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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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concierge@nautilusdive.com



SeeCreatures

Your trip meets at SeeCreatures Cabo.

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

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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 5-night Sea of Cortez get-away?



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Jacques Cousteau called it the “Aquarium of the World.” We call the Sea of Cortez the perfect vacation where you can do as much or as little as you like. Including up to 4 dives a day, snorkelling, kayaking, paddleboarding, short hikes, or just plain relaxing on a beautiful beach. Combine all this with the warmth and Baja authenticity of our crew, and life becomes beautifully easy and relaxing.

Our 6-day 5-night get-away is an ocean safari into the generally calm waters of the Sea of Cortez, a marine adventure on the edge of the Sonoran desert. With 5 decades of experience running these trips, we have a “pretty good” idea of how to maximize your enjoyment while exploring this wonderful part of Mexico. Regular patrols with a spotter airplane is the icing on the cake.

- Huge pods of dolphins
- Super friendly sea lions
- Enormous schools of fish
- Mobula and cow nose rays
- 🐟 Hammerhead sharks
- 🐟 Orcas
- 🐟 Pilot whales
- 🐟 Great 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.

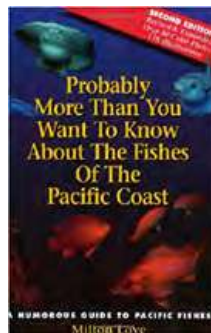
The Sea of Cortez is a magical place and if you can read about it ahead of time, your experience will only be enhanced that much more. Our favourites:



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

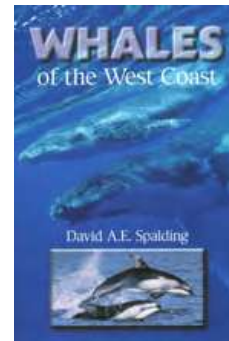
The classic!!! And the book that drew us to Mexico in the first place.



ISBN 0-9628725-5

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

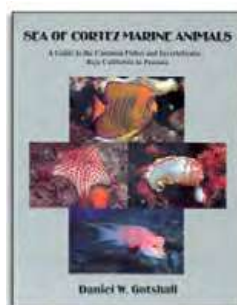
It's a hilarious good read.



ISBN 0-930118-41-3

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

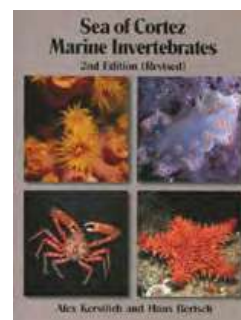
Have you wondered how to tell a blue and finback whale apart?



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



© John Cafazza

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

Calle Miguel Hidalgo #10, Centro CSL. C.P. 23450, Cabo San Lucas, BCS

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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.

Boarding the Ship



Nautilus Gallant Lady out on a beautiful day

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

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

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

Sample Itinerary

6 Days / 5 Nights Trip*

*Individual trips vary in length from 5 - 10 nights. Your captain will be focused on maximizing your onboard experience taking into account the vagaries of big animals, weather and mother ocean

Pre- & Post-Trip Extensions

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

Contact Us

Day 1 - Boarding Day!

We encourage you to take advantage of our complimentary photo imaging workshop at SeeCreatures on the morning of your departure. Our photo pros are experts at coaching you towards that perfect image. They will also have rental GoPros cameras available, along with additional coaching if you want to take one along on your adventure.

Please check into SeeCreatures Cabo by 4:30 pm latest for coach transfer to La Paz where our hosties will be waiting on the back deck for you with trays of margaritas and champagne.

Bonus option! Relaxing on the upper deck or maybe in our hot tub under the brilliant star filled Mexican sky. Most nights are calm with very little motion which makes this even more special.

Days 2-5 - Adventuring the Sea of Cortez

Everyday is different. Every trip is different. Mother ocean is always full of surprises and your captain and crew will do their very best to maximize your onboard experience taking into account our 5 decades of experience in the Sea of Cortez, recent animal sightings and weather!

