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## Socorro Itinerary



Join us on a voyage out to Socorro Island to dive and interact with the friendliest giant mantas in the world. This is by no means a trivial goal. Our highly experienced crew has spent many years diving these waters giving you the edge you need for a truly spectacular experience. These are true giant mantas, *Manta birostris* (aka manta ray), and should not be confused with the regular and smaller *Mobula* species, which can be seen far more often and practically everywhere. The giant Pacific mantas which you will meet at Socorro are the largest of the rays and we believe they are the most majestic creatures in the ocean.

They swim by moving their wing-like pectoral fins, which can grow up to 7 meters / 23 feet wide, but usually average around 5 – 6 meters / 16-20 feet. At Socorro, these giants choose to interact with divers! They swim in very close – less than 1 meter / 3 feet! – make eye contact with you and then swim along beside you – totally on their terms. What is even more extra-ordinary, is that the local population of bottlenose dolphins have learned to mimic the behaviour of the giant mantas. It is very likely that these wild dolphins will also move in close and intimate to divers during your trip. Shark sightings are also very good at Socorro Island with common sightings of silky, Galapagos, hammerhead, white tip and silver tip sharks. Whale sharks are usually spotted at the beginning and end of our season. A population of 1200 humpbacks moves into the island's waters in January and the chances are excellent that you will have encounters with these mighty giants. You may even hear them singing through the hull of the ship at night as you lie in your bunk.

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**Day 1:** Boarding at Cabo San Lucas

Boarding Time: 8:00 am Departure Time: 9:00 am, Day sailing

**Day 2:** Dive San Benedicto, Dive the Canyon.

**Day 3:** Dive San Benedicto, Dive the Boiler.

**Day 4:** Dive Roca Partida.

**Day 5:** Roca Partida.

**Day 6:** Dive Socorro Island , Roca Oneil , Night snorkel with Silkies.

**Day 7:** Dive Cabo Pierce of Socorro, Sail back for Cabo San Lucas.

**Day 8:** Cabo San Lucas- Guests disembark the ship at 8:30 am.

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## YOUR TRIP

The trip will board at the main API dock in Cabo San Lucas harbour. After a one-day ocean crossing, we arrive at our first dive site. There are 6 dive days on an 8-night trip and we will be visiting 3 different islands of this beautiful remote and deserted archipelago. We will pack up after the last full dive day and a relaxing dinner anchored in a protected cove for the one day voyage home, arriving in Cabo San Lucas the next evening. You spend one more night on the boat before you disembark the next morning. Average trip length is 8 nights, 9 days. We also offer a number of combo trips and our world famous great white sharks expeditions to Guadalupe Island.

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