

Nautilus Belle Amie - Socorro "Giant Mantas" - Team DIVEPlanet Scandinavia



Turkode 38837	Destinasjoner Mexico	Turen starter Oslo - Stockholm - Göteborg - København
Turen destinasjon Cabo San Lucas	Reisen er levert av 	13 Days Fra : NOK 31 990

Oversikt

At Socorro, these giants choose to interact with divers! They come in very close (less than 1 meter!), make eye contact with you and then swim along beside you totally on their terms.

Reiserute

- Day 1 (9/5/19): Depart from Scandinavia² - San José del Cabo (Nightfligh)
- Day 2 (10/5/19): Arrive Mexico City and connect to San José del Cabo. Board the Nautilus Belle Amie around 9pm
- Day 3 (11/5/19): En-route to the Revillagigedo Islands
- Day 4 (12/5/19): Arriving at San Benedito Island for our first dives
- Day 5 (13/5/19): Diving at San Benedito Island. Overnight sail to Roca Partida
- Day 6 (14/5/19): Diving Roca Partida
- Day 7 (15/5/19): Diving Roca Partida
- Day 8 (16/5/19): Arriving at Socorro Island
- Day 9 (17/5/19): Arriving back at San Benedito Island
- Day 10 (18/8/19): Diving at San Bedetito Island and overnight back to Cabo San Lucas
- Day 11 (19/5/19): En route to Cabo San Lucas
- Day 12 (20/5/19): Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport
- Day 13: (21/5/19): Arrive back in Scandinavia²

It is possible to extend the trip with a post tour to La Paz on the Sea of Cortez (Baja California) where you will have the chance to dive with sealions.



Socorro Island - Home of the Giant Mantas

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 wide, but usually average about 5 - 6 meters.

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with you. What is even more extraordinary is that the local population of giant mantas exhibits a unique social 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.

The Nautilus Difference

When you set off on a trip on the Nautilus Belle Amie, you will experience "adventure" in every sense of the word. You will voyage to remote volcanic islands in protected marine biospheres that very few people ever experience. Depending on the destination, you can either dive with great white sharks or giant manta rays, wild dolphins and up to 10 different kinds of sharks. In-season, you can even get in the water with humpback whales. The men and women of our crew come from all over the world and share your love of diving as well as a commitment and passion to provide excellence in guest services. Safety never comes second on our ships and our Captains, mates, and engineers are trained and certified first-responders with a full medical kit on board. We are committed to sustaining the ecosystems of the places we visit and actively support conservation and scientific endeavours. We invite you to join us and share our love for Mother Ocean.

Socorro trips are 8 nights, 9 days. We also offer 10 and 12 night combo trips that combine diving at Socorro with the best of the Sea of Cortez, 15 night combo trips combining Socorro with Clipperton Island, and 15 night combo trips with the great white sharks of Guadalupe Island. During the regular trip you can expect 22 dives plus a thrilling night snorkel with silky sharks hunting under the ship's deck lights (unless it is a full moon - the silkies don't like to cooperate when it is a full moon)

Sample itinerary

Your trip starts at the main dock in Cabo San Lucas where you will board the "Nautilus Belle Amie". The vessel is custom designed for divers to the highest possible level of comfort and safety with a layout that utilizes every square foot of available space. Everything is first class and certified to the same exacting international SOLAS and ISM standards as the largest cruise ship.

You can expect 28 dives plus a thrilling night snorkel with silky sharks hunting under the ship's deck lights (unless it is a full moon as the silkies don't like to cooperate when it is a full moon).

Great Dive Sites - Dive in amazing sites like El Canyon, The Boiler, The Aquarium & Roca Partida where there is potential for many up close interactions with mantas, dolphins, humpback whales, whale sharks and more. The diving is more than mantas and dolphins! The sharking at Socorro ain't bad either. See up to 10 different species of sharks including schooling hammerheads, silkies and white tip sharks. After a long and hectic day diving why not relax in the hot tub after dives. Join us for wine & cheese party. At night, head up to the sun deck and enjoy a movie under the stars. Snacks are offered all day long, and we also have a great selection of spirits and wine.