Your first day at sea typically starts anchored off a quiet beach at Cerralvo Island for a warm-up dive and then over to the incredible tornadoes of fish at La Reyna. This is also our best chance of encountering giant manta rays in the entire Sea of Cortez. We encourage our non-diving guests to chat with our concierges at least a month before departure date to pre-arrange snorkelling, kayaking, paddleboarding, swimming coaching, or a complimentary discover scuba experience before their trip.

Where we go next will vary. We might have reports of a huge pod of dolphins or even orcas in which case we'll make full steam ahead to get you close or even in the water maintaining full respect for these animals. Interactions are always on their terms.

During your days at sea, we will almost certainly visit Isla Las Animas which boasts a large population of California sea lions and is a great spot for hammerhead sharks from June to November. It's a great snorkelling, kayaking and paddle board and swimming opportunity and chance for everyone else to go ashore. We are also certain to visit Isla La Reyna which is home to the vast schools of fish pictured on the cover of this booklet. It's also your single best opportunity to see manta rays in the entire Sea of Cortez.

We'll likely also spend time around the UNESCO World Heritage site of Espiritu Santo. One of our company founders was instrumental in saving this gorgeous island from commercial development as a casino and facilitated donating the land to the people of Mexico as a national park. Check out some wreck diving. Go ashore for beach time or hikes into the hills guided by our naturalist. Kayaking. Paddle boarding. Swimming or whatever you want. Whale watching and encounters are always on the agenda including a resident pod of giant finback whales. Divers will always have the option of 4 dives a day.

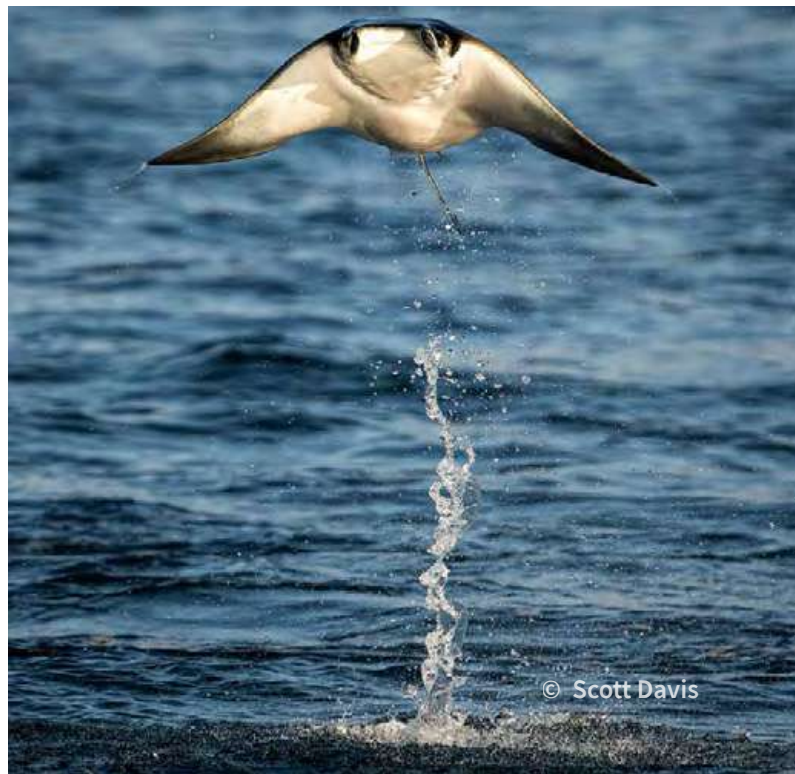


Day 6 - Last Day and Going Home

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

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

We're here to serve and do everything we can for you. Thank you for joining us.



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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 will be cooler. It can be very hot in the desert this time of year. Sunscreen (reef-safe sunscreen will be available on board with our compliments), towels, bed linen, soap, and shampoo are provided on board.

What wetsuit should I bring?

It depends on the season. Water temperatures are in the mid-80°F (26°C) range, with 100+ ft visibility. At the end of November, temperatures start cooling and visibility goes down. We recommend a 5mm wetsuit and a hooded vest is always a smart addition to your dive kit.

What dive gear should I bring?

All the obvious stuff!! i.e. regulators, BCD, computer, mask, wetsuit (we recommend 5mm or 7mm wetsuits), booties and fins (high-quality rentals are available from See Creatures). 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.

