

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 Playful Pacific Manta Rays, Playful Bottlenose Dolphins,
Galapagos, Silver Tip, Tiger & Silky Sharks + Humpback Whales

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

Tour Leader: Gabby Hunter (gabby@questtours.com.au)

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

Charter Dates: Tuesday 16th February – Monday 1st March 2027

Travel Dates ex Australia: Monday 15th Feb– Wednesday 3rd March '27

Cost: \$US 6,990 + Airfares (@0.65 \$AU10,750 + Airfare Circa \$AU2,200)



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

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

Tuesday 16th: 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 17th: 4 dives Los Islotes, very playful Sealions will have you smiling all day

Thursday 18th: Cabo San Lucas Diving – where the Sea of Cortez meets the Pacific



Friday 19th: 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 20th: 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 21st: More than likely, depending on the conditions, we will do more dives at San Benedictos on this day

Monday 22nd: 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 23rd – Wednesday 24th: 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 25th: 3 or 4 dives Isla Socorro or Isla San Benedictos, whichever has best conditions

Fri 26th & Sat 27th 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!

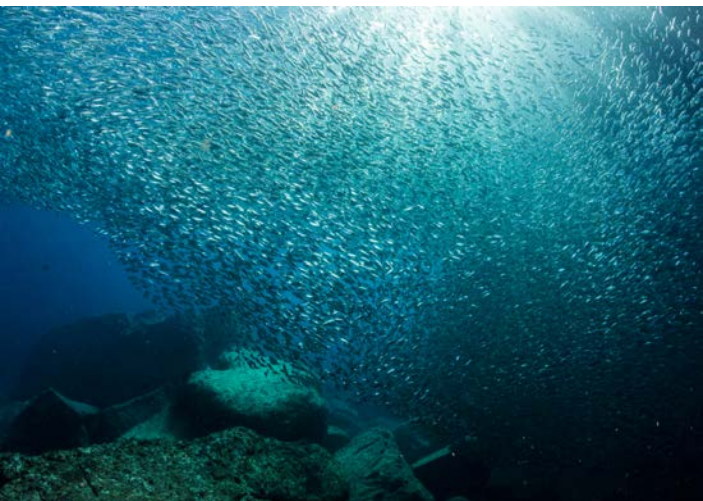
Sunday 28th: Day in transit – review photos, video show on in the evening. Eat, drink be merry

Monday 1st 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

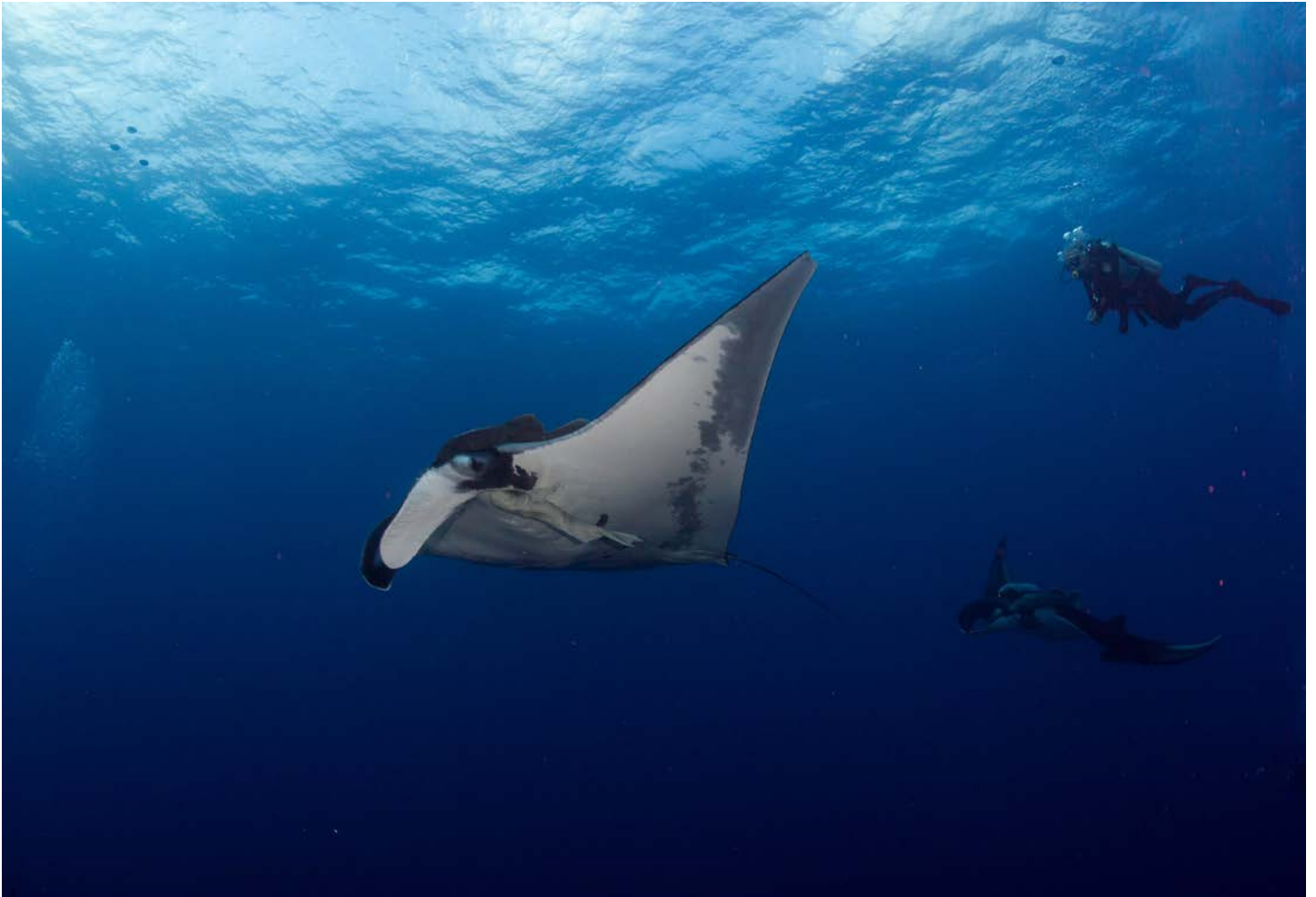
There are over 400 Sea Lions who reside here on this island – some of the most playful and interesting Sea Lion encounters in the Gulf of California await us. Expect giant bait balls, and plenty of really wonderful Sea Lion interaction, include pups playing the fetch the starfish game (poor long suffering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



