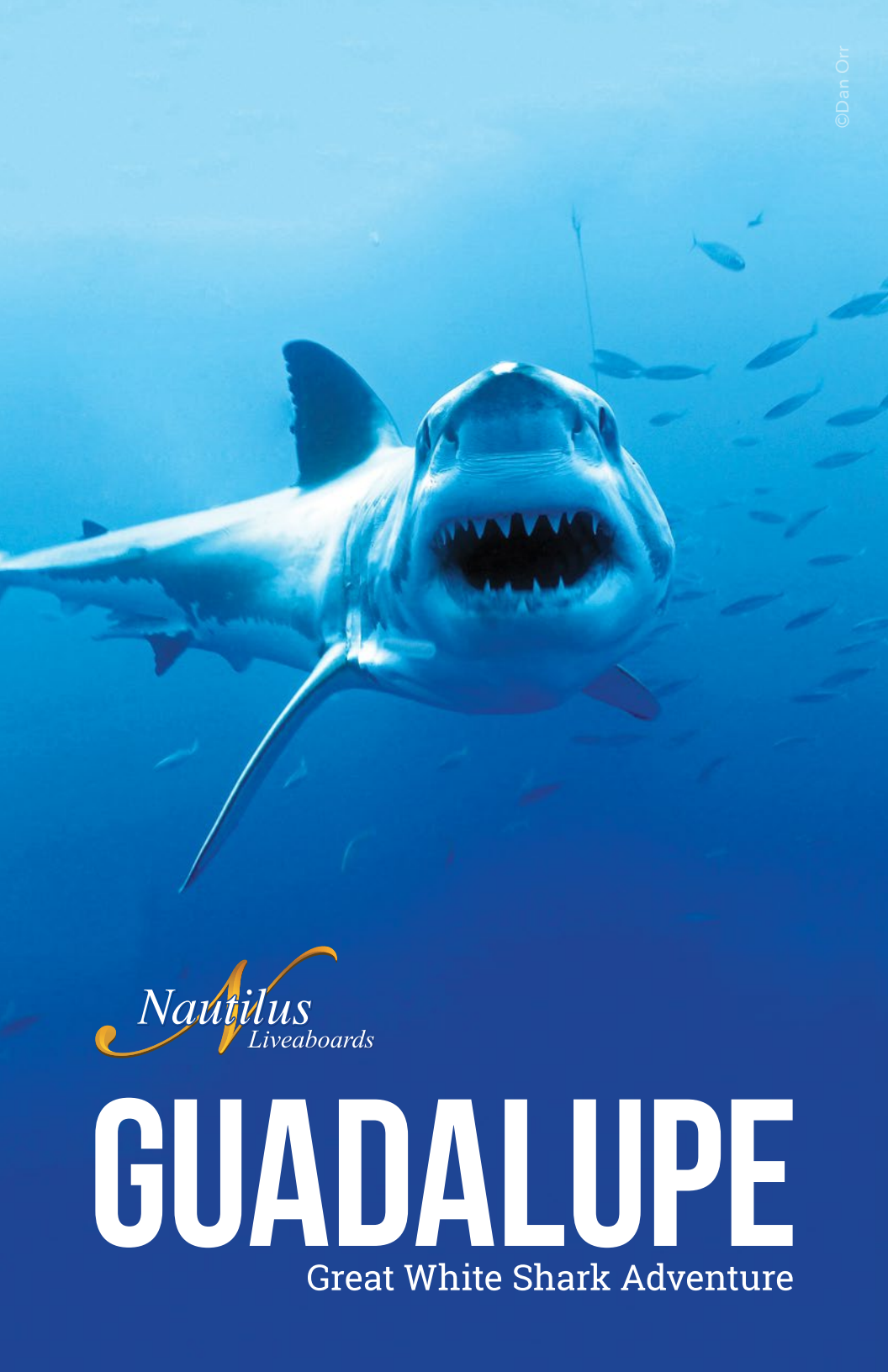


Nautilus Liveaboards

GUADALUPE

Great White Shark Adventure

Trip Overview

Day 1

San Diego option:
Meet at Best Western Palms Hospitality Suite and enjoy a complimentary transfer to the ship docked in Ensenada.

