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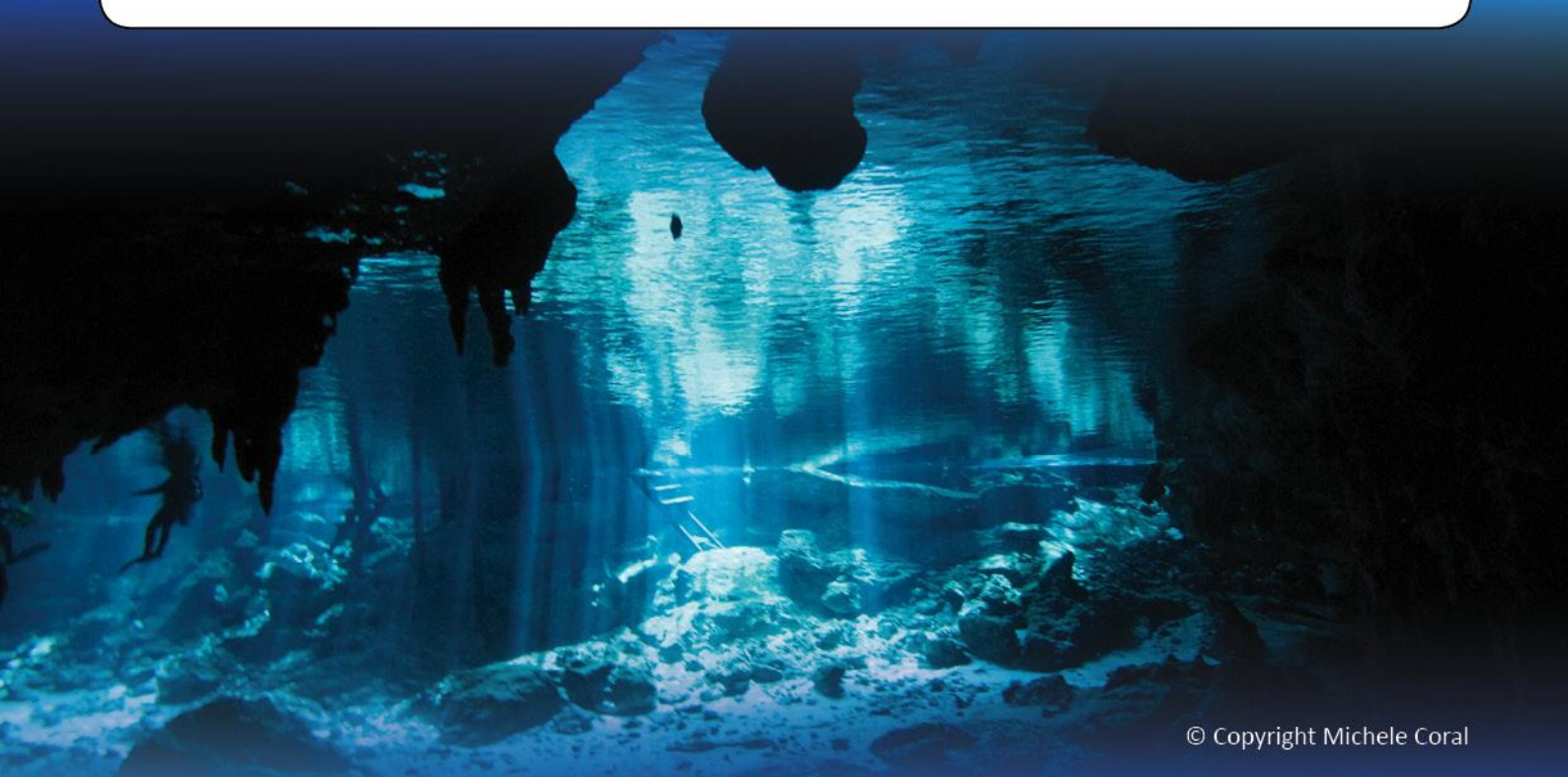
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Personal Travel Plan

Socorro & The Yucatan

Mantas, sharks & caverns; the best of Mexico led by Sue Talbot

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We create outstanding diving holidays

MEXICO

Boasting a warm tropical climate, the varied diving can be found in the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea on the east and the Pacific Ocean on the west coast.

There are world-class diving opportunities off both coasts as well as on land in the Yucatan peninsula, home to fresh water caves of the Cenotes.

YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

Socorro is without question one of the best places in the world for close encounters with giant pacific mantas- this remote archipelago is only accessible by liveaboard and is often referred to as the Galapagos of Mexico!

The jungle interior of the Yucatan peninsular is home to stunning fresh water caverns known as cenotes. The visibility is often in excess of 50m and the topography other worldly.

Highlights include jaw dropping big fish diving in Socorro and a unique under water world unlike anywhere else when delving into the cenotes.

Day 1	Depart the UK
Day 2-12	Arrive in Cabo and join your Socorro liveaboard
Day 12	Fly to Cancun and transfer to Playa del Caren
Day 13-19	Enjoy a mix of ocean and cenote dives
Day 20	Arrive home

Dive Consultant- Mat Howell



Mat is an experienced Divemaster with a palate for adventure.

