



**September 13 to September 18, 2011**

**Dear Fellow Divers:**

Pirates Cove Scuba's September 2011 Cozumel trip is a six day, five night trip with twelve boat dives. Air travel is of your choice in order to let you maximize any travel service or reward service you desire. Trip days are flexible to allow you to add or subtract days.

Here's the information that you'll need to know about the trip. There's probably more that we didn't think of so don't hesitate to call the store with your questions.

As with all trips sponsored by Pirates Cove Scuba, there will be one of us on the trip to do our best to see that things go as smoothly as possible and that you have an enjoyable trip.

### Trip Cost

The bad stuff first. The trip cost is \$925. It takes a deposit of \$200 to reserve a spot on the trip. The final payment will be due on July 1st. The trip cost for non-divers is \$625.

### Travel

The trip cost **does not** include round trip air fare to Cozumel. Travel times for the Pirates Cove Scuba's flight are as follows:

- The flight departs OKC at 6:30 AM on September 13th and arrives in Cozumel at about 11:20 AM.
- The return flight departs Cozumel at 2:05 PM on September 18<sup>th</sup> and arrives in OKC at 8:55 PM.

When we get to Cozumel a van will take us to Casa Del Mar. Transfers to and from the hotel in Cozumel are included in the trip package.

### Lodging

In Cozumel we'll be staying at Casa Del Mar. The phone number there is 52 (987) 872-19-00. You can check out Casa Del Mar on their website at [www.casadelmarcozumel.com](http://www.casadelmarcozumel.com).

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## Diving

Now, about the diving. The package price includes the cost of shore dives Tuesday afternoon the day of arrival and three boat dives on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Unlimited shore diving is no additional charge. The shoreline in front of Casa Del Mar is a good spot for a night dive. Any boat diving in addition to the twelve included in the package price is \$40 per dive (\$45 for night dives).

Are you a beginning diver nervous about the diving? There is nothing unusual about that. There are divers of all levels on the Cozumel trips. Many new divers have made their first ocean trips with us to Cozumel. It's a great place to begin. Safety really is our primary concern and your diving experience is important to us. We dive with you. You are not on your own when you get there unless you want to be. There will be someone from Pirates Cove Scuba, another experienced diver, or one of the divemasters to buddy-up with you. You will dive a profile you are comfortable with.

## A summary of what is included in the trip cost

- Airport transfers to and from Casa Del Mar.
- Lodging at Casa Del Mar, double occupancy.
- Twelve boat dives (3 on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday).
- All inclusive at Casa Del Mar including all beverages.
- Lunch/snack buffet at Nachi Cocom on 3 tank boat dive days
- The marine park conservation fee of \$2.00 per day.

## Costs not included in the trip cost

Here are some things that are not covered by the trip package price:

- Round trip air is not included.
- Optional two tank boat dive on day of arrival at \$75 cost.
- No tips are included (for diving or at the hotel, including tipping at meals).
- All beverages are included through out the entire stay
- Tipping of the dive masters and crew is customary but is a personal matter, of course. We will collect tips on Sunday morning and will give the tips to the crew after the last dive. A common tipping guideline is \$5.00 per dive. The Mexican dive operators strongly discourage individual tipping of the dive masters and crew. They have their own system of dividing up tips so that all participate. It is for this reason that we collect tips and give them to the boat captain or dive operator at the end of the trip.
- Nitrox is \$12 per dive extra and not included in the trip package. Also, please let us know if you want to dive Nitrox-remember you have to be Nitrox certified.
- Scuba cylinders with capacities greater than 80 cubic feet are an extra charge of \$10 per tank.
- We now offer technical diving on our Cozumel trips. If you are certified to do so, and choose to dive beyond recreational limits ("technical diving"), there will be additional charges for doubles, deco bottles, technical dive master and gases. Prices for these activities are set on a case by case basis by Del Mar Aquatics. Diving will be done within the diver's certification level. Technical dive training is available.

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## Paperwork

You will be provided with a Casa Del Mar Registration Sheet and the dive boat operator's liability release and Pirates Cove Scuba liability release. You will need to complete these forms and turn them in to us before the trip. These forms must be completed before you can dive. We will collect all the forms and deliver them to Del Mar Aquatics on arrival.

## Other items you need to be aware of

- You must have a passport to make the trip.
- The name on your travel documents must be the same as on your passport.
- We strongly recommend that every diver, especially those traveling outside the U.S., have diver insurance. There are a number of reputable agencies offering this insurance. We all have our coverage through DAN. This insurance is inexpensive, costing under \$100 per year depending on the plan selected. You can pick up an application at the store. Pirates Cove Scuba has no affiliation with DAN.
- Dress in Cozumel is relaxed. There's nowhere you can't go in shorts and a T-shirt.
- Casa del Mar offers a full menu for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Any and all drinks are included. You are not limited to any specific beverages, beer, or well drinks.
- Cozumel is a relatively safe place to visit. However, we've yet to find a place you can't find trouble if you look for it but tourism is the lifeblood of the Cozumel economy so they do a good job of looking out for their visitors.

Let us know if you have any questions, if there are any special dives or dive sites you would like to discuss or anything else we might do to make your trip more enjoyable.



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