

Scuba Fusion Channel Islands Live Aboard

Anacapa and Santa Cruz islands offer more than 800 species of marine life, great viz and untold opportunities for viewing and photographing a panorama of underwater vistas.

Each island offers a different and unique collection of marine life. They are the two warmest islands of the Northern chain. Water temp averages 60-70°F in summer. Visibility can range from 40 to 100 feet and on rare occasions sometimes even up to 150 feet.



What is included: 3 meals per day, snacks, sodas, air fills, and 1-2 person bunk with linen. Divemaster/Instructor lead diving tours included for divers who purchase the group diving ticket only.

For those of you who have the knowledge and experience to dive independently and would like to do so or would like to come along as a guest and not dive at all can purchase a reduced rate ticket which includes everything the standard ticket includes except being placed into instructor-led groups.

Lobster Diving: Many of these trips launch during the lobster hunting season. You will need to provide your own fishing license (typically found at Big 5) and any other required by law hunting equipment if you would like to participate

Night Dive: There is a night dive planned for this trip. This dive can be used as credit toward your advanced certification. You will need a primary dive light to participate with or without a guide.

Rental Gear Not Included: If you are renting dive gear from Scuba Fusion you NEED to pick up all gear a few days before the trip - we usually close a day or two before Channel Islands trips. If you are unable to pick up gear at our San Mateo location then you will need to make your own arrangements. Scuba Fusion is unable to transport gear to Santa Barbara for you.

If you would like to rent gear in Santa Barbara at the harbor, the SEA Landing Dive Center recommends calling in your reservation. You can do so by contacting the office at (805) 963-3564. (warning: confirm hours of operation and if they have the gear you need). We recommend you bring all gear with you to Santa Barbara. This statement is repeated multiple times in this document for a reason.

Departure & Boarding Times

This boat departs at 3am in the morning. We encourage groups to spend the night on board the boat the night before departure, you may board beginning at 8pm. Trips usually return to the dock by 5pm on the last day of the trip. For example, if you are booked for a Friday – Saturday trip then you can board Thursday night starting at 8pm. In this example the boat would then depart at 3am Friday morning.

Food & Beverage

All multi-day trips include a hot breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert. Snacks, fresh fruit, cookies, candy, hot and cold drinks are also available throughout the day. Alcoholic beverages are not provided. Be sure to notify Scuba Fusion and Truth Aquatics in advance if you have any special dietary needs and we will do our best to accommodate them. Some diets and allergies can be accommodated. These include vegan or vegetarian and allergy diets such as gluten free. However, the boat staff may not be able to accommodate ketogenic, paleo, Atkins or other such diets.

Instructor-led Dive Groups

Safety is a top priority on our trips. If you purchased an Instructor-led trip ticket from Scuba Fusion you will be placed in a dive group led by a DM or Instructor. If you purchased a non instructor-led ticket you will be diving on your own with your own buddy or own group. Scuba Fusion is not responsible for how you conduct your own personal dives outside of the Instructor-led dives. Individual divers are responsible for their own dive profiles, and there will be no dive master to assist them. Each passenger is verified to be on board before leaving a dive site by the Truth Aquatics staff.

The Sites: All dive sites will be chosen by the Truth Aquatics Staff. Clients can expect roughly between 3-5 dives the first day, and 2-4 on the second.

Bunk Assignments

The bunks are situated dormitory style and are provided with a vinyl pad, blanket, pillow, reading light and privacy curtain. A sleeping bag is recommended for extra comfort. Doubles are available on a first come first serve basis. Please let us know if you would like to reserve a double bed or if your group would like single bunks and we will do our best to accommodate you but there are no guarantees. In some cases Truth Aquatics will auto assign our bunks. Look for the bunk map in the galley upon arrival.

A quick word about your gear:

Bring a dive bag and dive out of it. 2 divers missed dives last trip because weight belts and bcDs were being left all over the decks kicked around and mixed up with others. Dive computers went missing, tanks were not getting filled etc. Upon boarding the vessel it is advisable to do a final gear check. There is a rental center at the dock that typically closes at 6PM. On days with dive trips scheduled they will often stay open until midnight. As of the time of this letter they could not confirm that they would be open until midnight on the night of this

trip. This will be your last opportunity to grab items you may have missed or gear you need to rent. We suggest you bring your gear with you and don't depend on them to be open or even have the gear available.

Lost or Have Bigger Problems:

Staff members will be carrying a mobile phone to Santa Barbara with them. If you are lost or have any last minute emergencies contact your instructor or group leader.

