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Mexico Master - Know Before You Go

Everything you need to plan your trip to Baja California Sur

Passports & visas

Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond your departure from Mexico. Most nationalities, including UK, US, EU, Canadian and Australian passport holders, do not need a visa for tourist stays. Entry requirements change - check your government's travel advice before you travel.

Getting there

Fly to **Los Cabos International Airport (SJD)**, around 25 minutes from San José del Cabo Marina. From Europe, most connections run via a US hub or Mexico City (MEX). We strongly recommend arriving at least one day before embarkation. Hotel El Ganzo, in the marina, is the meeting and embarkation location.

Local information

Time zone	UTC -7, no daylight saving	**Currency**	Mexican Peso (MXN); USD widely accepted
Language	Spanish; English widely spoken in Los Cabos	**Electricity**	110V Type B; some 220V and 2-pin outlets

Taxes & fees

- **Baja California Sur Tourist Tax (Embrace It):** 488 MXN per person, paid online before departure - embraceit.bcs.gob.mx
- **Revillagigedo National Park fee (Socorro):** 3,760 MXN per diving day, paid locally before embarkation
- Extras paid on board are subject to 16% Mexican VAT (IVA)

Diving

- 12-litre (80 cu ft) cylinders with DIN valves and Yoke adapters included; 15-litre available for a charge, pre-order required
- All dives are guided from pangas, in groups of 6-8 divers
- Nitrox available for certified divers for a charge - mandatory on Socorro
- Dive computer and surface marker are mandatory
- Rebreathers and technical diving on half or full charters only

Water temperature & wetsuits

Itinerary	Season	Water	Wetsuit
Socorro Islands	Nov - Jun	21-27°C	5 mm with hooded vest; 7 mm Jan-Mar
Sea of Cortez	Jun - Sep	24-29°C	3 mm full; 5 mm if you feel the cold
Magdalena Bay	Oct	21-24°C	5-7 mm

Good to know

- **Insurance:** travel insurance is mandatory, and you must have dive insurance covering evacuation and recompression treatment
- **Health:** no mandatory vaccinations; no medical facilities in the Socorro Islands
- **Payments on board:** MXN, USD or EUR cash; Mastercard, Visa and AMEX
- **Gratuities:** at your discretion, cash only; 15% of the trip cost is a common guide
- **Wi-Fi:** 100 USD per device; no coverage in the Revillagigedo Islands

> Dive sites, order and schedule are illustrative and depend on weather, sea conditions, park regulations and the Captain's discretion. Wildlife encounters cannot be guaranteed.