

# MEXICO LIVEABOARDS

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**DIVE GROUPS**

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# WELCOME TO MEXICO LIVEBOARDS

Since 2009, we have been honored to guide travelers to the breathtaking underwater vistas of Mexico.

Our kingdom boasts of Socorro, a haven of colossal manta rays, seven shark species, frolicking dolphins, and vast schools of shimmering fish. We also offer the Sea of Cortez, hailed as the "world's aquarium" by the great Jacques Cousteau.

Our wonderland grants divers a myriad of opportunities to savor enchanting animal encounters and unearthly experiences that will linger in their memories forevermore. Upon stepping aboard, our guests are welcomed into the family, and we take pride in seeing them return year after year.

Whether you crave the private cabins of Rocio del Mar or the camaraderie, theme trips, and value of Quino el Guardian, you shall revel in the splendors of our destinations, our delectable fare, and the personalized care of our crew. We eagerly await your presence.

Yours truly,

*Dora*

Dora Sierra  
Owner/Operator



*"I've been diving the Sea of Cortez since 2005.  
It amazes me every single time."*

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Prices and information are subject to change without notice.



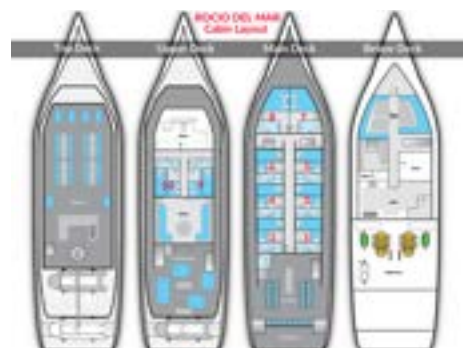
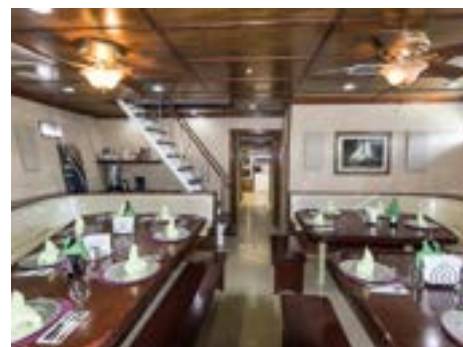
# OUR LIVEBOARDS

## ROCIO DEL MAR



- 110' with a 25' beam
- Custom-designed and built specifically for divers
- Takes 20 divers
- 10 Private Staterooms with ensuite bathroom
- Main Deck: 6 Staterooms with 2 oversized twin bunks, 2 Staterooms with a queen bed
- Upper Deck: 2 Staterooms with a double bed and single bunk
- Large salon with oversized furniture, television, and a computer station
- All areas are fully air-conditioned, including cabins, salon, galley, and hallways
- Covered patio with comfortable outdoor furniture for relaxing
- Shaded sun deck with deck chairs
- Outdoor kitchen and serving area
- Bathroom on the dive deck
- Two freshwater showers on the back deck

All prices are based on double occupancy



# OUR LIVEBOARDS

## QUINO EL GUARDIAN



- 90' with a 23' beam
- Takes 16 divers
- 5 Cabins
- 4 cabins with 4 bunks each (two upper and two lower)
- 1 cabin with 2 bunks (one upper and one lower) - typically reserved for a couple
- Each bunk has a privacy curtain
- Storage drawer for each guest
- Rooms assigned by gender
- 4 bathrooms on the dive deck each with a full-size shower – one assigned to each cabin so guests can leave their personal items in the bathroom
- 2 lavatories on the dive deck
- Dining room with seating for up to 18 with a projector and drop-down screen for presentations
- Comfortable salon with a television and computer station
- All areas are fully air-conditioned including cabins (individually controlled), cabin area, salon, and galley
- Shaded sun deck with deck chairs
- Fresh water shower on back deck

All prices are based on quad occupancy



# OUR DESTINATIONS

## SOCORRO ISLANDS

### ARCHIPIELAGO DE REVILLAGIGEDO

November – Early June

10 days / 9 nights - 6 days of diving

The Revillagigedo Islands (also Revillagigedo Archipelago) are a group of four volcanic islands in the Pacific Ocean, known for their unique ecosystem. The islands are home to many endemic plant and animal species. Socorro Island is the most diverse in flora, fauna, and topography. The islands lie 250 miles off Baja Mexico's southern shore.

These islands are a spectacular magnet for the largest ocean pelagic animals in the world. Animals include schooling hammerhead sharks, tiger sharks, friendly bottlenose dolphins, silky sharks, Galapagos sharks, clouds of jacks and barracuda, tuna, wahoo, oceanic whitetip sharks, and giant, inquisitive manta rays - Socorro's claim to fame!

