



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 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 Sunday to Sunday. 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, 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

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.

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

The amount of guests 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 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.

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 and well organized with a spacious camera table. There is a dive platform for ease of boarding the inflatables. 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 Quino El Guardian is 110, just like the USA.

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

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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.

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 at 1pm at Terminal 4, door #5, curbside (northbound side).

The trip takes 3.5 – 4 hours and it will cross the international border. Head Out to Rocky Point is very familiar with this process and are there to help. In addition, the driver will stop along the way so people can use the restroom, purchase snacks, etc.

All passengers must have reached the Marina and be aboard 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.

Once aboard Quino El Guardian, 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. The shuttle will arrive at the Phoenix Airport at approximately 11:30am. You can book your returning flight anytime after 2pm.

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 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
- 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: 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!

Quino El Guardian reserves the right to allocate the 4 occupancy cabins assignments as needed.

Dive insurance can be purchased at www.DiversAlertNetwork.org.

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 5 on the south side on the curb.

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