EXPEDITIONS TO BAJA

Baja California, Mexico





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SOCORRO ISLAND

Socorro Island (or to be more correct, the Revillagigedo Archipelago) is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to an extraordinary population of giant manta rays (Mobula birostris) and bottlenose dolphins (Tursiops truncatus), that are usually as friendly and interactive as puppies. 45 years ago, these gorgeous mantas appeared on our first Baja Expedition to Socorro and from the beginning sought out unique and intimate interaction with divers that continues to this day. The icing on the cake? More than 10+ species of sharks, turtles, huge schools of jacks, tuna, and, in season, humpbacks, pilot whales and even schooling silky sharks. Gateway: Cabo San Lucas.





Socorro Island • Giant Mantas & Dolphins



November - July 9 Days, 8 Nights



From **US\$3,095***



Explorer, Belle Amie, Gallant Lady, UnderSea

Located a one-day sail south of Cabo San Lucas in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean, this chain of four active volcanic islands is an adventure to the edge of the world.

The World's Friendliest Mantas & Dolphins

Yes, they really are! Nowhere else in the world do giant mantas routinely approach divers in deeply emotional and beautiful encounters. With dolphins emulating the mantas!

Is It Hard to Get Out to the Islands?

Not really. It depends on who you sail with. Our heavily built stabilized ships are perfect for ocean passages and frankly, anti-seasickness meds such as Scopolamine have opened this kind of remote diving up to many divers who would have never previously travelled out here.

Why Choose Nautilus?

Safety. Excellence in guest experience. A happy crew of men and women from all over the world welcoming you into our family. And a continuing effort to keep our prices lower than any of our competitors.

Our sister company pioneered Socorro diving in 1978 and we have steadily upped the ante ever since with constantly improved ships, features and services and most importantly, with the same ISM safety certificates as the largest cruise ships around the world. We have explored every nook and cranny around the islands and promise to work tirelessly to give you the best possible diving vacation. Fine dining, super comfy beds with top quality linen, internet, hot tubs and a great selection of wine and single malts are the icing on the cake!







GUADALUPE ISLAND

SAN IGNACIO LAGOON

Reliable Animal Encounters

Where Africa boasts the Big Five, Socorro is home to some of the world's most coveted ocean giants.

The reason to dive Socorro is for the giant mantas. You are almost guaranteed to experience friendly dolphins. Sharks are in abundance in this ocean oasis, and while Mother Ocean changes week to week, month to month, you will likely see silky, galapagos, white tip, silver tip and hammerhead sharks. Keep your fingers crossed for tiger sharks, whale sharks, schooling hammerheads and so much more. Inseason you might even have an in-water experience with humpback whales.

Socorro Wildlife Calendar

Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
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CORTEZ MAGDALENA BAY **CABO SAN LUCAS** SAN **BENEDICTO ROCA** PARTIDA • Largest Biomass of Animals **SOCORRO** Giant Mantas **Bottlenose Dolphins** Whale Sharks Humpback Whales Bait Ball Season 10+ Species of Sharks Water Temperature (Average, °C)

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Water Temperature (Average, °F)





Guadalupe Island • Great White Sharks



July - November 6 Days, 5 Nights



From **US\$2,895***



Explorer, Belle Amie, UnderSea

The Best White Shark Diving on the Planet

Many divers make the mistake of thinking that cage diving is boring or not "real diving". The reality is that this is highly addictive diving – many divers who were initially skeptical now return once or twice a year. Some of those clients have now made 20+ trips!

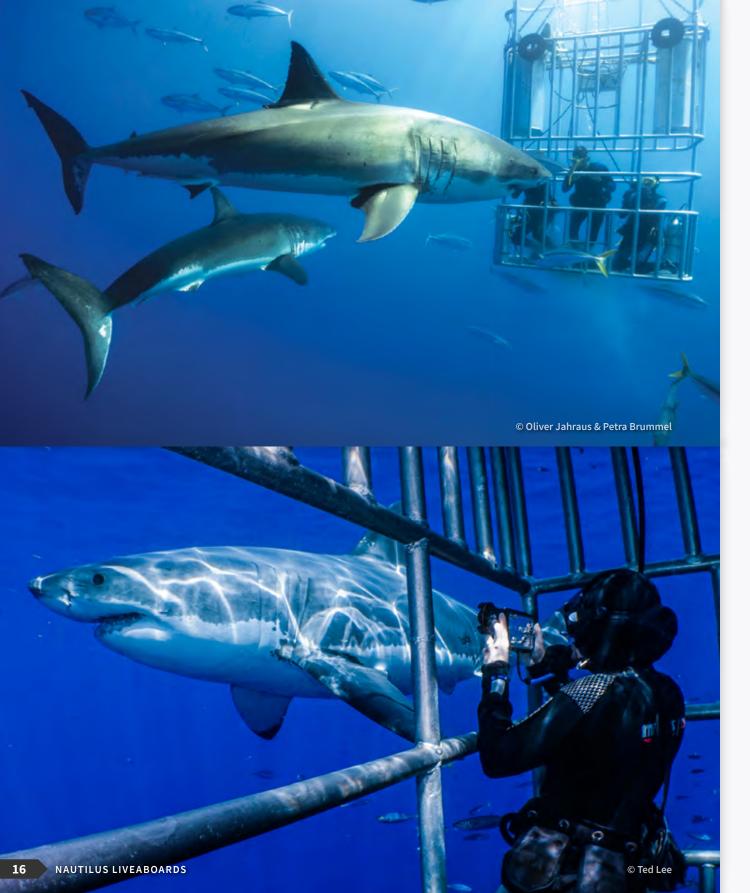
What makes Guadalupe so special is the large population of white sharks in season – 380 individuals identified and still counting – the topaz blue water, typical visibility so clear that from the back of the boat you can see sharks approaching from out beyond

the anchor chain, and a beautiful anchorage virtually always calm and sheltered from the ocean swell.

Perfect for Both Divers and Non-Divers

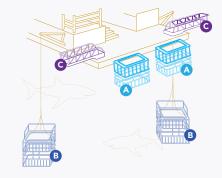
Non-divers enjoy unlimited time in our surface cages. But why not become a scuba diver by getting your SSI or PADI certification at our SeeCreatures locations **pg.62**. As a newly certified diver you can bag some submersible cage time with one of our divemasters. Imagine looking up as great white sharks circle overhead!

Guadalupe Great White Shark Season July & August; Oct Nov High-Energy Males Jockeying for Dominance August - November; Male and Female Sharks October & November; Massive Females Dominating the Other Sharks

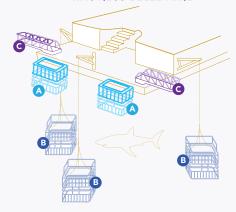


DIVE AS MUCH AS YOU WANT, WHEN YOU WANT!

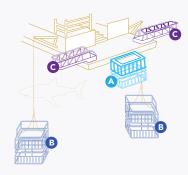
NAUTILUS EXPLORER



NAUTILUS BELLE AMIE



NAUTILUS UNDER SEA



- Surface Cage
- **G** Wrangling Platform

We are constantly upgrading and improving our cages. The cages on your trip may look different than in brochure photos.

B Submersible Cage



We Want You to Compare Us to Our Competition!

Our ambition is to maximize your great white shark encounters at the best pricing of any of our competitors. We offer unlimited diving in our surface cages and, for certified divers, at least three dives a day in our submersible cages. Cages open at 6:30am and stay open until either everyone is sated, or it gets dark! Oh, and on the last dive day of the trip, we don't take off at noon like the other guys, we keep diving until 5pm before getting underway for home.



