

# Mexico 2027



## The Best Big Critter diving in Planet Ocean

Unique Quest Tours Charter Exploring the Southern  
Sea of Cortez and the Revillagigedo Archipelago

Sea Lions, Schooling Hammerheads, Baitballs, Whalesharks, Giant  
Pacific Manta Rays, Bottlenose Dolphins, Galapagos, Silver Tip,  
Tiger, Oceanic White Tip & Silky Sharks + Humpback Whales

**Duration:** 14 days – 13 nights onboard (up to 37 SCUBA Dives)

**Tour Leader:** Gabby Hunter ([gabby@questtours.com.au](mailto:gabby@questtours.com.au))

**Trip Code:** MX27 **Max. Group Size:** 19 + 1 **Min. Level:** Advanced

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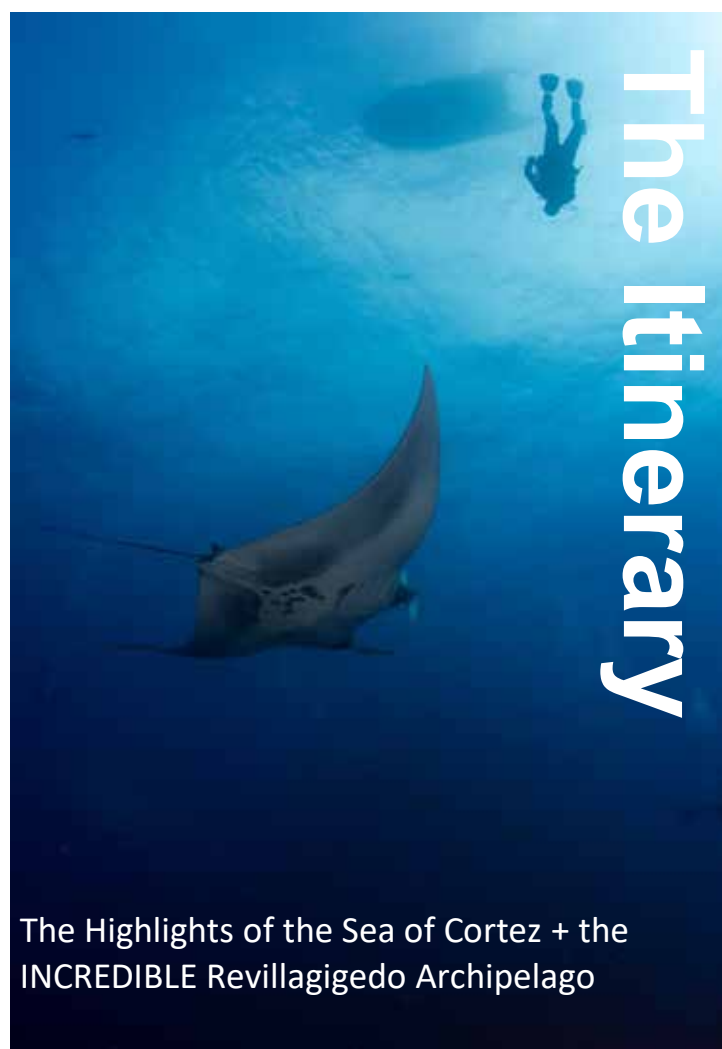
**Please note, all flight times and schedules are as at April 2025 and are subject to change**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2027:** Arrive San Jose Del Cabo between 1200 and 1600 hours. Transfer (included) to overnight accommodation (included).

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>:** We have a nice leisurely start to the day today – check out from the hotel will be at 10:00am, but we will be able to use the facilities (wifi, pool) for the whole day. Explore San Jose Del Cabo, sunbake, relax. Board the Quino Del Mar at earliest 15:00. Depart for Sea of Cortez 17:00 then dinner

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>:** 4 dives Los Islotes, very playful Sealions will have you smiling all day

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>:** Cabo San Lucas Diving – where the Sea of Cortez meets the Pacific



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>:** Today is a day in transit – the voyage to the Revillagigedo Archipelago can take up to 26 hours (sometimes faster, depending on weather & currents). Edit Sea of Cortez photos, Sunbake, read a book. Eat delicious food. There will be movies on in the communal area as well.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>:** Waking reasonably early this morning, we will have arrived at Isla San Benedictos 3 or 4 dives "The Boiler", Canyon or Hermanos. Playful Giant Manta Rays & Bottlenose Dolphins

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>:** More than likely, depending on the conditions, we will do more dives at San Benedictos on this day

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Isla Socorro 3 more dives, Play with Giant Manta Rays. See and maybe swim with Humpback Whales. Check-in at Mexican Navy Base. Overnight steam to Roca Partida

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>:** 3 dives at Roca Partida each day. Depart late on second day bound for Isla Socorro or Isla San Benedictos, approx. 6 hours steam away.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>:** 3 or 4 dives Isla Socorro or Isla San Benedictos, whichever has best conditions

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> & Sat 27<sup>th</sup>** 3 or 4 dives each day at San Benedictos, depending on predicted weather for crossing. Depart afternoon > San Jose Del Cabo. Top deck BBQ Party, Beers, Wine, Margaritas!

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>:** Day in transit – review photos, video show on in the evening. Eat, drink be merry

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Arrive early AM into San Jose Del Cabo Marina, depart Rocio at 0830 hours. Transfer to airport, day use hotel or alternate areas depending on requirements, at own expense.

# Part 1: The Sea of Cortez

## Los Islotes

There are over 400 Sea Lions who reside here on this island – some of the most playful and interesting Sea Lion encounters in the Gulf of California await us. Expect giant bait balls, and plenty of really wonderful Sea Lion interaction, include pups playing the fetch the starfish game (poor long suffering starfish).