Travel Details

Do I need a passport?

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

Do I need to obtain a visa ahead of time?

Only for a very limited number of countries. Please check the requirements for your country.

Do I need insurance?

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

Do I need dive medical insurance?

YES. Dive and evacuation insurance is mandatory.

What airport do I fly into?

SJD Los Cabos international has very convenient and nonstop connections to many different cities. Flying into LAP la Paz is also possible.

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

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

Email: mfc949@gmail.com

Phone: +52 (624) 141 6254

How do I get from LAP into town?

We can arrange to pick you up. Please directly contact with our concierges: concierge@nautilusdive.com

Can you recommend a local hotel?

Yes. We have our favourite hotels that we highly recommend and have arranged discounted rates for Nautilus and Baja Expeditions guests.

For hotel recommendation or any other pretrip questions, concerns or comments, please contact our Nautilus concierges directly.

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

WhatsApp: +52 (624) 129-9243

Email: 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.

Are you joining us in Cabo?

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

Are you joining us in La Paz directly?

Please contact our concierge's to confirm the meeting place and time.

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?

This year, the Sea of Cortez is generally quite calm. If anyone is worried about seasickness, we recommend the prophylactic use of the scopolamine patch. This is the perfect trip and destination for anyone looking for a smooth as possible experience at Sea. Please note that all of our steel ships are stabilized.

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 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 Diving

How much experience do I need?

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

How many dives will I do?

You will have the opportunity to do up to 4 dives a day on our trips from July to December. Spring trips are more about snorkelling and animal experiences with limited diving opportunities.

Are the boats camera friendly?

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

Are you nitrox and rebreather friendly?

Yes! We started offering nitrox in 1996 when it was known as the devil gas. And we did our first rebreather diving in 2000. We have been super nitrox and rebreather friendly ever since.

About Adventures Other Than Diving

Our ocean safaris are all about this fabulous inland sea and all the amazing animals, rich natural history, and sheer beauty of the place. We have been a diving company for more than 3 decades, so naturally, we know exactly how to cater and look after divers. But we have been an adventure travel company for even longer, and we love sharing that expertise whether it's kayaking, paddleboarding, snorkelling, short hikes, or beach walks.

We will keep you as busy as you want to be, while also being equally supportive of providing you with a quiet place to enjoy a good book and a cold glass of white wine.



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*).

Spotter Airplane Supported!



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	\$80	Go-pro Camera	\$100
Steel 95 cf Cylinder	\$30		
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Packages			
Wetsuit, BCD, Regulator	\$135	Fins, Booties, Hood/Mask	\$50
BCD, Regulator, Dive computer	\$135	Full Gear (Wetsuite, BCD, Reg, Computer, Booties, Hood, Fins, Snorkel and mask)	\$240
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Items			
Wetsuit	\$55	Hood	\$10
BCD	\$55	Mask	\$10
Regulator	\$55	Premium MARES Liquid Skin Mask	\$25
Dive Computer	\$55	Snorkel	\$15
Fins	\$25	Hooded Vest	\$25
Booties	\$25	Dive Lights	\$25
Premium Avanti Quattro+ & Booties	\$35		
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Zorb	\$7.63 per pound		
Oxygen fills	\$100 / \$20 each additional day more than 5 days		
Oxygen Rebreather Cylinder	\$50 / \$10 each additional day		
Diluent Rebreather Cylinder	\$50 / \$10 each additional day		

** Clients are responsible for the cost of repairing any damage except normal wear and tear. Prices subject to change without notice.*

Excursion Risk



We are excited to have you join us, but feel compelled to point out [some of the risks](#) involved in our adventures around Baja, Mexico and the surrounding ocean.

We operate at the whim of Mother Nature. Our ships and camps have connectivity with shore operations, and we carefully monitor weather conditions while maintaining communication lines for urgent and emergency situations. Our ocean-going ships are equipped with satellite communication technology, full-time data links, internet at sea, and marine radios. We need you to be aware that there is always a risk of adverse weather, mechanical breakdown, errors, or mistakes made by our crew, medical evacuations, or other interruptions to your trip that are beyond our control.

