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Socorro Aggressor

Guadalupe Itinerary

Aggressor Adventures Reservations Office

Monday-Friday: 8 am – 6 pm EDT

Saturday/Sunday: 9 am – 5 pm EDT

DAY BEFORE CHARTER START DATE: For the Guadalupe Island adventure, you will arrive the day before the charter start date and overnight at either one of the below host hotels to be ready for the designated pick up times. You are responsible for your own transportation to the host hotels. It is recommended to fly into the San Diego International Airport and stay at the Holiday Inn Express – Old Town:

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express – Old Town, San Diego, California

1955 San Diego Ave., San Diego, CA, 92110 phone +1-619-543-1130

The shuttle will arrive at 7:45 am for an 8 am transfer to the Socorro Aggressor. It is highly recommended for guests to be in the hotel lobby with their luggage ready to board the transfer bus at 7:45 am.

Hotel Palacio Azteca, Tijuana

Blvd. Cuauhtemoc Sur #213, Davila, 22044 Tijuana, B.C. Mexico +526646818100.

The second pick up is from 8:30 am – 8:45 am for transfer to the Socorro Aggressor.

After picking up guests at the two host hotels, you will arrive in Ensenada, Mexico at approximately 11:30 am for boarding with a 12 pm departure to Guadalupe Island. Ensenada is a port city located on the Pacific coast of Mexico's Baja California peninsula. The crossing from Ensenada to Guadalupe Island is approximately 16 – 18 hours.

ARRIVAL/DOCKING/DEPARTURE

If you are not staying at one of the host hotels, you will need to make your own way to a host hotel prior to the pick-up times. It is imperative that the Aggressor Adventures Reservations Office has been notified of your plans to confirm the transfer pick up from one of the host hotels.

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.

SAMPLE ITINERARY FOR CAGE DIVING:

- Day 1 Pick up at host hotels for transfer to Ensenada for 11:30 am boarding and 12 pm departure.
- Day 2/3 Cage diving from 8 am to 5 pm.
- Day 4 Cage diving from 8 am to 1:30 – 2:00 pm. 2:30 pm departure back to Ensenada
- Day 5 Depart Ensenada around noon to host hotels in Tijuana, San Diego then the San Diego International Airport. It is suggested for guests to fly out late that evening.

PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket. Travellers must have a passport that is valid for 6 months from date of entry. It is the travellers' 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.*

For the Guadalupe trip, you will travel to Ensenada, Mexico via Tijuana. If you are not a Mexican citizen, you are required to carry with you a valid passport. A copy of it must be emailed to our office prior to the charter start date in order to file the ships manifest. Upon your arrival to at the border in Tijuana, 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)

Upon arrival to Mexico, all guests will pay an entry visa of \$25 in cash only. At the end of the week, guests will pay a USD \$78 Natural Park Fee per person. These fees are paid onboard the yacht and may be paid by Visa, Mastercard, or cash. The yacht does not accept personal checks or traveller's checks.

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.

WHERE IS GUADALUPE ISLAND?

Isla Guadalupe is located approximately 200 miles southwest of Ensenada, Mexico that lies on the Pacific coast of the Baja Peninsula. Guadalupe is a rugged island, 21 miles by 6 miles in size with a chain of high volcanic mountain ridges with the highest point at 4,257 ft mean sea level. Isla de Guadalupe is a Biosphere Reserve that is home to a migratory population of Great White Sharks from Aug - Nov. It is considered to be the best place in the world to see Great White Sharks.

WELCOME

Please download the most recent "Know Before You Go" prior to traveling. It is important to notify our office of last minute changes concerning your airline arrival and departure times or any changes in your e-mail address and telephone numbers.

The Reservations Office and Socorro Aggressor are in constant communication. 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.

C-CARDS & DIVE THE WORLD CLUB

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 Club 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.

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 10-12 knots and has 110-volt power. Comfortable accommodations for 26 guests include 11 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 400 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, Jacuzzi, 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 110v and the plug sockets around the boat will accept American plugs. See below for an example of the outlet onboard.



**TYPE B NORTH AMERICAN
NEMA 5-15 WALL OUTLET**



**TYPE A NORTH AMERICAN
NEMA 1-15 WALL OUTLET**

For those from the USA, you don't need a power plug adapter in Mexico. Your power plugs fit. We recommend you to pack a 3 to 2 prong adapter in case type B sockets are not available. Your appliances with plug A and plug B fit.

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

It is suggested to use a sunscreen that is "coral safe". Note that "mineral-based" or "organic" sunscreens are not necessarily safe for corals. Research indicates that common chemicals found in sunscreens cause DNA damage, promote viruses, and contribute to bleaching of corals. We recommend Stream2Sea products or other sunscreens that do not contain the following common reef-harming ingredients: oxybenzone, octinoxate, octocrylene, 4MBC, or butylparaben. The most effective sun protection is to simply "cover up" and wear a hat and SPF rated long sleeve performance shirt or rash guard.

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.

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 breathing from a surface supplied air source or hookah and need only bring a wetsuit, booties, gloves, hood and mask. There will be surface cages and also submersible cages. You will not need fins or a BC/regulator. Guests will rotate in and out of the shark cages every hour. Since you are not swimming it is easy to get chilled do be prepared. Guests normally get at least 3 dives in the submersible cages and unlimited time from the surface cages.

The water temperature averages 67°- 73°F degrees or 19° - 22°C. We suggest a 5-7 mm wetsuit. If you require rental gear, please indicate your request in the GIS (guest profile) under the rental tab.

The Socorro Aggressor provides 12 litre aluminium tanks, weight belts, and weights and has both K-valves (American type), and DIN (International) valves. In between dives, you may relax with a cold (non-alcoholic) drink and mid-morning/mid afternoon snack. Guests may dive up to 4 dives per day.

DIVING SUPERVISION

Every cage program starts with a briefing from the yacht staff. While in the water, you and your buddy are in charge of supporting each other while following the briefing provided. The staff will be on the dive deck providing surface support for divers in the cages.

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 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.

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.

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. They do not accept personal or travellers checks. We will charge you for all your purchases, including the harbour fee, on the last day of your charter. After returning home if you still want boutique items, please visit the Aggressors online boutique at www.aggressorboutique.com.

GRATUITIES

Crew 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 (or Master Card). The yacht does not accept personal or traveller's 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 traveling to notify them of the country you are visiting.

CHECKOUT

You will disembark at 8:00 am with a drop off to the Tijuana host hotel, the San Diego host hotel then the San Diego 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.