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Socorro Aggressor *Socorro Itinerary*

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DAY BEFORE CHARTER START DATE: Guests are to arrive the day before the charter start day and overnight in San José del Cabo, Mexico. It is suggested to stay at one of the host hotels. You are responsible for your own transportation to the host hotels. To make a hotel reservation, feel free to contact your agent or our in-house travel department at: randy.haight@dolphinscuba.com.

AIRLINE CHECKED BAGS: Check with your airline or airlines (if traveling with more than one carrier) regarding luggage allowances, limitations and overage fees. Some airlines have seasonal restrictions to certain destinations that may limit guests to one checked bag or a maximum weight of all checked bags and prohibit extra pieces or over weight pieces.

Host Hotels: 7:45 am - 8 am pick up. Everyone is to be in the lobby with your luggage ready to go and will be transferred to the yacht. Boarding is at 8 am and shortly after, the yacht will depart to Socorro.

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Hotel Casa Natalia (1.5 mile from marina) Blvd Mijares Centro Historico
23400 San Jose del Cabo, Mexico

Tropicana Inn Cabo (1.5 mile from marina) Calle Blvd Antonio Mijares No. 30
Col. Centro, Z.C. 23400 San Jose del Cabo, Mexico

The Socorro Aggressor is docked at the Marina Puerto Los Cabos in San Jose del Cabo. The yacht docks next to Hotel el Ganzo.

SAMPLE ITINERARY:

- Day 1 Pick up at 7.45 am at host hotel for transfer. All guests must be onboard by 8 am for the departure to Socorro. The travel time to Socorro is 22-24 hours.
- Day 2 Arrive approx. 10 am, 3 dives offered
- Day 3 Up to 4 dives
- Day 4 Up to 4 dives
- Day 5 Up to 4 dives
- Day 6 Up to 4 dives
- Day 7 Up to 4 dives
- Day 8 Travel back to Cabo San Lucas
- Day 9 Check out 8 am and transfer to Los Cabos International Airport.

PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket. Travelers must have a passport that is valid for 6 months from date of entry. It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation to travel into each country on his or her itinerary as well as for re-entry and return to their country. Please check with the appropriate consulate to ensure you have the proper documentation. Always check your passport and visa requirements. US citizens may go to the US Department of State website at www.travel.state.gov for more information. The website also has information for consulates by country to assist with requirements. There are special requirements for children leaving the US and many countries have adopted requirements for the protection of children. Since regulations vary by country, contact your consulate or embassy of your country for the requirement. ***The Reservation Office and staff cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct documentation.***

If you are not a Mexican citizen, you are required to carry with you a valid passport. A copy of it must be emailed to our office randy.haight@dolphinscuba.com at least 10 days prior to the charter start date in order to file the ships manifest. Upon your arrival Mexico, you will fill out a tourist visa, or FMT form which

will be stamped by Immigration officials and a copy has to be filed for each passenger boarding the yacht.

FEES & TAXES (USD)

Upon arrival to Mexico, all guests will pay an entry visa of \$25 in cash only. At the time of boarding guests will have to pay USD \$78 Natural Park Fee **also cash only**.

SOCORRO AGGRESSOR INCLUDES:

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private bathrooms and hair dryers. Breakfast (cooked to order), buffet lunch, and an elegant meal at dinner with tableside service are served in addition to fresh mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks. Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are complimentary while onboard. Linens are changed as requested and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. Filled tanks, weights, and weight belts are included.

ITINERARY

The itinerary is completely dependent on the winds and weather. With all dives from the mother ship, up to four dives are offered each day with three on the first day.



WELCOME

The Reservations Office and Socorro Aggressor are in constant communication. In the event of an emergency, family and friends may contact the Aggressor Reservations Office. After hours they may call the Aggressor emergency cell number.

It is very important to arrive one day prior to the start day of the charter and pack a swimsuit, change of clothes, medication and toiletries in your carry-on bag. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage delay more bearable.

EXTENDED TRAVEL

If you wish to continue your vacation and see more of the sights in Mexico, please contact our in-house travel department at randy.haight@dolphincuba.com and visit www.dolphincuba.com to learn more. Our travel department specializes in booking air, tours, resorts and extended packages for guests.

C-CARDS & DIVE THE WORLD CLUB

Remember to bring your c-card or proof of scuba certification. To use the submersible cage, you must show proof of certification. If you are not a certified diver, you can only dive in our surface oriented cages with the air supplied by hose. The staff will give you a detailed briefing on this. If you are a repeat Aggressor guest, you are automatically enrolled in the Dive the World Club and will receive on board discounts for services such as rentals and boutique items. Your membership is indicated on the Captain's rooming list.

GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

The Reservations Office and the Socorro Aggressor require each guest to complete the Guest Information System (GIS) and Waiver prior to departure and boarding. The GIS allows guests to interactively complete all required paperwork that includes the application/waiver, special requests and travel information. If you haven't received a link to access the GIS, please contact an Aggressor agent. Passengers who fail to complete the GIS prior to boarding will be denied boarding.

