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## 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 of 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!

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 hammerhead 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.



## ABOUT THE BOAT

Quino el Guardian is of the utmost seaworthiness 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 number 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, 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 a 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](http://www.QuinoElGuardian.com).

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

## **PASSENGER INFORMATION & LIABILITY RELEASE FORMS**

Prior to your trip date, we require passenger registration information for every guest. This is completed on-line:

<https://tinyurl.com/y63bh4zu>

To make this process as easy as possible, gather all pertinent information such as dive certifications, medical and dive insurance information, etc. before you start. Read the instructions provided at the beginning of the form. Once you start, you will have a 4-hour window to complete the form otherwise you will need to restart the process.

The more information we have about you, the better we can accommodate your needs including dietary restrictions if any.

In addition, we require a manually-signed liability waiver. You will find a link to this form when you complete your online passenger information.

Once you manually sign the liability waivers, this needs to be sent to Heather in Guest Services along with a photograph of your passport. Please send your manually-signed liability release form and photograph of your passport to:

[HChandler@RocioDelMarLiveaboard.com](mailto:HChandler@RocioDelMarLiveaboard.com)

Please provide these documents no later than 30 days before your trip date.

You can also provide a copy of your manually-signed liability release form and photograph of your passport by fax or mail as follows:

FAX  
(602)926-8360

MAIL  
Rocio del Mar Liveaboard  
c/o Carmina Nephew  
3796 E. Boise Avenue  
Boise, ID 83706

## 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)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 onboard 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

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.

## DIRECTIONS TO QUINO EL GUARDIAN FROM THE AIRPORT AND DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE DEL CABO

Marina Puerto Los Cabos is about a 25-minute taxi ride from the airport and 15 minutes from downtown San Jose del Cabo. Please drive toward the small fishing town of "La Playita" and El Ganzo Hotel. Once you are in the marina area you will be driving on a long, winding road with roundabouts. To your right, you will see a tall, beige building called MARINE GROUP and on the other corner an OXXO store. Turn right at the Marine Group building and OXXO store. Keep driving toward El Ganzo Hotel. Quino el Guardian is docked about 100 yards before El Ganzo hotel. There is a small, adobe colored building with several parking spaces. This is the entrance to the dock.

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.

## RETURN

The boat will return to the marina during the night and passengers need to be ready to depart by 8:30 am 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.

## ITINERARY

*Below is our scheduled diving itinerary. Weather and sea conditions may require changes to this itinerary. If unique animal sighting opportunities arise, we may suggest alternative options to divers.*

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

Day 1 - Board the boat at 5 pm/ Dinner is served at 7 pm/ Boat departs shortly thereafter

Day 2 - At Sea

Day 3 - San Benedicto - 4 dives scheduled

Day 4 - Roca Partida - 3 dives scheduled

Day 5 - Roca Partida - 3 dives scheduled

Day 6 - Socorro Island - 3 dives scheduled (check-in with the naval station)

Day 7 - Socorro Island - 4 dives scheduled

Day 8 - San Benedicto - 3 dives scheduled - at the end of the day we will start our return to San Jose del Cabo

Day 9 - At Sea

Day 10 - Arrive at San Jose del Cabo in the early morning hours - disembark at 8:30 am

## 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 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°  
January 75°

February 75°  
March 75°

April 75°  
May 80°

The dress is casual. Bring a light jacket. Do not forget your hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

## RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

We have a limited number of regulators, BCD's, dive computers and HP steel 100cft/12L steel tanks available for rental at \$50 each, per trip. Please let us know at least 3 weeks prior to your arrival if you want to rent equipment so we have it onboard 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, they are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Heather in Guest Services to reserve your equipment at [HChandler@RocioDelMarLiveaboard.com](mailto:HChandler@RocioDelMarLiveaboard.com).

## ENTERTAINMENT

Feel free to bring your own books, CD's, and DVDs. We have a collection of these onboard and the crew especially appreciate 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 on your passenger document in the comment section so we can be prepared to celebrate with you!

## WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE 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 THE PRICE OF THE TRIP

- 🔗 National Park Fee - \$28 per person
- 🔗 Nitrox Fee - \$120 per person
- 🔗 Transfers to and from the boat

- 🌀 Crew Gratuity (10%-15% of the 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. Dive insurance can be purchased at [www.DiversAlertNetwork.org](http://www.DiversAlertNetwork.org). If you have private health insurance coverage for dive accidents, provide **only** the page that states coverage for a scuba diving accident, evacuation, and the declaration page showing you are the owner of the policy and policy number.

We recommend you purchase trip insurance.

The crossing from San Jose del Cabo 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 / TRIP INSURANCE / TRIP INTERRUPTION

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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](http://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
- The remaining balance is due three months prior to the 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 liveboards are owned by Dora and Lolo Sandoval. Information about our vessels and destinations can be found at [www.MexicoLiveboards.com](http://www.MexicoLiveboards.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  
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### HOTEL EL GANZO

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### HOTEL POSADA TERRANOVA

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www.hotelposadaterranova.mxhotel.site  
\*\* A less expensive option (often \$50-\$70) and just  
a 5-minute walk from central San Jose del Cabo

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