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Welcome Aboard!

Welcome to the Archipiélago de Revillagigedo!

We are thrilled to have you join us on this journey. Our destinations are enchanting, and our reputation is renowned worldwide. As a result, many of our guests return year after year. Our dedicated crew is committed to ensuring you have an unforgettable experience. This package contains details to assist you in preparing for your upcoming expedition. If you have any inquiries or specific needs, please feel free to reach out to us. We are excited to welcome you aboard!

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Archipiélago de Revillagigedo / Socorro Island

Have you ever felt the immensity of the ocean, the sense of being a small part of something truly grand? That's the feeling that washes over you in the Revillagigedo Islands. Rising from the deep Pacific, these volcanic peaks are a sanctuary for marine life found nowhere else on Earth.

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Revillagigedo Archipelago, located 250 miles off the southern coast of Baja California, Mexico, blurs the boundaries between the observer and the observed. Socorro Island, a jewel in the archipelago's crown, is a testament to the power and beauty of the natural world. Here, you're not just watching nature; you are immersed in it.

Imagine drifting through the clear waters, surrounded by a kaleidoscope of life. Schools of hammerhead sharks glide effortlessly by, their distinctive silhouettes a testament to the unique biodiversity of these islands. Giant schools of jacks, barracuda, tuna, and wahoo shimmer and swirl around you, a dazzling display of the ocean's abundance. And the sharks! You can encounter Galapagos, silky, whitetip reef, silvertip, and blacktip sharks, each playing a vital role in the oceanic ecosystem. A sleek tiger shark might materialize from the blue, its distinctive stripes a flash of wild beauty. Playful dolphins, curious and intelligent, often approach divers, eager to interact. And then there are the mantas – the stars of the show. With their enormous wings, these majestic creatures perform an underwater ballet, gliding and swirling with effortless grace. They circle and dance, seemingly welcoming you to their world.

Other animal encounters include humpback whales from mid-February to mid-April. During this time, the haunting songs of males fill the water, a symphony of the deep. Surface sightings are common. Whale sharks can be seen in November, December, and May. The dramatic display of bait balls and false orcas can add to the May magic.

A trip to Revillagigedo is more than just a dive; it's a pilgrimage to where the ocean's wonders unfold before you. We are excited to share this incredible destination with you.











PLEASE NOTE: Revillagigedo park rules prohibit the use of knives and flashlights. It also bans night dives. Lights attached to a camera are permitted.

Our Vessels

Rocio del Mar and Quino del Mar are of the utmost seaworthiness and approved by the US and Mexican Coast Guards. They are equipped with state-of-the-art electronics and all required safety equipment.

Rocio del Mar

Rocio del Mar is 110' long with a 25' beam.

Rocio Del Mar accommodates 20 guests in ten air-conditioned cabins, each sleeping two guests. There are six cabins with two oversized twin bunks (cabins 1-6), two cabins with a full bed and a twin bunk (cabins 9 & 10 on the upper deck), and two cabins with a queen bed each (cabins 7 & 8).

Each cabin has four drawers for storage and clothing/towel hooks. It also has a bathroom with a lavatory, shower, and toilet. We provide shampoo, soap, and bath wash. There are no hair dryers.

Our guests enjoy comfortable mattresses and quality bed linens. Our steward cleans all rooms, bunks, and bathrooms during the first dives of the day. We provide bath towels and dive deck towels, which are changed mid-trip.

The galley is in the boat's bow and comfortably accommodates all 20 passengers. The galley also has a television and DVD player should the group want to do presentations.

We have a large salon on the upper deck with full-sized sofas, a TV, and a computer station.

There is an outside covered deck with comfortable patio furniture and a shaded sundeck with lawn chairs perfect for relaxing between dives.

There are two outdoor showers and a restroom next to the dive deck.