Tijuana option:
Fly into Tijuana airport. We offer complimentary pickups for transfer to the ship in Ensenada.

Activities:
Evening departure from Ensenada

Day 2

Dinner time arrival at Guadalupe Island with a nice relaxing evening at anchor.

Activities:
Safety Briefing
Diver Orientation
Shark 101
Cocktail hour at beautiful and peaceful anchorage

Day 3

Cages open at 6:30 AM.
First submersible dive at 8:00 AM.
Dive until dusk!

Activities:
Our famous Mexican taco Fiesta on the upper deck
Shark ID

Day 4

Another full day of diving starting at 6:30 AM. Submersible diving starts at 8:30 AM.
Dive until dusk!

Activities:
Shark Behavior
Shark ID
Theatre under the Stars

Day 5

Cages open at 6:30 AM.
Submersible diving starts at 7:30 AM.
Cages close at 5:00 PM.

Activities:
Shark ID
Cocktails with friends

Day 6

At sea, arriving in Ensenada approx. 2:00 PM. Coach transfers to Tijuana Airport, San Diego Airport, or Best Western Island Palms Resort.

Activities: *Trip Slide Show*
Our coach should arrive TIJ by 4:00 PM or San Diego by 7:00 PM if there are no customs or weather delays.

This is a sample itinerary. The exact itinerary for your trip may change based on the weather and other ocean related conditions. Our aim is to offer you the very best diving experience in the safest and most comfortable way.

How to Get There

Option 1 | Meet in San Diego, California, USA

When and Where to meet us

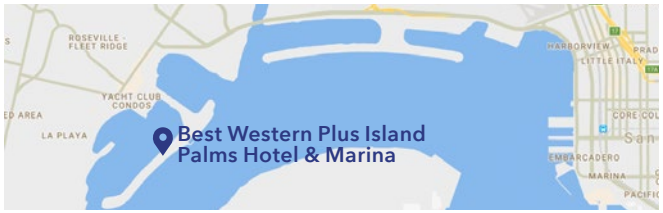
Please meet us at our hospitality suite at the **Best Western Plus Island Palms Resort***

2051 Shelter Island Drive tel: 619-222-0561
San Diego, CA, 92106 email: res@islandpalms.com

Meeting Time: **12:00 PM onwards**
Coach Leaves: **7:30 PM**

*Let them know you are a **Nautilus Guest** for a special discount.

We will do our best to contact you prior to your departure to ensure any last minute questions or requests are looked after, share inside tips and help with arrangements for the San Diego portion of your vacation. We will be at the hospitality suite at the beautiful Best Western Island Palms Resort in San Diego to assist you from noon onwards.



The hotel is 4 miles from the airport. You can take a taxi. Alternatively, Uber is very good and reliable in San Diego, and usually half the price of a taxi. If you are driving, we recommend parking your car at the airport for $10 a day.

Option 2 | Meet in Ensenada, Mexico

Flying into Tijuana Airport (TIJ)

We are pleased to offer complimentary pickups at the airport to transfer you to board the ship at the Cruiseport Marina in Ensenada.

When and Where to meet us

We can arrange for a hospitality suite at the **El Cid** by prior request at least 30 days before departure.

Av Adolfo López Mateos 993, Zona Centro,
22800 Ensenada, B.C., Mexico

Boarding Time: **9:30 PM**
Sailing Time: **10:00 PM**

We board at the Cruiseport Marina in Ensenada

Useful information

- We load baggage and depart at 7:30 PM for the approximate 2 hour transfer to where the ship will be waiting for you in Ensenada, Mexico.
- Mexican custom regulations require all guests exit the vehicle at the border with their belongings, obtain a tourist card and then walk through customs before boarding the vehicle again. We will help you through every step.
- While sea conditions are usually fairly benign, it is an open ocean crossing to Guadalupe. We recommend taking anti-seasickness medication such as "The Patch" (Scopolamine), Gravol or Meclizine before boarding the ship.

Useful information

- Ensenada has become known as the restaurant capital of Mexico. There are loads of choices. Don't miss out on the famous vineyards in nearby Guadalupe Wine valley.
- We highly recommend La Cocedora De Langosta seafood restaurant in Ensenada (Blv. Teniente Azueta, No. 187-D Recinto Portuario).
- The Corona hotel is two blocks away from Cruiseport Marina. They have a nice restaurant and bar if you are looking for something nearby.

