



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!

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DIVING

The crew of Quino El Guardian is here to help you in any way possible to make your visit to the Baja Peninsula an unforgettable experience.

The Sea of Cortez is also called “The World’s Aquarium” by Jacques Cousteau. Our Explore Baja trip explores the entire Baja Peninsula. This is a one-of-a-kind 13-day trip that travels port to port from San Jose del Cabo, Mexico to Puerto Peñasco, Mexico or from Puerto Peñasco, Mexico to San Jose del Cabo, Mexico. This trip includes the variety of the Northern Sea of Cortez to the larger pelagics of the Southern Sea of Cortez. In addition to diving, passengers can explore the islands and kayak. Divers enjoy 4 dives per day and 2 to 4 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 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

ABOUT THE BOAT

The Quino El Guardian 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 Quino El Guardian is 90’ long with a 23’ beam.

The amount of guest the Quino el Guardian accommodates is 16.

There are four air conditioned cabins that sleep four guests. There are two bunks on each side. Each bunk has a privacy curtain. Each cabin is outfitted with four large drawers, one for each guest. There is also storage space under the bottom bunks and clothing/towel hooks in the main cabin area. Cabins are typically assigned by gender.

There is one cabin with 2 bunks that sleeps 2. This cabin is typically reserved for a couple.

Our guests on 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 Quino has four spacious, air conditioned bathrooms with a full-size shower in each bathroom on the dive deck. Each cabin is assigned to a bathroom. This way guests can leave their personal items and towels in the bathroom. There are two lavatories on the dive deck that are shared by all passengers.

The galley comfortably accommodates all 16 passengers. The galley also has a projector and a large drop down screen should your group want to do presentations.

The salon is comfortable with sofas, a TV, and a computer table set up.

The dive deck is large, well organized with a spacious camera table. There is a dive platform for ease of boarding the inflatables. The Quino has two 18' Achilles inflatables for the safety and ease of our divers with very sturdy ladders.

There is a large shaded sundeck with lawn chairs for relaxing between dives.

All voltage aboard the Quino el Guardian is 110, just like the USA.

For photos and more details, please visit our website: www.QuinoElGuardian.com.

The Quino el Guardian reserves the right to allocate room assignments as needed.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The Quino El Guardian 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 6326 54109 and the rate for using the phone is \$2 per minute.

GETTING TO THE BOAT

FROM PUERTO PEÑASCO

The Quino El Guardian 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. If you require transportation services to the marina, we can coordinate that for you through [Head Out to Rocky Point](#). This shuttle service has 15-passenger vans that haul trailers for gear. The cost is \$75 USD for a one-way trip, per person, payable directly to them. If you require this service, please indicate this on your passenger forms.

FROM SAN JOSE DEL CABO

The Quino El Guardian is located at the Marina in Puerto Los Cabos in [San Jose del Cabo](#).

All guests must travel to San Jose del Cabo (SJD).

Guests are responsible for their own transportation to and from the boat. The marina is about 25 minutes from the airport.

The most economical way from the airport to the marina is to take a colectivo (shuttle) and a taxi. The colectivo (shuttle) charges \$15.00 U.S. dollars per person. Once you collect your bags and leave customs you will enter a lobby. You will find a stand that says taxi. A taxi ride from the airport to the marina is about \$60 US. You can ask for a colectivo at this same stand. A colectivo is a very nice shuttle that takes about 9 passengers and does a hotel drop. Since you're going to San Jose you will be dropped off first. You can have the colectivo drop you off at the Hotel Tropicana. At the hotel, you can then request a taxi to the Marina Los Cabos. You shouldn't pay more than \$10 US. It's about a 15-minute ride from the hotel to the marina. By choosing these two methods of transportation it should cost you about \$25 US. If you choose just to get a taxi from the airport to the marina it should cost about \$60 US. If you have more than one person, it is often easiest to just use a taxi directly to the marina.

ARRIVAL

FROM NORTH/ PUERTO PEÑASCO TO SOUTH/SAN JOSE DEL CABO (SDJ)

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 8 on the south side. Meet the shuttle curbside.

All passengers must have reached the Marina and be aboard the Quino El Guardian 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.