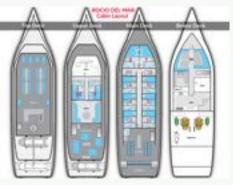
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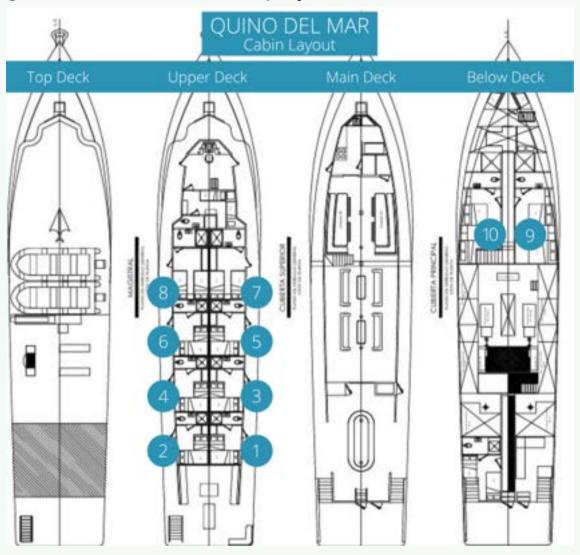








Quino del Mar - Launches July 2025!



118' length / 26.5' beam
Takes 20 divers / 10 Private Staterooms for two people with an ensuite bathroom
Built-in stabilizers

BELOW DECK MAIN DECK UPPER DECK TOP DECK Cabins 9 and 10 are Galley and dining Cabins 1-6 have two Shaded sundeck with deck chairs extra-large and have room XL twin bunks that two queen beds per Large Salon are perpendicular to cabin Large dive deck with maximize cabin space fully-equipped Cabins 7-8 are larger camera table and have two XL twin Two bathrooms beds that can be Freshwater showers made into one king bed Shaded patio area for relaxing

Diving

We require all divers to be open-water certified.

WE STRONGLY ADVISE A MINIMUM OF 50 LOGGED DIVES FOR REVILLAGIGEDO, AS THE DIVING CAN BE CHALLENGING. GOOD BUOYANCY SKILLS ARE CRUCIAL.

Our dive platforms are meticulously arranged, with each diver assigned a designated dive station.

On board, a well-equipped camera table, with numerous power outlets and access to compressed air is available. We have fire-retardant Lipo bags for charging lithium batteries.

We furnish 80 cubic ft. aluminum tanks compatible with both DIN and yoke connections, along with weights and belts for divers' convenience.

Our diving operations utilize two 18-foot Achilles inflatable pangas, each accompanied by a vigilant driver who constantly monitors for emerging bubbles. The transfer from the boat to the dive site is typically brief, facilitated by sturdy and user-friendly ladders on the pangas.

Passengers are organized into three groups, each led by a divemaster for the dive excursions. Upon receiving a detailed dive briefing, each group gears up, embarks on the panga, and enters the water with a backroll entry. Our attentive crew is available to assist divers with any physical limitations they may have. Group dives are conducted, and at the conclusion of the dive, the panga will approach each diver. Weight belts and BCDs are removed and lifted into the boat by the driver, and divers then remove their fins before boarding the vessel. Upon returning to the main boat, the crew will stow the gear and can hand back any cameras to the divers.





Proof of diving certification and dive insurance is required.

Without proof, you will not be able to dive.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Given the demanding nature of diving, participants must maintain good physical health, engage in regular diving activities, and have recent diving experience. Our diversasters and instructors serve as guides solely and are not responsible for providing diving instruction or supervising guests lacking fundamental buoyancy skills. It is imperative that each diver comprehends their own diving proficiencies and limitations.

For those requiring more personalized attention during their diving ventures, booking a private diversater is recommended at a rate of \$750. To secure a private diversater, please coordinate this arrangement at least 30 days before your scheduled trip by emailing us at info@MexicoLiveaboards.com.

Communications

Our vessels maintain daily radio communication with our US office, and we are ready for constant communication in the event of an emergency. Your family and friends can contact our office by phone or WhatsApp at +1 602 558 9580 in an emergency. Our office staff will immediately assist your family and friends in getting messages to you.

