



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 southern Sea of Cortez an unforgettable experience.

The Sea of Cortez, also known as the Gulf of California, is a strip of water separated from the Pacific Ocean by the Baja Peninsula. This isolation, on land and underwater, provides a unique series of contrasting ecosystems from the vast solitude of the desert to the rich underwater realms and black coral gardens.

Trip prerequisites: must be ready and willing to experience the adventure of a lifetime! We will be at the right place at the right time to see blue whales, bull sharks, and flying mobula rays. Go on day and night dives at remote islands that are inaccessible without a long-range liveaboard like ours, encountering the abundant sea life that the Sea of Cortez has to offer. We will also explore popular dive sites such as Los Islotes where we will encounter friendly sea lions; El Bajo, which is known for its schools of hammerhead sharks and a fabulous night dive with mobula rays. Included in our itinerary is a day spent diving in Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park. The park has the only living reef on this side of the hemisphere where divers can experience schools of fish that are over 40' tall. This is a voyage you do not want to miss!

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

Beverly, in Guest Services, will contact you after your booking to provide you with a link so that you can complete a passenger document (your travel agent will do this if booked through a travel agency). We will also need a copy of your passport and appropriately signed liability waivers. PLEASE PROVIDE THESE DOCUMENTS NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR TRIP DATE. The more information we have, the better we can accommodate your needs including dietary restrictions, if any. Beverly can be reached at BPeterson@RocioDelMarLiveaboard.com or you can e-mail or fax the information to the contact information listed on the front page of this document.

If you are flying to Mexico, you can visit www.sat.gob.mx for important information on what is permitted to bring on your flight to Mexico.

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 each. 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 generally reserved for a couple.

Our guests enjoy Tempur-Pedic® mattresses and quality bed linens. Our steward cleans all rooms, bunks, and bathrooms during the first dives of the day. We provide bath towels and dive deck towels and these are changed mid-trip.

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 so guests can leave their personal items and towels in the bathroom. Shampoo and soap dispensers are in each shower. 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 comfortable salon has sofas, a TV, and computer table.

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.

On the second deck 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 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)558-9580 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.

We do not have Wi-Fi on the boat.

GETTING TO THE BOAT

Southern Safari trips differ from our other trips in that the departure/arrival locations can change between San Jose del Cabo and La Paz. We will provide information for both San Jose del Cabo and La Paz.

SAN JOSE DEL CABO

Quino el Guardian is located at Marina Puerto Los Cabos in La Playita, [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 and 15 minutes from downtown San Jose del Cabo.

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 USD 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 USD. 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 are 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 Puerto Los Cabos. You should not pay more than \$10 USD. 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 USD. If you choose just to get a taxi from the airport to the marina it should cost about \$60 USD. If you have more than one person, it is often easiest to use a taxi directly to the marina.

LA PAZ

If you fly into San Jose del Cabo, you have two options to get you from the airport to La Paz:

INDIVIDUALS

EcoBajaTours - public transport service

<https://www.ecobajatours.com>

(800)026-8331

Round Trip is approximately \$60 USD per person

Allow 3 hours for drive time

Select LA PAZ MALECON as location if going from SJD to La Paz

Select LOS CABOS AIRPORT (SJD) as location if going from La Paz to SJD

Guests need to go online and book their seat. We advise guests to do this as soon as possible as seats are booked quickly during tourist season. A confirmation number is provided via email. The confirmation number is what the driver will ask for. Pick up is at International and National terminals.

For INTERNATIONAL Terminal Pick Up Location

Guests exit the airport walking between two outdoor bars. Cross the street and walk toward the "La Isla" bar. On the right side find tent #5. You will see an EBT (EcoBajaTours) person holding a blue, gold and white sign with EBT in black lettering. The drivers are dressed in black long pants and a pressed white long sleeve shirt.

For NATIONAL Terminal Pick Up Location

In front of airport entrance on the steps or close to the curb. The EcoBajaTour office is in this terminal if they want to check on their passage.

Transportation to the Boat Once Arrived at Bus Terminal in La Paz

Take a taxi to the boat from La Paz Malecon bus terminal. It is about a five-minute ride to the marina. There are 3 marinas that we use in La Paz. Please contact Beverly in Guest Services three days prior to boarding for exact boat location.

GROUPS

Baja Ground Service - private transport service

Contact name: Carlos

(800)352-4990

(210)930-5700

reservations@bajaonly.com

www.bajaonly.com

Guests need to call for pricing and to make their own arrangements.

Allow 3 hours' drive time.

Baja Ground Service has two size vans: 10 passengers and 16 passengers.

RETURN

The boat will return to the marina during the night and passengers need to be ready to depart by 8:30am on the last day of your trip. A continental breakfast will be served. Our crew will call taxis to get everyone to the airport, bus station or their hotel.

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You will board the boat after 5:00pm and dinner will be served at 7:00pm. The boat will depart shortly thereafter.

Please do not ask to board the boat prior to 5:00pm. The crew is very busy getting the boat readied for the trip.

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!

Day 1 - Check in at boat at 5:00pm

Day 2 - Cabo Pulmo

Day 3 - Isla Cerralvo

Day 4 - Los Islotes, Shipwreck “Fang Ming”, visit La Paz for the afternoon

Day 5 - Dora’s Pinnacle in the morning, Los Islotes in the afternoon, Ensenada Grande and Mobula night dive

Day 6 - Animas

Day 7 - Isla Alfonso

Day 8 - Disembark 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.