ESPIRITU SANTO

SAN JOSÉ

DEL CABO

CABO PULMO

LA PAZ

CABO SAN LUCAS





MAGDALENA BAY

La Paz

Day Trips



Super Pangas 55-ft Westerly

La Paz

Liveaboard Departures



Westerly

55-ft Pocket Cruiser, 14 Guests Dorm berths, skiffs, a/c, watermaker



Mango Wind (Luxury) 45-ft Sailing Catamaran, 6 Guests



SEA OF CORTEZ Airplane Supported Mobula & Orca Expeditions

Our beautiful Sea of Cortez is home to many different and exciting migrations, including one of our favourites, the Munk's Pygmy Devil Ray commonly known as mobula rays (Mobula munkiana). From April to July, hundreds of thousands of mobulas gather in dense schools. Where there are mobulas, there are killer whales (Orcinus orca). We use dedicated aircraft support to spot our snorkelers and divers onto mobulas and orcas and also whale sharks, blue and fin whales and much more!



Sea of Cortez • Airplane Supported Mobula & Orca Expeditions



April - July



Gallant Lady, Creature Comforts (Day Trips)



Mango Wind



US\$325* Day Trips



US\$4,000*

8 Days, 7 Nights - Luxury Liveaboard

Can I Really Get In the Water With Orcas?

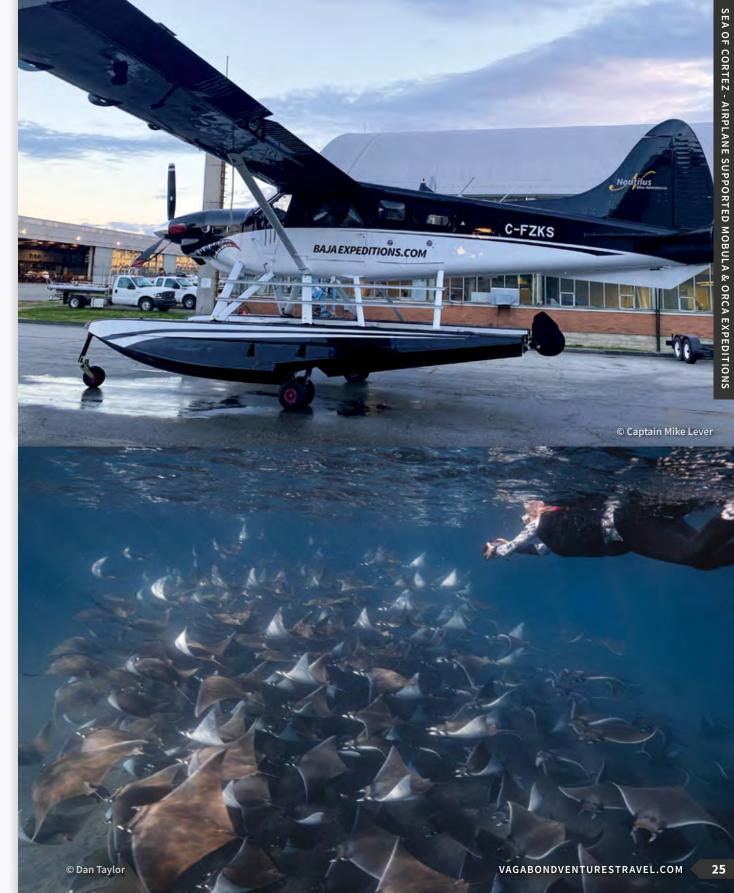
YES! In our experience, there is a 100% chance that you will be able to get in the water with schooling mobula rays and 50% chance of splashing with orcas. These killers whales are part of the Eastern Tropical Pacific population and we have identified and got in the water with at least three different family groups. Our experience is that the orcas swim past Cabo San Lucas, San José and Cabo Pulmo and then spend time cruising as far as Bahía de La Paz before turning around and retracing their route southward. We have been running trips in this area since 1974 and have a great network of friends and contacts keeping an eye out for the orcas. We will dispatch a dedicated spotter airplane at least three or four days every week to guide our high-speed skiffs towards the animals.

Interaction Is Always on the Animals' Terms

We do not chase or allow harassment of the animals and depend on them to choose to interact with us. We have had excellent success with interactions.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

This is a physically active expedition. Sure, you can spend most or all of your time watching the action from our air-conditioned mothership or from our highspeed RHiB or pangas. You can also choose to spend as much time as you want on and in the water. It is long days out on the water if you don't want to miss a single opportunity to get in the water with the animals. This is the perfect trip for divers and snorkelers alike. Limited scuba diving opportunities will be available.



MAGDALENA BAY

Every fall, the waters around Magdalena Bay teem with life when the sardine run draws in predators from seabirds to sharks, sea lions, whales, dolphins and the world's fastest fish, the striped marlin (*Kajikia audax*). This is an unforgettable experience for snorkelers, divers and free-divers.





Magdalena Bay • Mexico Sardine Run & Striped Marlin



October - December



Mango Wind (2021)¹ \$2,495 pp • 6 Days - 5 Nights



Gallant Lady (2022)² \$2,995 pp • 8 Days - 7 Nights

The excitement of marlin going after a bait ball right in front of you is off the clock! But there is more to Magdalena Bay than the sardine run. It's a gorgeous place to visit for the pristine beaches, mangroves and sardine runs. The diving is great! We work in partnership with ex-fishermen panga captains who turned to eco-experiences and have the knowledge and network to absolutely maximize your experience here.

- Convenient departures from Cabo, San José and La Paz.
- Transfer by land in 2021 and by sea voyage from Cabo in 2022.
- Smaller is better! 12 guests max on each trip. Not more than 6 in each panga.
- Perfect adventures for snorkelers, divers and free-divers. All are welcome!
- Limited scuba diving available by prior request.



¹Mango Wind trips connect by land transfer from Cabo ²Gallant lady trips connect by sea voyage from Cabo



Illegal Fishing Pressure on Magdalena Bay, What You Can Do to Help:

- Come and visit. Take photos and video.
- Listen to the stories from the panga captains and locals about illegal factory fishing of the sardine for the purpose of dog and cat food.
- Share your impressions on social media and tell your friends about what you learned.
- Public pressure is our best bet to put an end to illegal industrial exploitation of the last major sardine run in this part of the world.



Safety First, Always

Uncompromising safety. Safety is something we take very seriously.

All of our ships are ISM-certified under external annual audit by classification society. This is the same safety certification as the largest passenger ships and tankers and is unique to us in the dive industry.

Our ships were constructed with careful consideration of non-combustible materials and are all equipped with sprinkler systems, redundant smoke detectors wired to wheelhouse alarm panels, emergency lighting, and firefighting SCBA gear. Each component is a part of our compliance with SOLAS fire and lifesaving requirements. We are very proud that Nautilus Explorer was the first SOLAS-safety-certified dive boat in the world.

You can expect to see your crew perform a fire drill when you are onboard and we will be sure to demonstrate all the emergency exits during your safety briefing. We even equip each guest and crew berth with individual EEBD emergency devices. We don't just talk about safety. We invest in safety and live it 24/7.

