Nautilus Liveaboards

SOCORRO

Giant Manta Adventure

Trip Overview

Day 1

Enjoy our hospitality suite next to the Tesoro Los Cabos in Cabo San Lucas, from noon onwards. Please be at the suite no later than 7:30PM. We will provide transfers to the ship at 8PM.

Day 2

At sea. Evening arrival at San Benedicto Island.

Activities:
Safety Briefing
Diver Orientation
Manta 101
Cocktail Hour

Day 3

Diving Day! San Benedicto is home to the friendliest giant mantas in the world!

Activities:
4 dives
Our famous Mexican taco
Fiesta on the upper deck
Manta ID

Day 4

Dive Socorro Island.
Night snorkel with Silky Sharks.

Activities:
3 dives
+ Snorkeling with silky sharks under the flood lights
Evening Presentation

Day 5

Dive Socorro Island.

Activities:
4 dives
Shark Behaviour
Evening Presentation

Day 6

Dive "The Rock."
(Roca Partida)

Activities:
4 dives
Evening Presentation

Day 7

Dive "The Rock."
(Roca Partida)

Activities:
4 dives
Chase the Ace: win the jackpot & help conservation
Evening Presentation

Day 8

Voyage home to Cabo San Lucas.

Activities:
Ship shop
Trip slide show
Cocktails with friends

Day 9

Disembarkation at 8:30AM.

We recommend that you book your return flights with a departure no earlier than 10AM.

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

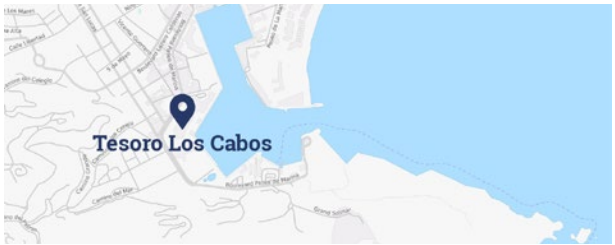
When & Where to meet us

Please meet us at our hospitality suite located next to the Tesoro Los Cabos in Cabo San Lucas.

Boulevard Paseo de la Marina s/n, Lote 9 y 10
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

Meeting Time:	**12:00 PM onwards**
Boarding Time:	**8:00 PM**
Sailing Time:	**After 9:00 PM**

We will be in touch with you prior to your departure to ensure any last minute questions or requests are looked after, share inside tips and arrangements for the Cabo San Lucas portion of your vacation, and meet you at our hospitality suite.



Our hospitality suite is a 45 minute ride from SJD Airport.

Useful information

- Please meet us at our hospitality suite next to the Tesoro Los Cabos rather than at the marina where the ship is berthed.
- While sea conditions are usually fairly benign, it is an open ocean crossing to Socorro. We recommend taking anti-seasickness medication such as "The Patch" (Scopolamine), Gravol or Meclizine before boarding the ship.

Flying into Los Cabos International Airport(SJD)

We recommend **Enterprising Travel*** for all your local transfer needs.

SJD to Tesoro Los Cabos	**$20 USD**
Tesoro Los Cabos to SJD	**$15 USD**

Please send your flight information to Enterprising Travel to book your shuttle
Email **enterprisingtravel@gmail.com**
Office **(+52) 624 172 2515**

