



A SOCORRO ISLAND EXPEDITION

What is so special about Socorro?

Consistently rated one of the worlds best locations for big animal encounters the Socorro islands is the kind of place anything can happen. Known worldwide as the “Mexican Galapagos” the volcanic archipelago is located approximately 240 miles south of Cabo San Lucas and only accessible by liveaboard. It’s remote location and sometimes strong currents which make the location suitable for experienced divers also draws in a variety of large marine creatures.

Encounters with Giant Pacific Manta Rays and several species of sharks such as the Scalloped Hammerhead, Silvertip, Galapagos, Tiger, and Whitetip Reef sharks are a common place. Dolphins and big schools of fish are also possible and the area is home to some endemic species not found anywhere else on the planet.

As if that was not enough, between February and April the area is also frequented by Humpback whales who’s songs can often be heard underwater. The islands and their marine ecosystem are the subject of considerable research and conservation and have been listed as a Hope Spot critical to the health of the ocean by Dr. Sylvia Earle and Mission Blue.



Quick Info

Vessel Name: Southern Sport
Liveaboard Duration: April 19-26th (arrival in Cabo San Lucas on the 18th is strongly advised)
Dive Dates: April 20- 25th
Dive Certification: Advanced or Open water (with min 50 logged dives)
Visibility: varies per site w/most at around 100ft, or 30m
Water Temp: 24-28 C, or 76-82 F,
Closest Airport: Cabo San Lucas (SCJ)
Visas and Passports: A visa is require for most countries. Please contact your local consulate for specific requirements.

Itinerary

Arrival Day: Independent arrival and overnight in Cabo San Lucas.

Day 1: 10:30 AM pickup from and transfer to our boat “Southern Sport”, Boat departs at 12:00 for San Benedicto Island. Non-Diving Day.

Day 2: Arrival to San Benedicto Island, Day of diving. Evening steam to Socorro Island.

Day 3: Diving at Socorro Island. Evening steam to Roca Partida.

Day 4 & 5: Two days of diving at Roca Partida followed by and evening steam to Socorro Island on the second day.

Day 6: Diving at Socorro island. Evening steam to San Benedicto Island.

Day 7: Diving at San Benedicto. Begin return steam to port in Cabo San Lucas.

Departure Day: Boat will arrive at port at approximately 17:00. We will transfer you to your hotel in Cabo San Lucas.



TIME TO SURFACE

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Vessel details:

The Southern sport is a professional dive boat most recently renovated in 2012 and refurbished annually to keep it in the best condition. The vessel is 35 meters long (115ft) and can travel at speeds of 9.5 knots and two tenders with 50hp outboard motors.

There is an air conditioned saloon on the main deck with couches, TV, surround sound and a stock of movies. Also found on the main deck is the dining area where your meals will be served and snack bar where you can always find snacks and drinks throughout the day.

On the top of the boat you can find a large sun deck and seating area where you can work on your tan between dives and a BBQ to add some additional variety to the cuisine.

The dive deck is spacious with personal gear boxes, a camera table, large rinse tanks, fresh water showers and a common toilet.

Cost:

Shared Stateroom \$3400 USD per/person*

*does not include National Park or Port Departure fees.

What's included?

Unlike many of the other trips in the area Mexican sales taxes (IVA) and Fuel surcharges ARE included.

Transfer on the morning of departure from either the Quinta del Sole or Fairfield Marriott hotels in Cabo San Lucas to the Southern Sport. Seven nights double occupancy accommodation in one of our air-conditioned cabins. +/- 18-22 guided dives, tanks, air, weights, towels, four meals a day plus snacks, soft drinks and alcohol with dinner.



Additional Costs?

The Mexican government mandates the collection of a Port Departure and Natural Park fee. These fees must be paid in cash once you board and the cost to cover both of these fees is currently 78 USD. Crew gratuities are not included but greatly appreciated (\$250 USD per/person) is recommended.

Additional Services?

We are happy to be able to provide optional extra services during your trip, such as: airport transfers, gear rentals (\$60 USD/item/trip), nitrox fills (\$120/trip), and nitrox courses (\$120), and discounted rates on accommodation. If you wish inquire about the discounted hotel rates and availability, please contact either the Quinta del Sol or Fairfield Inn Marriott in Cabo San Lucas. You must reference Club Cantamar/TTS when booking in order to be quoted the discounted rates.



How can I book my spot?

It is simple, just shoot us a message with your name, certification level and email. You can reach us electronically through our Website, via Email, by Facebook or Instagram. Or if you prefer to talk to us in person we are also available by phone here in Mexico at +54 984 214 3295.

Once we receive your inquiry we will contact you via email to confirm your spot and send instructions on how to submit your deposit. We will hold your spot without the deposit for 48hrs while you work out your final flight and trip details. To hold your spot past the 48hr grace period we must receive your 20% (680 USD) deposit.

Booking is open until October 18th and all deposits must be received before then. Once we have received your deposit you are fully booked and the spot is yours.

Payment Schedule:

- A minimum deposit of 20% (680USD) is due within 48hrs of booking to reserve your spot.
- Additional 20% due 8 months before the trip
- Additional 20% due 6 months before the trip
- Remaining balance due 90 days before trip departure

Our schedule indicates the minimum amount due. If you prefer to make payments sooner or larger than the schedule we are happy to accommodate.

Refunds and Cancellations:

Sometimes life gives us surprises and plans need to change. If for any reason you need to cancel your trip we will try our best to fill your spot so we can offer you a FULL refund minus and \$100 administration fee. However, if we are not able to fill your spot and the cancellation was made . . .

- *12-8 months prior to departure deposit is forfeit.
- * 8-6 months prior to departure, 40% of the trip price is forfeit.
- * 6-3 months prior to departure, 60% of the trip price is forfeit.
- * 90 days or less prior to departure 100% of the trip price is forfeit.

Please read the entire trip registration terms and conditions online when you register. You can find them by clicking here.



Questions and Special Requests? We are happy to answer them.

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