INSURANCE

We strongly recommend each guest purchase comprehensive accident, medical, baggage and trip cancellation and interruption insurance when space is reserved. Trip insurance will protect you from financial disappointment if you are prevented from making your scheduled trip due to illness or family illness, or in the event that unforeseen circumstances prevent the airline or yacht from making its scheduled trip. In the event you cancel your trip, please be familiar with Aggressor's cancellation policies, which can be found on www.dolphinscuba.com.

HEALTH

The Socorro Aggressor has a first aid kit onboard, including oxygen and an AED. You may want to bring motion sickness medication if you feel you will need it. We suggest you bring over-the-counter motion sickness medication or consult your doctor about prescription brands, such as the trans-dermal patch or Scopace tablets. Currents and winds may cause moderate movement of the yacht at times. We recommend a complete physical before your trip.

The Socorro Aggressor and their staff are unable to accept any medication brought onboard for safekeeping including those that require refrigeration. Should a guest have a medication requiring temperature control, they will need to travel with a travel cooling case or small storage cooler with several blue ice packets. The crew will be happy to store and recharge the blue ice but are unable to accept possession or responsibility for the proper care and storage of medication. This should be kept in the stateroom. There is NO smoking allowed

anywhere inside the boat or on the dive deck. Smoking is only permitted on the rear of the sun deck.

THE YACHT

The Socorro Aggressor is a spacious 135 ft. yacht with a wide beam, built and powered for comfort, safety and stability. She is diesel powered, cruises at 10-12 knots and has 110-volt power. Comfortable accommodations for 26 guests include 13 spacious master and deluxe staterooms each independently air-conditioned, a private head and shower, porthole view window, mirrored cabinet, hair dryer, fresh towels and volume controls. Each stateroom has a 32-inch flat screen TV offering a selection of movies, TV shows and documentaries. Guests will also be able to plug their computers into the TV screen to edit underwater pictures and video.

The Salon is an air-conditioned spacious lounge, well equipped with an LCD TV. The yacht has a satellite telephone, a library of movies, magazines, fish books, novels and games.

The yacht has a beautiful spacious salon, large sun deck with shading, chaise lounges and deck chairs, bar, and a complete photo/video center. The yacht is not responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen items. We highly recommend extreme caution and care be taken if you plan to travel onboard with electronic equipment. This equipment should always be stowed after use to avoid the risk of damage.

VOLTAGE ABOARD THE YACHT

The voltage aboard the yacht is 110v and the plug sockets around the boat will accept American plugs. See below for an example of the outlet onboard.



TYPE B NORTH AMERICAN
NEMA 5-15 WALL OUTLET



TYPE A NORTH AMERICAN
NEMA 1-15 WALL OUTLET

For those from the USA, you don't need a power plug adapter in Mexico. Your power plugs fit. We recommend you to pack a 3 to 2 prong adapter in case type B sockets are not available. Your appliances with plug A and plug B fit.

INTERNET/EMAIL/PHONE

Email is not available, however, there is a satellite phone available for incoming and outgoing calls for a fee.

FOOD

The menu aboard is varied and plentiful, with a variety of local Mexican cuisine. If you have any special dietary requirements, please add this to your reservation through the GIS and speak to the yacht chef once onboard so he/she can adequately prepare to meet your needs. You will wake up to fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals and juices. Lunches are buffet-style, featuring hot soups, homemade breads, salads and sandwiches and/or entrees. Dinners are chef prepared and served each evening and include salads, vegetables, seafood, beef or chicken with a fresh homemade dessert. Certain special dietary and beverage requests may not be available due to the remote nature of this location so we highly recommend you bring these items with you.

BEVERAGES

The Aggressor's selection includes fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, iced tea, coffee, and a limited selection of local beer and wine, which are complimentary. You may bring your own preferred brand of liquor. Drinking and diving do not mix. Once you consume alcohol, you become a sunbather until the next day.

PACKING

Please plan to travel light, as on all liveaboard dive yachts, space is limited. We recommend that you pack your gear in soft luggage such as a duffel bag for easy stowage and to add to your comfort in your stateroom. Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear and swimsuits are a must. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for cooler evenings. Dress is always casual and informal. Additional items you may want to bring are sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat and walking shoes for your time on shore.

REEF SAFE SUNSCREEN

It is suggested to use a sunscreen that is "coral safe". Note that "mineral-based" or "organic" sunscreens are not necessarily safe for corals. Research indicates that common chemicals found in sunscreens cause DNA damage, promote viruses, and contribute to bleaching of corals. We recommend Stream2Sea products or other sunscreens that do not contain the following common reef-harming ingredients: oxybenzone, octinoxate, octocrylene, 4MBC, or butylparaben. The most effective sun protection is to simply "cover up" and wear a hat and SPF rated long sleeve performance shirt or rash guard.

ENTERTAINMENT

There is a variety of nightly entertainment, including diving, marine life identification presentations, movies, games and more. We have a selection of classic and new release movies that can be viewed in the boats salon or taken to your stateroom to watch. However, if you have a favorite movie, digital slide show or a video to share, we encourage you to bring it along. The crew especially

loves new releases of movies, and books. A small library of books for exchange is maintained onboard.

