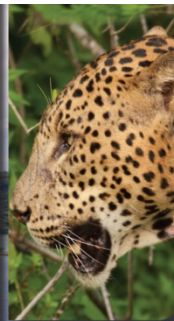


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Socorro Aggressor

Socorro Itinerary

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DOCK LOCATION AND PASSPORT REGULATION:

- The Socorro Aggressor will embark/disembark from the Port of Cabo San Lucas (CSL), while still maintaining the home airport of Los Cabos International San Jose del Cabo (SJD).
- At least 5 days prior to the charter departure date, each passenger's passport must be scanned and uploaded through the online GIS (Guest Information System) portal and the GIS completed. This information is required so guests can be cleared and approved to travel by the Mexican authorities. If this is not received by the required timeline, guests will be denied boarding.
- Host hotels will remain the same with no changes.

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: travel@aggressor.com

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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: Pick up will begin 8:45 am – 9:00 am at San Jose del Cabo. By 9:30 am shuttle will be arriving at Cabo San Lucas. Guests staying in Cabo San Lucas will need to be at the Hotel Tesoro and be ready for pick up between 9:00 am – 9:30 am. *Fees and port fees will need to be paid upon board to the National Park Admission, please have ready when boarding so the yacht can leave on time.*

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

Hotel Tesoro Blvd. Paseo de la Marina LT 9 y 10, Centro, Marina, 23450 Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S., Mexico

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ITINERARY

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

SAMPLE ITINERARY:

8 night trips:

- Day 1 Pick up at 8:45 am at host hotel for transfer. All guests must be onboard by 9 am for the departure to Socorro. The travel time is 24-27 hrs.
- Day 2 Arrival approximate 10 am up to 2-3 dives offered
- *Day 3 – 7 up to 4 dives a day are offered
- Day 8 Travel back to Cabo San Lucas
- Day 9 Check out 8 am and transfer to Los Cabos Int’l Airport.

**Park regulations may limit operations to three dives per day when the park is at full capacity.*

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. Upon your arrival Mexico, you will fill out a tourist visa, or FMT form (\$25) which will be stamped by Immigration officials and a copy has to be filed for each passenger boarding the yacht.

FEES & TAXES (USD)

National Park Fee and Dock Fee of USD \$510 pp are paid in cash or credit card (VISA or MC only) onboard the yacht.

There is a 16% IVA tax added to all onboard purchases. The Socorro Aggressor accepts Visa, MasterCard, US dollars, Mexican Pesos and Euros. (Sorry, no personal checks.) A 3% surcharge is added for credit card payments. The yacht does not accept personal checks or travelers' checks.

Please be aware that many credit card companies are charging a conversion fee for foreign currency charges. This is a fee imposed by your credit card company and not the yacht.

SOCORRO AGGRESSOR INCLUDES:

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private bathrooms and hair dryers. Breakfast (cooked to order), 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.

WELCOME

In the event of an emergency, family and friends may contact the Aggressor Reservations Office and after hours, 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.

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 travel@aggressor.com and visit

www.aggessor.com to learn more. Our travel department specializes in making reservations for air, tours, resorts and extended packages for guests.

C-CARDS

Remember to bring your c-card or proof of scuba certification. If you are a repeat Aggressor guest, you are automatically enrolled in the Travel the World and will receive onboard 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.aggessor.com. More information can be found on travel insurance/dive accident insurance on the Aggressor website.

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 staff 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 knots and has 220-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 media center 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, shaded cocktail deck, chaise lounges and deck chairs. 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 220V and the plug sockets around the boat will accept American plugs. See below for an example of the outlet onboard. You should bring a voltage adaptor on a power strip if you can. Most electrical devices are either 110 or 220 volts (look on your cable on the charger that plugs into the wall to verify).



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 restrictions, 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 feature 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

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.

GREEN THE FLEET

Contribute to our Green The Fleet sustainability initiatives. Here are a few reminders:

- Avoid traveling with single-use plastics.
- Remove packaging from any new purchases before traveling.
- Travel with a reusable cloth facemask or neck gator verses a disposable.
- Travel with a refillable water bottle for hydration.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Use an environmentally safe (i.e.: "Reef Safe") sunscreen, or better yet use fabric to cover up instead of relying on chemical protection.
- Conserve and responsibly use fresh water when at your destination.
- Be environmentally conscious in everything you do.

