

SHARKS – COCOS ISLAND

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After an overnight journey, we arrive at one of the most coveted dive destinations in the world, Cocos Island, Costa Rica. Ten days later, we return to civilization with memories of swimming with hundreds of hammerhead sharks, photographing graceful mantas and splashing in waterfalls at one of the world's largest uninhabited islands.



Throughout the diving, you'll encounter an array of marine life. Many divers describe the diving at Cocos as "high-voltage" and after dives at Alcyone or Big Dos Amigos with a few hundred hammerheads, thousands of horse-eye jacks and a manta or two, you may agree. Other frequently seen marine life includes dolphins, tuna, marble rays, eels, white tip and silky sharks. Okeanos Aggressor divers have also been treated to spectacular whale shark encounters.

As an added bonus, there will be a **Free Special Video & Editing Seminar and Workshop** in the evenings conducted by Steve Douglas and Bruce Robison. Seminars and workshops will cover:

1. How best to improve your filming results.
2. The importance of lighting, white balance, and exposure.
3. Starting the editing process.
4. How to create a usable story line.
5. Tips on synching your video to music.
6. What editing tools are the most essential?



The 120-foot Okeanos Aggressor is offering a ten-day dive adventure originating in Puntarenas, a small fishing village on the western coast of Costa Rica. After an overnight stay on August 18th at the Alta Hotel in San Jose, Costa Rica, World Films & Travel guests board a charter bus for a scenic, two-hour bus ride through Costa Rica's beautiful countryside before arriving at the port. If you wish to arrive spend exploration time in Costa Rica before or after the Okeanos trip, we will be happy to arrange your hotel reservations. Once on board, guests may unpack, relax and enjoy delicious dinner served by the on-board chef. The journey to Cocos gives everyone a chance to prepare their gear and get to know one another.

Weather permitting; guests will be shuttled to the island for a hiking tour. The lush uninhabited island is covered with verdant jungles and countless waterfalls all waiting your exploration.

There is a full line of rental camera equipment and dive gear available throughout the week, as well as certification and specialty courses including nitrox certification.

At the end of your exciting adventure, the Okeanos Aggressor returns to Puntarenas. Checkout on the boat is between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. On the day of departure, the crew will transport you and your luggage with the group to your hotel, or the airport in San Jose.

**** - Due to cooler water temperatures and strong currents, the diving conditions in Cocos may not be suitable for beginner divers.**



1. Where is Cocos Island?

Cocos Island is located 600 km (approximately 375 miles) off the western coast of Costa Rica, in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

2. What is included in the scuba charter?

Accommodations aboard the vessel, diving, compressed air tanks, weights and weight belts, transportation from the San Jose office to Puntarenas on day of arrival and departure, meals and snacks, non-alcoholic and local alcoholic beverages are include in the charter rate.

3. How many days is the charter and how many dives can I make?

The Okeanos Aggressor is offering a 10-day, Tuesday to Friday, charter with 7 days of diving. Most guests make up to three dives a day.

4. When should I arrive in Costa Rica?

You should arrive in Costa Rica the day before your charter begins and plan on spending the night in San Jose.

5. Are there any taxes or fees not included in the charter price?

A \$25US per person/PER DAY (CASH ONLY, no traveler's checks) Park Fee will be collected during your charter. The Costa Rican government implemented this charge to maintain Cocos Island and preserve its natural habitat. There is also a \$10US per person/PER DAY Dive Tax. There is a \$100.00 fuel surcharge for the trip. A departure tax of \$26 US per person will be collected upon your departure from San Jose. These fees are levied by the Costa Rican government and are subject to change, so please check before your trip.



6. Do I need a passport?

U.S. citizens are required to have a passport. Non-U.S. citizens should check with the appropriate consulate.

7. Where does the Okeanos Aggressor dock?

The Okeanos Aggressor docks at the Muelle Coopeinpesa in Puntarenas.

8. What is unique to Cocos Island diving?

Coco Island has lots of large pelagic animals, particularly the schools of scalloped hammerhead sharks. White tip reef sharks are also abundant, as are schools of tuna, jack and snapper. Whale sharks, manta, eagle rays and dolphins are frequently sighted.

9. What is the diving like around Cocos Island?

Diving around Cocos Island is more difficult due to the currents. Diving from the dinghies has advantages, but can be physically challenging for some.

10. What is the water temperature?

Water temperature in the summer should be between 80 - 82F. A wet suit is highly recommended. A 1/8 to a 1/4 inch suit with hood and booties is generally sufficient for most divers.

11. Is the diving done from a dinghy?

Almost all dives are made from a dinghy.

12. Is there night diving?

Night dives are scheduled at the discretion of the dive master since sharks are so plentiful in the area.

13. Are there any land tours?

Weather-permitting, guests will be taken to the island for a visit to one of the waterfalls.

14. What type of topography can I expect to see in Cocos Island?

The island is volcanic in origin, and is therefore mountainous. Dense jungle covers the land. The regular rains create numerous waterfalls, rivers and ponds.

15. What is the best time of year for diving?

May through October is generally considered prime diving, but conditions are generally very good all year round.

16. When is the rainy season?

The rainy season is from May through November. Cocos Island supports a true tropical rain forest and receives an abundance of rain, particularly around the mountain peaks.

Payment Schedule

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>You Paid</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Charter Price	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$3,395.00
**At sign-up	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$2,695.00
10/1/07	\$850.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,845.00
2/1/08	\$850.00	\$2,400.00	\$995.00
6/1/08	\$995.00	\$3,395.00	\$00.00
**Quad price is \$2,995.00	Deposit of \$500.00		

- If sign-up is late in the payment schedule, moneys should be paid to catch-up with the payment schedule. The moneys should be paid by the "Due Date" unless special arrangements have been made in advance. Money may be prepaid at any time..