Safety Terms Decoded:

- ISM: International Safety Management
- **SCBA:** Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Not SCUBA this is for emergency firefighting!
- **SOLAS:** Safety of Life at Sea Intl. standards for vessel construction, equipment, operation
- **EEBD:** Emergency Escape Breathing Devices



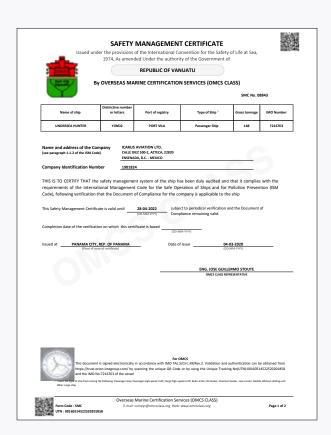


We are just returning from an extraordinary trip to the Revillagigedo Archipelago. Everything about this trip was extraordinary. The Nautilus Belle Amie is a beautiful dive vessel with extremely comfortable staterooms and meals that would be comparable to many fine restaurants.

The crew are truly guest-oriented and are some of the best I've seen in years of dive travel to all parts of the world. The divemasters are, without a doubt, some of the most well-trained and safety-conscious I have had the pleasure of diving with. Even under the most challenging diving conditions, the dive staff are there to make each and every experience safe and enjoyable.

In 15 trips with Nautilus, I have never been disappointed and I am looking forward to my next adventure with them!

- **Dan O**. | USA, 2018



Fire Protection - Your Safety is #1

- All our ships are protected with sprinklers
- Centrally monitored primary and back-up fire detection systems
- 24-hour fire watchman
- Automatic fire suppression system at outside charging stations
- No unattended interior battery charging permitted
- Well-trained crew in the use of SCBA fire fighting gear
- Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (pictured) for guests and crew
- The same certified ISM system as the largest cruise ships



October - June • Pre-Trip Extensions*

Save **\$\$'s** on these excellent adventures!





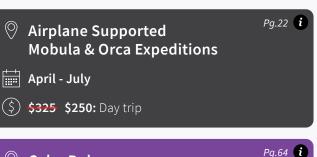
\$125 \$80: 2 tank afternoon & twilight dive

\$ \$195 \$150: Daily departures from San José \$2,500 \$2,150: Whole boat charter, 48 footer, high-speed, up to 24 divers.













? Airplane Supported Mobulas & Orcas:

Day trip: Includes transportation to La Paz base from Cabo or San José. 12 guests max. Breakfast, lunch and full day on the water.

Cabo Pulmo:

A rustic place off the grid. We love this place but you need to be aware of the charms of Cabo Pulmo. Our pangas are managed by a local operator. The road is dusty and bumpy. Things move at a different pace. You might have to wait around. The truck you ride to the beach is quite rusty. This place is crowded during peak season, October and November. National park rangers can be quite strict. Diving not recommended in January and June because of low visibility.





NAUTILUS LIVEABOARDS

*Special rates available only as pre- or post-trip extensions

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Save **\$\$'s** on more excellent adventures!



\$ \$100 \$60: 2 tanks \$135 \$85: 3 tanks \$85 \$45: Night dive (Min. 3 guests) \$125 \$80: 2 tank afternoon & twilight dive

O Gordo Banks (weather permitting)

Daily Departures

\$\\\\$\\\$150: Daily departures from San José \$\\\\$2,500 \\$2,150: Whole boat charter, 48 footer, high-speed, up to 24 divers

San José del Cabo Diving

Year-Round

\$ \$100 \$60: 2 tanks \$135 \$85: 3 tanks \$35 \$45: Night dive (Min. 3 guests) \$125 \$80: 2 tank afternoon & twilight dive \$375 \$325: 4* hotel, 3 tanks, meals, transfers

La Paz, Sea of Cortez

Year-Round

August – December: Peak season

\$\\$\\$125 \\$95: 2 tanks \\$175 \\$125: 3 tanks \$225 \\$175: 2 tanks, incl. transfer from Cabo or San José (3 guest min. except no min. Wed & Thurs \$375 \\$325: Hotel stay, 3 tanks, meals, transfers Cabo Pulmo

Year-Round*

\$ \$135 \$110: 2 tanks & lunch, self arrival
\$225 \$195: 2 tanks, incl. transfer from Cabo,
San José or La Paz (Min. 2 guests)
\$375 \$325: Hotel stay, 2 tanks, meals, transfers

Learn to Scuba Dive Before Your
Guadalupe Shark Trip

\$\\\\$1,995 \\$1,495: 5 d, 4 nts.

SSI open water diver course, 4* hotel, boat diving all meals, transfers

Cabo Pulmo:

A rustic place off the grid. We love this place but you need to be aware of the charms of Cabo Pulmo. Our pangas are managed by a local operator. The road is dusty and bumpy. Things move at a different pace. You might have to wait around. The truck you ride to the beach is quite rusty. This place is crowded during peak season, October and November. National park rangers can be quite strict. Diving not recommended in January and June because of low visibility.

Learn to Scuba Dive Before Your Guadalupe Shark Trip:

Fly into SJD, stay in San José. Flight (not included) to TIJ to meet white shark diving liveaboard boat.



NAUTILUS LIVEABOARDS

*Special rates available only as pre- or post-trip extensions

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Iconic Adventures for Mindful Travelers of All Ages

"Timo" Means founded Baja Expeditions almost 50 years ago and led the way in pioneering eco-adventures in Baja California and passion for conservation. Opening up whale programs by working with local ex-fishermen panga captains. Building and operating one of the first liveaboard dive and eco-adventure boats in the world. Kayaking trips in the Sea of Cortez. Scuba diving. The first trips to Socorro Island, bravely heading out into open ocean where nobody had dared before. Saving Espiritu Santo Island from commercial exploitation. Setting up low-impact eco-friendly camps. We are grateful and appreciative to Timo for all of this and so much more, and honour his memory by continuing the legacy with a fresh infusion of capital, excellence in guest experience and top-of-the-line equipment.





San Ignacio Lagoon • Gray Whales



Mid-January - Mid-April 4 Days, 3 Nights



US\$1,895

+ \$500 Private Charter Flight



Glamping Camp

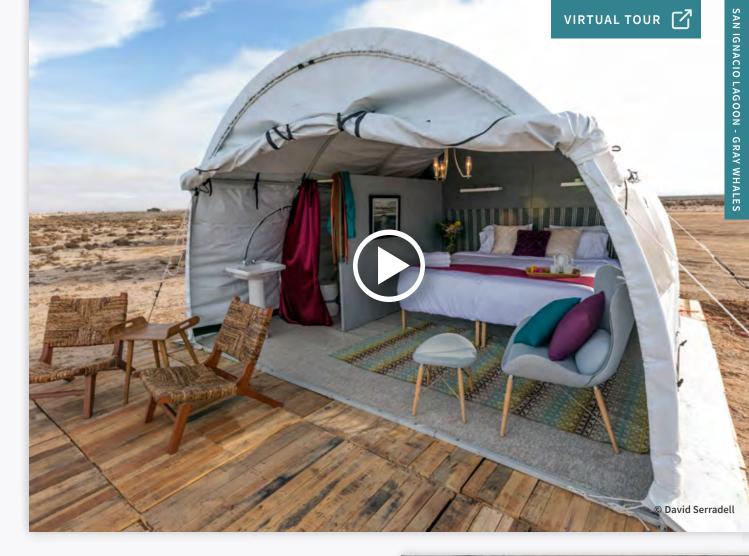
13 Glamping Tents, 26 Guests

Baja is the only place in the world where gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) swim up to pangas to be stroked, petted, kissed, and even hugged. It's incredible. Interaction is entirely on the whales' terms, with mama whales even pushing their calves against the side of the boats to be stroked. Nobody should miss out on this experience.