The Sardine Run in South Africa remains his most exhilarating experience to date and included exceptionally close encounters with enormous humpback whales, super-pods of dolphins and a feisty group of dusky sharks at feeding time.

You'll find him as close to the action as possible both above and below the waves; over the years Mat has been charged by a hippo, chased by a lion, stalked by a shark and stung by a tiny but albeit painful Portuguese Man Of War!

Dive Worldwide is a fully bonded tour operator selling tailor-made diving holidays for over 13 years.

We are members of both ATOL and ABTOT for your financial protection.





Socorro & the Nautilus Explorer

This luxury 38 metre, steel hulled liveboard caters for experienced divers looking for advanced and sometimes challenging, liveboard diving.

Accommodation on board this custom built boat ranges from the luxurious premium suite on the hot-deck, to the more cost effective, mixed gender triple occupancy stateroom on the lower deck. All cabins are air-conditioned and most offer en-suite facilities. The boat features modern, spacious amenities suited for divers. Everything is first class and certified to the same exacting international SOLAS and ISM standards as the largest cruise ship.

The journey to the remote volcanic islands in protected marine biospheres is half of the adventure, an adventure that few people get to experience. Diving is from one of the 8 metre long skiffs (or custom built submersible cages on Guadalupe trips). The boat is rebreather friendly and Nitrox is available.

Voyages to Socorro Island operate Nov-Jul. It's here where you can dive and interact with the friendliest, majestic giant mantas (*manta birostris*) in the world. As well as mantas you can expect up to ten species of sharks (including schooling hammerheads), dolphin, humpback whales (Jan-Apr) and whale sharks in season. It takes a day to get out to this remote archipelago and on extended 10 night itinerary you'll have seven diving days to enjoy the famous sites around at least three of the Revillagigedos Islands including Socorro.





The Cenotes

The Yucatan's cenotes are the result of millions of years of geological and oceanic activity on the submerged limestone platform, upon which the peninsula is located.

The resulting caves, underground passages, stalactites and stalagmites are what make the cenotes world famous. Diving here is beautiful, safe, and unique, in that you can dive or snorkel the cave systems with just an Open Water certification. You are always within 60 metres of direct access to air and daylight and dive groups feature a maximum of four divers per guide.

A further attraction is that, unlike the ocean, diving the cenotes is not dependant upon weather conditions – diving here is year round in this incredible and unique eco-system!

The Allegro Playacar****

Comfort and relaxation in an All Inclusive hotel by the Caribbean Sea

"One of the best holiday hotels on Playa del Carmen"

Located on a paradise beach dominated by three stunning colours; turquoise, white and jungle green. Surrounded by the Caribbean scenery, any of the rooms at the hotel offer the perfect atmosphere to unwind and enjoy paradise to the full. The rooms offer unspoilt views of the resort or the sea and are fully equipped.

The hotel offers unlimited meals, snacks and drinks at any of the 3 restaurants and 5 bars (including the refreshing swim-up bars). There is a varied range of sports and water activities on offer, such as scuba diving and beach volleyball. This resort lies in a magical natural setting, boasts state-of-the-art facilities and an unbeatable All Inclusive package - such a special opportunity to enjoy a few days in Riviera Maya.

The idyllic beach location in the resort of Playa del Carmen also provides guests with easy access to areas of great cultural interest and entertainment, such as the archaeological site of Tulum or the fantastic cenotes (underwater caves) dotted along the Mexican Caribbean coastline.



PROVISIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULE

FLIGHT SCHEDULE:				WE WILL ORGANISE ALL FLIGHTS ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR TRIP.			
1) "+1" = arrival the following day							
2) E = Economy; PE = Premium Economy; B = Business Class; F = First Class							
3) Dates and times are 'local time' and subject to alteration at the carrier's discretion							
Date	Flight	From	To	Dep Time	Arr Time	Airline	Class
08-Mar-20	AM008	London H'row	Mexico City	22.30	0430+1	Aero Mexico	E
09-Mar-20	AM270	Mexico City	San Jose Cabo	07.00	0827	Aero Mexico	E
19-Mar-20	AM273	San Jose Cabo	Mexico City	1246	1600	Aero Mexico	E
19-Mar-20	AM585	Mexico City	Cancun	1640	1957	Aero Mexico	E
26-Mar-20	AM586	Cancun	Mexico City	2037	2205	Aero Mexico	E
26-Mar-20	AM007	Mexico City	London H'row	2300	1545+1	Aero Mexico	E

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YOUR QUOTATION: £5725pp- based on twin share

INCLUSIONS

Travel

International flights (*as per flight schedule:*
see exclusions)

All Transfers

Nautilus Explorer Socorro- Extended Itinerary

10 nights (*Mar 09-19*)

Twin share cabin

All meals

Up to 4 dives per day (*excluding crossing days*)

Tanks and weights

Yucatan & Cenote Adventure- Playa Del Carmen

7 nights Allegro Playacar (*Mar 19-26*)

Twin share room

All Inclusive

Yucatan Explorer Dive Package

Tanks & Weights

Complimentary Nitrox!

