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.

### When should I fly in?

These trips are planned around the guests having the option of flying in and going straight to SeeCreatures to check in and then board the ship later that day. We recommend flying in several days early to take full advantage of our hospitality and all the neat stuff that we offer as pre-trip extensions.

### How do I get from SJD into town?

Sealine Cabo Transfers is our recommended provider of airport transfers to and from Cabo San Lucas. For booking, please email Martin at [mmoreno@sealinecabotransfers.com](mailto:mmoreno@sealinecabotransfers.com)

We also recommend Miguel from Fara Nuevo as an alternative option.

**Email:** [mfc949@gmail.com](mailto:mfc949@gmail.com)

**Phone:** +52 (624) 141 6254

### Can you recommend a local hotel?

Yes. For sure. We have our favourite hotels that we recommend and we have arranged discounted rates for Nautilus and Baja Expeditions's guests. For hotel recommendations, or any other pre-trips, questions, concerns, or comments, please contact our concierge's directly:

**Phone:** +1 (604) 241-1918 - Please ask for our concierges.

**WhatsApp:** +52 (624) 129-9243

**Email:** [concierge@nautilusdive.com](mailto:concierge@nautilusdive.com)



## BEFORE DEPARTURE

### Where do we meet the boat?

We will meet at SeeCreatures Cabo San Lucas located at: *Calle Miguel Hidalgo 10, Centro CSL. C.P. 23450, Cabo San Lucas, BCS.* We will coach transfer everyone to La Paz where your boat will be waiting for you.

### What time do we meet?

Please be back at SeeCreatures Cabo and ready for your transfer to La Paz by 4:30 pm latest.

### 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 2-1/2 hour transfer to SJD. For that reason we recommend booking your outward flight 12:30 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 DIVING

### How much experience do I need?

This trip is for everybody! This trip is primarily snorkeling and freediving. There is an opportunity to do night dives with the mobulas.

### Is the diving from the Mango Wind or skiffs?

We take a maximum of 6 guests on the Mango Wind expeditions. All guests can comfortably fit on our 32-foot, high-speed 'zodiac 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.





# Adventure Travel



## Socorro Island

Nov – Jul / 9 Days, 8 Nights

Celebrating 45 years of diving this magical oasis.

Super friendly giant manta rays,  
Equally friendly dolphins,  
11 species of sharks,  
Beautiful, beautiful diving.



## San Ignacio Gray Whales

Jan – Apr / 4 or 6 day trips

The most extraordinary whale interaction on the planet.

Gray whales actively seek us out for “human watching” and physical affection.



## Baja Ultimate Whales

Jan – Apr / 8 Days, 7 Nights

The great whales come home to Baja every winter, giving us a plethora of experiences and adventures.

Spotter airplane supported,  
whale watching off Cabo,  
Sea of Cortez expedition yacht,  
San Ignacio luxury camp.



## NexGen LifeLine

100 hours of transmit time,  
improved range, improved accuracy,  
improved spool up time,  
5-year warranty, MMSI included,  
AIS / DSC technology,  
works worldwide, and always  
free to use (*no subscriptions*).



## Ultimate Whale Sharks

Jun – Oct / 8 Days, 7 Nights

Whale Sharks!! Who doesn't want to swim with whale sharks.

Imagine loads of them in a deserted bay deep into the Sea of Cortez all for yourself.



## Mobulas & Orcas

Apr – Aug / 8 Days, 7 Nights

Spotter airplane supported.

Swim with hundred or thousands of mobulas. Peak season for orca encounters.



## Mexico Sardine Run

Oct – Dec / 7 Days, 6 Nights

Bait balls. Striped marlin. Sea lions. Sharks. Sea birds. Turtles. Even bryde whales!

Snorkelling and Freediving.



## Sea of Cortez Expeditions

Jul – Nov / 5, 8 and 11 day trips

Choose from scuba diving, snorkelling, kayaking or ocean safari adventures. Liveaboard safari boats or hotel or beach camp + fast boat.



## Espiritu Santo Kayaking

Year-round / Day trips

Kayaking + Espiritu Santo + lunch & beach

1 Day adventure includes return transfers from Cabo to La Paz.



## Swim with Whale Sharks

Year-round / Day trips

Whale sharks + lunch & beach + snorkelling with sea lions.

1 Day adventure includes return transfers from Cabo to La Paz.



## 45-ft Sailing Catamaran

Year-round

With your captain, chef and naturalist / dive master at your service this is the way to experience the sea of cortez.

Includes all activities.



## Mothership Supported Espiritu Santo Beach Camp

Oct - May / 2 to 7 nights

Beach camping in an UNESCO World Heritage Site with the luxury of mothership support (all the hot showers you want).

