Boat and Bay
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Nights at *Anchor*.

Twelve voyages, hour by hour. Season 2026 / 2027.

A crewed yacht with private cabins, a chef and a full bar. It moves about twenty miles a day and anchors each night in a different bay. This guide shows where you sleep, how long each leg is, which meals are ashore, and the honest answers to the questions people ask before they decide.

1 to 6 nights
CHECK-IN 2 PM, CHECK- OUT ABOUT NOON

Up to 9
GUESTS SLEEPING ABOARD

8,000 USD
FROM, PER NIGHT, ALL TAXES INCLUDED

One
PERSON ANSWERING ALL YOUR QUESTIONS



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TWELVE VOYAGES, FOUR COASTS

Twelve voyages. *Four* coasts.

Every voyage follows one of four routes: inside Bahía de Banderas, north to Isla Isabel, south past Cabo Corrientes, or one way to Mazatlán, Manzanillo or Los Cabos. All four sail from November to mid-September; the calmest months for each are a recommendation, not a rule. I take no voyages from mid-September to the end of October, the heart of the hurricane season.

ROUTE A · ALL YEAR

Within the bay

1 to 5 nights. Sheltered on three sides, no leg over three hours. The first choice for children.

ROUTE B · CALMEST APR – OCT

North to Isla Isabel

3 to 5 nights. Coves with no road and a volcanic national park; one long leg home.

ROUTE C · CALMEST NOV – MAR

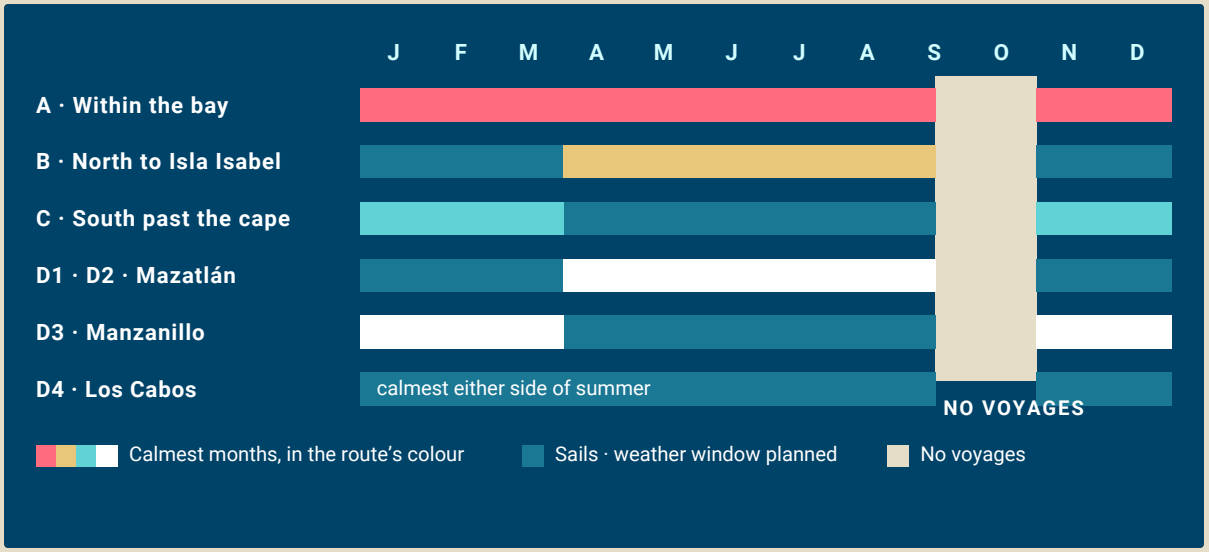
South past the cape

3 to 4 nights. Long beaches and no towns for hours. Can end at Barra de Navidad.

ROUTE D · BY SEASON

One way

3 to 5 nights. Arrive in Mazatlán, Manzanillo or Los Cabos and fly home. Two captains, a night passage.



All four coasts sail from November to mid-September.

The bay is sheltered all year. North of Punta de Mita the calmest months are April to October; south of Cabo Corrientes, November to March. Whales are in the northern bay from December to March. From mid-September to the end of October I take no voyages at all.

The chart: a bar in the route's colour marks its calmest months; a white bar means it sails, with the weather window planned; the pale band is the six weeks with no voyages.

One bay, two coasts, and the *open sea*.

Route A stays inside the bay, where no leg is over three hours. Route B goes north along a coast of beaches with no road to a volcanic island. Route C rounds the cape to long beaches and no towns for hours. Route D ends in another city, and you fly home from there.



Schematic, not to scale · 8 knots along the coast, 7 knots on open sea

Which *voyage* is yours.