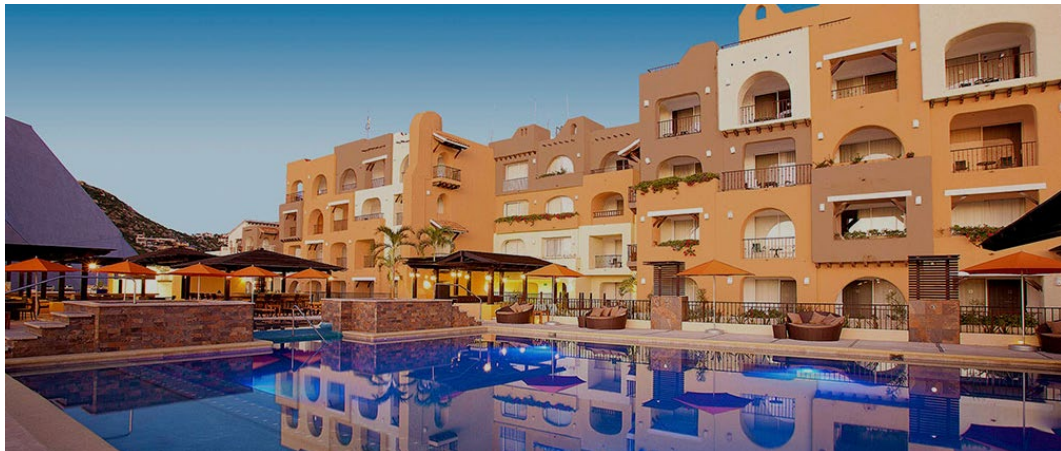
**Please note, this information is in effect until July 15th, 2018.*

Hotel Recommendations

1. Tesoro Los Cabos – Conveniently located next to our marina. Please ask for your Nautilus discount. (tesororesorts.com)
2. Don Hirschaut and his team at Cabo Villas for concierge service whether you are booking a hotel, villa , condo or a private chef. (cabovillas.com)

Hospitality Suite

We have arranged hospitality suite for you to relax in while you wait for the boat's departure. The hospitality suite is equipped with a lounge, tables, water dispenser, coffee & more. This room is free of charge for all guests boarding a Nautilus Liveaboard, and includes restroom access & baggage drop off.



Trip Preparation and FAQ

Next step after booking

Thank you for trusting us with your Socorro 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)

Other

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

Dive Gear

- ☐ BCD
- ☐ Regulator
- ☐ Hood
- ☐ Fins
- ☐ Mask
- ☐ Snorkel
- ☐ Hooded Vest (recommended)
- ☐ Wetsuit (5 or 7mm recommended)
- ☐ Dive light for safety and possibility of a night dive

ⓘ You can rent tanks, wetsuits, BCDs & regulators onboard if you let us know ahead of time. (see **Rental Locker, p. 12**)

ⓘ 5-7 mm wetsuit is recommended because it is always better to be nice and warm than risk being cold and losing enthusiasm for some dives.

Clothing

The weather south of Cabo San Lucas is beautiful. Summer clothing should be fine for your trip. We also recommend bringing a sweater, pants and a windbreaker/rain jacket.

Dive Insurance

Proof of Dive Insurance from a reputable provider, such as DAN or Dive Assure, is required when you check in to the hospitality suite for all of our trips. You can purchase insurance if needed at our 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.

What is included in the trip?

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

ⓘ Our gift shop has awesome Socorro themed tees and other clothing, so pack light!

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 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).

Additional Costs

- Port & Park fees ($65.00 total USD) per person, payable in cash onboard
- Gift shop purchases
- Bar tab
- Gear & tank rentals, nitrox (please see reverse side)
- 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.

Internet

Wifi is available onboard in all cabins.
$100 USD per device for the length of your trip.
10 tickets are available on each trip.

ⓘ For more information about the Wifi service, please see pg. 16

Emergency Calls

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

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

Wildlife Calender

Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
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Legend:

Socorro Island Season

Largest Biomass of Animals

- Giant Mantas
- Bottlenose Dolphins
- Whale Sharks
- Possibility of Humpback Whales
- Bait Ball Season
- Up to 10 Species of Sharks

How many dives will I get?

Your journey with us will include an average of 4 dives a day including a night snorkel with silky sharks subject to weather.

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Socorro features the friendliest giant mantas in the world, as well as humpbacks, pelagic dolphins and up to 10 species of sharks!

What is the visibility and water temperature?

Visibility is variable. It can be as low as 20ft in volcanic pumice, but is usually 75-125ft.