4 local dives, 2 Cenote dives, 2 Cozumel dives

Additional diving can be pre-arranged or booked locally

Local taxes

Marine Conservation fund contribution

Upgrades & Supplements

Nautilus Explorer superior cabin £490pp (subject to availability)

Nautilus Explorer premium cabin £980pp (subject to availability)

Minus Yucatan extension- deduct £1200pp

EXCLUSIONS

Marine park & port fees (*\$65pp paid locally*)

Nitrox on Nautilus Explorer (*\$20/diving day*)

Equipment rental

Alcohol (*available on board, paid locally*)

Crew Gratuity (*typically \$250-300pp*)

UK travel expenses

Travel Insurance

Any associated visa fees

Any associated vaccination costs

Any personal items (e.g clothing)

Any local staff "tips"

Any meals or drinks (unless otherwise stated)

Any other item not listed in Inclusions

**Flight schedules and fares for 2020 are TBC.*

Total trip price is an estimate subject to change.

INITIAL DEPOSIT: 10%

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long is the journey to Socorro from Cabo San Lucas?

The boat departs at 8PM, sails through the night and the following day. After one more night of sailing you arrive at the archipelago ready to begin diving first dive in the morning.

What is the water temperature at Socorro and at the Yucatan?

Between Jan-Apr the water temperatures are at their lowest at Socorro, between 21-23C. The ocean diving at the Yucatan is upwards of 25C and stays constant at 25C in the cenotes.

What are the diving conditions like?

Socorro is open ocean diving and therefore the conditions can vary from being calm-moderate, to having very strong currents. It is recommended for advanced divers only. The cenotes are varied, some are suitable for inexperienced divers and some are very technical- there is something for everyone.

What is the diving schedule?

Up to 4 dives per day are offered in Socorro and there's often an opportunity for a night time snorkel with Silky Sharks after dinner one evening. Night dives are prohibited. 2 tank morning trips are the order of the day in the Yucatan.

Will we see mantas?

Almost certainly yes! Socorro is one of the best places in the world for incredibly close encounters.

Can I have my own room?

A single supplement can be paid if you would prefer your own cabin/room. This will be pending availability- please ask for details.

Is Nitrox available?

Nitrox is available for a surcharge on the liveaboard and in resort.

Are Re-breathers supported?

On the liveaboard- yes, but in resort this is not currently available.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

'The itinerary is perfect, I want to book.'

Great! If you wish to go ahead, booking is easy. We simply require:

- ✓ A 10% deposit, which can be taken over the phone with your consultant. A second deposit of 20% will be due Mar 01 2019.
- ✓ A completed booking form, which can be completed via our website at diveworldwide.com/booking.

Please also make sure that you read our [booking terms and conditions](#) prior to making your booking.

We will then get everything confirmed for your holiday and send you a confirmation pack when this is done, along with your ATOL certificate, your holiday invoice and practical travel advice for your destination.

If any changes are necessary to the proposed itinerary, for example due to resort availability, your consultant will inform you and suggest a suitable alternative.

IS YOUR MONEY SECURE?

In a nutshell, yes.

We are an ATOL bonded tour operator authorised by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Every holiday we sell that includes a flight element is protected under our **ATOL licence number 10544**. In the unlikely event of our insolvency, the CAA will ensure that you are not stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid to us for an advanced booking.

We are also members of ABTOT, the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust. ABTOT provides financial protection under the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 for Dive Worldwide, and in the unlikely event of our insolvency.

For more information on your financial protection, please visit [diveworldwide.com/ financial-security](https://diveworldwide.com/financial-security).

WHAT ABOUT TRAVEL INSURANCE?

Travel insurance is a vital part of your holiday and it is **a condition of travelling with us** that you have such cover. We recommend that you have this in place at the time of booking, with sufficient cancellation insurance to cover your booking deposit. For divers we recommend that you please also ensure that your travel insurance provides adequate cover, or obtain specialist diving cover, such as a policy with the Diver's Alert Network (DAN).

ABOUT OUR CONSERVATION FUND

As firm believers in taking proactive steps to protect our marine wildlife, we are delighted to offer our support to **Project AWARE** and **Bite-Back Shark and Marine Conservation**, both of whom do fabulous work to protect our beautiful oceans and their inhabitants.



The Project AWARE Foundation has been campaigning tirelessly to protect our oceans for two decades. They support a huge and inspiring global movement of divers acting in their own communities to protect the ocean and implement lasting change. Currently, their work focuses on two key areas; sharks in peril and marine debris.

Bite-Back is a pioneering shark and marine conservation charity with a mission to halt the trade and consumption of vulnerable fish species, promote sustainable fishing, protect ocean habitats and inspire worldwide respect for the marine environment.



Our commitment

We commit to donate £5 to our marine conservation partners for every person that books a holiday with us. To date, we have successfully raised over £5,000. Find out more about the work of our conservation partners by visiting www.projectaware.org and www.bite-back.com.