VOYAGE	NIGHTS	MILES · PER DAY	LONGEST LEG*	ASHORE	CALMEST	YOU CHECK OUT AT
A1 Punta de Mita and the Marietas	1 or 2	36 nm · 18/day	1.5 h	none	All year	Marina La Cruz, or Punta de Mita
A2 North Shore to South Shore	3	49 nm · 16/day	1.9 h	1 meal	All year	Los Muertos pier, Romantic Zone
A3 The Whole Bay	4	79 nm · 20/day	1.9 h	2 meals or nights	All year	Los Muertos pier, or Marina Vallarta
A4 The Bay with a Night Ashore	5	72 nm · 14/day	2.1 h	3 meals or nights	All year	Marina Vallarta
B1 North to Isla Isabel	5	192 nm · 38/day	12 h	none	April to October	Marina Vallarta
B2 San Pancho and Chacala	3	67 nm · 22/day	3.6 h	1 meal	April to October	Punta de Mita, or La Cruz
C1 Cabo Corrientes to Careyes	4	126 nm · 32/day	6.9 h	2 meals or nights	November to March	Barra de Navidad · fly from Manzanillo
C2 Corrales and Tehuamixtle, and back	3	67 nm · 22/day	2.5 h	2 meals or nights	November to March	Marina Vallarta
D1 Mazatlán · Five Nights via Isla Isabel	5	184 nm · 37/day	13 h	1 meal	April to October	Marina Mazatlán · fly from MZT
D2 Mazatlán and Back · Five Days	4	358 nm · 90/day	25 h	2 meals or nights	April to October	Marina Vallarta
D3 Manzanillo · Five Nights via the South Coast	5	149 nm · 30/day	6.9 h	3 meals or nights	November to March	Marina Las Hadas, Manzanillo
D4 Los Cabos · Pure Cruising	3	295 nm · 98/day	42 h	1 meal	Either side of summer	Marina Cabo San Lucas · fly from SJD

*Longest leg is the longest single stretch under way. Inside the bay no leg is over three hours; the northern and southern routes each have one long leg; one-way voyages include a night passage with two captains.

Twenty miles a day is the *pace*.

Each voyage starts with check-in at two in the afternoon, when lunch is already on the table, and ends with check-out at about noon on the last morning, after breakfast; the exact hour depends on the weather. In between, the yacht moves about twenty nautical miles a day on average and anchors each night in a sheltered bay: you wake in one bay and eat lunch in the next.

Under way

Hours cruising, at 8 knots along the coast and 7 knots on open sea. Planning times with a weather margin; the captain sets each day's departure by the sea, not by this guide.

At rest

Time at anchor, ashore or asleep. "+1d" means the step ends the next day.

Ashore

Rows tinted ice blue are meals or nights on land. You pay the restaurant or hotel directly; the chef has that night off. One meal ashore is part of every voyage, so that you see how the coast eats.

THE FIRST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

2:00 pm	La Cruz de Huanacaxtle You board after lunch has been laid. The crew has been aboard since morning. I walk you through the yacht and leave you in the crew's hands at the dock.
4:30 pm	El Anclote, Punta de Mita The anchor goes down off the point with the Marietas on the horizon, out of the chop that builds inside the bay after three.
6:15 pm	Sunset The crew knows what you drink by now. The light goes behind the point and the water turns to silver.
8:30 pm	Dinner Seafood at lunch, something slower at dinner: a rib eye or salmon, chosen with you the week before.
7:10 am	First light Coffee on the aft deck before anyone else is up. The bay is glass until about ten; this is when the paddleboard goes in.
12:00 pm	The morning Breakfast is included; lunch on the final day is not. Continue the voyage or check out at about noon, at the marina or beach we agreed on; the exact hour depends on the weather.

ROUTE A

Within the *bay*

Bahía de Banderas is forty miles across and calm on three sides. The anchorages are an afternoon apart and no leg is over three hours. Whales in the northern bay from December to March. This is the route I recommend first, and the right one for children.

A1	Punta de Mita and the Marietas	1 or 2 nights
A2	North Shore to South Shore	3 nights
A3	The Whole Bay	4 nights
A4	The Bay with a Night Ashore	5 nights



Where the yacht *sleeps* inside the bay.

Board on the north shore at La Cruz or NuevoVallarta, or at Marina Vallarta; check out on either shore. Most of the southern shore is reached only by sea. Marinas are white rings; anchorages are coral dots.



A1 A · WITHIN THE BAY · 1 OR 2 NIGHTS · ALL YEAR

Punta de Mita and the Marietas

One night or two. The Marietas at dawn, and no leg over two hours.

The shortest voyage: one night or two on the northern shore, the Marietas at dawn, no leg over two hours.