Humpback whales visit during the winter months of mid-February through mid-April. We often hear the sounds of the singing mating males as they provide escort underwater. Surface sightings are common during this time. Whale sharks may be seen during November, December, and May. May is also when we can see giant bait balls and pods of false orcas.

This destination can only be dived by a liveaboard dive vessel. It takes approximately 26-28 hours one way to reach the islands. This is an excellent dive destination for large pelagics due to the islands' open ocean nature, which sometimes includes currents and choppy conditions. The underwater topography consists of rocky outcroppings, boulders, and some incredible walls.





# OUR DESTINATIONS

## SEA OF CORTEZ

### MIDRIFF ISLANDS

July – Mid-September

8 days / 7 nights – 6 days of diving

Did you know you can fly to Phoenix and within four hours be boarding a boat to one of the most remote places in the world? A world with no planes, very few boats, clear skies, and amazing sunsets. Under the surface lie deep waters and abundant sea life.

The Sea of Cortez is a breathtaking scuba diving, snorkeling, and exploration destination. Legendary diver Jacques Cousteau described the Sea of Cortez as the "world's aquarium." Dive on untouched walls and reefs abounding in marine life. Encounter large and small whale species, dive with playful sea lion colonies, and see countless eels, octopuses, fish, and jumping mobula rays. It's a macro photographer's dream with nudibranchs, colorful blennies, dancing jawfish, and sea horses. A trip highlight is snorkeling with whale sharks!

Between dives, you can hike and explore remote uninhabited islets. At night, you can gaze at the Milky Way. Give us one week, and we will help you create a lifetime of memories while forging new friendships. You will dine on incredible cuisine and enjoy the friendly service that has made many of our guests come diving with us again and again.

This itinerary is excellent for snorkelers.

The Sea of Cortez offers amazing snorkeling adventures for non-divers!



# OUR DESTINATIONS

## SEA OF CORTEZ

### EXPLORE BAJA

Mid-September – October

13 days / 12 nights – 11 days of diving

Explore over 700 miles of the Sea of Cortez, starting at one end of Baja and ending at the other. Experience the magic of the Midriff Islands combined with the clear, warm waters of the south. We never know what will come our way on this adventure!

Each day, you will awake to a fantastic sunrise amongst some of the most breathtaking scenery in the world, with clear skies, deep blue seas, and terrain only millions of years could create. Enjoy three to four dives daily as we move from island to island. Dive on untouched walls and reefs abounding in marine life. The north is a macro photographer's dream with nudibranchs, colorful blennies, dancing jawfish, and sea horses. Encounter large and small whale species, snorkel with whale sharks, see jumping mobula rays, dive with playful sea lion colonies and countless eels, octopuses, fish, and jumping mobula rays.

The biodiversity between the northern and southern Sea of Cortez is incredible, and diving the entire Baja is spectacular! The sea life we witness on the surface from the boat, pangas, or snorkeling is fantastic. We can see dolphins, sea lions, pilot whales, humpback whales, fin whales, sperm whales, orcas, and mobula rays. We also have incredible birds, including blue and brown-footed boobie birds, cormorants, frigate birds, and the endemic yellow-footed gulls.

In the south, we dive the national park in Loreto and dive with beautiful tropical fish. If you wish to hike the remote islands during surface intervals, a panga is always available to take you to shore. We also have kayaks to take a serene cruise around the islands.

This itinerary is excellent for snorkelers.



# OUR DESTINATIONS

## SEA OF CORTEZ

### SOUTHERN SAFARI

September, October, and December  
8 days / 7 nights – 6 days of diving

The Sea of Cortez, also known as the Gulf of California, is a strip of water separated from the Pacific Ocean by the Baja Peninsula. This isolation, on land and underwater, provides a unique series of contrasting ecosystems, from the vast solitude of the desert to the rich underwater realms and black coral gardens.

Enjoy six days of diving where we can see countless tropical fish, schools of mobula rays, eels, octopuses, turtles, rays, giant pods of dolphins, and whales. We will explore Isla el Bajo and Isla Los Islotes, where you will encounter a massive colony of friendly sea lions. We will dive Isla Espiritu Santo and wrecks Fang Ming and Salvaterra, Isla Las Animas, Isla Los Islotes, and Isla Cerralvo, known as Jacques Cousteau Island. We'll also do a night dive with mobula rays.

This itinerary is excellent for snorkelers.