Our camp is located at San Ignacio Lagoon, one of three birthing and breeding gray whale lagoons in the world, all of which are located in Baja. San Ignacio is home to the densest population of whales

with the most reliable encounters. It's the only lagoon untouched by development. The whales start arriving in late-November and begin their long trek north to British Columbia and Alaska in the Spring.

We offer a unique program that is very different from our competition, with fast, easy flight connections from Cabo San Lucas, an average of three whale watching sessions a day (*weather permitting), a glamping camp and staff who love what they do, safety and excellence in guest experience that we continually strive for.



Glamping Camp

We say "NO" to tiny tents with cots, sleeping bags and a couple of shared toilets and showers for the whole camp! Our tents are windproof, insulated and heated for maximum comfort, with ensuite bathrooms and showers, hot and cold running water with good pressure, and 24-hour power. Not to mention "real beds" with fine linen.

Enormous thought has gone into every detail, from a fire pit to a fine selection of wine, craft beer, single malt scotches and fine dining. We even have a pool table in the bar and lounge tent and Wi-Fi-access throughout the camp.



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It's almost impossible to imagine how amazing these whale interactions are but there is even more to the lagoon than the whales. The camp is nestled in the desert on the edge of the lagoon and surrounded by tall mesas. Because this is the desert, the wind can blow and sometimes it's too lumpy to be out on the water. If this happens, one of our favourite things is to venture out to the vast salt flats which are absolutely dazzling white and go for a walk. What's even more amazing is to head out on the salt flats at night under a brilliant canopy of stars...

Walking, hiking, borrowing one of our mountain bikes, kayaking and bird watching are all additional pastimes at the lagoon. You might see coyotes, bobcats (which are rare but we do see them around camp), herons, ospreys and beautiful white egrets. Every evening, one of our naturalists will be sure to offer a different presentation on the whales and local flora and fauna. And did we mention the night sky?? Apologies for repeating ourselves, but it's absolutely brilliant!!

Want to make it extra luxurious? Check out our MÁS Luxury Camp on **pg.56**.





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BLUE & FIN WHALES OF LORETO & MECHUDO CORRIDOR

Blue whales (Balaenoptera musculus) are the largest animals to have ever lived on our planet. Including dinosaurs. Fin whales (Balaenoptera physalus) are almost as big. Blues are loners, extremely endangered and spend most of their time in open ocean hunting for food where they consume 5 to 8 tons every day. Their tongue weighs as much as an elephant! Every winter they gather south of Loreto in the Mechudo Corridor to mate and calve which gives an extraordinary whale watching opportunity whether it's from our kayaks, sailboat, 55-ft Westerly or 116-ft expedition yacht.







The entire Mechudo Corridor is alive with whales including blue, fin, humpback, dolphins and more!

Enjoy unique whale watching and exploration opportunities from Loreto south through the Mechudo Corridor towards La Paz. Blue and fin whales are not just around Loreto but all the way south to Bahia de La Paz and Punta Mechudo. As well as humpbacks and mega pods of dolphins, we will be searching for orcas

and sperm whales. Plus, enjoy mangrove exploration, snorkelling and watching sea lions at Los Islotes, Espirto Santo Island UNESCO world heritage site, beach walks, hikes, kayaking and, weather permitting, snorkelling with whale sharks.

Loreto & Mechudo Corridor

Blue & Fin Whales

Mothership Supported Kayaking and Camping for All Ages, Fitness and Experience

(\$) **US\$140 / pp:** Day trips **US\$375 / night:** Overnight multi-day packages **US\$1,875 US\$1,495:** 5 d, 4 nts.

55-ft Pocket Cruiser Westerly

5 Days, 4 Nights

14 Guests

(\$) US\$1,875 US\$1,495

Explore the Mechudo Corridor in Luxury

5 Days, 4 Nights

(\$) US\$3,600

Gallant Lady

Mango Wind
45-ft Sailing Catamaran, 6 Guests

Eco-Experience Luxury Yacht Charters

Charter the entire yacht for you and family or friends and go for as long or as short a trip as you like.

US\$2,250 / nt

Whole Boat Charter

US\$7,250 / nt

Mango Wind 45-ft Sailing Catamaran, 6 Guests

Gallant Lady

116-ft Expedition Yacht, 12 Guests

Custom shorter eco-experience trips available. Just ask!



Baja Ultimate Whale Adventure!

SAN IGNACIO LAGOON

January – March









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Espiritu Santo Island • Eco-Friendly Glamping



October - April 7 Days, 6 Nights



Per Night



US\$2,250 US\$1,895



Eco-Friendly Camp

Stunning beaches and the beautiful Sea of Cortez meet on the shore of Espiritu Santo, which is delightfully pristine and off-the-grid despite being only 18 miles north of La Paz. Tim Means, founder of Baja Expeditions, saved the island from major development by purchasing two properties to block the developers and then raising funds to buy the rest of the island and arranging it's donation to the people of Mexico as the country's first national park. There are no permanent residents on the island and we hold one of the few limited minimum-impact base camp permits.

With full mothership support, we offer all sorts of awesome adventures from our unique week-long "swim treks" complete with swimming coaches to dive trips based right in the heart of some of the best Sea of Cortez diving, to base camp for kayaking adventures, to simply relaxing on the beach with a good book and supply of cold drinks from our hostesses. You will be able to enjoy delicious meals and excellence in guest service.

Special Features Included With Your Stay on the Island:

- Scuba diving
- Snorkel, swim or dive with the sea lions of Los Islotes
- Get in the water with the giant whale sharks of Mogote
- Guided kayaking or paddle boarding
- Swim trek (In season)
- Mobulas (in season)
- Whale watching (in season)







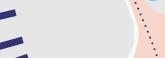
LORETO

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MAGDALENA BAY

Bahía de Los Ángeles is approx. 400km north from Loreto

LORETO







MECHUDO CORRIDOR



SAN JOSÉ ISLAND



Kayaking & Paddle Boarding

Mothership Supported



Year-Round
Oct - Apr: Peak season



U\$\$375: Per night
U\$\$2,250 U\$\$1,895: 7 d, 6 nts.

Kayak Expeditions

Self-reliant paddling trips. Old school without panga support. Fully provisioned and guided. Resupplied ½ way through the trip.



Year-Round
Oct - Apr: Peak season



US\$1,295: 7 d, 6 nts.

Day Trips - Espiritu SantoKayaking or paddle boarding

© Leon Werdinger



Year-Round



US\$140: Per day

What to Expect:

- Custom-built high-performance Seaward kayaks
- Lightweight carbon fibre paddles
- Expect great food and lots of it
- Ask about custom longer trips
- On mothership kayaking trips expect:
 - Beach camping, we do all the work for you
 - Ride-along whenever you want on mothership
- Daily hot showers and lots of fresh produce and veggies

Are you young or young at heart? Worried that you won't have the strength or perhaps you are super fit and want the best workout possible? You have never gone paddling before or you are a veteran and looking for the ultimate challenge. No worries, our experienced guides have you covered regardless of your age, fitness or experience level. We'll go as fast or as slow as you want but no matter what, everyone will enjoy an exhausted slumber in our camp under the beautiful Mexican night sky.