## Cabo San Lucas

A popular and thriving tourist destination above the water, this meeting of ocean currents is well worth a day of diving, with keen adventurers met with massive bait-ball walls out over the sand, with confident male Sea Lions diving and weaving through unsuspecting fish.



# Part 2: The Revillagigedo Archipelago



## The Boiler & San Benedictos

The most popular dive of San Benedictos, the Boiler, this iconic dive site is named due to it's pot of boiling water appearance as a hydrothermal current runs out of and over the shallow point of this rock. Descending down to well over 60 metres, schooling fish, sharks, Giant Pacific Manta Rays, Dolphins and the occasional whaleshark travel around this underwater pinnacle, creating one of the top 10 dive sites in the world.



## Socorro Island

Located almost due south of Baja California's point, Isla Socorro is home to a Naval Base. This island is the top of a giant underwater volcano, and offers yet more diverse, incredible diving.



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[Mantas Dolphins False Killer Whales](#)



## Roca Partida

Translated into English – Broken or Split Rock, this dive site is anything but broken. Isolated and tiny, this dive will blow your mind – lurking at the head of the current, you'll see tuna, mantas, Galapagos and hammerhead Sharks, all to the haunting tune of Humpback Whale song.





Mexico Liveaboard's have excitingly announced the launch of their brand-new vessel, the "Quino Del Mar". We have experienced many wonderful voyages on her sister ship the Rocio and thought we'd jump at the chance to undertake a charter on the new vessel!

The magnificent Quino Del Mar is in a class of her own, from superb chef prepared a la carte meals, to professional hard working dive masters, experienced crew and a unique cabin layout, the Quino is a much-anticipated vessel from a superb operator.

Expect 3 – 4 dives a day as standard. Dives are signaled by the bell. We will have three dive groups onboard the boat (A, B and C), and will each take turns to go first for the day. The Quino has two RIBs to deploy and board from at stern of the vessel for diving.

There is a huge camera area in the middle of the dive deck, with dry chargers, air guns for drying housings, and LED lights for inspecting O-rings.

All the twin or double share cabins on the upper floor feature a huge window and ensuite bathroom. These cabins are all on either the main or upper deck. There are 2 very spacious lower deck cabins with portholes, for those who may be prone to sea sickness.

The dining area is located in the middle deck, with a large wraparound window for a nice view while dining. Luxuriate between dives on the top sundeck or relax with a beer in the air-conditioned saloon with a movie or some music.



## Sea of Cortez + Socorro Islands 2027

- Maximum number of divers on this trip 19 + your tour leader Gabby.
- Your tour leader/ tour coordinator Gabby ([gabby@questtours.com.au](mailto:gabby@questtours.com.au)) can organize flights, transfers, accommodation and anything else you may need
- You will need, at a minimum, your advanced certification for this trip. NITROX is highly recommended and included. You will need to be NITROX certified to use this gas.
- You will need a SMB, whistle and alternate air source

### Included in this price:

- 13 nights onboard the superb Quino del Mar
- 1 night's accommodation in San Jose Del Cabo the night before we board the Rocio
- Transfer to Quino del Mar from hotel on embarkation day.
- All diving (3 - 4 per day), tanks, weights
- Dive guides, tour leader.
- Social quantities of beer and wine while onboard the Quino Del Mar
- NITROX for duration of tour
- Decompression chamber fee

### Budget for

- International and/ or Domestic Airfares
- Meals other than breakfast whilst in San Jose Del Cabo
- Revillagigedo National Park Fees \$US180 per diving day x 6-days = \$US1080\* paid onboard \* These park fees were subject to a massive increase in 2025, which is subject to appeal by all the affected liveaboards; watch this space for hopefully good news
- Certain travellers, such as teachers have reduced fees, whilst retirees, self-funded and otherwise are exempt, as are active military whom exempt from the park fees.
- Equipment rental
- Tips/ souvenirs and any other additional onboard expenses (e.g. use of Satellite phone).
- Transfer from Quino del Mar to Airport/ Cabo/ day use hotel on final day.

## Quest Tours – Forster NSW Australia (License number: 2TA 10493)

We may be flying a different combination of airlines to ensure that our connections all work on all legs of our journey.

At this stage, we will be flying either Qantas, or Delta unless things change with airlines.

If you choose to book your own flights, in the event of any schedule changes we will not be responsible for any punitive charges that may be applied by other travel agents or airlines. Please book your flights in consultation with Ron or Gabby to ensure you are arriving and departing at the correct times to align with the charter schedule!

**Tour estimate \$AUD provided at April 2025 @ 0.65 to USD, final costing based on relevant exchange rates when payments are made to the vessel**

### General Diving Rules

Obviously on all dive tours, safety is our main concern. The quality of diving is more than guaranteed; this is really the Best Big Critter diving in Planet Ocean But, Mexico does not enjoy the same access to Health care as most western countries. We must dive within our limits and stay safe.

The use of a computer, octopus and SMB are mandatory. If you don't have these, let us know in advance and we will prepare them for you. There is some spare rental gear at the resort, however we strongly recommend that you have your gear checked before the trip. Don't take brand new gear unless you're absolutely sure it will function adequately.

### Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory on all of our tours. We strongly recommend taking out travel insurance at the same time as paying your deposit. Most travel insurance providers will cover you at the time of taking out your policy and until your tour's return date. We suggest carefully checking conditions of any travel insurance you may be considering.

Please note that DAN Insurance is also compulsory, but DAN does not cover you for things such as flight cancellations, lost baggage or similar. They only cover you for diving related injuries. We recommend additional insurance to cover cancellations, airline changes and baggage as well as DAN.

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