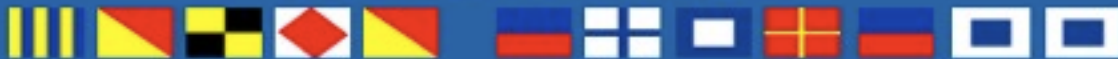


Cocos Island

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THE TRIP OF A LIFE TIME FOR \$3400

“The most beautiful island in the world.”

Jacque Cousteau

The rugged and beautiful island became a National Park in 1978 and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The island is 340 nautical miles off the Costa Rican mainland and 5 degree north of the equator. Cocos ranked 2nd in the Island Category on the New 7 natural wonders list. This trip will take approximately 38 hours each way. This (5 mile x 2 mile) seamount is in the middle of the deep pacific currents that converge and brings the cold nutrient rich water close to the surface and attracts so many marine species. Cocos has many migratory pelagic species such as **Hammerheads, Silky Sharks, Galapagos Shark, White tip Sharks and Black tip Sharks.** The NP has over 1,300 animal species (marine and terrestrial). Cocos has 260 marine fish species, **27 are endemic** (only occurring in this place). The Cocos has 30 types of corals with 9 unusually occurring below 90 ft.

The Ocean water temperature is between 77-80 degrees with a 72 degree thermocline. The Air temperature is always between 89-77 degrees. The Island is a tropical rain forest so it does get 275 inches of rain each year (July-Sept is the high of rainy season. This produces at least 70 waterfalls. This is the only rainforest Island in the eastern Pacific. The island has 3 distinct forests: Coastal, Inland and Cloud.

This island got it's start as a refuge for pirates, privateers and whalers. Many people believe it to have buried pirate treasure. This would explain the more than 400 expeditions to look for the gold.



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**DOLLARS OFF
IF YOU MENTION
SCUBA SCOUT
TEAM**



THE SHIP-

GOLFO EXPRESS

The Adventurer-Golfo Express

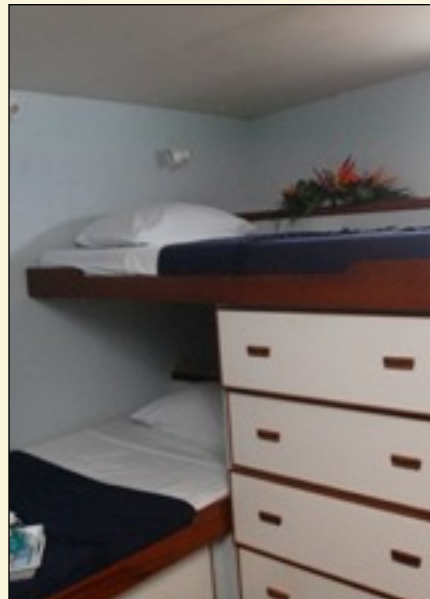
The 100ft, 20 passenger vessel is perfect for this trip. You will have 7 crew members to help you (1 to 3 ratio).

The ship has a range of 9,000 nautical miles. To help put that in perspective LA to Sydney is less than 7,000 miles). The Golfo Express can be at sea for 30 days and that is only limited because of food supplies.

The ship also has (2) 20ft Zodiac tenders to get you quickly to the dive sites.



There are room for only 20 guests. 7 doubles cabins and 2 triple cabins. All guest cabins have their own head and shower.



All gourmet meals and snacks can be enjoyed in the spacious dining room. Nobody goes hungry or loses weight on this trip. Many guest rotate where they sit in order to spend time with all the guests.

The ship has 4 levels to enjoy!

There is a 44ft x 24ft sun deck (1,000 sq. ft. to relax and enjoy in between dives.

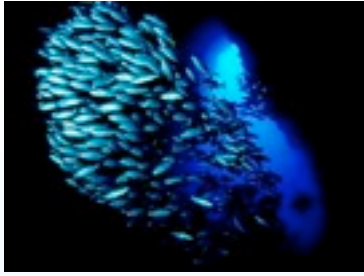


Miscellaneous ship info

- Air conditioning through out ship
- 33ft x 24ft working deck space
- 20 gear lockers-Each person has there own gear locker.
- 2 refrigerators and ice makers
- Washing machines and dryers



DIVING



Dive sites

Cocos Island has at least 18 named dive sites. There will be 6 days of diving. We Dive 4 dives a day. 2 in the morning at 8am, 1 in the afternoon at 2pm, and 1 night dive at 5:30pm.

