



## WELCOME!

We are very excited to have you travel with us. Our destinations are magical and our reputation is world class. Because of this, many our guests come back year after year.

Our entire staff is here to ensure that you have an amazing experience. In this package, you will find information to help you prepare for your upcoming adventure. If you have any questions or special requests, please contact us.

We look forward to seeing you!

## HOW TO CONTACT US

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## DIVING

The crew of the Rocio Del Mar is here to help you in any way possible to make your visit to the Sea of Cortez / Midriff Islands an unforgettable experience.

The Sea of Cortez is also called “The World’s Aquarium” by Jacques Cousteau. Our Sea of Cortez season runs from the beginning of July to the third week of September. We sail to the Midriff Islands. Each trip runs from Saturday to Saturday. The boat departs from Puerto Peñasco, Mexico at 5pm. We travel for 12 hours and arrive by 7am the next morning ready for our first dive.

The Sea of Cortez is very diverse and has as vast array of nudibranchs, blennies, jawfish, rays and guitarfish, schools of fish, eels, octopus, sea horses, frogfish, Mexican horn sharks, and the list goes on and on. We also have a lot of whale activity on this trip. We consistently see Pilot, Fin, and Sperm whales. On Saturday, the last day of diving, we do a dive in the morning then snorkel with whale sharks at Bahia de Los Angeles. By 3pm we start motoring back to Puerto Peñasco. Divers enjoy 3 - 4 dives per day and 2 night dives.

Our trips have dive masters on board to lead dives and assist divers. We also have two zodiac drivers vigilantly watching for bubbles and retrieving divers upon surfacing. We provide 80 cubic ft. aluminum tanks that are both DIN & yoke compatible.

## BEFORE YOUR TRIP

Please forward your passenger information form, release and waiver along with a copy of your passport to our office no later 60 days prior to your trip date. The more information we have, the better we can accommodate your needs. You can obtain these forms from our website, from your dive leader or travel agent or contact our office directly. This information can be sent via e-mail to Beverly Peterson, Guest Services at [BPeterson@RocioDelMarLiveaboard.com](mailto:BPeterson@RocioDelMarLiveaboard.com), or mailed or faxed to the information on top of this document.

If you are flying to Mexico, please visit this site for important information on what is permitted to bring on your flight to Mexico: [www.sat.gob.mx](http://www.sat.gob.mx)

## ABOUT THE BOAT

The Rocio Del Mar is of the utmost sea worthiness and is approved by both the U.S. Coast Guard and the Mexican Coast Guard. It is equipped with state of the art electronics and all safety equipment required.

The Rocio Del Mar is 100’ long with a 25’ beam.

The amount of guests the Rocio Del Mar accommodates is 20.

There are ten air conditioned cabins that sleep two guests each. There are six cabins with two twin bunks each, 2 cabins with a full bed and twin bunk each, and 2 cabins with a double bed. Each cabin is outfitted with drawers for storage. There is also storage space under the bottom bunks and clothing/towel hooks. Each cabin also has its own bathroom with lavatory, shower, and toilet.

Our guests enjoy Tempur-Pedic® mattresses and quality bed linens. Our stewards clean all rooms, bunks, and bathrooms during the first dives of the day. We provide bath towels and dive deck towels.

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

The salon is comfortable with full-sized sofas, a TV, and a computer table set up. There is an outside, covered deck with comfortable patio furniture and perfect for relaxing between dives.

There is a large shaded sundeck with lawn chairs, too.

The dive deck is large, well organized with a spacious camera table. There is a dive platform for ease of boarding the inflatables with two outdoor showers. There is a restroom located next to the dive deck.

The Rocio has two 18' Achilles inflatables for the safety and ease of our divers with very sturdy ladders.

All voltage aboard the Rocio Del Mar is 110, just like the USA.

For photos and more details, please visit our website: [www.RocioDelMarLiveboard.com](http://www.RocioDelMarLiveboard.com).

The Rocio Del Mar reserves the right to allocate room assignments as needed.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

The Rocio Del Mar maintains daily contact with our US office via radio communications. We are ready for constant communication in the event of an emergency. Your family and friends are welcome to contact our office at (602)272-2522 in case of an emergency. Our office staff will immediately assist your family and friends in getting messages to you. We also have a satellite phone on board for your use and emergency needs. The phone number is 011 881 6325 57444 and the rate for using the phone is \$2 per minute.

## GETTING TO THE BOAT

The Rocio Del Mar is located at the Marina Fonatur in Puerto Peñasco, Mexico. Marina Fonatur is approximately a 4-hour drive from Phoenix, Arizona. Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport is the most convenient and closest airport to fly into to reach our port.