Wi-Fi

We have limited Wi-Fi available for purchase at \$50. This provides full internet access within a 10-mile radius of the island and San Jose del Cabo.

While near the islands, guests can post to social media, access email, download videos, etc.

It is not available during the open ocean crossing.

Itinerary

Below is our scheduled diving itinerary. Weather and sea conditions may alter this itinerary, and if unique animal sightings arise, we may suggest options to divers.

Day 1: Embark in San José del Cabo / Dinner and departure at approximately 7 pm

Day 2: At Sea

Day 3: Isla San Benedicto / 4 dives

Day 4: Isla Roca Partida / 3 dives

Day 5: Isla Roca Partida / 3 dives

Day 6: Isla Socorro / 3 dives / Check-in with the Naval Station

Day 7: Isla Socorro / 4 dives

Day 8: Isla San Benedicto / 3 dives

Day 9: At Sea

Day 10: Arrival in San Jose del Cabo and disembark at 8:30 am

Food & Beverage

This is one of the things that our liveaboards are best known for ... the food!

Each day starts early with a continental breakfast with fresh fruit, cereals, bagels, yogurt, breads, and freshly brewed coffee. After the first dive, guests enjoy a plated, made-to-order breakfast. After the second dive, guests will be served a hot homemade soup followed by a hot plated lunch. We serve a large snack in the afternoon, often sandwiches, ceviche, fruit, cheeses, and more. For dinner, guests enjoy a three-course, plated meal with a salad, entrée, and homemade dessert. Hot and cold beverages are always available, including canned soft drinks.

Divers also enjoy complimentary beer and wine after their last dive of the day.

Our chefs can accommodate most special dietary needs, including gluten-free and vegan, with a wonderful variety of delicious options.

Special Occasions

Please let us know if you are celebrating a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary. We would love to celebrate it with you.

Our Crew

The only thing better than the food aboard Rocio del Mar and Quino del Mar is THE CREW! Our captain, steward, panga drivers, divemasters, and engineer work together as a team to ensure your comfort and safety, so you come away feeling like you have a new family in Mexico.

Please let your crew know if there's anything you want or need at any time during your trip. No request is too big, and no job is too small.











Passenger Documents

Passenger information and liability releases are completed online. The more information we have about you (including dietary restrictions or preferences), the better we can serve you.

Please complete the <u>Online Passenger Registration</u> no later than 30 days before your <u>departure date</u>. This form can be found on the home page of our website, www.MexicoLiveaboards.com. Scroll to the bottom of the home page, and it is under Pre-Trip Information.

Please read all of the instructions before you start and gather all relevant documents, such as dive certifications, medical and dive insurance information, etc.

Once you start, you will have a 4-hour window to complete the form; otherwise, you will need to restart the process. If you do not have the travel information now, you can leave it blank (and update it later).

To update your travel information, you can do this under **Online Passenger Travel Update**. This form can be found on the home page of our website, www.MexicoLiveaboards.com. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and it is under under *Pre-Trip Information*.

The date format is month/date/year.

The form will not accept any other format. Therefore, if you are receiving an error, this is likely the cause.

EXAMPLE: January 17, 2025 is 01/17/2025.

For returning guests, we have a <u>Customer Portal</u>. Please email Guest Services at Documents@MexicoLiveaboards.com, and we will send you a link and password to the Returning Customer Portal.

Once you completed your passenger information, you can download and print a copy for your records.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact with Valerie in Guest Services at <u>Documents@MexicoLiveaboards.com</u>.

If we do not receive your passenger documents, including the signed liability release, prior to departure, you may be refused boarding.

Getting to the Boat

Our vessels are at Marina Puerto Los Cabos in San Jose del Cabo.

Marina Puerto los Cabos Blvd. Mar de Cortes s/n 23403 San José del Cabo

Guests can fly into San Jose del Cabo (airport code SJD). Guests are responsible for their transportation to and from the boat. The marina is about 25 minutes from the airport.