Dealing with animals involves risk. Camping out in the desert involves risk. Going to sea involves risk. This is not Disneyland. We give careful guidance on peak seasons and our previous experiences with the animals. But there is no guarantee that you will see the animals you are hoping for; Mother Nature doesn't work that way. Guests and crew alike are susceptible to accidents, tripping and falling, sprains, or broken bones, strokes, heart attacks, or medical conditions such as appendicitis, pancreatitis, diabetic complications, heat or sun exhaustion, dehydration, severe infections, abscesses, or other emergency conditions.

Diving can be challenging and may not be suitable for less experienced divers. You must be a trained and certified scuba diver to dive with us unless you are enrolled in one of our training programs. Guests are responsible for their own dive safety. Our dive guides and instructors are primarily responsible for ensuring top-quality dives, critter pointing, and the best possible guest experience. You must have good buoyancy control. Our guides are not responsible for teaching primary dive skills or looking after guests who do not have basic buoyancy skills.

Aerial medevac is available at or close by most of our destinations. We require that all guests have insurance that covers emergency care in Mexico, including aerial medevac and hospital procedures. A medical evacuation flight might cost \$10,000, and local hospital charges could be in excess of \$20,000. You will have to arrange for payment upfront for these costs if you require evacuation or a hospital stay and your insurance won't cover the charges. 'Dive Assure' offers excellent coverage and is highly recommended. [Click here](#) to arrange coverage.

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

We wish you an excellent trip, meet loads of animals and have a beautiful and safe experience.



PASSENGER GUEST WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY (the "Waiver")

In consideration of you allowing me to participate in your camping and/or whale watching and/or excursion (the "Excursion"):

I voluntarily waive, release and forever discharge NAUTILUS DIVE ADVENTURES AND/OR all its related entities: ICARUS AVIATION LTD also doing business as "Lever Diving" AND/OR NAUTILUS EXPLORER MEXICO, S. DE R.L DE C.V. AND/OR BAJA EXPEDITIONS AND/OR BSK, S.A. DE C.V. AND/OR SEECREATURES AND/OR CABO DIVE CENTRE, S. DE R.L. DE C.V (collectively the "Company") and its employees, directors, officers, agents and contractors (collectively the "Operators") from any and all liability, including but not limited to liability arising from the negligence (including gross negligence) or fault of the Operators or any of them for personal injury or death, property loss or damage or any other claims of any kind which may occur to me during or in connection with the Excursion and/or the use or misuse of any equipment, vessels or vehicles.

I agree that all agreements made between the Operators and myself (including this Waiver) shall be governed by the laws of Mexico and the courts of Mexico City, shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any matter relating to the said agreements or this Waiver.

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

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

I also confirm that I:

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

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

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

Our Responsibilities, Your Responsibilities

Our Responsibilities

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

Your Responsibilities

1. Animals

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

2. Diving Safety

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

3. Alcohol

With over many years of operational experience running charters, we have learned the safest alcohol policy is to restrict guests from bringing their own alcohol on board. We provide a wide selection of beer, wine and alcohol from the ship's bar at reasonable prices. We are also happy to hold your duty-free purchases or local purchases of alcohol in bond in the ship's storage until the end of your trip.

4. Government Rules

You must comply with all Mexican government rules and regulations. Please note that government regulations and laws may change without notice. Our contract with you is subject to "force majeure" without compensation.

5. Marijuana

Marijuana is illegal in Mexico including medicinal prescription marijuana. We have a zero tolerance policy regarding guests bringing marijuana onboard.

6. Illegal Substances

We maintain a zero tolerance for illegal narcotics or substances on board. We're required under Mexican law to report any problems to the Mexican Federal Police.

7. Crew

Treating our crew and staff with courtesy and respect.

8. Getting Sick

We sincerely hope that you stay healthy and don't get sick during your trip. Please let the crew know if you are not feeling well so that we can give you extra love and attention and also do our best to prevent anyone else onboard from getting sick.



A Note on Gratuities



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I hope we have left you with the feeling that our crew has served you with warmth, good cheer, and has done their very best 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\$200 to \$275.

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
(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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