Socorro Aggressor

Socorro Itinerary

Aggressor Adventures Reservations Office

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All guests must complete the passport section of the Aggressor Adventures online GIS (Guest Information System) no later than 10 days prior to the departure date to be cleared on the travel manifest by the Mexican authorities.

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 two host hotels from where we pick up from. 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: info@aggressortravel.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.

**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 two on the first day.

**SAMPLE ITINERARY:**

**8 night trips:**
- **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 24-27 hours.
- **Day 2**  
  up to 2 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.

**8 night trips:** 7 nights + 1 hotel night (last night in hotel/dinner-inclusive)
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  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 24-27 hrs.
- **Day 2**  
  up to 2 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**  
  3 dives, starting to sail back to San Jose del Cabo around 2 pm
- **Day 8**  
  Arrival to San Jose del Cabo San Lucas 7 pm, disembark and spend the night at a local hotel (dinner included).
- **Day 9**  
  Shuttle 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. 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)

All guests will have to pay a USD $78 Natural Park Fee onboard, cash only. 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), 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.

WELCOME
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 info@aggressortravel.com and visit www.aggressortravel.com to learn more. Our travel department specializes in booking air, tours, resorts and extended packages for guests.

**C-CARDS & DIVE THE WORLD**
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 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.aggressor.com. More information can be found on travel insurance/diver accident insurance on the Aggressor website http://www.aggressor.com/insurance.php
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 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 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 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 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
Some sunscreen ingredients are not safe for corals; these include oxybenzone, octinoxate, octocrylene, 4MBC, or butylparaben. Research indicates that these chemicals can cause DNA damage to corals, promote viruses in corals, and contribute to the bleaching of corals. So that we can help protect our reefs, and because some dive destinations have banned these chemicals, we encourage our guests to choose and use a sunscreen that is "coral safe".
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. Gloves, dive lights and knifes are strictly forbidden. The park requires that 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 live aboard 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, 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.aggressor.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. 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 at www.aggressorboutique.com.

GRATUITIES
Staff 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).

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.aggressor.com and go to the Captain’s log to find out water temperature, visibility, and sightings.