Paddling Routes:

••••• Espiritu Santo Excursion

····· Island Adventure, Loreto - La Paz

Blue Whales of Loreto
Bahía de Los Ángeles to Loreto

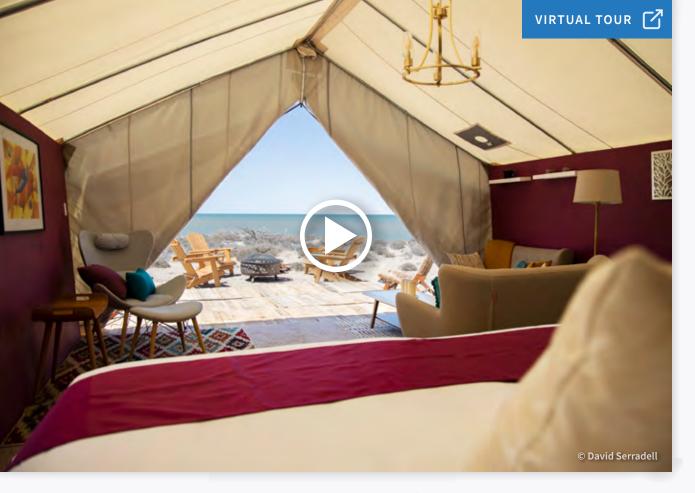
· · · · Coming Soon - Magdalena Bay Gray Whales

Ultimate Paddling Challenges:

Loreto to La Paz - our famous coastline expedition La Paz to Cabo San Lucas Ultimate Challenge - Bahía de Los Ángeles to Loreto

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San Ignacio Lagoon • Gray Whales (MÁS Luxury)



Mid-January - Mid-April 4 Days, 3 Nights



U\$\$2,495 + \$500 Private Charter Flight



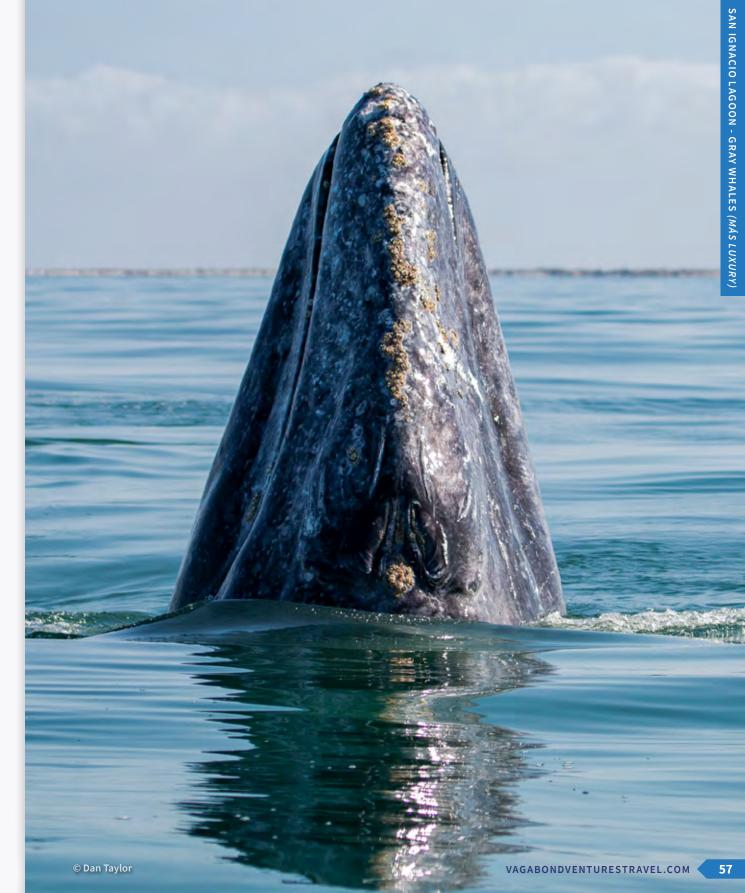
Luxury Camp 12 Luxury Tents, 20 Guests

Experiencing the up close intimate whale encounters of San Ignacio Lagoon does not mean foregoing your creature comforts!

Our luxury camp enables you to experience the magic of the gray whales of San Ignacio Lagoon and our glamping camps plus MÁS! We offer easy and fast private charter flights from Cabo San Lucas with morning and afternoon flights. We'll be waiting for you at the landing strip with glasses of champagne and ready to whisk you out on your first whale encounter. Hopefully it won't be long before the whales swim up and grace you with extraordinary interaction unique

to anywhere in the world. You can expect an average of three daily whale encounter sessions on full days in camp, weather permitting.

Camp is extraordinary, with fine dining and enormous luxury tents with king size or double beds, fine linen, heat, 24-hour power, large seating area, wardrobe, private shower and bathroom with twin vanities, and hot and cold running water. You can expect a hot water bottle delivered to your tent at night and coffee service in the morning. The amazing view out the front of the tent is the biggest luxury of all.





Sea of Cortez • **Eco-Experience Luxury Yacht Charters**



Year-Round



US\$2,250 / nt

Mango Wind 45-ft Sailing Catamaran, 6 Guests

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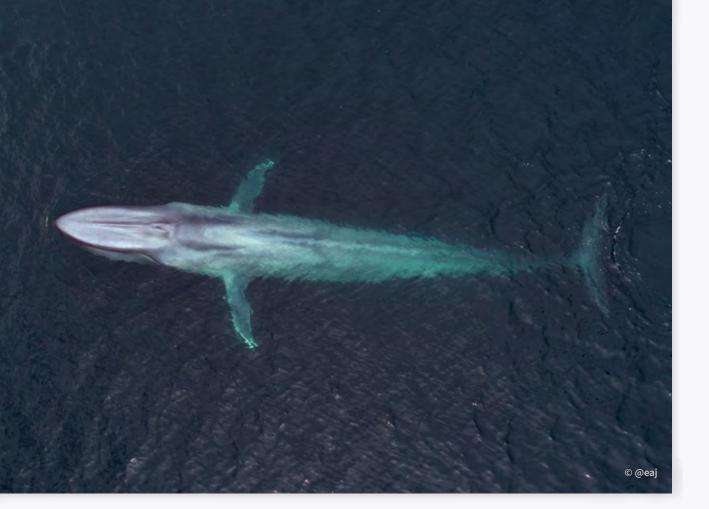
Gallant Lady 116-ft Expedition Yacht, 12 Guests

Think of our private charters as your floating, self-sustained, luxury base camp complete with fine dining, excellence in guest experience and luxurious touches.

We know you have a choice when it comes to yacht charters. What sets MÁS apart is our deep love for the Sea of Cortez and Baja California, combined with the long experience and expertise of our iconic sister companies and passion for conservation. Baja Expeditions pioneered eco-experiences and liveaboard boat charters almost 50 years ago with the well-loved Don José. Nautilus has been wooing guests for 30 years and is a world leader in liveaboard charters. MÁS brings all of this together with an emphasis on luxury for small groups of 1 - 12 guests.

On a private charter, you decide where and when you want to go. Whether it's a relaxing cruise around the southern Sea of Cortez or a voyage way north to a place like Bahía de Los Ángeles, known for the largest aggregation of whale sharks on the west coast of the Americas, but is so difficult to get to that it's rare to see other boats in the park. Our speciality is the Mechudo Corridor in whale season from Loreto south to Espiritu Santo - you will get your fill of blue and fin whales, humpback whales, snorkel with sea lions and whale sharks (weather permitting) and we'll keep our eyes peeled for orcas, sperm and sei whales!