Trip Preparation and FAQ

Next step after booking

Thank you for trusting us with your Guadalupe Adventure! You will receive a link to a guest information form at least 60 days prior to your departure. We value your business, but without the pretrip information, the Mexican authorities won't let you leave on the boat. We will do our best to accommodate all requests with advance notice. Or just call us at +1-604-241-1918 if you would prefer to give us your information over the phone.

What to bring

Travel Documents

- ☐ Valid Passport
- ☐ Visa (if required)

Dive Gear

- ☐ Mask
- ☐ Hooded Vest (recommended)
- ☐ Wetsuit (5-7mm recommended)
- ☐ Booties

Other

- ☐ Personal Toiletries
- ☐ Camera Gear
- ☐ A good book
- ☐ Anti-seasickness medication

Clothing

Surface weather is similar to the southern California climate, very warm during the day, and cool at night. Summer clothing should be fine for your trip. We also recommend bringing a sweater, pants and a windbreaker/rain jacket.

ⓘ You can rent wetsuits, booties & more from our **Rental Locker.**

Food & Drinks

You can expect a fusion of Mexican and West Coast North American food with fresh baking, produce and vegetables. Vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, food allergy options, and quasi kosher menus are available with at least 30 days prior notice.

Tea, coffee, juice, soda are included in your trip price. We also carry a wide variety of alcoholic beverages stashed in our onboard bar including: red wine, white wine, champagne, vodka, gin, tequila, rum, mezcal, brandy, bourbons, single malt scotch and beer (mexican and domestic).

What is included in the trip?

Accommodation, all meals (continental breakfast, breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert), non-alcoholic beverages and snacks, daily room service, towels, in-water divemastering, end of trip DVD and onboard facilities such as the hot tub and lounge.

Dive Insurance

Proof of Dive Insurance from a reputable provider, such as DAN or Dive Assure is required. We can assist with this mandatory coverage when you check in to the hospitality suite.

ⓘ Travel insurance is highly recommended. We offer a $100 onboard credit if you purchase via the "Dive Assure" link on our website. Deluxe Dive & Travel package only.

Additional Costs

- Port fee ($65.00 USD) per person payable in cash onboard
- Gift shop purchases
- Bar tab
- Gear rentals
- Crew gratuities are customary in this part of the world if you think the service is deserving, typically $300 per guest.

ⓘ We accept Visa, Mastercard and Cash onboard. Please let your credit card company know to anticipate charges from Canada.

Prices onboard are in USD. Rentals are for the entire duration of the trip.

Rental Locker

Wetsuit	$50.00
Mask, Booties, Snorkel & Hood Bundle	$25.00

Internet

Wifi is available onboard in all cabins.
$100.00 USD per device for the length of your trip.
10 tickets are availible on each trip.

ⓘ For more information about the Wifi service, please see **Wifi at Sea (p.12).**

Phone Calls from Sea

A satellite phone is available onboard with airtime charges of $3.00 USD per minute.

ⓘ For emergencies please call +1-604-241-1918.

Will I see Sharks?

YES!

We have identified 241+ individual sharks in the bay we dive in.

We typically see great whites on 3 out of 4 submersible dives.

Hello, friend!

