

GENERAL TRIP INFORMATION

DIVING

The crew of Quino El Guardian is here to help you in any way possible to make your visit an unforgettable experience.

We provide 80 cubic ft. aluminum tanks that are both DIN & yoke compatible.

We provide weights and weight belts

Our trips have two dive masters on board to lead dives and assist divers.

We have two inflatable pangas with drivers vigilantly watching for bubbles and retrieving divers upon surfacing. When divers surface, the pangas will come to the divers. Once next to the panga, hold on to the rope and hand your weight belt to the driver. After he puts it in the boat, hand your BC to the driver. Then go to the ladder, remove your fins and climb on board.

When the panga gets back to the boat, the crew will return your tank, BCD, weight belt and fins to your dive station.

BEFORE YOUR TRIP

Prior to your trip, please review the destination specific "Things You Need to Know" and the "Know Before You Go" document available on this website. These should answer most of your questions. If you have others, please feel free to contact us.

Please forward your passenger information form, release, and waiver along with a copy of your passport to our office no later 60 days prior to your trip date. The more information we have, the better we can accommodate your needs.

If you are flying to Mexico, please visit this site for important information on what is permitted to bring on your flight to Mexico: www.sat.gob.mx

ABOUT THE BOAT

Quino El Guardian is extremely seaworthy and is approved by both the U.S. Coast Guard and the Mexican Coast Guard. It is equipped with state-of-the-art electronics and all required safety equipment.

Quino El Guardian is 90' long with a 23' beam.

Quino El Guardian comfortably accommodates 16 guests and crew.

There are four air conditioned cabins that sleep four guests each. There are two bunks on each side. Each bunk has a privacy curtain. Each cabin is outfitted with four large drawers, one for each guest. There is also storage space under the bottom bunks and clothing/towel hooks in the main cabin area. Cabins are typically assigned by gender. Each bunk has it's own light and power outlet.

There is one cabin with 2 bunks that sleeps 2. This cabin is typically reserved for a couple. This is on a first come, first served basis.

We are often able to accommodate a second couple in their own room as we have a total of 18 beds but we take only 16 divers. However, this is subject to availability.

Our guests enjoy Tempur-Pedic® mattresses and quality bed linens. Our stewards clean all rooms, bunks, and bathrooms during the first dives of each day. We provide bath towels and dive deck towels.

Quino El Guardian has four spacious, air conditioned bathrooms with a full-size shower in each bathroom on the dive deck. Bathrooms are also assigned by gender. This way guests can leave their personal items and towels in the bathroom. There are two lavatories on the dive deck that are shared by all passengers.

The galley comfortably accommodates all 16 passengers. The galley also has a projector and a large drop down screen should your group want to do presentations.

The salon is comfortable with sofas, a TV, DVDs, books and computer tables.

The dive deck is large, well organized with a spacious camera table. There is a dive platform for ease of boarding the inflatables. Quino El Guardian has two 18' Achilles inflatable boats (pangas) for the safety and ease of our divers with very sturdy ladders.

There is a large shaded sundeck with lawn chairs for relaxing between dives during the day and gazing at the stars at night.

There are ample outlets throughout the boat and all voltage aboard the Quino El Guardian is 110; just like the USA.

Quino El Guardian reserves the right to allocate room assignments as needed.

SUGGESTED GEAR & CLOTHING

Besides your normal dive gear, every diver is required to have a dive computer, safety sausage (SMB) and a whistle.

We absolutely recommend exposure protection (wetsuits/light drysuits) on our trips. If in doubt, err on the side of caution and bring more protection with you. You are doing multiple dives a day and repeated exposure tends to make people feel colder. There is no need to be cold when properly prepared.

We do have a limited number of regulators, BC's, dive computers and HP100 tanks available for rental at \$50 each for your trip. Please let us know prior to your arrival if you want to rent equipment so we have it on board for you.

We do NOT rent exposure suits, fins, or masks. We simply do not have the space for this inventory. Please come prepared.

Dress is casual. Bring a light jacket in the Spring and Fall. Do not forget your hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

ENTERTAINMENT

Feel free to bring your own books, CD's, and DVD's. We have a collection of these on board and the crew always appreciates new entertainment.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

If you are celebrating any special occasion while on board such as a birthday, engagement, anniversary, or honeymoon, please let us know prior to your departure so we can be prepared to celebrate with you!

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR PRICE OF YOUR TRIP

All prices are based on quad occupancy. Prices are subject to change until the deposit is received.

The price of your trip INCLUDES:

- Taxes and Port Fees
- All meals, snacks and beverages including canned soft drinks
- Complimentary local beer and wine after your last dive of the day
- Tanks and weights

Guests are welcome to bring along their own beverages if there is something special they would like.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR PRICE OF YOUR TRIP

- Transportation to and from the boat
- National Park Fees of \$28 per person
- Hyperbaric Chamber Fee of \$15 per person
- Nitrox Fee of \$120 per person
- Crew Gratuity (10%-15% of trip price is customary)
- Fuel Surcharge* if applicable

These fees can be paid in advance or the boat.

*Fuel Surcharge: Quino El Guardian has the right to implement a fuel surcharge on all trips in the event the cost of fuel surpasses 16 pesos a liter. Should this occur, there will be a fuel surcharge to each client of \$100. For every additional peso per liter there will be an additional \$40 per passenger increase.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Proof of diving certification and dive insurance is required. Without proof, you will not be able to dive. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Cabins are typically assigned by gender. Quino El Guardian reserves the right to allocate cabins assignments as needed.

Depending on the destination and conditions, there can be times that the sea can be rough. There are several over the counter remedies that can help you. In case you have a propensity to motion sickness or are concerned that you might develop symptoms, please prepare yourself with preventive measures before departure.

PARKING IN PUERTO PENASCO

For our trips to the Sea of Cortez, there is secured parking available right next to where the boat is docked for \$5 per day.

UNFORESEEN EVENTS

If departure of your liveaboard cruise is not advisable, or may be dangerous to the life or health of the passengers, crew, or to the boat due to conditions such as bad weather, perils of the sea, Acts of God, political incidents, or force majeure, the captain has the sole discretion to delay or cancel the cruise departure.

Likewise, during the cruise, if bad weather, Acts of God, or force majeure (i.e. hurricane) events occur that make it inadvisable for passengers to land, or for the boat to enter port, the captain shall have the right to delay or postpone sailing until conditions allow, and adjust the itinerary to different ports that may include but not limited to cancellation of calls to ports, or the resequencing of island visits. For this reason, we highly recommend [travel/cancellation insurance](#).