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.



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.



Quino Del Mar

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What to expect...

Mexico Liveaboard's have excitingly announced the imminent 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 a newly built vessel!

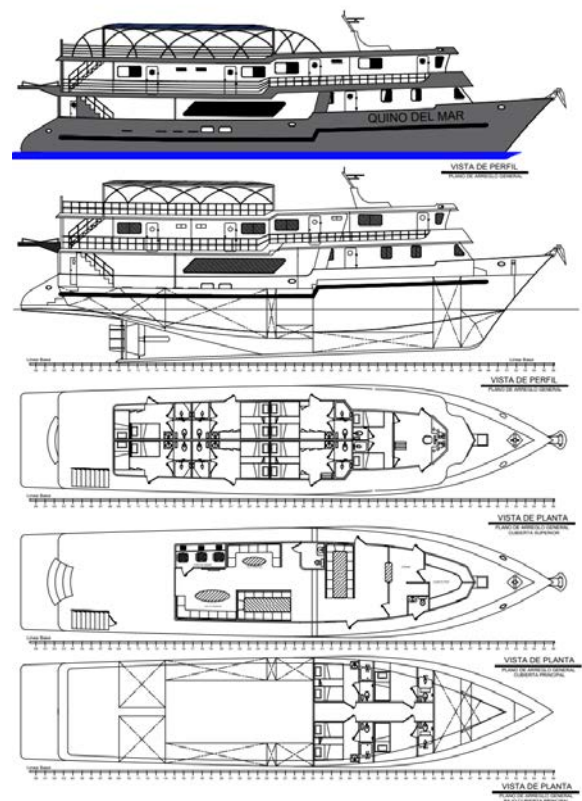
The magnificent Quino Del Mar, launch date July '25, will be in a class of her own, from superb chef prepared a la carte meals, to professional hard working divemasters, experienced crew and a unique cabin layout, the Quino is a much anticipated vessel from a superb operator.

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 newly acquired RIBs deployed and boarded from the 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 of the twin or double share cabins on the upper floor feature a huge window and an ensuite bathroom. These cabins are all on either the main or upper deck. There are two 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 or wine 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) 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 accommodation in San Jose Del Cabo the night before we board the Quino
- Transfer to Quino del Mar from hotel on embarkation day.
- All diving (3 - 4 per day), tanks, weights
- Dive guides, tour leader.
- Water
- Social quantities of beer and wine whilst onboard the Quino Del Mar
- NITROX for duration of tour
- Decompression chamber fee

Budget for

- International and/ or Domestic Airfares
- Meals other than breakfast while in San Jose Del Cabo
- Revillagigedo National Park Fees \$US180 per diving day x 6-days = \$US1080 paid onboard
- Certain travellers, such as teachers & students -75% , and pensioned or self-funded retirees -100% are exempt from or have greatly reduced 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.

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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, Delta or American Airlines 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 provided at April 2025, final costing based on relevant exchange rate 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 cover is only for Diving Related accidents and injuries. DAN is compulsory, but does not cover you for things such as flight cancellations, lost baggage or similar. It is compulsory to have additional Travel insurance to cover all of these; consider paying for part of tour your with Credit Card which may have Travel Insurance with it

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