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AND THE REVILLAGIGEDO ARCHIPELAGO

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3,395 USD*
per person

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The Revillagigedo Islands (also erroneously known as the Socorro Islands) are a group of four volcanic islands in the Pacific Ocean that lie 250 miles off Baja Mexico's southern shore. They are known for their unique ecosystem and are sometimes called Mexico's "little Galapagos".

These islands are a spectacular magnet for the largest pelagic marine species in the world. Schooling hammerhead, tiger, silky sharks, dolphins, clouds of jacks and barracudas, whale sharks and manta rays. Mantas are the claim to fame for the Revillagigedo Islands, with reliable sightings throughout the season. The magical dive site called "The Boiler" on San Benedicto Island is a submerged seamount and cleaning station. More than a half dozen Mantas can be seen at a time at this pinnacle, where they often interact with divers for hours at a time. The mantas here are very friendly and seem to enjoy the presence of humans. This is truly an exceptional place to get the full manta experience!

This destination can only be dived by a live aboard dive vessel. It takes approximately 30 hours each way to reach the islands. The underwater topography consists of rocky outcroppings, boulders and some walls, but the true highlight is the incredible density of large pelagic species in an epic, open-ocean setting.

CITIZEN SCIENCE - GET INVOLVED!

On this expedition, you'll have the opportunity to experience and participate in cuttingedge conservation research to protect one of the ocean's most majestic animals. Manta Trust scientists will be collecting photographic identification images of all mantas encountered throughout the expedition - a task that guests are welcome and encouraged to participate in. All new manta rays will be added to the database and guests will be invited to name these new mantas. Every manta sighting is crucial information in developing effective management and conservation strategies for these increasingly vulnerable animals.



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ON-BOARD MANTA EXPERTS

On this Manta Expedition, two Manta Trust scientist will be onboard for its entire duration, offering everyone the opportunity to interact and learn from a leading manta expert.



The presence of the Manta Trust scientists onboard will enhance your experience in a number of ways:

- motivate and inspire you, by learning about the marine ecosystems you will be exploring
- gain access to an accumulated wealth of knowledge and expertise, providing you the opportunity to become actively involved in cutting-edge scientific research.
- offer you an educational and much more rewarding experience by making your underwater encounters more personal, and by involving you first-hand in marine research and conservation.
- be environmentally aware and proactive and become an active member of an initiative which stands to have strong implications for the on-going persistence for manta rays worldwide.

Collectively the Manta Trust and Manta Expeditions teams possess over two decades of experience working in the Maldives, studying its manta population and marine life and have assembled a vast amount of knowledge and expertise, knowledge you will have access to on this expedition.

A core focus of the expedition is not only to provide close encounters with manta rays but to enthuse and educate divers in marine conservation issues and the environment surrounding them. Through a series of activities and presentations on topics covering local marine species and habitats led by the Manta Trust experts, you are sure to leave with an increased awareness of the threats facing our oceans and, perhaps more importantly, how you can help.

Using the knowledge of the Manta Trust scientists you will gain a brand-new perspective to diving and experiencing the underwater world; by understanding what you see you will gain a better appreciation and love for the ocean and its creatures. Ultimately, with the guidance of the Manta Trust researchers you will have the chance to give something back to the ocean which we believe is fundamental considering how much we take from it!

THE MANTA TRUST

A UK registered charity, the Trust's mission is to advance the worldwide conservation of manta rays and their habitat through robust science and research, by raising awareness and providing education, influence and action. The Manta Trust was formed in 2011 to co-ordinate global research and conservation efforts for these amazing animals, their close relatives and their habitat.

Data Collection: The Manta Trust has a number of research projects worldwide, incorporating population data, research on manta movements, and genetic analyses - to name a few - in order to better understand the general ecology of manta and mobula rays.

THE NAUTILUS BELLE AMIE

Launched in 2015, the Nautilus Belle Amie is a luxurious, stabilized, spacious and modern vessel custom built for divers and specifically designed for ocean crossings and Socorro. With amenities akin to a floating boutique hotel, and a reputation for offering high-level service on board, the Nautilus Belle Amie accommodates 32 guests in 17 en-suite staterooms and suites. On the main deck is a large salon and dining area, where a fusion of Mexican and West Coast North American food is served. The vessel also has two fully-stocked extensive bars and a large sun deck with plenty of space for everyone to enjoy lounging in the sun, and a hot tub to warm up in-between dives or enjoy after diving with a drink and snack. The large dive deck, onboard nitrox, and 3 large dive skiffs ensure an easy and comfortable diving experience.



BOOKING

To reserve your place on this Socorro Manta Expedition, please send an email to Niv Froman via

info@mantaexpeditions.com.

Payment and booking for this Manta Expedition will be handled by our trip partners **Nautilus Liveboards**.



* Price is for 8 nights trip and includes 4 dives per day, accommodation, full board meals, non-alcoholic beverages, end of trip DVD and onboard facilities. Price does not include 5% tax adjustment, Park Fees (USD 425), Port Fee (USD 35), transfers, Internet, Nitrox, crew gratuities and gear rental.

Room category prices per person: Premium suite USD 7,795, Superior Suite USD 4,195, Stateroom double shared USD 3,695, Stateroom Single USD 4,618.75 and Stateroom triple shared USD 3,395.