Blue & Fin Whales of Loreto and the Mechudo Corridor to La Paz



Mid-January - Mid-March 5 Days, 4 Nights



From **US\$2,250**



Gallant Lady



Mango Wind

Enjoy unique whale watching and exploration opportunities from Loreto south through the Mechudo Corridor towards La Paz. Blue and fin whales are not just around Loreto but all the way south to Bahia de La Paz. Plus humpbacks and often mega pods of dolphins. We'll be on the lookout for orcas and sperm whales. The Mechudo Corridor is alive with whales! Plus mangrove exploration, snorkelling and watching sea lions at Los Islotes, Espirto Santo Island UNESCO world heritage site, beach walks, hikes, kayaking and, weather permitting, snorkelling with whale sharks.

Mango Wind pg.78

Perfect for couples, families and small groups, our 45-ft sailing catamaran, the Mango Wind, has three staterooms catering up to six guests.

Nautilus Gallant Lady pq.76

Whether you're celebrating a milestone event, embarking on a multi-generation extravaganza with your extended family, getting the friends together, or simply want more room to make yourself at home, our beautiful, spacious 116-ft Gallant Lady yacht caters up to 12 guests.

Loreto & Mechudo Corridor

Blue & Fin Whales

Explore the Mechudo Corridor in Luxury 5 Days, 4 Nights



(\$) US\$3,600



Gallant Lady 116-ft Expedition Yacht, 12 Guests

Mango Wind

45-ft Sailing Catamaran, 6 Guests

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Mango Wind



Baja Ultimate Whale Adventure!



January - March



9 Days, 8 Nights







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Your Springboard to the Sea of Cortez...

We are your gateway to exploring the Sea of Cortez with 16 boats from super pangas to our brand-new, 48-foot high-speed sister ships Creature Comforts 1 and 2, full-service SSI/PADI dive centres, Backscatter photo and video centres, and much more. Not to forget our custom expeditions and charters anywhere in the Sea of Cortez.

Dive Your Own Way

With or Without a Divemaster

We cater to the entire spectrum of diving ability and experience. Experienced divers are welcome to explore most of our dive sites at their own pace without a diversater.



Excellence in Safety and Guest Experience & \$1 Million in New Boats and Equipment

New dive centre locations. New dive packages. New dive sites. The very latest in dive gear. That's SeeCreatures. Combining 30 years of experience under previous ownership with staff and managers who are excited to provide the best in safety and guest experience.

Our Specialties:

- 2 3 tanks, twilight dives.
- Daily trips to Gordo Banks (weather permitting).
- Seamless in-house transportation and packages, Cabo Pulmo, La Paz and the Sea of Cortez.
- Hotel try-scuba and activity programs.
- SSI/PADI instruction from open water to professional development.

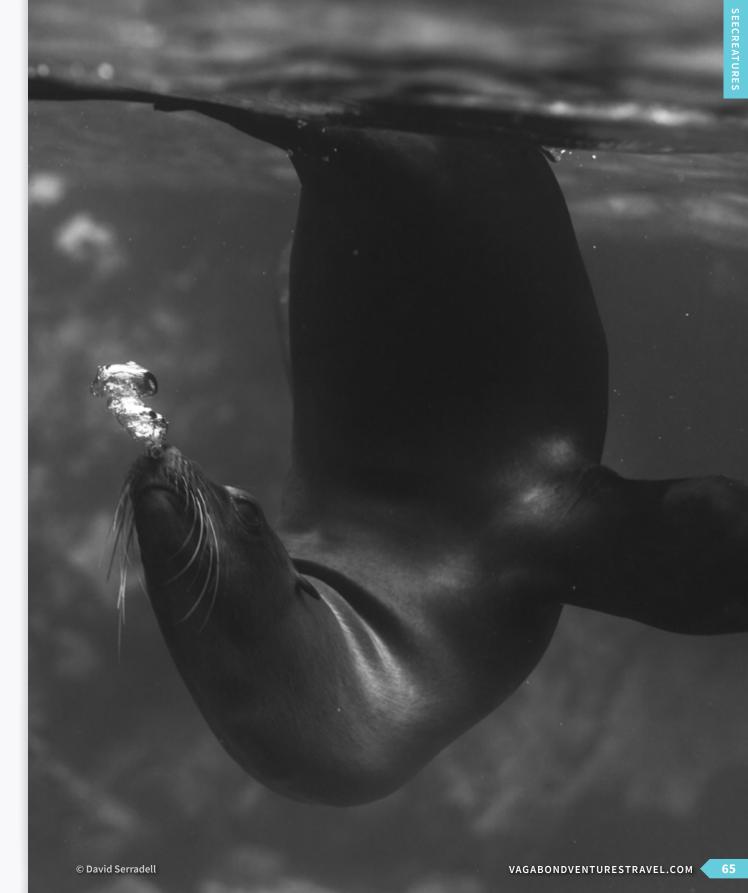
- Backscatter photo and video workshops and private instruction.
- **EXCITING:** Airplane supported mobula ray and orca expeditions.
- **CONVENIENT:** \$375/d pp dbl occ. Hotel packages including all activities, meals and transfers. (San José, La Paz and Cabo Pulmo)

Main Locations:

- Cabo San Lucas
- San José del Cabo (NEW)
- La Paz (NEW)

Out-station:

• Cabo Pulmo





SeeCreatures

O Cabo San Lucas Diving

Year-Round

(\$) **\$100**: 2 tanks **\$135**: 3 tanks **\$85:** Night dive (Min. 2 guests) \$125: 2 tank afternoon & twilight dive

O Gordo Banks (weather permitting)

Daily Departures

(\$) \$195: Daily departures from San José \$2,500: Whole boat charter, 48 footer, high-speed, up to 24 divers

San José del Cabo Diving

Year-Round

\$ **\$100:** 2 tanks **\$135:** 3 tanks **\$85:** Night dive (Min. 3 guests) \$125: 2 tank afternoon & twilight dive \$375: 4* hotel stay, 3 tanks, meals, transfers

Cabo Pulmo

Year-Round*

(\$) \$135: 2 tanks & lunch, self arrival \$225: 2 tanks, incl. transfer from Cabo, San José or La Paz (Min. 2 guests)

Cabo Pulmo:

A rustic place off the grid. We love this place but you need to be aware of the charms of Cabo Pulmo. Our pangas are managed by a local operator. The road is dusty and bumpy. Things move at a different pace. You might have to wait around. The truck you ride to the beach is quite rusty. This place is crowded during peak season, October and November. National park rangers can be quite strict. Diving not recommended in January and June because of low visibility.

La Paz, Sea of Cortez

Year-Round

August – December: Peak season

(\$) **\$125:** 2 tanks **\$175:** 3 tanks

\$225: 2 tanks, incl. transfer from Cabo or San José

\$375: Hotel stay, 3 tanks, meals, transfers

Airplane Supported Mobula & Orca Expeditions Pg.22 i

April - July

(\$) **\$325:** Day trip

\$4,000: Gallant Lady + high-speed RHiB, 8 d, 7 nts.

Pg.26 **i** Magdalena Bay Mexico Sardine Run & Striped Marlin

October - December

(\$) **2021** • \$2,495: Mango Wind - 6 d, 5 nts. **2022** • \$2,995: Gallant Lady - 8 d, 7 nts.

™ Backscatter Photo and Video Workshops

Year-Round

(\$) \$100 / pp: Group of 4, all-day with instructor **\$250:** Private all-day with instructor

Airplane Supported Mobulas & Orcas:

Day trip: Includes transportation to La Paz base from Cabo or San José. 12 guests max. Breakfast, lunch and full day on the water.

