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SOCORRO ISLANDS

ARCHIPIÉLAGO DE REVILLAGIGEDO

ROCIO DEL MAR - QUINO EL GUARDIAN

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WELCOME ABOARD

Welcome to the Sea of Cortez and the Midriff Islands!

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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SOCORRO / ARCHIPIÉLAGO DE REVILLAGIGEDO

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Socorro Park rules prohibit knives and using flashlights. It also bans night dives. Lights that are attached to a camera are allowed.



OUR VESSELS

Rocio del Mar and Quino el Guardian 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.

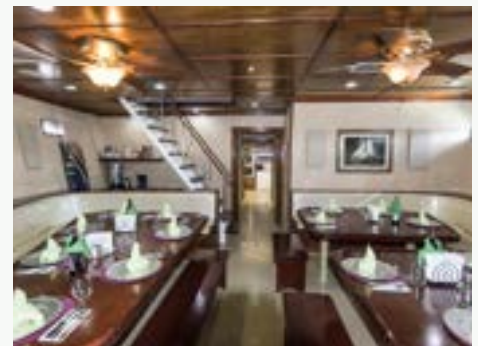
The galley is in the boat's bow and comfortably accommodates all 20 passengers. The galley also has a television and DVD player should the group want to do presentations.

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.

All voltage is 110, just like in the USA. Each bunk has a double outlet.



QUINO EL GUARDIAN

Quino el Guardian is 90' long with a 23' beam.

Quino el Guardian accommodates up to 18 guests. Most trips have 16 guests.

We have four individually controlled airconditioned cabins that sleep four guests each. There are two bunks on eachside, two upper and two lower bunks. Each bunk has a privacy curtain. Each cabin has four large drawers, one for each guest. Limited storage space is also under the bottom bunks, and clothing/towel hooks are in the main cabin area. Cabins are typically assigned by gender. One cabin has two bunks, one upper and one lower. This cabin is generally reserved for a couple.

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.

Quino has four air-conditioned bathrooms with a full-size shower in each bathroom on the dive deck. Each cabin is assigned a bathroom so guests can leave their items and towels inside. Shampoo and soap dispensers are in each shower. All passengers share two lavatories on the dive deck.

The galley comfortably accommodates up to 18 passengers. The galley also has a projector and a large drop-down screen should your group want to do presentations.

A comfortable salon has sofas, a TV, and a computer table.

There is an outdoor shower on the dive deck.

On the second deck is a large, shaded sundeck with lawn chairs for relaxing between dives.

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QUINO EL GUARDIAN BOAT / CABIN LAYOUT
Cabins 1-4 have two upper and two lower bunks - Cabin 5 has one upper and one lower bunk.



DIVING

We require all divers to be open-water certified. We strongly advise a minimum of 50 logged dives for Socorro / Revillagigedo.

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

A well-equipped camera table, complete with numerous power outlets and access to compressed air, is available on board.

We furnish 80 cubic ft. aluminum tanks that are 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.

Given the demanding nature of diving, participants must maintain good physical health, engage in regular diving activities, and have recent diving experience. Our divemasters 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 divemaster is recommended at a rate of \$750. To secure a private divemaster, please coordinate this arrangement at least 30 days before your scheduled trip by emailing us at info@MexicoLiveboards.com.



Proof of diving certification and dive insurance is required.

Without proof, you will not be able to dive.
NO EXCEPTIONS!

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 at (602)558-9580 in an emergency. Our office staff will immediately assist your family and friends in getting messages to you. We also have a satellite phone onboard for your use and emergency needs at \$2 per minute.

We do not have Wi-Fi on the boat, but you may have cell service up to one hour from the marina.

Rocio del Mar satellite phone: 011 881 652 431 156

Quino el Guardian satellite phone: 011 881 632 654 109

ITINERARY

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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 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.

Please let your crew know if there is anything you want or need anytime 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 **Online Passenger Registration** no later than 30 days before your departure date. This form can be found on the home page of our website, www.MexicoLiveboards.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.MexicoLiveboards.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, 2024 is 01/17/2024.

We have a **Customer Portal** for returning guests. Please email Guest Services at Documents@MexicoLiveboards.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.

