



VALENTINA GUIDE BOOK

OPERATION CENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

*Contact for flight delays in arrival and flight change

It is very important that all guests note down this number as emergency contact information.

In case there is any flight change, please make sure to contact us.

This notice will ensure us to change the transfer arrangements in advance and will help you to avoid any unnecessary transfer cost incurred on site.

(On departure date)

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Office hour: Monday – Friday: 08:00AM –17:00PM

*Office hours in PST/PDT

For emergency and outside business hours: +52 (612) 221 4751 (Ms. Selene Padilla) or + 52 (612) 12 02615 (Mr. Enrique Castillo) both on Whatsapp if required

Email: lbvalentina@funbaja.com

RESERVATION AND INQUIRY CONTACT INFORMATION

*Contact for any changes in your airline or personal information prior to departure

(Prior to departure date)

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Website: www.valentinaliveboard.mx

We ask for all guests to provide their basic dive certification number and agency they were certified with.

****TIPS on MAKING PHONE CALLS IN MEXICO****

Calling from outside of Mexico:

International Call Prefix + <County Code 52> + Area Code + Telephone #

○ Example : LaPaz Operation Center: Fun Baja

International Call Prefix + <52>-612-106-7148

○ Example : LaPaz Operation Center: Mr. Enrique Castillo

International Call Prefix + <52>612-120-2615

Calling from in Mexico

Area Code + Telephone #

○ Example : LaPaz Operation Center: Fun Baja : 612-106-7148

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WELCOME ABOARD

***Thank you very much for your reservation with Fun Baja.
We hope this book will help to enhance your diving trip experience.***

As you prepare for your diving adventure onboard M/V Valentina, the enclosed information will help you prepare for your trip. It is very important to notify our office of any last minute changes concerning your airline arrival and departure times, any changes in your e-mail address and telephone numbers or any kind of change made to the personal information provided on the application. In the event of an emergency, family and friends may contact you at the above numbers. We recommend you pack a regulator, mask, fins, and 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.

Socorro Islands:

Socorro Island is located approximately 450 kilos south from the tip of the California Peninsula, Los Cabos. Los Cabos is a modernized and high-end resort area that is popular with luxurious hotels and trips. After a voyage on the ship for approximately 30 hours, there suddenly appears four islands around which Giant Mantas, grow up to be over 6 meters, dance. You will also enjoy the sights of Hammerhead Sharks, Humpback Whales, and Dolphins crowd and swim. Socorro Island, the solitary island in the distant sea, is an unsurpassed paradise with some of the planet's biggest creatures promising you a truly spectacular experience!

Cabins and Services:

All cabins are air-conditioned and fitted with private toilet and showers.

Full board meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), hot tea and coffee are complimentary.

Fresh towels are placed in each cabin once a day.

The trip includes 3-4 dives/person/day, with maximum dive at 18 to 20dives. The number of dives may change depending on the ocean condition. For your safety, the diving on the last day could be limited depending on your flight departure time. Please follow local operators' guidance.

Tanks, weights, weight belts are included in the trip fee whereas equipment rental, big tank, nitrox use or nitrox course fees are excluded. For Socorro trip, Chamber fee of USD15/person/trip is mandatory. Night dives, dive knives, fishing are prohibited in Socorro Islands trip. We also ask clients not to wear gloves to protect environment. Flush light is not allowed in Socorro Islands trip; however camera's electronic flash or camera strobe is allowed.

These regulations are subject to change without notice. Please contact us for any questions you may have.

SINGLE TRAVELERS & SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:

All rates are quoted on a shared occupancy basis: therefore you will be roomed with another person of the same gender unless otherwise stated.

If you would like a private room, the single supplement surcharge will be applied and will guarantee you a private cabin when available. Contact reservation for availability.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE:

ARRIVAL / CHECK-IN

Upon arrival at the San José Del Cabo airport (SJD), you must request your transportation to the Marina Puerto Los Cabos. The boat will be visible at the location and you will be received by the crew; you will have to identify yourself with your name.

If you have contracted the transportation service with us (it must be requested in advance) you will be met at the airport and transferred to our marina (M/V VALENTINA dock). A private transfer will be provided from San José Del Cabo Airport to the Marina Puerto Los Cabos. While there will be many airport shuttles waiting for you, be sure to take a “Fun Baja / Trans Fun / M/V Valentina” shuttle.

Check-in is available after 15:00 until 18:00.

If you are staying in the area, you are responsible for your own transportation to our marina.

The transportation to and from La Paz (LAP) is not included in the trip fee.