Magdalena Bay:

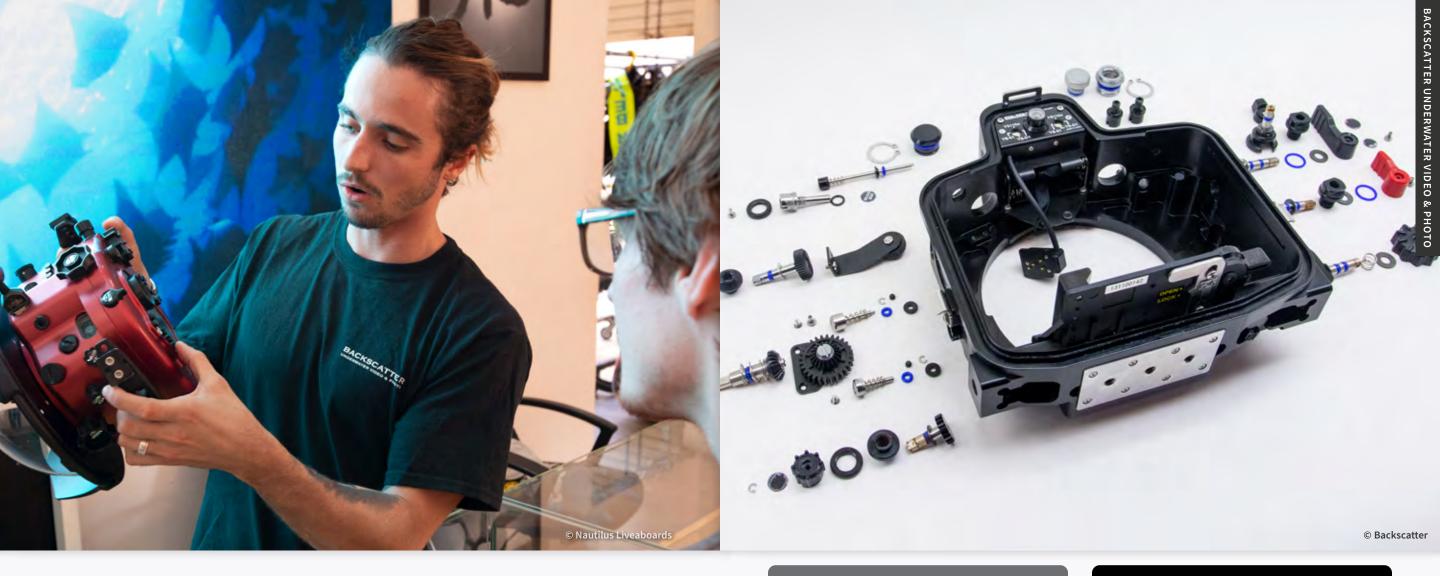
Cabo San Lucas, San José and La Paz departures. 2021 - Mango Wind: Land transfer from Cabo. 2022 - Gallant Lady: Sea voyage from Cabo.



CABO SAN LUCAS

Plus 16% Mexican GST on day trips

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Backscatter, Helping You Get That Perfect Image

As one of three Backscatter authorized photo centres in the world, we are perfectly set up for all your pre-trip needs. Our ambition is simple and straightforward, we want to help you take the best images and video possible. And we want be sure that you have the equipment you need to do that.

- Custom photography workshops
- Rentals and sales
- Camera service and spare parts for your trip
- Zero to Hero personal coaching
- Private photographer service



GoPro sales, rentals, support, accessories and coaching.

Zero to Hero

Personal backscatter photo pro & one-to-one instruction.

- (\$) 1 Guest: US\$1200
 - 2 Guests: US\$750 / per person
 - 3 Guests: US\$600 / per person
 - 4 Guests (maximum): US\$500 / per person

Ask about custom photo workshops including different destinations and wildlife.

1 Day Workshops

Private instruction one-to-one.

\$\text{\$U\$\$\\$250}\$ U\$\\$100 / per person, 4 people

Document your Socorro trip with loads of photos and video.

Your own personal dedicated photographer!

(\$) US\$1,500

Topics covered: Personal camera set up, photography basics (ISO, shutter speed, aperture), manual exposure to shoot underwater, strobe positioning, focusing techniques and composition. Daily one-to-one image review (Lightroom and Photoshop).

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Explorer 132 ft (40m)



Guadalupe



Socorro

Wrap-Around Million-Dollar View

We built the Explorer from the keel up at a Canadian shipyard as a SOLAS-certified passenger ship. She is a beautiful strong sea-kindly boat. We love her wrap around windows on the main deck, super large dive deck and huge water level platform.

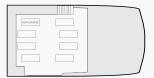




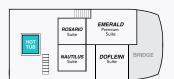
Specifications

- Up to 25 guests
- Nine lower deck staterooms, three upper deck suites and one two-room premium suite with floor-to-ceiling windows in the lounge and a bathtub
- Freshwater hot tub
- Kayaks, paddle boards, snorkelling and super diver friendly
- 22-ft inflatable zodiac-style support boats

Ship Layout



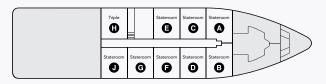
Sun Deck



Upper Deck



Main Deck



Lower Deck



Belle Amie 147 ft (45m)



Guadalupe



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Our Newest and Most Spacious Liveaboard

We launched the Belle Amie in 2015 and she is a beauty. Modern. Super spacious. Designed specifically for Guadalupe and Socorro. Featuring suites in which you feel that you are staying in a hotel.





Specifications

- Up to 32 guests
- Nine lower deck staterooms, six upper deck superior suites and two premium suites
- Freshwater hot tub
- Kayaks, paddle boards, snorkelling and super diver friendly
- 22-ft inflatable zodiac-style support boats

Yacht Layout



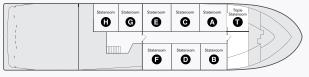
Sun Deck



Upper Deck



Main Deck



Lower Deck



UnderSea 105 ft (32m)



Guadalupe



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Legendary History

The 105-ft UnderSea was custom built in 1968 as a personal submarine tender and gained fame in James Bond and IMAX movies, and running out to Cocos Island. She may look different, updated, modernized and stretched, but she has the same heart and spirit that made her a diving legend.

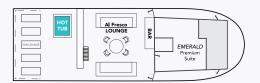




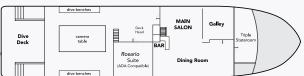
Specifications

- Up to 19 guests
- Six ensuite staterooms, one ADA suite, one triple stateroom and a premium suite on the upper deck
- Freshwater hot tub
- Kayaks, paddle boards, snorkelling and super diver friendly
- 22-ft inflatable zodiac-style support boats