The Harbor Master requires a copy of all passports prior to the trip. Please send this to Documents@MexicoLiveboards two weeks prior to your trip.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please get in touch with Valerie in Guest Services at Documents@MexicoLiveboards.com.

Please include if you are taking the shuttle as we coordinate the passenger list with Head Out To Rocky Point.

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 located at Marina Puerto Los Cabos in San Jose del Cabo. Guests 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. After you collect your bags and leave customs, you will enter a lobby. Before you exit the lobby to go outside, you will see a counter to the left 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..

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.

If you prefer to go directly to the marina, the La Marina Inn is across the street. They are a quaint hotel with a bar/restaurant, and 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. Rocio del Mar is often docked about 100 yards before the El Ganzo Hotel. If it is not there, it is at another berth within the marina. The taxi driver can take you to the other berth, or you can wait outside of El Ganzo, and we will come and pick you up at 5pm.

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 you leave, please double-check your cabin, salon, dive deck, and wetsuit rack for any personal items you may have left behind. Unfortunately, shipping forgotten items from Mexico is cost-prohibitive, and we cannot guarantee delivery.

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WATER TEMPERATURES

The following temperatures are based on past trips:

November 80°F (26°C)

December 80°F (26°C)

January 75°F (24°C)

February 73°F - 75°F (23°C - 24°C)

March 73°F - 75°F (23°C - 24°C)

April 75°F (24°C)

May 78°F - 80°F (25°C - 26°C)

We highly recommend exposure protection. You will be doing 3-4 dives per day for six days.

NITROX CERTIFICATION

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 documents@mexicoliveaboards.com 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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RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

We have a limited number of regulators, BCDs, and HP steel 100cu ft/12L steel tanks available for rental at \$50 each per trip. We also have Shearwater Peregrine computers for rent at \$75 each per trip. Please let us know as early as possible before your trip if you want to rent equipment so we have it onboard for you. We do not rent exposure suits, hoods, fins, masks, safety sausages (SMBs), whistles, or lights. As we have a limited number of these items available to rent, they are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Valerie in Guest Services to reserve your equipment at Documents@MexicoLiveaboards.com.

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

Dive Ninja Expeditions
www.DiveNinjaExpeditions.com
info@diveninjaxpeditions.com

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

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 – 1811 pesos per day of diving (10866) *
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

Park fees, nitrox, and gratuities can be paid at the end of the trip or before departure. To pay in advance, please contact Carmina at Carmina@MexicoLiveaboards.com. We use the conversion rate for the park fee based on the day of sailing. If there is a difference, you can pay for it at the end of the trip.

*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.

Mexico Liveaboards accepts US dollars, euros, pesos, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover Credit Cards. We do not charge a fee for credit card use.

SOCORRO PARK FEES

Effective January 3, 2024

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

The Socorro Park fee is 1811 pesos per day of diving. A typical Socorro trip with six days of diving is 10866 pesos. Divers can pay this in advance or at the end of the trip. We will use the peso/dollar exchange rate on the departure date.

PARK FEE EXCEPTIONS

OVER 60 AND RETIRED: The park fee will be waived for people over 60 who can provide documentation that they are retired or pensioned. According to CONANP, any official document with the words "RETIRED" or "PENSIONED" will be accepted along with a current passport photo. Any other documentation will NOT be accepted.

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

ACTIVE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS: A 50% discount is available for active students and teachers. A photocopy of an identification card with a photo and the current date is required.

Park fee exception documentation must be sent to Guest Services at Documents@MexicoLiveboards two weeks before boarding. These documents must be in English or Spanish. If they are not, the documents must accompany an English or Spanish translation. CONANP reviews this information once the boat leaves the dock and has the final word if a document is accepted. The applicant must pay the park fee if CONANP does not approve the exception.

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/evacuation insurance. [Dive insurance can be purchased through our website from Divers Alert Network.](#) 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 el Guardian 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.

Passenger safety is paramount; therefore, the captain has the sole discretion to change, delay, return early, or cancel the cruise if necessary. Reasons include, but are not limited to, bad weather, perils of the sea, acts of God, political incidents, 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. All trip insurance is not the same, so it is essential to make sure that you purchase travel insurance that includes travel interruption.

[Trip insurance can be purchased through our website from Divers Alert Network.](#)

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

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El Encanto Inn & Suites
You can store your luggage for \$7
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