

### ***When and where do I board the Nautilus Explorer?***

Boarding is in Cabo San Lucas between 8:30 and 9 am right in downtown Cabo San Lucas at the API dock (see location noted below in red). We are berthed next to the Cabo Rey dinner boat at the same pier that all the cruise ship tenders berthed at. It is a short taxi ride from local hotels in Cabo San Lucas and a 30 minute taxi or shuttle trip from the hotels in San Jose del Cabo. Please note that you will have to go past security at the entrance to the dock. Your name will be on a list of “embarking passengers on the Nautilus Explorer” that we will have left at security. A uniformed crew member will be at security to assist you from 8:30 a.m. onwards. The boat is scheduled to depart 9:45 am.

We will be serving breakfast immediately after departure and then settling in for the 24 hour open ocean transit to San Benedicto Island. Sea conditions are usually fairly benign and the Nautilus Explorer is a heavy steel stabilized ship. However we still recommend anti-seasickness medication for anyone who is worried about the motion. “The Patch” (scopolamine) is a wonder drug and has made ocean crossings effortless for countless divers all around the world.



### **What to Bring?**

Dive gear. Please send any rental requests to our shore office (info@nautilusexplorer.com) with your name and trip date. We will send you the sizing chart and sizes available for our wetsuits and tropical drysuits. Just to be safe, please contact us directly for rentals rather than making your request online via our website. You can expect water temps from the low 80's (Nov/Dec) to low 70's (Feb-Apr).

Surface weather should be "very nice" and summer clothing (ie. Shorts, t-shirts and sandals) will be fine for most of your trip. We always recommend bringing a sweater and Windbreaker/rain jacket "just in case".

You should also bring personal toiletries, camera gear, lots of memory sticks and a good book. We take great pride in providing excellent service onboard and will do our best to pamper you in every way that we can. You don't need to worry about bringing alcohol as our bar is extremely well stocked and with over 50 wine labels, 12 types of single malt, over 40 different kinds of beer and many other drinks available for purchase at very reasonable cost..

- Beginning **January 23, 2007**, ALL persons, including U.S. citizens, traveling by **air** between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda will be required to present a valid passport or Air NEXUS card.

We have a guest information form that needs to be submitted before your trip. The information requested is either required by the Mexican authorities or allows us to provide you with the best possible service. Please ensure that this information is submitted to our office at least 3 weeks prior to departure. We are obliged by the Mexican government to submit our final paperwork at least 3 days prior to departure. If we don't have your paperwork before that time, you will not be allowed to board!!.

### **Hotel recommendations for Cabo:**

We recommend booking any hotels stays at the Tesoro Resort in Cabo San Lucas ([www.tesororesorts.com](http://www.tesororesorts.com)). For special Nautilus Explorer pricing – please email Jesica at [jleGuizamon@tesororesorts.com](mailto:jleGuizamon@tesororesorts.com).

A great resource for researching other hotels can be found at [www.loscabosguide.com/hotels](http://www.loscabosguide.com/hotels) or at the Alaska Airlines website ([www.alaskaair.com](http://www.alaskaair.com) and then select Reservations / Hotel Rooms)

### **Getting to and from Los Cabos International Airport (SJD):**

We recommend Faro Nuevo for all of your local transfers needs whilst in the Cabo area. They can be reached via e-mail faronuevo@prodigy.net.mx and their transfer rates from SJD to Cabo hotels are USD15pp one way (payable in cash, directly to the driver).