Taxis are easy to use. You will enter a lobby after you collect your bags and leave customs. To the left of the lobby, you will see a counter that says TAXI. You can book a taxi and pay for it there via cash or credit card. The cost is approximately \$60 for two people.

The boat will be at the fuel dock directly next to the El Ganzo Hotel. If the boat is not there, our crew will meet you at the fuel dock and bring you to the boat.

El Ganzo Hotel Blvd. Tiburon s/n La Playita 23402 San Jose del Cabo

Boarding begins at 5pm. Please do not board early, as the crew is busy getting the boat ready for you. If you arrive early and want to walk around San Jose del Cabo, you can take a taxi to the El Encanto Inn. The El Encanto Inn is in the heart of the Art District of the historic center of San Jose del Cabo. They are happy to store your luggage for you for \$7. The hotel is centrally located, has a restaurant and bar, and is surrounded by plenty of shops and restaurants.

When you are ready to go to the boat, the staff at El Encanto Inn can call a taxi.

The La Marina Inn is across the street from the El Ganzo Hotel if you prefer to go directly to the marina. It is a quaint hotel with a bar/restaurant, and they are happy for you to stop by while you wait to board.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE AIRPORT AND DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE DEL CABO

Marina Puerto Los Cabos is about a 25-minute taxi ride from the airport and 15 minutes from downtown San Jose del Cabo. Please drive toward the small fishing town of "La Playita" and El Ganzo Hotel. Once in the marina area, you will drive on a long, winding road with roundabouts. To your right, you will see a tall, beige building called MARINE GROUP and, on the other corner, an OXXO store. Turn right at the Marine Group building and OXXO store. Keep driving toward El Ganzo Hotel.

Return

The boat will return to the marina during the night, and passengers must be ready to depart by 8:30 am on the last day of your trip. Our steward will serve a continental breakfast. Our crew will call taxis to get everyone to the airport or their hotel. We suggest flights departing 11am or later.

Before disembarking, please take a moment to carefully check your cabin, salon, dive deck, camera table, and wetsuit rack for any personal belongings. Retrieving and shipping forgotten items from Mexico is time-consuming and costly, and we are unable to accommodate such requests. We appreciate your attention to this matter and thank you for your understanding.

Water Temperatures

The following temperatures are based on past trips:

February 72°F / 22°C

You will be doing 3-4 dives per day for six days. Please plan your exposure protection accordingly.

Rental Dive Equipment

We have a limited number of regulators, BCDs, dive computers, and HP steel 100 tanks available for rent.

Regulators, BCDs (size required), dive computers \$75 each HP 100cu ft/12L \$50 each

Please let us know as early as possible before your trip if you want to rent equipment so we have it onboard for you. Rental gear is on a first-come, first-served basis. We do not rent exposure suits, hoods, fins, masks, safety sausages (SMBs), whistles, or lights.

To reserve rental equipment, contact Valerie in Guest Services at Documents@MexicoLiveaboards.com.

If you need wetsuits, fins, masks, booties, SMBs, etc., we recommend:

Dive Adventures Los Cabos / Huitron diveadventures.loscabos@gmail.com Guadalupe Phone & WhatsApp +52 1 624 158 6947

Manta Scuba www.caboscuba.com / mantascuba@gmail.com

Dive Ninja Expeditions www.DiveNinjaExpeditions.com / info@diveninjaexpeditions.com

Nitrox Certification

WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND DIVERS DIVE NITROX DURING THEIR TRIP AS IT WILL HELP MAXIMIZE BOTTOM TIME.

For guests who are not nitrox-certified, we offer nitrox classes and certification through PADI on most of our trips. The price is \$200 per person. You will be able to dive nitrox throughout your trip. The price for nitrox is \$140 per person.