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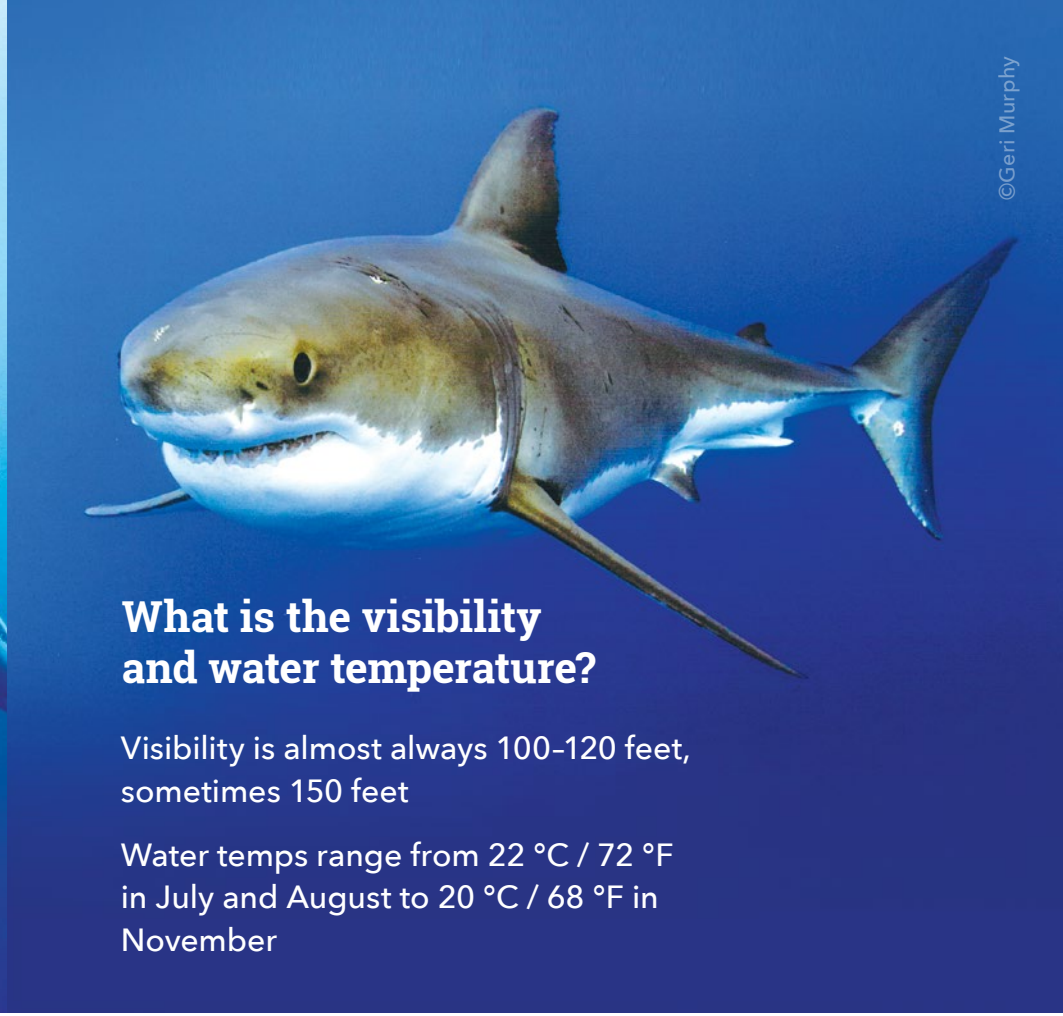
*The cage in this photo is from a previous year, and the design is now different.

How many dives will I get?

3 dives a day in the submersible cages (certified divers only)

Virtually unlimited diving in the surface cages



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What is the visibility and water temperature?

Visibility is almost always 100–120 feet, sometimes 150 feet

Water temps range from 22 °C / 72 °F in July and August to 20 °C / 68 °F in November

A Surface Cage

B Submersible Cage

C Wrangling Platform

Please note these diagrams are not to scale, and are meant to demonstrate a general sense of the cages, their placement and their depth in the water.

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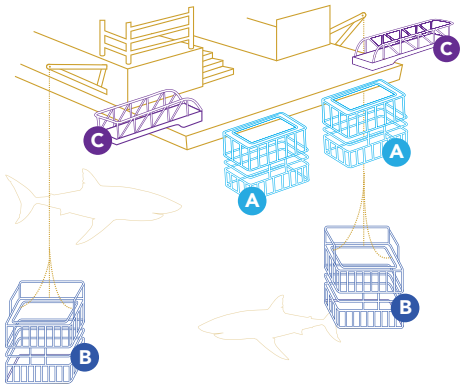