*At SJD Airport there are the following terminals:*

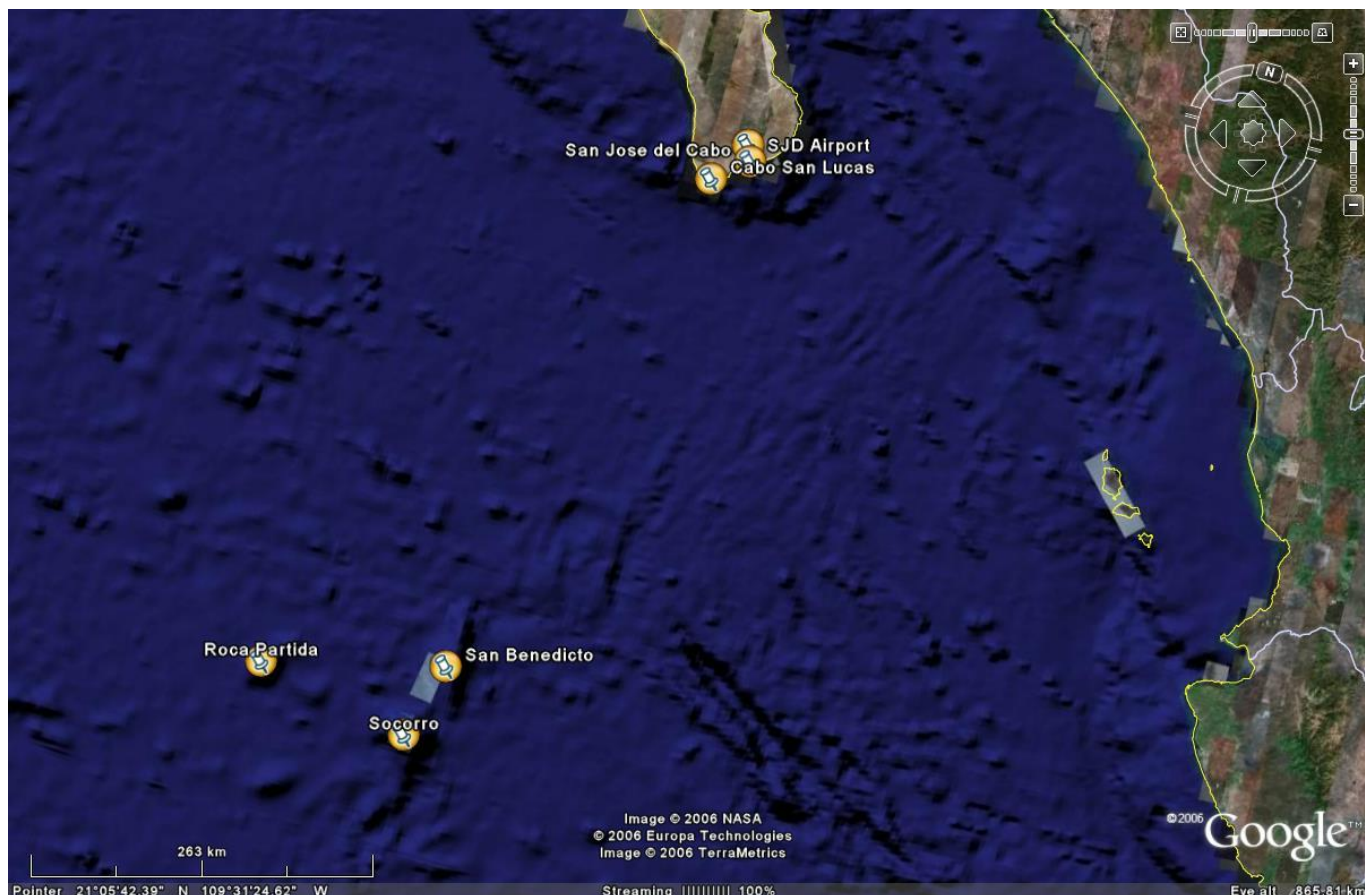
**Terminal 1** (America West, Continental, Mexicana, Aeromexico)

**Terminal 2** (Charter, Cargo and General Aviation)

**Terminal 3** (Alaska Airlines, Delta, Frontier)

### **What's not Included:**

Gift shop, bar tab, gear rentals, nitrox, steel tank rental, port fees (USD65 payable in cash onboard please) and crew gratuities.



### **Communication / Emergency contact info:**

A handheld satellite phone is available onboard with airtime charges of USD3.00 per minute. If a family member, friend or business associate needs to urgently reach you, they can either send an e-mail to: [info@nautilusexplorer](mailto:info@nautilusexplorer) with the following subject heading: e-mail for John Doe, guest onboard the Nautilus Explorer with plain text formatting of the e-mail. Html e-mails will be transferred to plain text and thus, some information and pictures may be lost. OR call our office, toll free 1-888-434-8322 and a message will be passed to the ship via Inmarsat C satellite telex. If our answering service picks up the phone (rather than someone in our office), the caller should state that it is urgent or an emergency and ask that our duty officer be contacted. Non urgent emails can be forwarded to the ship as well but USD10.00 per incoming email will be charged to the recipient's onboard account.

### **Conservation / Research**

Conservation efforts and supporting genuine scientific endeavour is important to all of us on the Nautilus Explorer and we invite and welcome the participation of all of our guests. Donations can be made during your trip to the Guadalupe Conservation Fund to support the work of Mexican scientist Mauricio Hoyes and his study of great whites as well as the establishment of a year round marine biological station on Guadalupe Island. Or donations can be made to the Socorro Conservation Fund which is ramping up to support the eradication of non-endemic animals from the Revillagigedos and a program to support surveillance of illegal fishing boats in the islas. We enthusiastically support the both great white shark and giant manta ray identification programs and encourage all of our guests to leave identification photographs or video clips with us to be passed on to the appropriate scientist.