Water temps range from 23°C / 73°F in February to 30 °C / 86°F in November

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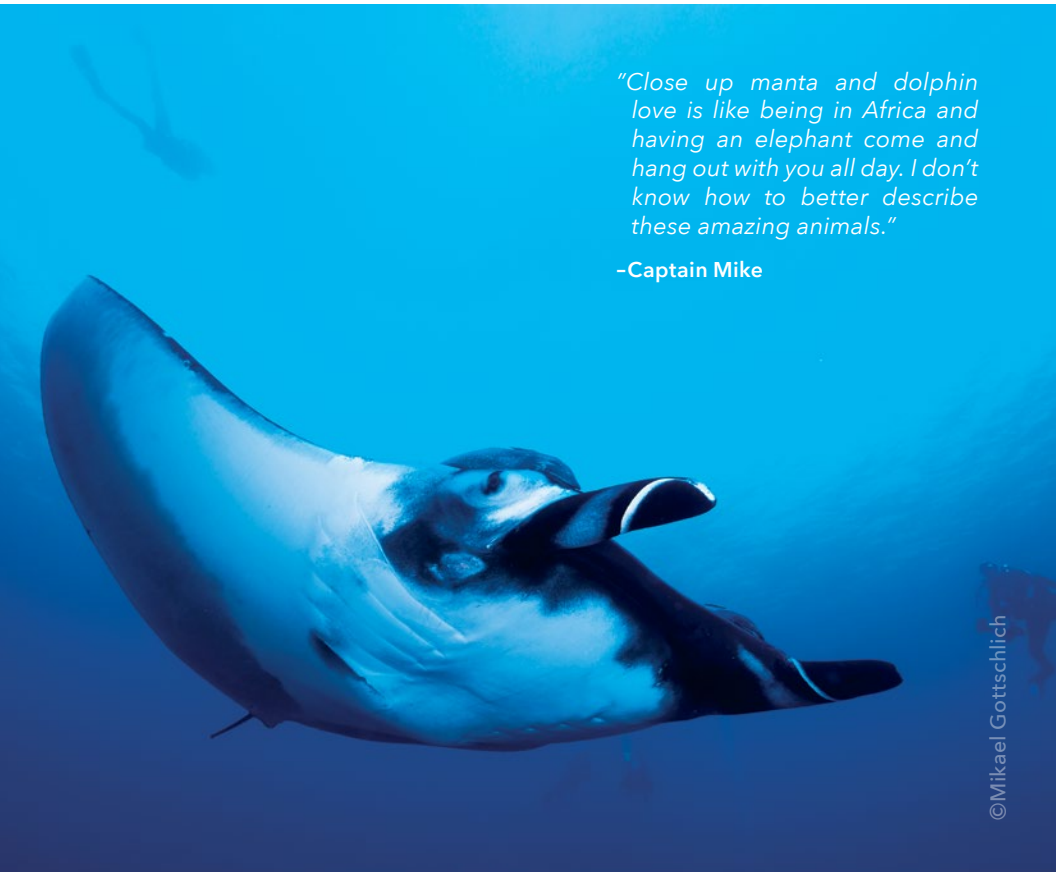
Our Responsibilities

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.



"Close up manta and dolphin love is like being in Africa and having an elephant come and hang out with you all day. I don't know how to better describe these amazing animals."

–Captain Mike

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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. **Diving Safety:** It is your responsibility to attend dive briefings and comply with the principles of safe recreational diving. Deco diving or deliberately "going blue" is not allowed at Socorro. The government of Mexico has set a maximum depth restriction of 133'. The captain has the right to revoke the diving privileges of anyone who is diving in an unsafe manner.

3. **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 ship's 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.

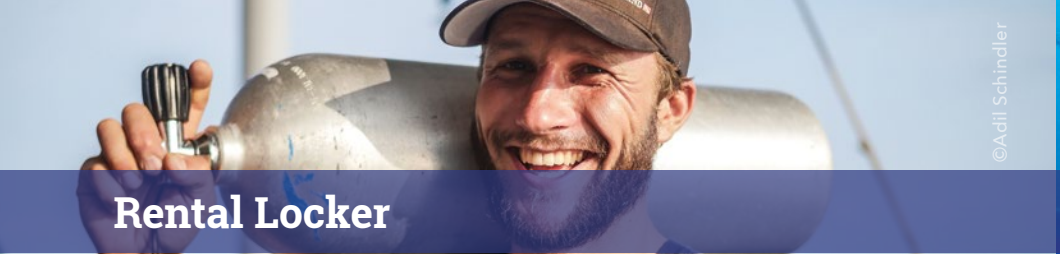
4. **Government Rules:** You must comply with all Mexican government rules and regulations. Please note that government regulations and laws may change without notice. Our contract with you is subject to "force majeure" without compensation.