# MEALS & MORE

## DELICIOUS CUISINE

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 el Guardian is THE CREW! Our captain, steward, panga drivers, divemasters, and engineer work together as a team to ensure your comfort and safety and that you come away feeling like you have a new family in Mexico. No request is too big, nor is the job too small.



# DIVING

Both boats have been designed specifically with divers in mind:

- Large dive deck
- Each diver has their own dive station with storage for their gear
- Divers are divided into three groups, each with their own divemaster
- A spacious camera table with multiple outlets, dry storage, and compressed air
- Dives are done from two inflatable 18' Achilles inflatables with their own driver and sturdy, easy-to-use ladders
- Deck towels are provided for each guest
- Nitrox is available at an additional charge
- Nitrox and onboard dive certifications are available with advance notice



Diving can be challenging, and we suggest that all divers be in good health, dive regularly, and have been diving recently before their trip. Our divemasters and instructors are guides only and are not responsible for teaching dive skills or looking after guests who do not have basic buoyancy skills.

**We require all divers to be open-water certified, and we highly recommend a minimum of 50 dives for Socorro.**

## RENTAL EQUIPMENT

We have a limited number of BCDs, regulators, and HP100 steel tanks to rent at \$50 each for the trip. We also have Shearwater Peregrine computers for rent at \$75 each for the trip. We do not rent wetsuits, masks, fins, SMBs, etc.

## OTHER AMENITIES

- Our guests on both boats enjoy comfortable mattresses and quality bed linens
- Our steward cleans all rooms, bunks, and bathrooms during the first dives of the day.
- Shampoo and bath wash is available in the showers
- Bath towels and dive deck towels are provided and refreshed during the trip
- On Quino el Guardian, bathrooms are assigned by gender and are typically shared with 3-4 other guests at the most. This way, guests can leave their personal items and towels in the bathroom.



# CITIZEN SCIENCE & THEME TRIPS

Quino el Guardian offers truly unique experiences, including citizen science programs and theme trips.

Our **CITIZEN SCIENCE** trips include a marine biologist specializing in subjects such as mantas, sharks, Humpback whales, marine mammals, marine ecology, geology, astronomy, and more. Their research includes animal tagging, identification, fish/animal counts, etc. Divers can be involved as much or as little as they like, including hands-on research and presentations.

We host the scientist. An additional fee of \$200 per person goes to the scientist to help them pay for their supplies and expenses.



Our **THEME TRIPS** include family-only trips, new dive site exploration itineraries, and our very popular All-Ladies Wander Women trips to benefit breast cancer research and women's groups in Mexico.

Have an idea for a theme trip? Let us know!



## WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

From our captain to our divemasters, our panga drivers to our steward, we work together to make everyone feel as if they are family. The moment guests step aboard, divers notice that they are home. And the food! Our chef works diligently to WOW everyone day after day with amazing entrées and homemade desserts.

**WE ARE MEXICO!** We know Mexico better than anyone else because we are Mexican and proud to sail under the Mexico flag.



# CUSTOM CHARTERS

Rocio del Mar and Quino el Guardian are available for custom charters throughout Mexico with unique itineraries and destinations.

## PRICING & WHAT IS AND IS NOT INCLUDED

All pricing is listed on our website and is subject to change without notice prior to receipt of a deposit.

### INCLUDED

- All taxes & port fees
- Tanks & weights
- Meals, snacks, and soft drinks, including canned soft drinks
- Complimentary local beer and wine

### NOT INCLUDED / ADDITIONAL FEES

- Park Fee\*
- \$140 Nitrox Fee
- Transfers to and from the boat
- Crew gratuity (10%-15% is customary)

#### \*Park Fees

Sea of Cortez - 115 pesos per day of diving

Socorro - 1811 pesos per day per day of diving (10866 pesos)

\*\*Park fee is only charged on diving days (not travel days) for all passengers, whether diving or not. It is subject to change without notice.

Most other boats charge a 5%- 16% sales tax and harbor fees. We do not. In addition, other boats typically provide five days of diving in Socorro, while our trips have six days.

Prices and information are subject to change without notice.



