



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)

Office (La Paz, Mexico): Fun Baja

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*Office hours in PST/PDT

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RESERVATION AND INQUIRY CONTACT INFORMATION

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

(Prior to departure date)

Office (Los Angeles, USA):

Valentina Liveboard Headquarters:

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Monterey Park, CA 91745

Tel: 1+310-562-9060

Email: info@valentialiveboard.com

Office hour: Monday – Friday: 10:00AM – 06:30PM, Saturday: 10:00AM – 05:00PM

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Website: <http://www.valentialiveboard.com>

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

WELCOME ABOARD

***Thank you very much for your reservation with Valentina Liveaboard.
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.

Sea of Cortez

Baja California is a peninsula in northwestern Mexico, where coyotes live in the mountains and cactuses prevail in the reddish soil desert.

La Paz is the capital of Baja California Sur state, located at the south end of the peninsula and our dive cruise trip starts from here.

Recently La Paz has become known among scuba divers as one of the world's divers' paradises.

Diving points are all in the Sea of Cortez, in between the peninsula and Mexican mainland.

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. 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, nitrox use or nitrox course fees are excluded.

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:

SEA OF COTEZ ROUTE

ARRIVAL / CHECK-IN

Upon arrival at La Paz airport (LAP), you will be greeted at the airport by “VALENTINA” and will be transferred to our marina (M/V VALENTINA dock) complimentary (combined). If you arrive at San Jose Del Cabo airport (SJD), you are responsible for your own transportation to La Paz. Driving hours will be about 2.5 hours to 3.5 hours. Or we can arrange prepaid transfer at US\$ 300 per van. Ask for details. If you stay at hotel in La Paz prior to the trip start, please come to our dock. Boarding starts at 18:00 and baggage drop is available from 9:00 am. All guests must be on board by 21:00 so M/V Valentina can depart for its first night anchorage with the first dive on the following morning.

You can check in after 7:00 pm and before 21:00.

Dinner on the arrival date is not included this trip. You can leave your luggage on the boat and feel free to dinner in town until check in.

If you are already staying in the area, feel free to make your own way to the Marina after 7:00 pm.

DEPARTURE / CHECK-OUT

Check out starts around 4:00 pm on the last day of the trip after 1 to 2 dives. After 1 to 2 dives, the crew will transport you to your hotel in La Paz complimentary (combined). If you return to Los Cabos area, you are responsible for your own transfer. Or we can arrange prepaid transfer at US\$ 300 per van. Ask for details.

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

M/V VALENTINA must be notified the hotel you are staying at or meeting point for the transfer service at least 14 days prior to the cruise departure date. Failure to do so could result in transfer service not being available and you would be responsible for making your own arrangements to M/V Valentina.

You can Email info@valentaliveaboard.com for reservation.

PASSPORTS & 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.

Valentina Liveboard Headquarter or Operation Center cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct documentation.

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 Valentina Liveboard cancellation policies.

GUEST APPLICATION/WAIVER FORM:

The reservations office and the M/V Valentina require each guest to complete a cruise application and waiver form prior to departure and diving. The application allows guests to interactively complete all required paperwork that includes the application/waiver, special requests and travel information. If you haven't received a link to access the online application, please contact reservation with below details.

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

FEES & TAXES (per person):

Sea of Cortez: \$5 per day per person (4days diving is \$20, 5days diving is \$25 ...) park fee is included in the trip rate.

HEALTH:

The Valentina Liveaboard 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.

Valentina Liveaboard 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 packs. Valentina Liveaboard will be happy to store and recharge the blue ice packs 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 Baja California Peninsula by comfortably sailing the Sea of Cortez from the beautiful bay of LaPaz.

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.

M/V VALENTINA accommodates a 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 Master cabins with double bed and a single bed (non-bunk)

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

-7 out of 10 cabins are Deluxe Twin cabins which have 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:

There is no internet service available on board. If you bring any electronic equipment (Laptops, ipads, iPods etc), Valentina Liveboard is not responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen items. We highly recommend extreme caution and care be taken if you travel onboard 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:

If you prefer particular liquor, we suggest you bring your special liquor with you.

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 liveboard 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 the Baja 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 each day, and last day, makes 2 tanks and there is the WHALE SHARK search trip. 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.

DIVE GEAR SUGGESTIONS:

We suggest you pack the following:

Wetsuit (5mm), hood/hooded vest, booties, fins, mask, snorkel, regulator with visible pressure gauge, depth gauge, dive computer and buoyancy compensator are strongly recommended. If you wish to dive at night, you need own light. 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.

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.

***Equipment Rental**

Full (BCD, Regulator, Wetsuit, Mask, Fin, Snorkel) 30USD/day

Wetsuit 15USD/day

BCD 15USD/day

REG 15USD/day

Mask + Snorkel + Fin 15USD/day

Dive Computer 15USD/day

Use of Nitrox 20USD/day

Air Big Tank (100cu ft = approx 13.2L) tank 15USD/day

Nitrox Big Tank (100cu ft = approx 13.2L) tank 40USD/day

CONSERVATION LAWS:

Valentina Liveaboard does not permit spear guns and Hawaiian slings on any of the yachts.

PAYMENT ON THE BOAT:

The M/V VALENTINA accepts US dollar in CASH ONLY

GRATUITIES:

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 US 10%~15% of the trip cost per person would be appreciated.

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



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