5. **Marijuana:** Marijuana is illegal in Mexico including medicinal prescription marijuana. We have a zero tolerance policy regarding guests bringing marijuana onboard.

6. **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.

7. **Crew:** Treating our crew and staff with courtesy and respect.

8. **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.



Rental Locker

The following are available from the Rental Locker on our boats. Rentals are for the entire duration of the trip unless stated.
Prices are in USD.

Nitrox or Oxygen	**$20.00 x number of diving days**
Argon Fills	**$15.00**
Steel Tank 90 cu. ft	**$30.00**
Steel Tank 15L	**$60.00**
Pony Bottle	**$20.00**
Rebreather Bottles	**$20.00**
Rebreather Fills CCR	**$6.00 x number of diving days**
Rebreather Fills SCR	**$9.00 x number of diving days**
Rebreather Tank Combo 2 rebreather bottles with valves and one pony bottle	**$50.00**
Sodasorb & Sofnolime	**$5.45 per pound**
Wetsuit	**$50.00**
BCD	**$45.00**
Regulator Set	**$45.00**
Dive Computer	**$25.00**
Mask, Fins, Snorkel & Hood Bundle	**$25.00**

ⓘ Please contact us for availability of rental tanks as there are a limited supply onboard.

Useful information

- ⓘ Please enter your rental requests in your guest information form 60 days prior to your trip to ensure we can accommodate your requests or if you prefer, call us at +1 604-241-1918.
- ⓘ We highly recommend that all guests dive on nitrox rather than air.
- ⓘ We recommend that guests who are used to a reel with their SMB, bring their own. We provide SMBs as well as dive-alerts and Nautilus GPS with our compliments free of charge to all divers for use during the trip.

Notice of risks on board

Welcome aboard! We'd like to thank you for trusting us with your upcoming adventure to Socorro with the giant mantas. 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 breathtaking, the experience of diving with large marine animals is once in a lifetime, and the diving is world class.

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. As much as we would like to, we can't control the weather. Our highly trained and professional crew are supported around the clock by 25 shore side managers and staff, in both Canada and Mexico. We 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 large marine animals entails risk. Scuba diving runs 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 Socorro 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.

241+ identified great white sharks in the bay we dive at Guadalupe Island!

Experience the thrill of seeing Guadalupe great white sharks up close! Call and find out why disinterested divers try this trip once, and get hooked for life!

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Snorkel with curious whale sharks in the rustic Bahía de los Ángeles!

Bahía de los Ángeles Extension: $1495 USD

Snorkel with between 85-220 whale sharks in one bay, plus numerous colonies of Sea Lions on this unforgettable 5-night extension. Dive with Gorgonian coral, black coral and more!

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.

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.

Mike Ball Dive Expeditions - Australia
Rodney Fox Shark Expeditions - Australia
Beqa Adventure Divers - Fiji
Jim Abernethy's Scuba Adventures - Florida, USA
Undersea Hunter Group - Cocos Islands, Costa Rica
Basking Shark Scotland - Hebrides, Scotland
Marine Dynamics Shark Tours - Gansbaai, South Africa
Phantom Divers - Playa Del Carmen, Mexico
Epic Diving - The Bahamas
Divelink Cebu - Cebu, Philippines

globalsharkdiving.org

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Our partners at Pro Dive International are renowned for excellent quality in providing first-class diving. Pro Dive operates tours with Bull Sharks, Whale Sharks & Sailfish, as well as in cenotes, and at the famous wrecks & walls of Cozumel. They are also the onsite operator for luxury resorts along the Mayan Riviera.