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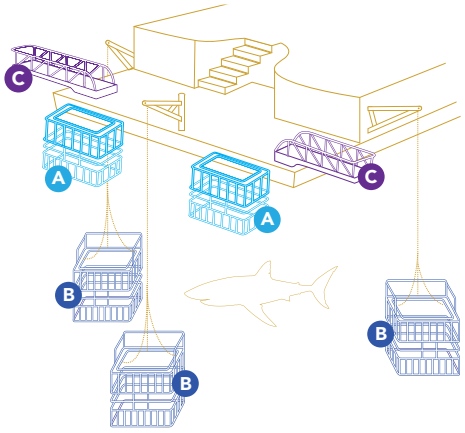
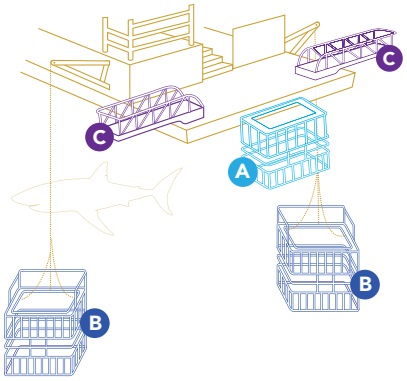


NAUTILUS UNDER SEA



WiFi at Sea

We are proud to be the first liveaboards in the world to offer oceangoing WiFi access for our guests. Please note that while this is a top-of-the-line, and very expensive, stabilized gyro satellite system, there are limitations. The WiFi connection is likely much slower than you are used to and it is not like using broadband onshore, because the gyro stabilized antennas have to track a very narrow aiming point on the satellite orbiting 1240 miles above the ocean.

10 WiFi passes are available for a flat fee of $100 USD per device for the entirety of the trip (first come, first to reserve).

ⓘ We offer the option of a full refund and discontinuing your WiFi after the first day if you are unhappy with the speed or connection.

You will have unrestricted and unlimited access. The WiFi is good for emails and applications like WhatsApp. It is not so good for Facebook, YouTube or streaming functions.

Helpful hints & tricks

1. When you are not using your device, please ensure the device is on Airplane or Flight mode. This will ensure that any unintentional background data-use does not affect other guests' onboard WiFi experience.
2. If you are on a cell phone or tablet, **background app refresh** or equivalent must be turned off. Turning background refresh off does not affect the operation of apps in any way except that the data is only downloaded when the app is opened.

ⓘ Many apps continue to sync updates and files while the application is closed, or even when the phone is not in use. Turning off background refresh will disable this.

3. For guests with laptops, set **windows update** to "never update." Even "Ask me before updating" can take up data. We recommend you change your settings back to normal after your trip. The important thing is that your computer is not using data that you are unaware of.
4. Please note that cloud storage services such as: Dropbox, iCloud, OneDrive, Amazon, or Google Drive may continue to use data behind the scenes. Please disable your cloud storage to ensure the best possible onboard wifi experience.
5. If you are still having problems or are dissatisfied with the download speed, please let the captain know and they will do everything they can to assist you.

Notice of risks onboard

Welcome aboard! We'd like to thank you for trusting us with your upcoming adventure to Guadalupe Island with the great white sharks. On your voyage, you are going to be making an open ocean transit to a remote desert island off the coast of wild Baja. This is a phenomenal experience that few people in the world get to experience. The scenery is breath-taking, the experience diving with great white sharks is amazing, powerful and emotional.

But before you start packing your bags, we need to remind you that when you undertake a voyage like this, we are all at the whim of mother ocean. We have equipped all of our ships with the most modern and up-to-date, full-time satellite communication and data systems, because as much as we'd like to, we can't control the weather. Our highly trained and professional crew are supported around the clock by shore side management in both Canada and Mexico. The staff closely monitor weather and our shore side management team provides 24/7 support in the case of any emergencies. We need to be sure that you are aware there is always a risk of adverse weather, mechanical breakdown, errors or mistakes made by our crew, medical evacuation or other interruptions to your trip that are beyond our control.

Diving with megafauna marine animals entails risk. Diving includes the risk of embolism, decompression sickness, seasickness, dehydration and other medical issues. G*d forbid, guest and crew alike are susceptible to accidents, tripping and falling, sprains or broken bones, heart attacks and stroke or medical conditions such as appendicitis, pancreatitis, severe infections, abscesses or other emergency conditions.