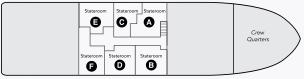
Ship Layout



Upper Deck

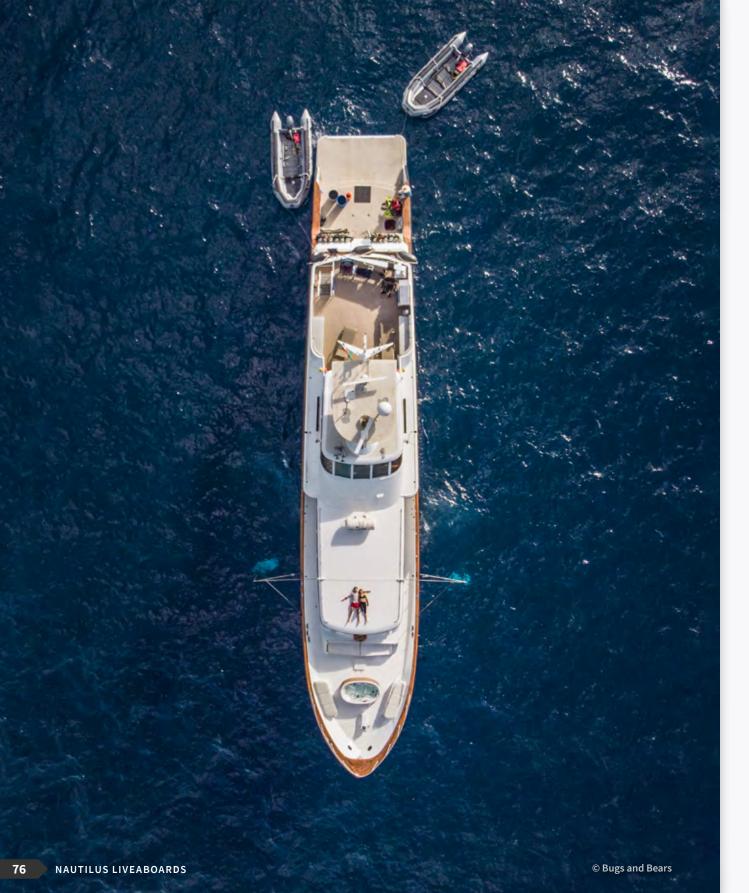


Main Deck



Lower Deck

ILUS LIVEABOARDS © David Serradell VAGABONDVENTURESTRAVEL.COM



Gallant Lady 116 ft (35m)



Sea of Cortez



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Expedition Yacht

Our beautiful Gallant Lady combines the luxury of a yacht with the thoughtful design of an expedition vessel. The back deck is massive and our high-speed 450-hp 32-ft RHiB will whisk you from adventure to adventure. Insider tip: crow's nest and sky lounge are perfect for hanging out.

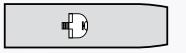




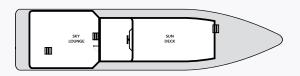
Specifications

- Up to 12 guests
- Five suites and one premium suite
- Freshwater hot tub
- Kayaks, paddle boards, snorkelling and super diver friendly
- 32-ft aluminum-hull high-speed RHIB

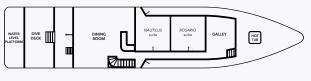
Yacht Layout



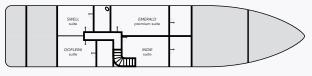
Crow's Nest



Upper Deck



Main Deck



Lower Deck





Mango Wind 45-ft Luxury Sailing Catamaran

In our experience, it doesn't matter how much sailing you have done, it's always a thrill to raise the sails, turn off the engines and accelerate away under the power of the wind.

Our 45-ft (14m) Leopard cat is fresh from a complete shipyard renovation from top to bottom. From the keels to the top of the mast and everything inbetween. This small yacht has massive space for 45-ft in length because of the twin hull design and is perfect for cruising, the whales of the Mechudo Corridor, exploring, scuba diving, kayaking, kite sailing and much more.

Specifications

- Up to six guests
- Three staterooms with gueen beds, a/c, private bathrooms and showers Note: Additional "tight" single beds in two of the staterooms.
- Three crew, captain, chef, naturalist guide
- Zodiac style expedition support boat
- Fine dining, fine linens and MÁS









Westerly 55-ft Pocket Cruiser

Great Value

Our 55-ft (17m) Nautilus Westerly is fresh out of the shipyard and looks like new after a full rebuild. She has many of the features of her larger sisters. The bright, light, wide-open, air-conditioned dorm area makes her an outstanding value for groups.

Specifications

- Up to 14 guests
- Dorm-style accommodation with 14 berths
- Two high-capacity dive compressors
- Inflatable or panga-style support boat









Creature Comforts • Express 1 & 2



Cabo San Lucas, Gordo Banks, Sea of Cortez

We are darned proud of our brand-new in 2021 twin 48-ft (15m) sister ships. These beauties are powered with twin cummins 450-hp engines and cruise at 30 kmh with a very comfortable ride that smaller boats just can't match. Each vessel is very well set up for 24 divers with lots of space for gear, suntanning and relaxing areas, an upper bridge with lots of seating and an eagle-eye view, four dinette tables and of course, a head (which is sailor talk for a bathroom).





Kayaks & Paddle Boards

We maintain a fleet of 50 permitted kayaks and 17 paddle boards.

As the pioneering kayaking company of Baja, we have learned a thing or two over almost 50 years including the need for the very best quality kayaks and carbon fibre paddles. Our fibreglass kayaks are Canadian-made "Seawards" which are custom-built with excellent performance and sea kindliness. We also have plastic kayaks for day boat rough beach operations at places like San Ignacio Lagoon.

BONUS FEATURE

We offer either expedition kayaking or mothership support, which means we pack your gear and you travel light. Plus you can rest, relax and ride-along whenever you want.







Super Pangas

Sea of Cortez, Gordo Banks, Cabo Pulmo, San José del Cabo, San Ignacio Lagoon, Magdalena Bay

Pangas are great. Super pangas are even better. They are the F150 pickup truck of the seas, which is why we have 14 of them.

Fast. Comfortable. Sea kindly. Easy to get in and out of. Outboard powered 115 - 250 hp depending on destination.





⚠ Inde 2, Amigos 1 & 3



Cabo San Lucas

Inde 2 is our 4th generation custom designed and built dive tender, a design that we fine-tuned and perfected during our 18 years of running trips in the chilly and rough waters of Alaska and British Columbia. It is exceptionally stable, seaworthy and easy to get in and out of.

We inherited Amigos 1 and 3 with our purchase of Amigos del Mar, the fabled Cabo San Lucas dive operator of 30 years. These boats have long been marketed as "the most comfortable dive boats in Cabo".





Destination Overview

Experience some of the most charismatic animals on the planet.







NAUTILUS LIVEABOARDS

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Destination Overview

Iconic adventures for mindful travelers of all ages.















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Destination Overview

Luxury.

Extraordinary Baja Experiences.











We are excited to have you join us, but feel compelled to point out some of the risks involved in one of 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 and maintain 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 season 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 divemasters and instructors are your "dive guides" and 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. These are difficult and trying times during the COVID-19 crisis. You

can be sure that we will do our best to protect the health and safety of our guests and crew including the following core principles; temperature and health monitoring, personal hygiene with frequent hand washing, using sanitizer, not touching face, coughing or sneezing into one's elbow, social distancing, disinfecting with 1-week hold times using fogging machines, isolation, and quarantine or emergency airvac to shore for possible cases. HOWEVER, we cannot promise that you won't come in contact with someone infected with the virus and we cannot promise that you won't potentially get sick.

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 up front for these costs if you require evac or hospital stay and your insurance won't cover the charges. "Dive Assure" offers excellent coverage and is highly recommended. Click "here" to arrange coverage. Click "here" to view our Liability release and waiver form.

A sample liability release and waiver requires your acceptance, agreement and signature when you visit SeeCreatures before boarding your ship or arriving at camp.

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

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We Save Lives

More than 60 lives saved and 70,000 units sold. Works worldwide. Completely universal with all modern radios. The Nautilus Lifeline Marine rescue GPS communicates your man overboard alert or routine position update (your choice) directly to boats, ships and rescue aircraft all around you. Accurate to five-feet.

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We don't want to hug goodbye, we want to wave hello soon!



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