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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.**

You decide.

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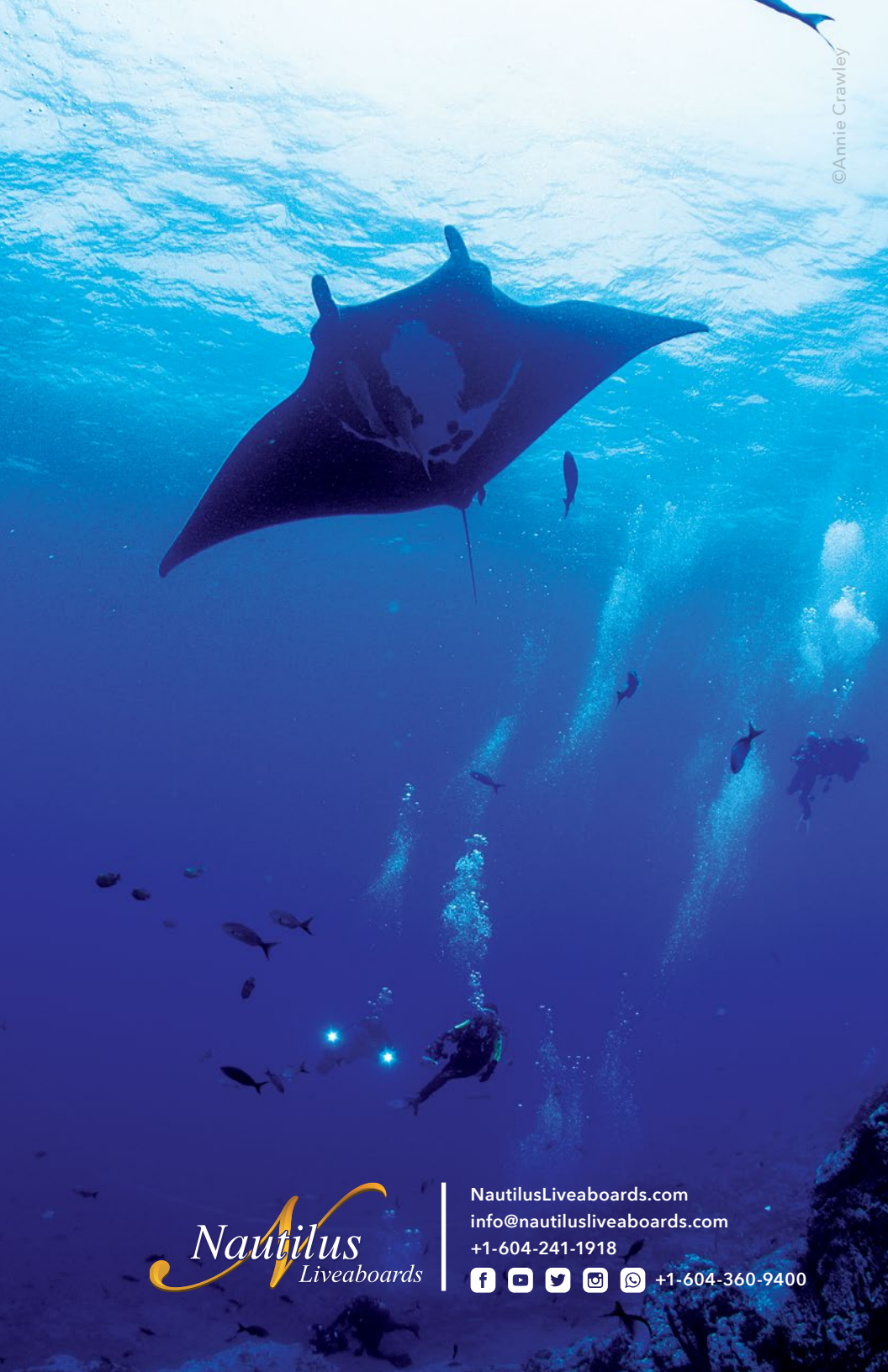

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