# PRICING

2024

## ROCIO DEL MAR

Socorro / Revillagigedo  
Sea of Cortez / Midriff Islands  
Sea of Cortez / Explore Baja  
Sea of Cortez / Southern Safari

## DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$4095  
\$2995  
\$4695  
\$2995

## QUINO EL GUARDIAN

Socorro / Revillagigedo  
Sea of Cortez / Midriff Islands  
Sea of Cortez / Explore Baja  
Sea of Cortez / Southern Safari

## QUAD OCCUPANCY

\$3500  
\$2400  
\$3795  
\$2400

2025 / 2026

## ROCIO DEL MAR

Socorro / Revillagigedo  
Sea of Cortez / Midriff Islands  
Sea of Cortez / Explore Baja  
Sea of Cortez / Southern Safari

## DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$4195  
\$3095  
\$4895  
\$3095

## QUINO EL GUARDIAN

Socorro / Revillagigedo  
Sea of Cortez / Midriff Islands  
Sea of Cortez / Explore Baja  
Sea of Cortez / Southern Safari

## QUAD OCCUPANCY

\$3600  
\$2500  
\$3895  
\$2500

2027 / 2028

## ROCIO DEL MAR

Socorro / Revillagigedo  
Sea of Cortez / Midriff Islands  
Sea of Cortez / Explore Baja  
Sea of Cortez / Southern Safari

## DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$4295  
\$3195  
\$5095  
\$3195

## QUINO EL GUARDIAN

Socorro / Revillagigedo  
Sea of Cortez / Midriff Islands  
Sea of Cortez / Explore Baja  
Sea of Cortez / Southern Safari

## QUAD OCCUPANCY

\$3700  
\$2600  
\$4095  
\$2600

# COMMISSIONS, FREE SPOTS, DEPOSITS & CANCELLATIONS FOR DIVE GROUPS

## COMMISSIONS

Rocio del Mar and Quino el Guardian are pleased to offer dive centers a 10% commission on half and full charters.

The dive group is responsible for invoicing their passengers and submitting lump sum payments. We will not accept payments from individuals on behalf of the dive group.

The commission is deducted from the last group payment.

## FREE OF CHARGE SPOTS

### ROCIO DEL MAR

- Full Charter - Pay for 18 and get 2 free
- Half Charter - Pay for 9 and get 1 free

### QUINO EL GUARDIAN

- Full Charter - Pay for 14 and get 2 free
- Half Charter - Pay for 7 and get 1 free

## GROUP DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS

### DEPOSITS

- A \$5,000 non-refundable deposit is due to hold the reservation for half and full charters
- 25% of the trip price is due one year prior to the scheduled trip date (the \$5,000 deposit can be used to make up the 25% deposit)
- 25% is due six months prior to the scheduled trip date
- The balance less your commission is due three months prior to 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 prior to the scheduled trip date, however, the \$5000 deposit is non-refundable
- 25% of the full rate will be forfeited for cancellations made 12 months to six months prior to the scheduled trip date
- 50% of the full rate will be forfeited for cancellations made six months to 91 days prior to the scheduled trip date
- No refunds for cancellations made 90 days or less prior to the scheduled trip date



# HOW TO BOOK

We know that when your clients want to travel, they want fast, efficient, and friendly answers to their questions. That is why we commit to you fast, efficient, and friendly answers to your inquiries.

Our schedule is available on our website at [www.MexicoLiveaboards.com](http://www.MexicoLiveaboards.com).

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All inquiries will be answered within 24 hours or less.

Once on you decide on which trip is right for you, we will send you a confirmation email along with our **Know Before You Go** details. Carmina in Accounting will send you an invoice, and payment can be made by PayPal, bank transfer, check (domestic clients), or credit card.

Park fees, nitrox, and rental gear can be paid in advance or onsite at the end of the trip. Payment can be made in cash (US, Euros, or Pesos) or by MasterCard or Visa.

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## WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

**WEBSITE**

[www.MexicoLiveboards.com](http://www.MexicoLiveboards.com)

**INSTAGRAM**

[Instagram.com/MexicoLiveboards](https://www.instagram.com/MexicoLiveboards)

**FACEBOOK**

[facebook.com/MexicoLiveboard](https://www.facebook.com/MexicoLiveboard)



# HEROES DEL MAR



## GIVE A CHILD AN EXPERIENCE TO LAST THE OCEAN'S LIFETIME

Héroes del Mar unites us with the children of small Mexican fishing communities. Together, we examine the importance of the oceans, man's effect on marine life, and how we can all work together to conserve the ocean and its inhabitants. We explore the problems the oceans face to create solutions for our future. Our main objective is to "pass the torch" to the next generation of conservationists while presenting new opportunities for their education and careers for the future.

### MISSION

To create the next generation of young people committed to conserving marine and coastal resources in the Sea of Cortez through education, ocean adventures, and personal growth.

### VISION

A group of young leaders empowered to make good personal decisions that positively promote their professional future and the conservation of marine resources throughout the Sea of Cortez.

To learn more about this wonderful program, visit

**[WWW.HEROESDELMAR.ORG](http://WWW.HEROESDELMAR.ORG)**