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We recommend exposure protection (wetsuits) on our trips and thickness depends on your personal comfort level. Water temperature averages range from 72°-85°F (23°-30°C) with an average being 75 ° (24°C) depending on the dive site.

We have regulators, BCD’s, dive computers and HP100 tanks available for rental at \$50 each. Please let us know at least two weeks prior to your arrival if you want to rent equipment so we have it on board for you. We do not rent exposure suits, hood, fins, masks, safety sausages (SMB’s), whistles or lights. As we have a limited number of these items available to rent and they are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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 on board such as a birthday, engagement, anniversary, or honeymoon, please let us know on your passenger document so we can be prepared to celebrate with you!

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR PRICE OF YOUR TRIP

The price of your trip INCLUDES:

- All taxes & port fees
- All meals, snacks and beverages including canned soft drinks
- Complimentary local beer and wine
- Tanks, weights and weight belts

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 Fee - \$28 per person
- Nitrox Fee - \$120 per person
- Transfers to and from the boat
- Crew Gratuity (10%-15% of trip price is customary)
- Fuel Surcharge* if applicable

Fees and gratuity can be paid in advance or on the boat. Cash (USD, Pesos and Euros) and MasterCard/Visa are accepted.

*Fuel Surcharge: Quino el Guardian has the right to implement a fuel surcharge on all trips in the event the cost of fuel surpasses 20 Pesos per liter. Should this occur, all guests will be notified prior to boarding.

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 assign all cabins.

All guests are required to have dive insurance can be purchased at www.DiversAlertNetwork.org. If you have private health insurance coverage for dive accidents, provide only the page that states coverage for scuba diving, specifically evacuation.

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 / TRIP INSURANCE / TRIP INTERRUPTION

Quino el Guardian Liveaboard is of the utmost seaworthiness and is approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and Mexican Coast Guard. Quino el Guardian is equipped with state-of-the-art electronics and all required safety equipment.

Passenger safety is paramount and therefore the captain has the sole discretion to change, delay, return early or cancel the cruise if necessary. These reasons include but are not limited to bad weather, perils of the sea, acts of God, political incidents or force majeure.

Trip insurance is suggested as it provides you with reimbursement for unused, non-refundable, pre-paid trip costs if you are prevented from taking your trip due to a covered reason. All trip insurance is not the same so it is important to make sure that you purchase travel insurance that includes travel interruption.

Trip insurance can be purchased at www.DiversAlertNetwork.com.

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

Quino el Guardian is the brother ship of Rocio del Mar.

Both liveaboards are owned by Dora and Lolo Sandoval and information about our vessels and destinations can be found at www.MexicoLiveaboards.com.



SUGGESTED HOTELS IN SAN JOSE DEL CABO

MARISOL BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Plaza Garuffi Paseo San Jose s/n esq
Bahia de las Palmas sn
Zona Hotelera
23400 San Jose del Cabo, B.C.S., Mexico
+52 624 142 4040
www.marisolboutiquehotel.com

BEL AIR COLLECTION RESORT & SPA LOS CABOS

Carretera Transpeninsular Km. 29,
23400 San José del Cabo, B.C.S., Mexico
+52 800 400 2040
www.belaircabos.com

TROPICANA

Calle Boulevard Antonio Mijares 30, Centro,
23400 San José del Cabo, Baja California Sur,
México
+52 624 142 1580
www.tropicanainn.com.mx

BARCELO GRAND FARO LOS CABOS

Blvd. San Jose s/n, Seccion Hotelera 1 Zona Fonatur,
San Jose del Cabo 23400, B.C.S. Mexico
011 52 624 142 9292
www.barcelo.com

HOTEL EL GANZO

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San Jose del Cabo, B.C.S CP 23403
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www.elganzo.com

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23400 San Jose Del Cabo, Mexico
+52 800 438 2929
www.caboazulresort.com

Mention our name to the El Encanto Inn and Hotel El Ganzo for a 10% discount

Bel Air, Cabo Azul Resort, Hotel El Ganzo and Barcelo Grand Faro Los Cabos are a little pricier

SUGGESTED HOTELS IN LA PAZ

Hyatt Place Hotel La Paz

Very northern edge of town – need to take a taxi to the Malecon (center of town)
Km 7.5 Carretera a Pichilingue
La Paz, Mexico 23010
+52 612 123 1234
<https://lapaz.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

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SUGGESTED HOTELS IN LA PAZ continued

Club Morro Bay Hotel

Quain, quiet rooms, off center of the Malecon

Blvd. Alberto Alvarado Aramburo No. 7

Colina del Sol

La Paz, B.C.S. CP 23054

+52 612 122 4084

www.clubelmoro.com.mx

Seven Crown Hotels

Off the center of town and only a short walking distance to the Malecon (our personal choice)

Revolucion de 1910 No. 1090

C.P. 23000, zona centro

+52 612 129 4562

www.sevencrownhotels.com/habitaciones-la-paz-centro.html

Hotel Catedral

Mid down – two blocks from the Malecon

Independencia 411,

Zona Central, 23000

La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico

+52 612 690 1000

www.hotelcatedral.mx