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 staff 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 staff can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the Aggressor office prior to traveling so the staff 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 staff 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 staff members. Night diving is not allowed by the Marine Park regulations. 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 yachts 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, 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. The park does not allow gloves or knives. Night lights are only allowed if they are attached to a camera.

Socorro Island is part of the Revillagigedo Archipelago and is a National Park that is guarded and protected by the Mexican Navy and the National Protected Areas Commission. As a visitor, please keep in mind the following rules:

- To carry an inflatable safety sausage or surface marker buoy with your gear at all times
- A diving whistle is mandatory
- A individual Life Line GPS/radio beacon will be provided

DRONES

Devices for photo and video are allowed with some restrictions in the National Park. It is important to stay clear of cliffs and areas where sea gulls can be heard. The fly zone is up to 1000 feet around the boat; it is restricted airspace (no fly) above any of the islands and the Mexican Navy base at Socorro Island and around the air strip and the minimum height above whales is 36 feet approaching from behind without flying over their eyes.

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 Liveboards 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 due to the limited supply. If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the staff 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

The Socorro Aggressor offers support for digital photographers, including a PC for downloading photos. The Photo pro teaches the digital U/W Photography specialty course and is available for coaching or tips to improve your shooting in this environment. There is a charging station and a large camera table available for your camera and video equipment. Guests should bring their own battery chargers.

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

CUSTOMS & CAMERAS

We have received recent reports of isolated incidents where guests have been charged taxes for bringing their camera housings into Mexico. The information below will help you navigate your experience at Mexican customs.

As an international passenger, you are entitled to bring, without paying taxes, two cameras or video recording devices and their accessories. We believe an underwater housing unit is a camera accessory that fits your camera and allows control and usage of the device while diving. As the housing can only be functional when used with this specific camera model, it should be considered a part of your “two cameras with their accessories” luggage allowance.

The customs officers are using a definition of the law that does not consider an U/W housings, drones and some external lights as camera accessories and therefore are charging duty on those items.

Here are some tips to consider:

1. Do not worry about your camera housing if a customs agent or officer has not approached you about it.
2. Always remain calm and respectful when dealing with customs officers. This is not a scam or a bribe situation. The officers are following orders from their superiors. It is a difference of opinion on the definition of an accessory and the application of the relevant laws.
3. Avoid standing out with "obvious camera" cases such as Pelican boxes. Use a regular piece of luggage for your camera equipment and consider spreading it among several bags. Monitor how much gear you pack - you do not want to appear to be a professional.
4. Drones over 4 pounds require a permit and license and cannot be flown in protected areas or natural parks without a permit obtained in advance. A drone counts as a camera.
5. Bring documentation for the camera and housing. (examples: manuals, purchase receipts, technical information, etc.). If you do not have receipts expect the customs officers to pull out their phones and check retail prices on google.
6. If you encounter a customs officer who does not consider your camera housing an accessory, remain calm and try to explain to the customs officer that your camera housing is merely an accessory, and therefore tax-free under Mexican Customs Law. Provide your devices' documentations and manuals.
7. If you are not successful, you may ask to please speak to a supervisor.
8. If your attempts have been unsuccessful and you are asked to pay taxes, ask the officer in charge to please provide a detailed receipt of the taxes you will be paying. Keep your receipt. You can use it for any return trips to Mexico as proof the tax has already been paid.

9. Some guests have reported the tax being charged is 16% on the value of the items not considered "camera accessories". Others have reported being taxed anywhere from \$25 to \$500 depending on the amount of gear and prices that were identified.

SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS

There is a mini-boutique onboard with assorted t-shirts, and miscellaneous items. The Socorro Aggressor accepts cash, Visa and MasterCard. The yacht does not accept personal or travelers 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 travelling to notify them of the country you are visiting. After returning home if you still want boutique items, please visit the Aggressors online boutique.

GRATUITIES

Staff gratuities are not included in the charter. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the staff has provided. When settling your account, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the staff. Payment can be made by cash or credit card (VISA/MC).

CHECKOUT

You will disembark at 8:00 am with a drop off to the Airport. Please book your return flight around 12 pm (noon).

ADVENTURE REPORT

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