



## Socorro Island

### **SWIM WITH The world's friendliest Giant Mantas**

You can see mantas in many places around the world. But nowhere else boasts a population of giant mantas that literally seek out interaction with divers and snorkellers. The behaviour these giant mantas exhibit is almost inexplicable. These gentle giants with a wingspan up to 20 feet consistently approach divers for intimate eye-to-eye encounters. If you are able to be calm and still in the water, you are almost sure to experience what we call "manta love." While mantas are the main reason to voyage out to Socorro, there are lots of other animals to see, including schooling hammerheads and silky sharks, plus 8 other species of sharks, bottlenose dolphins that consistently hang out with divers at certain dive sites, large schools of pelagic fish, and, in season, humpback whales.

*"Today was my best diving ever! Within four minutes, as I was just checking my depth, a dolphin came within arms length and wanted to play. Within seconds another 5 showed up! I think we had 15-20 on the site at one time. I believe it was an official "play date." As I turned around to take more video of the dolphins, two mantas showed up and they were trying to imitate the dolphins by diving down and up. The dolphins and mantas stayed with us for the entire dive! This was my first time on a liveboard dive boat and I have been so impressed with the staff and safety of the boat. The staff were there to care for our every need and they worked together very well. You could tell they really enjoy what they do. I would return to the Belle Amie again and highly recommend you give them a try. Did I mention the food was delicious!?"*

– Francie R., March 2018

Your journey with us will include four dives per day (subject to weather and unforeseeable circumstances)—each an opportunity to encounter resident pods of playful dolphins. You may also see up to 10 varieties of shark: schooling scalloped hammerheads, solitary giant hammerheads, Galápagos, whitetip reef, silver-tip, silky, tiger and oceanic whitetips. The list also includes whale sharks and dusky sharks and on occasion even a thresher shark.

The diving in the Socorro Islands is not for novice divers. Before attempting to dive in the Socorro Islands you should be completely comfortable in the water and comfortable with all aspects of your equipment. Having experience of diving in cold water with a thicker wetsuit and hood, as well as experience of diving in strong currents, up currents and down currents is highly recommended.

Experience in mixed surface conditions, mixed currents and varying water temperatures, proficient use of a DSMB and the ability to cope in buddy pairs or on your own should you become temporarily separated, is imperative.

Diverse Travel advise that guests booking on to a Socorro Islands liveaboard should be minimum PADI Advanced or equivalent and have more than 50 logged dives.

### **Day 1**

Enjoy our Cabo Dive Center at the Tesoro Los Cabos. Boarding begins at 8:00 PM.

### **Day 2**

At Sea. Evening arrival at San Benedicto Island.

Activities:

Safety Briefing

Diver Orientation

Manta 101

Cocktail Hour

### **Day 3**

Diving Day! San Benedicto is home to the friendliest giant mantas in the world!

Activities: 4 dives

Our famous Mexico Taco Fiesta on the upper deck

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### **Day 4**

Dive at Socorro Island. Night snorkel with Silky Sharks.

Activities: 3 dives

+ Snorkeling with silky sharks under flood lights

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### **Day 5**

Dive at Socorro Island.

Activities: 4 dives

Shark Behaviour

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### **Day 6**

Dive at Roca Partida.

Activities:

4 dives

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### **Day 7**

Dive at Roca Partida.

Activities:

Chase the Ace: Win the jackpot and help conservation

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### **Day 8**

Voyage home. Making our way back to Los Cabos.

Activities: Ship shop, Trip slide show

Cocktail with friends

### **Day 9**

Disembarkation at 8:30 AM.

Activities: We recommend that you book your return flights for 12:00 PM or later