



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 Socorro Islands an unforgettable experience.

Diving at the Socorro Islands is amazing and it provides the chance for large animal encounters. The main attractions in the Socorro Islands are the large pelagic, mantas rays, dolphins, humpback whales and seven different types of sharks including hammer head sharks. Due to the Revillagigedo biosphere regulations, divers are prohibited from carrying lights, knives or gloves when diving anywhere in the Socorro Islands. Only camera lights are permitted. All diving is during the day; there are no night dives. The first day divers enjoy 2 – 3 dives. All other days' divers enjoy 4 dives per day, conditions permitting. Divers can expect 3 dives a day at Roca Partida.

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 guests 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 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

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.

Once aboard the 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 during the night and passengers need to be ready to depart by 9am on the last day of your trip. A continental breakfast will be served. Our crew will call taxis to get everyone to the airport or their hotel.

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You will board the boat after 5pm and dinner will be served at 7pm. The boat will depart San Jose del Cabo at approximately 10pm.

Day 1 Board the boat between 5pm-7pm

Day 2 At sea

Day 3 Arrive at San Benedicto around 7am. Start Diving! 4 dives scheduled

Day 4 San Benedicto, 4 dives scheduled

Day 5 Roca Partida, 3 dives scheduled

Day 6 Roca Partida, 3 dives scheduled

Day 7 Socorro Island, 3 dives scheduled

Day 8 San Benedicto, 4 dives scheduled - At the end of this day we will start our departure to San Jose del Cabo

Day 9 Arrive at San Jose del Cabo around 11pm - Guests may sleep on the boat

Day 10 Disembark by 8:30am

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. Water temperatures range from 75°-82°F (24°-28°C) depending on the time of year.

December 80°

February 75°

April 75°

January 75°

March 75°

May 80°

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. 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:

- 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

- 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.

The crossing from Los Cabos San Lucas to the Socorro Islands takes approximately 26-28 hours. It is open sea therefore please be prepared in case we are faced with rough seas. 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

SUGGESTED HOTELS IN SAN JOSE DEL CABO

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