Dinner on the arrival date is included in this trip.

DEPARTURE / CHECK-OUT

Check out is around 12:00 pm on the last day of the trip. You are responsible for your own transportation to the San Jose Del Cabo (SJD) airport. If you have contracted the departure transfer service with us, the crew will tell you the departure time.

Our departure transfers are as follows:

● 10:00

● 12:00

Check out time is subject to change depending on the weather and diving conditions.

C/IN: Puerto Los Cabos 15:00-18:00

*Max. check-in 6pm.

The boat will depart from marina around 21:00 on the day of check in.

C/OUT: Puerto Los Cabos After breakfast

* We recommend that your flight depart SJD Airport after noon to be safe.

Map – Puerto Los Cabos: <https://fun-azulfleet.net/doc/PuertoLosCabosMarina.jpg>

PASSPORT & DOCUMENTATION:

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket to travel to Mexico. It is a travelers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation (VISA and Valid passport) 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.

A temporary visa is required for Mexico and will be issued upon arrival at the airport by Immigration.

Please do not lose this Visa as you must present it upon departure.

Fun Baja or M/V Valentina cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct documentation.

Each passenger need to present valid passport photo page copy to reservation center upon reservation. This is mandated by the local authority.

Reservation Center: lvalentina@funbaja.com

GUEST APPLICATION/WAIVER FORM:

The reservations office and the M/V Valentina require each guest to complete the following forms prior to departure. 1) Cruise application, 2) boat liability release form, 3) Nitrox use liability release forms if the passenger is willing to use and 4) medical history form. In addition, you are required to present the original copy when boarding M/V Valentina.

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Passengers who fail to complete the application/waiver will be denied boarding.

C-CARDS:

Remember to bring your c-card or proof of certification. The dive master requires proof of certification before the first dive.

INSURANCE:

Dive accident insurance is mandatory prior to traveling on the M/V VALENTINA.

Proof is required prior to diving.

We strongly recommend each guest to purchase comprehensive accident, medical, baggage and trip cancellation and interruption insurance when the reservation is confirmed.

This insurance will protect you from financial disappointment if you are prevented from making your scheduled trip due to illness.

In the event you cancel your trip prior, be familiar with Fun Baja cancellation policies.

FEES & TAXES (per person):

Socorro Islands: \$1,811 mxn pesos* park fee per diving day.

Chamber Fee: \$15 usd per person (one-time payment).

Fuel Surcharge: \$25 usd per person per night.

**Subject to change*

HEALTH:

The M/V Valentina has a comprehensive first aid kit on board, including oxygen. Currents and winds may cause moderate movement of the yacht at times. We suggest you bring over-the-counter motion sickness medication or consult your doctor about prescription brands. We also recommend a complete physical before your trip.

M/V Valentina and its' 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. M/V Valentina will be happy to store and recharge the blue ice but is unable to accept possession or responsibility for the proper care and storage of medication. This should be kept in the cabin.

There is **NO smoking allowed inside the cabin**. Please use the designated smoking area.

M/V VALENTINA:

M/V VALENTINA will take you on a journey to the magnificence of the Socorro Islands. We have a long-built experience in the Baja Peninsula providing cruise service with an unbeatable friendly crew on spacious, comfortable, fast and modern vessels.

In 2013, M/V VALENTINA was re-born as a FUN BAJA dive safari boat.

M/V VALENTINA accommodates maximum of 20 guests.

All cabins are with same gender double occupancy unless otherwise requested and confirmed.

All cabins have private toilet and shower booth.

-2 out of 10 cabins are Deluxe Double Plus cabins with double bed and a single bed (non-bunk)

-1 out of 10 cabins is a Valentina Double cabin with 1 double bed. Great room for a couple!

-7 out of 10 cabins are Deluxe Twin cabins with spacious wide bunk bed

M/V Valentina is a 38m / 130ft yacht, built and powered for comfort, safety and stability. She is diesel powered, cruises at 12 knots and has 120-volt power on board. M/V Valentina offers you a comfort with sun deck, relax area, deck chairs, bar, and Jacuzzi.

INTERNET/ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

We have internet service available on board at an extra cost.. If you bring any electronic equipment (Laptops, ipads, iPods etc), Fun Baja & M/V Valentina is not responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen items. We have a WIFI router which allows you to connect during the entire duration of the trip, if you wish to contract the service. We highly recommend extreme caution and care be taken if you travel on board with any electronic equipment. This equipment should always be stowed after use to avoid the risk of damage.