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL OCCASION

Whether it's your anniversary, birthday, honeymoon, wedding or you are celebrating a 100th dive; please let us know so the crew can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the Aggressor office prior to traveling so the crew is notified in advance.



DIVING CONDITIONS

You will be diving in water that averages 73-76°F, 21-23°C. A 5-7 mm wetsuit is recommended. All diving is from the dive tenders.

DIVING

The crew of the Socorro Aggressor, with their unique combination of talents, offers the ultimate service. While onboard, you may pick a buddy of your choice, or dive with one of the crewmembers. Night diving is not allowed by the Marine Park regulations. The park also requires that dive lights are attached to the cameras. In between dives, you may relax with a cold (non-alcoholic) drink and mid-morning/mid-afternoon snack.

It is mandatory to have with you a travel and dive insurance policy that includes all expenses for evacuation, treatment etc. should you need it. Remember that the diving areas at Revillagigedo Islands require certain experience particularly in regards of buoyancy control. It is mandatory to bring with you a safety device such as an inflatable sausage.

DIVING SUPERVISION

You've chosen a liveaboard vacation for the diving freedom that it offers. While in the water, you and your buddy are in charge. Every dive starts with a dive briefing from the yacht staff. However, as a certified diver, you and your buddy are responsible for planning and conducting your own dives within the limitations set forth by the briefing. The staff will be on the dive deck providing surface support for divers. They will also have staff in the water offering support, u/w photography and videography, and critter spotting services as well. On some dive sites a staff member will offer to lead a group and assist them in locating specific points of interest. However, the yacht does not offer direct supervision of dives. If you start out with a group, as long as you and your buddy remain in contact with each other and are ok – you may follow your own dive plan. Divers who desire more personal attention and structured/supervised dives should

consider taking one of the yacht's numerous specialty courses. An underlying skill featured in all of specialty training is planning, executing, and debriefing after your dive in order to build a more confident diver.



DIVE GEAR SUGGESTIONS

We suggest you pack the following: mask, fins, snorkel, regulator with pressure gauge, depth gauge, buoyancy compensator, dive computer, dive light, mirror, safety sausage, Dive Alert and/or other safety devices. Dive computers are mandatory for each guest. Each piece of gear should be marked with waterproof paint or tape.

WHAT TO BRING

The water temperature averages 21-23 Celsius, or 73-76 F, so a 5 – 7 mm wetsuit is recommended. It is also suggested to bring with you 'save a dive kit' consisting of extra fin-and-mask straps, HP hose, mouth piece and o'rings. In case you wish to rent dive gear, please let us know ahead of time the list and sizes, and we will have it aboard for you. Clothing aboard is very casual, so, t-shirts, shorts and sandals, plus a light jacket for night.

CONSERVATION LAWS

Aggressor Liveaboards does not permit spear guns, Hawaiian slings or collecting on any of the yachts.

RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

A full line of rental equipment is available however, it must be rented in advance to reserve since there is a limited supply. If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the crew will loan you equipment free of charge, compliments of Aqua Lung.

CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES

Several diving specialty courses are offered onboard including Nitrox, Advanced Open Water, UW Photography, Master Diver and more. A list of available courses and prices are available on our website.

PHOTO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT

The Socorro Aggressor offers a complete digital photo facility including a PC for downloading photos. The Photo pro is available for free coaching with equipment rental. Photo equipment is available to rent separately or as a complete set up. The Socorro Aggressor has a charging station and a large camera table available for your camera and video equipment. Guests should bring their own battery chargers. *Please refer to our web site, www.dolphinscuba.com for detailed*

information and costs of rental equipment, certification courses, and photo/video equipment.

UNDERWATER VIDEO

The Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the Socorro Aggressor to share with family and friends. The video of the week/DVD (includes all guests and crew) is \$65 US.

SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS

There is a mini-boutique onboard with assorted t-shirts, and miscellaneous items. Due to limited availability, we recommend bringing extra batteries and CD's for photos. The Socorro Aggressor accepts cash, Visa and MasterCard. They do not accept personal or travelers' checks. We will charge you for all your purchases, including the harbor fee, on the last day of your charter. After returning home if you still want boutique items, please visit the Aggressors online boutique at www.dolphinscuba.com.



GRATUITIES

Crew gratuities are not included in the charter. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the crew has provided. When settling your account, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the crew. Payment can be made by cash or credit card (VISA/MC). The yacht does not accept personal or traveler's checks. When travelling it is a common occurrence for a credit card charge to be declined due to a fraud alert. To help avoid this, it is recommended you contact your credit card company prior to traveling to notify them of the country you are visiting.

CHECKOUT

You will disembark at 8:00 am with a drop off to the Airport.

CAPTAINS REPORT

Each week we post the Captain's log of the previous charter on the website and Facebook. Please feel free to visit www.dolphinscuba.com and go to the Captain's log to find out water temperature, visibility, and sightings.