



Natural Selections

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Whale Shark

Isla Mujeres, Mexico- Whale Sharks!

4 Nights/5 Days

There is no denying it, Whale Sharks, reaching up to 65 feet long and weighing an astonishing 75,000 pounds, are among the most beautiful and graceful giants of the deep. And by far the most astonishing underwater attraction in the Caribbean is the much-anticipated annual Whale Shark migration that occurs each year from early June to mid-September, north of Mexico's Isla Mujeres. During this time, the seas around Isla Mujeres teem with marine life and not only congregations of Whale Sharks, but giant Manta Rays, Mobula Rays and more, frequent the area each year to take advantage of the plankton-rich waters and abundant fish spawning grounds created by the joining of the Gulf of Mexico and the warm Caribbean Sea.

This is an easy snorkeling-only tour that affords the most up-close and intimate exposure to these incredible animals possible, while maintaining a hands-off and respectable approach. Our private boat will take us on a breathtaking 1 ½ hour ride from Isla Mujeres and place us in the midst of an unforgettable natural spectacle that may also include sea turtles, dolphins and more. Whale Sharks and rays are commonly close enough to the surface to be just meters away and maximum photographic opportunities are afforded by swimming calmly alongside and among these beautiful, gentle creatures.

Tour Overview

Day 1: Arrival at Cancun (CUN), ferry to Isla Mujeres.

Days 2, 3, 4: Daily 6-hour, private boat, snorkeling, Whale Sharks and more.

Day 5: Ferry to Cancun (CUN) and flights home.

4 Night/5 Day Itinerary

Day 1, Arrival Day:

After arrival into Cancun's airport, we'll be met by our local guide and head for the nearby ferry for a 20-minute ride to Isla Mujeres. Once at the dock we'll taxi to our hotel, just a short distance away and located just walking distance from the best restaurants and beaches on the island.

Lodging at Hotel Playa La Media Luna or similar

Day 2,3,4, Whale Sharks:

Each day will begin with breakfast nearby and then a short ride to our boat in rented golf carts. Once on our private boat, a roughly 1 ½ hour ride will take us to where Whale Sharks and possibly Manta, Mobula Rays and others are congregating for 6 hours of snorkeling, swimming, exploring, and photography with these magnificent creatures. Each day will bring new species, new experiences, new interactions and behavior, and of course new lighting for photographers. Sandwiches and soft drinks will be available on the boat. In the late afternoon we'll return to Isla Mujeres for relaxing, freshening up,

and enjoying the town, Caribbean culture and local beaches.

Lodging at Hotel Playa La Media Luna or similar

Day 5, Departure Day:

Today we'll return on the ferry for Cancun's airport (CUN) and flights home.

Included in this itinerary:

Ground and ferry transport from CUN to Isla Mujeres hotel round trip, private boat for 3 days (6 hours per day), accommodations on Isla Mujeres for 4 nights, rented golf cart 4 days on Isla Mujeres, Sandwiches and soft drinks while on private boat, private tour leader, local boat captain/guide.

Not Included:

Meals other than sandwiches and soft drinks while on private boat, any additional hotels, any additional transport outside of itinerary, personal items such as alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, gift shop, gear rental, medical assistance, laundry, tips, etc. are not included.

Travel insurance:

We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance for this and for all travel.



Giant Manta Ray



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