Viktig Informasjon

Package includes:

- ✦ Flight Scandinavia² - San Jose del Cabo - Scandinavia² with Lufthansa
- ✦ All airport taxes
- ✦ All accommodation in shared cabin
- ✦ Weights, belt and air (aluminium tanks)
- ✦ Normally up to 22 dives plus 1 possible nightly snorkelling activity
- ✦ Use of sea kayaks (except Guadalupe great white shark cage diving trips)
- ✦ Marine ID presentations, zodiac kayaking instruction (except white shark trips).
- ✦ In-water divemastering and dive guiding with local experts.
- ✦ Daily room service and nightly turndown and towels.
- ✦ Meals, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages including sodas.
- ✦ DAN Dive insurance

Not included:

- ✦ Tips (8-10% of the value of the cruise, but not obligatory)
- ✦ Travel and cancellation insurance
- ✦ 5% Mexican VAT and local 5% tax is not included
- ✦ Park fees \$65 per person payable in cash onboard
- ✦ Transfers
- ✦ Rebreather support including zorb and specialized tank rentals.*

Other useful information:

Prices: are based on sharing cabin with other person of the same gender

Boarding / Disembarkation: Meeting time in Cabo San Lucas from 12:00 onwards. Boarding time on day 1 is at 20:00 and the vessel set sail at 21:00. **Meeting place** is at the Hotel El Ganzo in the hospitality suite in Cabo San Lucas.

Disembarkation is after breakfast around 8:30 on the last day.

Nitrox: is available onboard at \$20 x number of diving days.

Arrival and departure transfers: Available to/from the Hotel El Ganzo from/to the airport at return \$35

Drinks: We offer a selection of wines, imported and domestic beers, single malt scotches and a variety of spirits.

Communication: We are proud to be the first liveaboard in the world to offer ocean going Wi-Fi access for our guests. Please note that while this is a top-of-the-line and very expensive stabilized gyro satellite system, there are limitations.

The Wi-Fi connection is likely much slower than you are used to and it is not like using broadband onshore, because the gyro stabilized antennas have to track a very narrow aiming point on the satellite while in open ocean.

Water temperatures: varies from 23°C in December to February to 26°C rest of the year

Visibility: Normally excellent and between 20-50+ and blue, blue, blue water.

What's the diving like?: The Revillagigedo archipelago (of which Socorro is one island) is famous for very close and intimate interaction with giant mantas. We're talking "really close" interaction with mantas that can appear out of the blue anywhere in the islands. These are known as the friendliest mantas in the world and we put groups of only 10 - 11 divers in the water at a time to ensure the best possible encounter. The best manta diving is at San Benedicto Island and we will spend 2 or 3 days there. The best shark diving is out at Roca Partida and we will endeavour to spend 2 days on site weather permitting.

Destination known for: mantas, white tip reef sharks, silkies, Galapagos and hammerhead sharks and maybe even a tiger shark or whale shark, masses of fish, lobster and some macro diving possible.

When to go:

■ November to December

Socorro is all about amazing interaction with our favourite .e this. We don't know why but we LOVE IT!! And the mantas clearly love us back. November and December boast the warmest water temps of the year in the low 80's. Aside from the usual interaction with mantas, dolphins and 10 kinds of sharks, this is the best time of year to see whale sharks in blue blue water and often excellent visibility.

■ Early January

Value season!!!! It's always been hard to persuade folks to travel after the holidays so our attitude is "what the heck, let's offer super value pricing". The diving is as good as ever and you can't beat our pricing at this time of year. As always, Socorro is about amazing interaction with our favourite giant mantas. No other mantas in the world behave like this. We don't know why but we love it!! And the mantas clearly love us back. You can also expect interaction with dolphins, 10 kinds of sharks and early season humpback whales. Water temps are usually in the mid - high 70's

■ Mid January to April

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■ May to July

Bait ball season!!! Socorro is all about amazing interaction with our favourite giant mantas. No other mantas in the world behave like this. We don't know why but we love it!! And the mantas clearly love us back. Research indicates that there are more giant mantas and more biomass at Socorro during bait ball season than any other time of year. Everything intensifies with more sharks - including schooling silky sharks - schooling hammerheads, whale sharks, lots of tuna and other pelagic fish and even pilot whales. You can expect water temps in the mid - high 70's..

See map of the destination - [click here](#)

See the layout of the vessels - [Nautilus Belle Amie](#)

Se our destination video for this destination:

Priser / Datoer

Ved skriftlig aksept av vårt tilbud bekrefter du/dere at våre betingelser er både lest og forstått og at evt kansellerings gebyrer kan tilkomme ved en evt. avbestilling av reisen

Tilgjengelige datoer	Pris (1 voksen)	Status reise
to., 09 mai 19 / ty., 21 mai 19	NOK 31 990	Ledig

Vi vil komme tilbake til deg med et tilbud på den forespurte reisen/pakken i løpet av 48 timer. Alle tilbud er uforpliktende og er vanligvis gyldige i 7 dager. Vi gjør oppmerksom på at reserverte tjenester kan bli kansellert innenfor disse 7 dagene og at pris kan endres inntil en endelig bestilling er mottatt.

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