Aerial medivac is available from Guadalupe Island. We require that all our guests have dive and travel insurance that includes emergency care and covers evacuation flights. This insurance can be purchased at our hospitality suite on departure day.

A liability release and waiver is attached to your booking confirmation and requires your acceptance and agreement before joining the ship.

We wish you an amazing trip and a fabulous uneventful experience, smooth seas and excellent diving. Please call or email us with any concerns.

Our Responsibilities

1. To ensure your safety.
2. To give you the best possible diving experience.
3. To treat you with respect and consideration and to provide excellence in service onboard.
4. To be responsive to special requests and needs.
5. To plan each trip with respect to weather, sea conditions and animal behavior in order to maximize your diving experience.
6. To keep our ships in top condition, clean and in good mechanical repair. Please note that each ship has many complex systems and it may be impossible to prevent some maintenance problems during your trip, despite our best efforts.

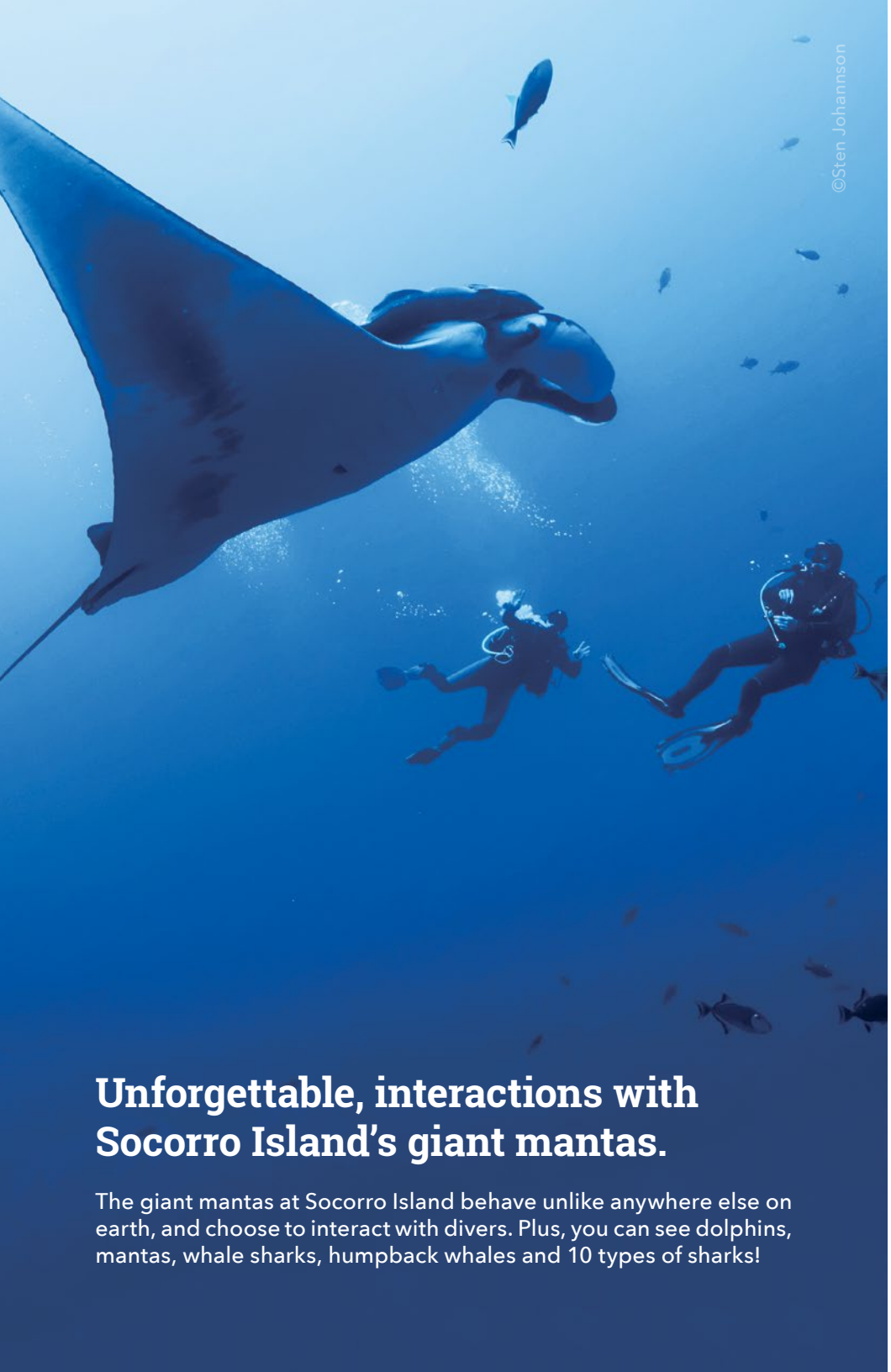
"This is an amazing, powerful and incredible experience. You can dive very, very close to these giant sharks that can be up to 19 feet long. Our record is 9 sharks at one time!"