If you would like to take a Nitrox certification class, please contact Guest Services at <u>documents@mexicoliveaboards.com</u> to confirm the availability of an instructor on your trip and make the appropriate arrangements.

Suggested Gear & Clothing

Besides your standard dive gear, every diver must have a dive computer, a safety sausage (SMB), and a whistle.

On our trips, we recommend exposure protection (wetsuits/light drysuits). To determine what is best for you, we recommend that you combine the expected water temperatures with the number of dives you will be doing per day and your personal needs to be comfortable in the water. Every diver is different.

Gloves, knives, and dive lights are not permitted per park rules. Camera lights are permitted.

The dress is casual. Do not forget your hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

Stream2Sea makes reef-safe sunscreen, and we have a link on our website and our guests receive a 10% discount.



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What is Included in the Price of the Trip

All taxes & port fees
All meals, snacks, and beverages, including canned soft drinks
Complimentary local beer and wine
Tanks (aluminum 80cu ft), weights, and weight belts

What is Not Included in the Price of the Trip

National Park Fee – 3688 pesos per day of diving (21732) *
Nitrox Fee - \$140
Transfers to and from the boat
Crew Gratuity (10%-15% of the trip price is customary)
Rental Gear (if applicable)
Fuel Surcharge**, if applicable

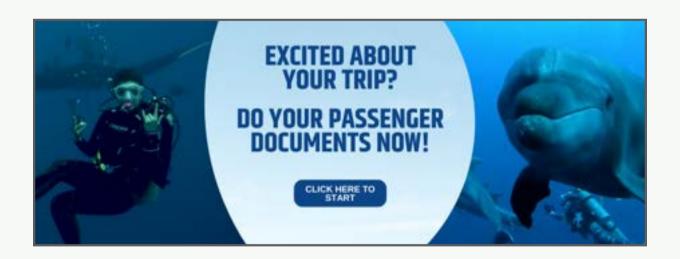
Nitrox and gratuities can be paid before departure or at the end of the trip. To pay in advance, please contact Carmina in Accounting at <u>Carmina@MexicoLiveaboards.com</u>.

We request that divers pay the park fee by credit card at least two weeks prior to departure. We do not charge a credit card service fee.

We accept credit cards or cash in USD, EUR, or MXN if paid on the boat.

*Park fee is subject to change without notice.

**Fuel Surcharge: Mexico Liveaboards reserves the right to implement a fuel surcharge on all trips in the event the cost of fuel exceeds 20 Pesos per liter. Should this occur, all guests will be notified before boarding.



Revillagigedo Park Fees

Effective January 1, 2025

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE



Park fees are set by Comisión Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas (CONANP).

The park fee for Parque Nacional Revillagigedo is 3,688 pesos per day in the park or 21,732 pesos for a six-day trip. At an exchange rate of 19, this is \$1144. The exchange rate can fluctuate due to the volatility of the Mexican peso.

Retirees, academics, and Mexican Nationals may qualify for an exemption.

PARK FEE EXEMPTIONS

RETIRED PERSONS - 100% discount

The park fee is waived for individuals who provide official documentation showing they are retired or receiving a pension. The document must include "RETIRED" or "PENSIONED."

US citizens receiving retirement benefits from the Social Security Administration can download a Benefit Verification Letter from the www.SSA.gov website.

Mexican nationals and residents aged 60 and above with an INAPAM card.

ACADEMIC DISCOUNT FOR ACTIVE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS - 75% discount

Active students and teachers receive a 75% discount. A photocopy of an identification card with a photo and the current date is required.

MEXICAN NATIONALS AND RESIDENTS - 50% discount

Mexican nationals and residents with INE credentials or permanent or temporary residence cards are eligible for a 50% discount.

- Park fee exception documentation must be in ENGLISH OR SPANISH (if it is another language, it must accompany a translation.)
- It's important to be prepared. If you're requesting an exemption, please email the required documents to Documents@MexicoLiveaboards.com one month before your trip. This will ensure that your exemption is processed in time.
- While we strive to approve all exemptions, please know that you'll be responsible for the park fee if CONANP does not approve your documents. We want to ensure you're fully informed and prepared for your trip.