Includes all activities: kayaking, SUP, scuba, snorkelling, beach walks and hiking into the desert.



## Guided Self-Drive Overlanding

October - May

Imagine spending a night on an endless deserted beach and the sand dunes on the edge of the Pacific ocean.

Tacoma TRD Pro self-drive with guided vehicle, naturalist and chef and mobile base camp.

Explore the real Baja.



## Mothership Supported Kayaking

Year-round

The best of both worlds. Kayaking for all ages, experience and fitness levels, beach camping and the luxury of mothership support.

## Kayaking & Beach Camping

Old school! Full panga support. We do all the heavy lifting. You do the paddling and enjoy.



## 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.



## Ocean & Rainforest

August / 6 Days, 5 Nights

132-ft liveaboard safari boat.

Unique adventure combines peak humpback whale season with diving Caño Island and naturalist guided rainforest adventure.

## 1 DAY ADVENTURES



## Cabo San Lucas

Whale watching  
Snorkelling  
Discover scuba

## Cabo Pulmo

Convenient transfers from Cabo  
Diving or snorkelling



## Scuba

2 and 3 tank dives  
Night dives  
Instruction  
Nitrox courses  
MARES demo days



## Isla Espíritu Santo Adventure

Convenient transfers from Cabo  
Adventure into the Sea of Cortez  
Snorkelling with sea lions  
Kayaking  
Paddleboarding  
Desert hike  
Swimming  
Relaxing on the beach



## La Paz 1 Day Kayaking Expedition

Convenient transfers from Cabo.

Panga supported kayaking adventure for everyone, all ages, fitness and experience levels.

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		
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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	\$35
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 Mexico and the courts of Mexico City, shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any matter relating to the said agreements or this Waiver.

I agree that this Waiver shall be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns and my estate and I agree that in the event that a claim is made against the Operators or any one of them in respect of any cause of action relating to me, I will indemnify the Operator(s) for their losses, damage and expenses arising from such claim.

I confirm that I have both read and fully understood the description of the risks involved in participating in the Excursion as set forth in the Company's disclosure information entitled "DIVING EXCURSION RISKS" published on the Company web site (<https://nautilusliveaboards.com/diving-excursion-risks/>) and in the pre-trip information package provided to me.

I also confirm that I:

- (a) am physically fit; without any health related reasons that would otherwise preclude my;
- (b) have had sufficient instruction, preparation and/or training for; and
- (c) have not been advised by any medical professional to avoid participation in the Excursion.

Finally, I confirm that I read and fully understood this Waiver before signing and, that I had the opportunity to do so before making any commitment of whatsoever kind or nature to the Company.

**Please note that you will be required to sign this waiver form upon the arrival at the hospitality suite.**



# Our Responsibilities, Your Responsibilities

## Our Responsibilities

- To ensure your safety.
- To give you the best possible diving experience.
- To treat you with respect and consideration and to provide excellence in service onboard.
- To be responsive to special requests and needs.
- To plan each trip with respect to weather, sea conditions and animal behavior in order to maximize your diving experience.
- To keep our ships in top condition, clean and in good mechanical repair. Please note that each ship has many complex systems and it may be impossible to prevent some maintenance problems during your trip, despite our best efforts.

## Your Responsibilities

### 1. Animals

We love Mother Ocean! Unfortunately, sometimes guests will demonstrate unsafe or irresponsible behavior towards animals that impedes other guest's experiences and/or may cause harm to the animals. It is your responsibility to follow the crew's directions and recommendations with respect to interaction with the animals. In the unlikely event that an individual is impeding other guests and/or causing harm to the animals, the captain will speak to that person and give them a formal warning. If the guest continues the same behavior, the captain has the authority to hold that guest out of the water for the remainder of the trip.

### 2. Diving Safety

It is your responsibility to attend dive briefings and comply with the principles of safe recreational diving. Deco diving or deliberately "going blue" is not allowed. The captain has the right to revoke the diving privileges of anyone who is diving in an unsafe manner.

### 3. Alcohol

With over 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 ensuring your safety and excellence in guest services. I am incredibly proud of our hardworking and dedicated staff.

Attitudes towards tipping vary around the world. In Mexico, it is considered disrespectful to the crew and staff to not leave a gratuity if the service is deserving. For your guidance, most guests leave a tip of US\$300 to \$400. Please note that the panga captains are independent service providers from the local village, and it would be appropriate to tip them directly if the service is deserving.

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

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

Thank you very much for trusting us with your vacation!

Sincerely,

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

**Captain Mike**

*Proprietor, Nautilus Adventure*



## What objects can I bring in my luggage to Mexico?

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

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

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

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

- Servicio de Administración Tributaria (SAT):  
[www.sat.gob.mx](http://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](http://www.gob.mx/inm)  
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