FROM SOUTH/SAN JOSE DEL CABO (SDJ) TO NORTH/ PUERTO PEÑASCO

Please arrive on the first day of the trip at the San Jose del Cabo (SJD) airport. You may begin boarding the boat between 5pm-6pm. The boat will departure from the San Jose del Cabo Marina at approximately 6pm. Dinner will be served at 7pm. Please view this link for important information on what is permitted to bring on your flight to Mexico: www.sat.gob.mx

For both directions, once aboard the Quino El Guardian, you will be shown to your stateroom and dive station. Our dive masters 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

PUERTO PEÑASCO (FROM SAN JOSE DEL CABO TO PUERTO PEÑASCO)

Explore Baja South to North trips will end in Puerto Peñasco. A continental breakfast will be provided on the last morning of the trip and guest will disembark by 7am. If you require transportation services from the Marina to Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, we can coordinate that for you through [Head Out to Rocky Point](#). This shuttle service has 15 passenger vans that haul trailers for gear. The cost is \$75 USD per person, one-way, payable

directly to [Head Out to Rocky Point](#). If you require this service, please indicate this on your passenger information forms.

The [Head Out to Rocky Point](#) 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.

[SAN JOSE DEL CABO \(FROM PUERTO PEÑASCO TO SAN JOSE DEL CABO\)](#)

Explore Baja North to South trips will end in San Jose del Cabo (SJD). The boat returns to the Marina during the evening and passengers will be ready to depart the morning of the last day of your trip. A continental breakfast will be provided the last morning of the trip and guest must disembark by 8:30am on the last day of our trip. At the end of your trip, the crew can call taxis to return everyone to the airport or hotel depending on where you want to go.

ITINERARY

[San Jose del Cabo to Puerto Peñasco](#)

- Day 1 Check in at boat at 5pm in San Jose del Cabo
- Day 2 Cabo Pulmo
- Day 3 Isla Cerralvo
- Day 4 El Bajo, Ship wreck (Fang Ming) - Visit La Paz for the afternoon
- Day 5 Early hike on San Francisco Island, Dora's Pinnacle, Los Islotes
- Day 6 Animas
- Day 7 Coronado, walk Loreto Mission Square in the evening
- Day 8 Isla Alfonso
- Day 9 San Pedro Martir
- Day 10 Animas and Salsipuedes
- Day 11 Bahia de Los Angeles - Whale Sharks, El Pescador
- Day 12 Angel Island
- Day 13 Disembark at 8:30am in Puerto Penasco

[Puerto Peñasco to San Jose del Cabo](#)

- Day 1 Check in at boat at 5pm in Puerto Peñasco
- Day 2 Angel Island
- Day 3 Bahia de Los Angeles - Whale Sharks, El Pescador
- Day 4 Animas and Salsipuedes
- Day 5 San Pedro Martir
- Day 6 Isla Alfonso
- Day 7 Coronado, walk Loreto Mission Square in the evening
- Day 8 Animas
- Day 9 Early hike on San Francisco Island, Dora's Pinnacle, Los Islotes
- Day 10 El Bajo, Ship Wreck (Fang Ming) - Visit La Paz for the afternoon
- Day 11 Cerralvo

Day 12 Cabo Pulmo

Day 13 Disembark 8:30am in San Jose del Cabo

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 800 miles. The water temperatures can change significantly from day to day. Water temperatures range from 75° (24°) in the Northern Sea of Cortez and the mid-to-high 80's in the Southern end (30°C).

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.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION / SATELLITE PHONE

The Quino El Guardian 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 881 6326 54109 and the rate for using the phone is \$2 per minute.

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:

- 16% Mexican Tax
- 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

- Transportation to and from the boat, i.e. taxi or shuttle service depending on the port
- National Park Fees of \$28 per person due
- Hyperbaric Chamber of \$15 per person
- Nitrox fee of \$120 per person
- 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 Quino El Guardian 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 Quino El Guardian reserves the right to allocate the 4 occupancy cabins assignments as needed.

Dive insurance can be purchased at www.DiversAlertNetwork.org or 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
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Phoenix, AZ 85008
(602)293-4439 Direct
(602)273-9220 Hotel
(602)273-7221 Fax
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

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

COMFORT SUITES
1625 S. 52nd Street
Tempe, AZ 85281
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www.choicehotels.com

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
3401 E. University
Phoenix, AZ 85034
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www.hiephoenix.com

COAST HOTEL
4300 E. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85034
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BEST WESTERN AIRPORT INN
2425 S. 24th Street
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DOUBLE TREE SUITES BY HILTON PHOENIX
Near the Airport
320 N. 44th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
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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.
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SUGGESTED HOTELS IN SAN JOSE DEL CABO

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