We can coordinate transportation services to and from Phoenix and the Marina for you through [Head Out to Rocky Point](#). This shuttle service has 15 passenger vans that haul trailers for gear. The cost is \$125 per person, round trip, payable directly to [Head Out to Rocky Point](#). If you require this service, please indicate this on your passenger forms.

## ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Passengers must arrive at Phoenix Sky Harbor airport no later than 11am on the trip departure date. If you choose the shuttle service, [Head Out to Rocky Point](#) will pick up all passengers between 12noon and 1pm at Terminal 4, door 5 on the south side. Meet the shuttle curbside.

All passengers must have reached the Marina and be aboard the Rocio Del Mar between 5pm and 6pm. Should you arrive earlier, you can spend your time site-seeing or shopping. Departure from Puerto Peñasco occurs at approximately 6pm. Dinner is served at 7pm.

Once aboard the Rocio Del Mar, you will be shown to your cabin and dive station. Our dive master will ask you to provide your scuba diving certification cards and proof of dive insurance.

**Proof of diving certification and dive insurance is required. Without proof, you will not be able to dive. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## RETURN

The boat will return to the Marina in the early morning and passengers need to be ready to depart by 7am. A continental breakfast will be served. The shuttle will pick up passengers promptly upon disembarking. Please remember to book your departing flight from the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport no earlier than 3pm.

## ITINERARY

This is the itinerary. As always, we remain flexible depending on conditions, currents, etc.

Day 1 - Embark at 5pm in Puerto Peñasco. Depart at 6pm

Day 2 - Wake up at Refugio Bay on Angel Island

Potential Dive sites: Angel Rock, La Vela, Lolo's Cove, Sunset Zodiak Cruise with Sea Lions

Day 3 - Angel Island

Potential Dive sites: Andrea's Eagle, El Aquario, Las Vivoras, Las Vivoras including a night dive

Day 4 - San Pedro Martir

Potential Dive sites: El Arroyo, Punta Martir (Sea Lions), Chayo's Cove

Day 5 - San Pedro Martir

Potential Dive sites: Ravijunco, Xareni's Pinnacle, Coromel, Morrito, in the afternoon we go looking for whales!

Day 6 - Salsipuedes & Animas

Potential Dive sites: Los Cuervos, El Caballo, In Animas, El Lavadero, El Lavadero including a night dive

Day 7 - Baja and Snorkeling with Whale Sharks in Bahia De Los Angeles

Potential Dive sites: El Pescador, Baja Ca., start heading back to Puerto Penasco in afternoon

Day 8 - Disembark at 7am

## SUGGESTED GEAR & CLOTHING

Besides your normal dive gear, every diver is required to have the following: dive computer, safety sausage (SMB) and a whistle.

We absolutely recommend exposure protection (wetsuits/light drysuits) on our trips. The Sea of Cortez is a dynamic body of water and this exploration covers such a span of islands that the water temperatures can change significantly from day to day. Water temperatures range from 70°-85°F (21°-29°C). Surface water temperature averages: June & July 75°, August 80°, September & October 87°, November 71°.

We do have regulators, BC's, and dive computers available for rental at \$50 each. Please let us know prior to your arrival if you want to rent equipment so we have it on board for you. We do not rent exposure suits, fins, or masks.

Dress is casual. Bring a light jacket in the Spring and Fall. Do not forget your hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Feel free to bring your own books, CD's, and DVD's. We have a collection of these on board and the crew especially appreciates new entertainment.

## SPECIAL OCCASIONS

If you are celebrating any special occasion while onboard such as a birthday, engagement, anniversary, or honeymoon, please let us know prior to your departure so we can be prepared to celebrate with you!

## WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR PRICE OF YOUR TRIP

The price of your trip INCLUDES:

- Taxes & Port Fees
- All meals, snacks and beverages including canned soft drinks
- Complimentary local beer and wine
- Tanks and weights

Guests are welcome to bring along their own beverages if there is something special they would like.

## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR PRICE OF YOUR TRIP

- Shuttle fee from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport to the boat and back - \$125 per person, round trip, paid directly to the shuttle service: [www.HeadOutToRockyPoint.com](http://www.HeadOutToRockyPoint.com)
- National Park Fee \$28 per person
- Hyperbaric Chamber Fee \$15 per person
- Nitrox Fee \$120 per person (if desired)
- Crew Gratuity (10%-15% of trip price is customary)
- Fuel Surcharge\* if applicable

These fees can be paid in advance or the boat.