Fly in at least the night before and stay at least one day later.

All passengers must have a valid passport. Once you arrive in San Jose it will cost you about \$20 us Dollars to get to down town from the airport. We recommend 2 different hotels downtown.

If you stay at either of those hotels we can arrange transportation from the airport. The 2.5 hour Bus ride to Puntarenas will only leave from those hotels. The Price of the hotel and land based meals are NOT included in the price but the round trip bus ride is.

Marine life Check list

- Red Lipped Bat Fish
- Giant Manta Rays
- Marbled Rays
- Yellow Fin Tuna
- Jacks
- Sail fish
- Marlin
- Whale Sharks
- Dolphins
- Humpback Whales
- Pilot Whales
- Sea Lions
- Green Sea Turtles
- Hawksbill Sea Turtles
- Olive Ridley Sea turtles
- Moray Eels
- Octopus

PADI NAMED COCOS IN THE TOP 10 BEST DIVING IN THE WORLD!

Safety is our main concern. We expect all divers to be at least Advanced Open Water Certified. We do all Nitrox diving to increase safety. If you are not Nitrox certified we can get you there on they boat ride out.

The ship has **3 oxygen kits** and each diver will have there own **Mini dive locator**. The ship also has **4 vhs radios**.



We recommend between 3-5 mm wetsuit. Equipment rental is also available.

Dive masters will be in charge of your safety and comfort. They will give dive briefings covering: dive sites, conditions, sign language and dive profile. Dive masters will also prepare your equipment between dives.

The ship also has 2 instructors.

2011 SCHEDULE

Depart	Return	Days
Nov 5	Nov 15	10
Nov 19	Nov 29	10
Dec 20	Dec 30	10

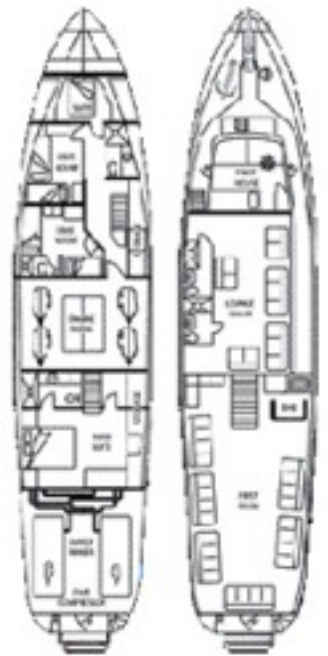
Costa Rica facts

- Spanish is the official language
- Currency is Colones and is US \$1= \$502 Cls. at the time of the newsletter.
- Drinking water is safe
- On Mountain Time
- Departure tax is \$26

PRICE AND PAYMENTS

PRICING- \$3500 PER PERSON **Best Price Guaranteed**

Included	Not included
Stay for 10 days on the vessel	Hotel Stays (Around \$30 a night)
All meals and snacks on the vessel	Meals NOT on the Vessel
All non-alcoholic drinks on the Vessel	Alcohol and Beers (\$1.50)
Transportation from San Jose to Puntarenas	
Transportation from Puntarenas to San Jose	National Park Fees (\$35 a day x 6= \$210)
Divemaster services	Crew Tips <small>Recommended for excellent service is 5% = \$175</small>
3 to 4 dives a day	Insurance
All Scuba tanks	Equipment Rental (most pieces \$5)
Weights Belt	Rental of Dive Computer \$100
Free Nitrox	Upgrade in Certification \$150
	Departure Tax \$25



Payment Policy

- 10 % at time of reservation
- 40% 30 days after reservation
- 50% must be ????? 90 days prior to departure.

Cancellation Policy

- 121 days or more prior 20 % will be forfeited.
- 120-91 days prior 40% will be forfeited.
- 90 days or less prior 100 % will be forfeited and no refund is available.

\$100 Dollars off
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Scuba Scout Team