-Captain Mike

ⓘ It is illegal in Mexico to dive outside the cages.

Your Responsibilities

1. **Animals:** We love mother ocean! Unfortunately, sometimes guests will demonstrate unsafe or irresponsible behavior towards animals that impedes on other guest's experiences and/or may cause harm to the animals. It is your responsibility to follow the crew's directions and recommendations with respect to interaction with the animals. In the unlikely event that an individual is impeding other guests and/or causing harm to the animals, the captain will speak to that person and give them a formal warning. If the guest continues the same behavior, the captain has the authority to hold that guest out of the water for the remainder of the trip.
2. **Mexican Park Regulations:** The Mexican park authorities forbid divers to extend hands, arms, legs, heads or any part of their body or camera housing outside the cages during Guadalupe Island diving. These regulations are now strictly enforced after several incidents in September 2016. We are required by the authorities to revoke the diving privileges of any guest in breach of these regulations. In accordance with Mexican park regulations, no guests or crew are permitted to access shore.
3. **Diving Safety:** It is your responsibility to attend dive briefings and comply with the principles of safe recreational diving. The captain has the right to revoke the diving privileges of anyone who is diving unsafely.
4. **Alcohol:** With over 25 years of operational experience running dive charters, we have learned the safest alcohol policy is to restrict guests from bringing their own alcohol on board. We provide a wide selection of beer, wine and alcohol from the ships bar at reasonable prices. We are also happy to hold your duty free purchases or local purchases of alcohol in bond in the ship's storage until the end of your trip.
5. **Government Rules:** Youmust comply with all Mexican government rules and regulations. Please note that government regulations and laws may change without notice. Our contract with you is subject to "force majeure" without compensation.
6. **Marijuana:** Marijuana is illegal in Mexico including medicinal prescription marijuana. We have a zero tolerance policy regarding guests bringing marijuana onboard.
7. **Illegal Substances:** We maintain a zero tolerance for illegal narcotics or substances on board. We're required under Mexican law to report any problems to the Mexican Federal Police.
8. **Crew:** Treating our crew and staff with courtesy and respect.
9. **Getting Sick:** We sincerely hope that you stay healthy and don't get sick during your trip. Please let the crew know if you are not feeling well so that we can give you extra love and attention and also do our best to prevent anyone else onboard from getting sick.



Unforgettable, interactions with Socorro Island's giant mantas.

The giant mantas at Socorro Island behave unlike anywhere else on earth, and choose to interact with divers. Plus, you can see dolphins, mantas, whale sharks, humpback whales and 10 types of sharks!

Great news! As guests of Nautilus, you qualify for discounts with our partners.

Global Shark Diving
World Wide Shark Diving Adventures

Nautilus Liveaboards is proud to be a founding member of Global Shark Diving. GSD is an association of the best, and most responsible shark diving operators in the world. When you book with Nautilus, you are automatically eligible for a variety of special offers & discounts with all our members.

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Your playground...

or your grave?

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MARINE RESCUE GPS

Divers are often surprised that we invented, designed and manufacture the Nautilus LifeLine Marine Rescue GPS. The shocking reality is that in the USA alone, someone dies on the water every 17 hours without being able to call for help. Just in the USA! Imagine what that number is worldwide. Our ambition has always been to save lives by helping as many divers as possible take safety into their own hands. To date, 37 divers have told us that the LifeLine saved their lives. **We feel strongly that all our guests should own and carry a Nautilus Lifeline. Nobody should be on the water without one.**

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