Cancellation Policy

The cancellation policy for this charter reservation is: If cancellation occurs 14 days prior to trip departure a refund for the reservation will be given less a 10% processing fee. If cancellation occurs within 5-14 days prior to trip departure a refund for the reservation will be given at 50% of face value of ticket. No refunds will be issued on no-shows or trips cancelled less than 5 days before departure.

Schedule Changes due to Weather

All destinations and departure times are subject to change depending decisions made by the Scuba Fusion Training Department and the Truth Aquatics boat captain. Unfortunately, we are not able to predict what the weather will be like for an upcoming trip. The crossing to the islands may be rough, but there are many places the boat can hide from the weather so that your diving is still enjoyable. The Captain will not place the passengers or the boat in danger. The local marine forecast is checked prior to the departure of all trips, unfortunately, as with any weather forecast, conditions can change in a matter of minutes. The Captain will make the final determination as to the destination and departure times, for the safety of all aboard. Should the trip be canceled due to weather or mechanical failures, The Scuba Fusion Dive Center accepts no responsibility for personal expenses incurred.

Safety\Assumption of Risk Form

Each diver must sign an "Assumption of Risk" form before diving. The forms are located next to the boat manifest.

Zero Tolerance

As mandated by the Coast Guard, no illegal drugs are permitted on board.

Typical Trip Itinerary (EXAMPLE)

DAY 1

- Board Vessel anytime from 8pm – 3am
- Leave Harbor 3am
- Breakfast 7-9am
- Instructor's Briefing Orientation 8am
- Morning SCUBA Diving 8-12am
- Show off your new GoPro
- Lunch 12-1pm
- Afternoon Diving 1:30-5:30 pm
- Envy your buddy's new dive computer
- Dinner 6pm
- Night Dive 8:30- 9:30pm

DAY 2

- Breakfast 7-9am
- Morning SCUBA Diving 8am-12pm
- Wonder why everybody takes better pics than you do
- Deep Dive (Optional Add-on) 8-9am
- Learn that great u/w pics require adjusting white balance
- Lunch 12-1pm
- Wish you brought more cool dive gear to play with
- Dock at Harbor 5pmish

Scuba Equipment Checklist:

Need

Certification cards

Mask

Dive fins

Tanks w current viz and hydro

Snorkel w/snorkel keeper

Weight belt or integrated weights

Buoyancy compensator BCD

Regulator set w/octopus, serviced according to manufactures specs.

Computer or Dive Watch

Wetsuit/drysuit top and bottom

Hood

Gloves

Dive boots

Recommended

This .pdf printed and packed

Back up mask

Anti-fog solution

Dive tool or knife w/sheath

Surface signaling device

Underwater camera w/lights

Dive slate

Back up kit w/tools (save a dive kit)

Night Dive Gear

Dive Light w/extra batteries, 400 lumen min.

Backup dive light, 200 lumen recommended

Chemlight or LED Tank Light

Personal Items

Bathing suit

Jacket or rain gear

Change of clothes

Overnight shower kit

Hat and/or Beanie

Sunglasses and Sunscreen

Towel

Garbage bags (for stowing wet dive suits)

First Aid kit

Medications (Sea sickness, aspirin, personal)

Cash for tipping your divemaster

Identification and Cert card

Cell phone w/chargers

Divers Alert Network card

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DIRECTIONS TO THE HARBOR

Truth Aquatics and The Sea Landing Dive Center
301 W Cabrillo Blvd
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(this address will not work in your GPS - follow the directions below)

From the North

Take Hwy. 101 South to Santa Barbara.
Exit Castillo Street/Harbor.
Turn right on Castillo Street.
Turn right on Cabrillo Blvd.
Turn left on Harbor Way (harbor entrance).
Turn left through the parking kiosk into the parking lot.
Continue through the second gate to the launch ramp area
Park in the white stalls, look for the SEA Landing sign

Please park only in the white single stalls. The yellow double length stalls are reserved for vehicles with boat trailers and you will be ticketed or towed. Bring your parking stub into the Sea Landing office and they will validate your ticket for a reduced rate of \$3/day upon returning to harbor.

Checking In

It is imperative that each group member print their name on the boat manifest upon arrival. The manifest is located on a table at the entrance to the galley and sometimes it is hanging from a lamp above the table. No roll call is taken before departure and it is the individual's responsibility to be sure everyone in the party is onboard before departure.

Please read the "Welcome Aboard" sheets when you arrive. These describe where everything on the boat is located and are displayed on the galley tables. Look for the bunk map to determine where you are sleeping. The captain will give an orientation and safety talk at 7am and can address any questions or concerns.