



**REEF FIELD SURVEY
GULF OF CALIFORNIA - BAJA MEXICO
Led By: Dr. Brice Semmens, REEF Instructor and Marine Scientist**

**Don Jose Live-Aboard
October 5-12, 2008
16 Divers Maximum**

REEF Field Surveys are a great way to take a dive vacation that counts! These trips feature daily fish, invertebrate, and algae identification reviews and an opportunity to learn more about the natural environment you are diving in. Experts in marine life identification and marine ecology lead each project. Participants are encouraged to report their fish sightings as part of REEF's Volunteer Survey Project.

Per Person Rates: \$1,550 - \$1,750 per person, depending on room type. This vessel is chartered and carries a maximum of 16 passengers.

Package Includes: Six nights shipboard accommodations and one night local hotel accommodations in La Paz. Meals are included, beginning with breakfast on Day 2 and end with lunch on Day 7, and includes beer, soda and wine while shipboard. Also includes one-way taxi transport from airport to boat in La Paz.

Additional Fees and Costs:

- \$300 REEF Program Fee per person to cover the costs of the trip leader(s), seminars, and survey materials throughout the week, this fee is payable directly to REEF
- Additional night of hotel accommodations on Oct 4 if participant elects to arrive a day early
- Meals on October 5 and after lunch on October 11
- Transportation to the airport on October 12
- Baja Conservation Passport Fee (\$35) payable to Baja Expeditions upon booking
- Gear rental if needed (tanks, weights, and belts included)
- Crew gratuity

General Information and Schedule: Giant hawkfish. Jawfish the size of your leg. Whale sharks that don't leave you alone. Spectacular sunsets over unpopulated desert islands. This will be the 5th time that REEF has done this amazing trip, and there is a good reason we keep going back. The water is warm and the fish life is plentiful. Come see what it's all about.

The package includes 8 days/7 nights, beginning and ending in La Paz Mexico. Participants are advised to consider arriving to La Paz a day early (Oct 4) to provide a travel cushion for themselves and luggage, depending on the travel schedule (especially for those who will arrive on the evening flight from LAX). If you chose to do this, Jeanne at Baja Expeditions can arrange an additional night at Los Arcos Hotel (at your own expense) and to have your airport transfer voucher to a hotel instead of the boat.

Day 1 - You will transfer by taxi to the boat in the afternoon where the dive master will meet you. The night will be spent dockside awaiting a morning departure. You are on your own for any meal service on this day. The group will meet around 9pm onboard for a short fish identification review. **Day 2-6** - We depart in the morning, and head into the Gulf of California. This year's trip is a custom itinerary designed for REEF to capture some of the unique areas in the southern Gulf of California that are not typically visited by the Don Jose. These areas may include Los Isolates and El Bajito, La Reyna and La Reynita, Cabo Pulmo, Los Frailes, and Isla Ballena. Only the dive tables or diving computers each day limit the number of dives possible. Two night dives are offered each trip. The exact itinerary will depend on the group's desires and weather conditions. **Day 7** - After a morning dive at Swanee Reef we will return back to La Paz and after lunch on board, transfer to the Hotel Los Arcos for a one-night stay. You are on your own at this point, free to relax or explore La Paz with its many shops and fine restaurants. **Day 8** - Transfer on your own to the La Paz Airport for flights home.

Airfare: The *Don Jose* will depart and return to La Paz, Baja California, Mexico. The airport code is LAP. Participants are advised to arrive a day early to provide a travel cushion for themselves and luggage, depending on the travel schedule (especially for those who will arrive on the evening flight from LAX). If you chose to do this, Jeanne at Baja Expeditions can arrange an additional night at Los Arcos Hotel (at your own expense) and to have your airport transfer voucher to a hotel instead of the boat.

Deposit and Final Payment Policy: \$500 per person to secure space, full payment due no later than August 20, 2008.

Cancellation Policy: Full refund minus a \$100 processing fee if canceled prior to April 1. Cancellations after April 1 and before August 20 will forfeit the deposit (\$500). Cancellation after August 20, 2008 (45 days prior to departure), the entire package price is non-refundable. There are no refunds on unused dives during the trip.

Minimums: Most REEF Trips require a minimum number of participants. Trips are subject to cancellation if the minimum requirement is not met. In the event of a trip cancellation, REEF is not responsible for airline tickets purchased for travel to a REEF Field Survey.

To Find Out More or to Secure Your Space: Contact Jeanne at Baja Expeditions, 800-843-6967, travel@bajaex.com