PLUG TYPES:

Our plugs on board are 2 flat hole plugs, A type.

BEVERAGES:

The valentina's complimentary beverages are limited.

If you prefer particular liquor, you may consult with reservation center for how you can enjoy them on board.

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Remember, drinking and diving do not mix. Once you consume alcohol, you will become a sunbather until the next day.

CLOTHING:

Please plan to travel light, as on all liveaboard yachts, space is limited. We recommend you pack your gear in soft luggage such as a duffel bag with wheels for easy stowage and to add to your comfort in your cabin. Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear and swimsuits and sunscreen are a must. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for evenings. Dress is always casual and informal. Additional items you may want to bring are a hat and sunglasses. Since it is a desert area, the temperature can drop at night so we recommend you travel with warm light clothing such as long sleeve shirt, for night time.

ENTERTAINMENT:

If you have a favorite movie to share, we encourage you to bring it along.

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL OCCASION:

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 together. Please advise the reservation center prior to traveling so the crew is notified in advance.

DIVING CONDITIONS:

Most guests make as many as 3-4 dives on each diving day. All the schedule and diving route depends on weather conditions. Please note and have ocean mind!

The crew of M/V Valentina with their unique combination of talents offers the ultimate service.

DIVING INFORMATION:

Basic skills to enjoy safety diving in Socorro Islands:

All passengers are required to submit the diving experience information on the application in advance. If any customers fail to have the above skills or fail to submit the application form, M/V Valentina may deny boarding.

Roca Partida has 80m of drop off and El boiler for over 50m. So these places in particular require good diving skills.

For this, we ask all divers to have controlled buoyancy, be a good swimmer and must know own air consumption level to enjoy safe diving. If you have not dove for over 1 year, please inform dive masters on board how long you have not dove so they can arrange diving styles and points accordingly.

CERTIFICATION LEVEL:

We strongly recommend all the guests to have over Advanced Open Water certification level with no less than 50DVs. We have no problem accepting divers with less experience; however, the diving points may be changed based on the skill and we ask for the understanding in advance. Nitrox use is also recommended.

DIVE GEAR SUGGESTIONS:

We suggest you pack the following:

Wet suit (5-7mm), hood/hooded vest (DECEMBER-APRIL), booties, fins, mask, snorkel, regulator with visible pressure gauge, depth gauge, dive computer and buoyancy compensator are strongly recommended.

We no longer require nor rent Personal GPS.

Spare mask if you have prescription lenses, safety sausage, whistle, Dive Alert, mirror and/or other safety devices. Dive computers are mandatory. Each piece of gear should be marked with waterproof paint or tape.

TANK VALVE TYPE:

Normal Tanks: We have tanks with a connector that is adjustable to DIN and YOKE both.

Nitrox Tanks: We have tanks with a connector that is adjustable to DIN and YOKE both

However, the number of adjustable connector is limited. If the luggage space allows, please bring an adopter to set on a YOKE tank.

USE OF UNDERWATER SCOOTER:

By the rules of national park, use of underwater scooter is prohibited.

RENTAL GEAR IS AVAILABLE ON BOARD:

If you need rental equipment, please let us know least 7 days prior to the charter start.

Ask for each price to reservation center.

Full 30USD/day

(BCD, REG, Wetsuits, Mask, Fin & Snorkel)

Wetsuit 15USD/day

BCD 15USD/day

REG 15USD/day

Mask + Snorkel + Fin 15USD/day

Dive Computer 15USD/day

-Tanks

Use of Nitrox 30USD/day or 140USD/week

Big tank 100cu ft (approx 13.2L) 30USD/day or 140USD/week *limited availability

Big tank Nitrox 100cu ft (approx 13.2L) 60USD/day or 280USD/week

*limited availability

* Pricing is subject to change

CONSERVATION LAWS:

Fun Baja & M/V Valentina does not permit spear guns and Hawaiian slings on any of the yachts.

PAYMENT ON THE BOAT:

The M/V VALENTINA accepts US dollar, Mexican Pesos and Euros CASH.

Payments with credit/debit cards can be charged in Mexican pesos or US dollars but adds Mexican government taxes +16%.

Sorry, no travelers checks, personal checks.

GRATUITY:

Crew gratuities are not included in the trip. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the crew has provided. There will be an envelope placed in your cabin with a survey for our service. Once put in the envelope, the gratuities will be divided equally among the crew. For your reference, approximately 10-15% of the trip fare per trip per person would be appreciated.

I hope you have a wonderful time and great diving experience on board... Happy Diving 😊



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