\*Fuel Surcharge: The Rocio Del Mar has the right to implement a fuel surcharge on all trips in the event the cost of fuel surpasses 16 pesos a liter. Should this occur, there will be a fuel surcharge to each client of \$100. For every additional peso per liter there will be an additional \$40 per passenger increase.

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Proof of diving certification and dive insurance is required. Without proof, you will not be able to dive. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

The Rocio Del Mar reserves the right to allocate the cabins assignments as needed.

Dive insurance can be purchased at [www.DiversAlertNetwork.org](http://www.DiversAlertNetwork.org) or [www.DiveAssure.com](http://www.DiveAssure.com).

We recommend you purchase trip insurance.

Although the conditions in the Sea of Cortez are mostly calm, there are times that the sea can be rough. There are several over the counter remedies that can help you. In case you have a propensity to motion sickness or are concerned that you might develop symptoms, please prepare yourself with preventive measures before departure.

## UNFORESEEN EVENTS

If departure of your liveaboard cruise is not advisable, or may be dangerous to the life or health of the passengers, crew, or to the boat due to conditions such as bad weather, perils of the sea, Acts of God, political incidents, or force majeure, the captain has the sole discretion to delay or cancel the cruise departure.

Likewise, during the cruise, if bad weather, Acts of God, or force majeure (i.e. hurricane) events occur that make it inadvisable for passengers to land, or for the boat to enter port, the captain shall have the right to delay or postpone sailing until conditions allow, and adjust the itinerary to different ports that may include but not limited to cancellation of calls to ports, or the resequencing of island visits. For this reason, we highly recommend travel/cancellation insurance.

## DEPOSITS & CANCELLATIONS / INDIVIDUALS

### DEPOSITS

- 25% deposit is due to hold the reservation
- 25% is due six months prior to the scheduled trip date
- Remaining balance is due three months prior to scheduled trip date

### CANCELLATIONS

- There is no penalty for cancellations made 9 months or more prior to the scheduled trip date
- 25% of the full rate will be forfeited for cancellations made 91 days to 9 months prior to the scheduled trip date
- 50% of the full rate will be forfeited for cancellations made 61 to 90 days prior to the scheduled trip date
- No refunds for cancellations made 60 days prior or less to the scheduled trip date

## DEPOSITS & CANCELLATIONS / GROUPS

### DEPOSITS

- A \$5,000 non-refundable deposit is due to hold the reservation
- 25% of the trip price is due one year prior to the scheduled trip date (the \$5000 deposit can be used to make up the 25% deposit)
- 25% is due six months prior to the scheduled trip date
- The balance less your commission is due three months prior to the scheduled trip date

### CANCELLATIONS

- There is no penalty for cancellations made 12 months or more prior to the scheduled trip date however the \$5000 deposit is non-refundable
- 25% of the full rate will be forfeited for cancellations made 12 months to six months prior to the scheduled trip date
- 50% of the full rate will be forfeited for cancellations made six months to 91 days prior to the scheduled trip date
- No refunds for cancellations made 90 days or less prior to the scheduled trip date

## HOTELS NEAR PHOENIX SKY HARBOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Shuttle Service Head Out to Rocky Point will pick up and drop off at the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport: Terminal 4, Door 8 on the South Side Out of Curb Area

RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT  
PHOENIX AIRPORT  
801 North 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85008  
(602)293-4439 Direct  
(602)273-9220 Hotel  
(602)273-7221 Fax  
[www.residenceinnphoenixairport.com](http://www.residenceinnphoenixairport.com)

LA QUINTA INN (Near the Airport)  
911 S. 48th Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85281  
(480)967-4465  
(800)738-8767  
[www.lq.com](http://www.lq.com)

QUALITY INN  
1550 S. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Tempe, AZ 85281  
(480)967-3000  
(800)4-Choice

COMFORT SUITES  
1625 S. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Tempe, AZ 85281  
(480)446-9500  
[www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com)

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS  
3401 E. University  
Phoenix, AZ 85034  
(602)453-9900  
[www.hiephoenix.com](http://www.hiephoenix.com)

COAST HOTEL  
4300 E. Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85034  
(602)273-7778  
Res: (800)716-6199

BEST WESTERN AIRPORT INN  
2425 S. 24th Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85034  
(602)273-7251  
(800)528-8199

DOUBLE TREE SUITES BY HILTON PHOENIX  
Near the Airport  
320 N. 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85008  
(602)225-0500

CROWNE PLAZA PHOENIX AIRPORT  
4300 E. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85034  
(602)273-7778

HILTON GARDEN INN PHOENIX AIRPORT NORTH  
3838 E. Van Buren St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85008  
(602)306-2323