PARK FEE PAYMENTS

Please email Carmina@MexicoLiveaboards.com to pay your park fees at least two weeks before departure. This will allow us to process your payment and ensure a smooth checkin process. We accept payment by credit card or cash in USD, EUR, or MXN and do not charge a credit card service fee. Guests can also pay for this on the boat.

Other Important Information

Although we do our best to accommodate cabin-type requests, we reserve the right to assign all cabins.

All guests are **REQUIRED** to have dive/medical evacuation insurance. <u>Dive insurance can be purchased through our website from Divers Alert Network</u>. If you have private health insurance coverage for dive accidents/evacuation, provide only the page that states coverage for a scuba diving accident (including evacuation) and the declaration page showing you are the owner of the policy and policy number.

You will be at sea, and though it can often be calm, please be prepared for rough seas. Several over-the-counter remedies can help you. If you have a propensity to motion sickness or are concerned that you might develop symptoms, please prepare yourself with preventive measures before departure. Please consult your physician about what will work best for you.

Marijuana and all drugs are illegal in Mexico. Do not bring these on board.

Unforeseen Events / Trip Insurance / Trip Interruption

Rocio del Mar and Quino del Mar is of the utmost seaworthiness and approved by the US Coast Guard and the Mexican Coast Guard. She is equipped with state-of-theart electronics and all necessary safety equipment.

Passenger safety is paramount; therefore, the captain has the sole discretion to change, delay, return early, or cancel the cruise if necessary. These reasons include, but are not limited to, adverse weather conditions, perils of the sea, acts of God, political disturbances, or force majeure.

We highly suggest trip insurance as it can reimburse you for unused, non-refundable, prepaid trip costs if you are prevented from taking your trip due to a covered reason. Not all trip insurance is the same, so it's essential to ensure that you purchase travel insurance that includes travel interruption coverage.

Trip insurance can be purchased at www.DiversAlertNetwork.com.

We highly recommend all passengers purchase travel insurance.

Deposits & Cancellation Terms

INDIVIDUAL BOOKINGS

DEPOSITS

- A 25% deposit is due to hold the reservation
- 25% is due six months before the scheduled trip date
- The remaining balance is due three months before the scheduled trip date

Ensuring all scheduled payments are made on time is crucial. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of your trip, with all monies paid to date being forfeited.

CANCELLATIONS

- There is no penalty for cancellations made 9 months or more before the scheduled trip date
- 25% of the total rate will be forfeited for cancellations made 91 days to 9 months before the scheduled trip date
- 50% of the total rate will be forfeited for cancellations made 61 to 90 days before the scheduled trip date
- No refunds for cancellations made 60 days prior or less to the scheduled trip date

GROUP BOOKINGS

DEPOSITS

- A \$5,000 non-refundable deposit is due to hold the reservation
- 25% of the trip price is due one year before the scheduled trip date (the \$5000 deposit can be used to make up the 25% deposit)
- 25% is due six months before the scheduled trip date
- The balance less your commission is due three months before the scheduled trip date

Ensuring all scheduled payments are made on time is crucial. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of your trip, with all monies paid to date being forfeited.

CANCELLATIONS

- There is no penalty for cancellations made 12 months or more before the scheduled trip date; however, the \$5000 deposit is non-refundable
- 25% of the total rate will be forfeited for cancellations made 12 months to six months before the scheduled trip date
- 50% of the total rate will be forfeited for cancellations made six months to 91 days before the scheduled trip date
- No refunds for cancellations made 90 days or less before the scheduled trip date

Hotel Recommendations

Casa Natalia Boutique Hotel Blvd. Mijares Centro Historico 23400 San Jose del Cabo, Mexico 1-888-277-3814 +52 624 18 23709 www.casanatalia.com reservacion@casanatalia.com

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