1 or 2	36	18	4 h	0
NIGHTS	NAUTICAL MILES	MILES A DAY	UNDERWAY IN TOTAL	MEALS OR NIGHTS ASHORE

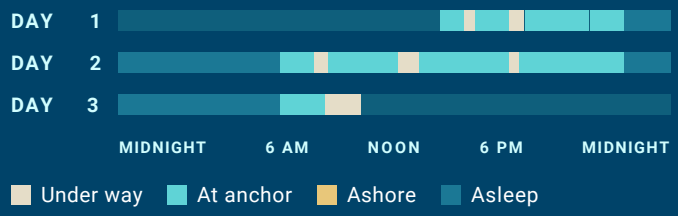
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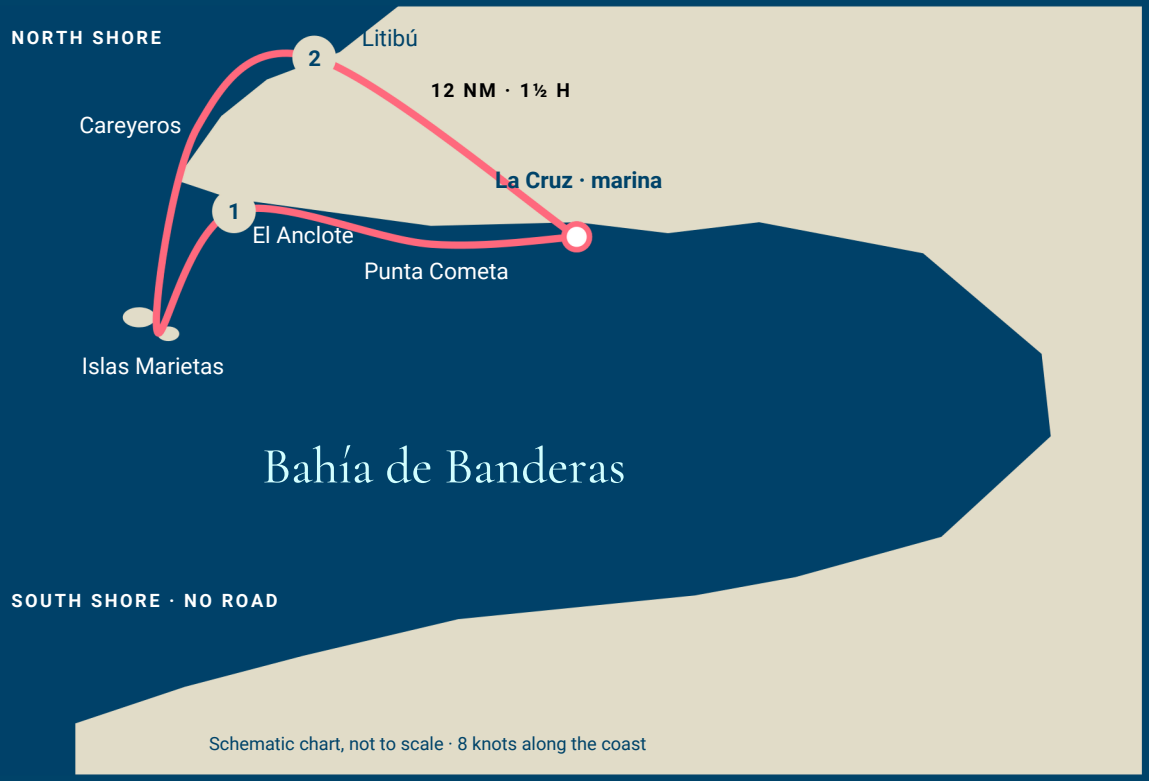
- Your route, 36 nautical miles.
- Where the yacht anchors for the night.
- Marina or pier: where you board and check out.

1 Night at El Anclote

2 Night at Litibú bay

3 Check out






EL ANCLOTE

A1

Day *one*

2:00 pm Check-in, safety brief, lunch. Oksana boards, walks you through the yacht, and leaves you with the crew. Marina La Cruz · Lunch · aboard

3:00 pm Cruise west along the shore. Swim off the platform; the toys go in. Punta Cometa - 4 nm · about 30 min

5:00 pm Round the point to the night anchorage. El Anclote, Punta de Mita - 5 nm · about 30 min

5:45 pm Sunset at anchor, bar open. The light goes behind the point about 6:30 pm in winter, later in summer. El Anclote

8:30 pm Dinner and night 1. Night 1. El Anclote · Dinner · aboard

- Swim
- Paddleboard
- Scuba gear nearby
- Jet skis by arrangement
- Offshore fishing
- Surf

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Pelicans working the point at dusk; the lights of Punta de Mita's restaurants ashore.

MEALS
Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



LITIBÚ BAY

Day *two*

7:00 am Coffee, breakfast, toys while the bay is glass. El Anclote · Breakfast · aboard

8:30 am Islas Marietas before the tour boats: the hidden beach, then snorkel. Humpbacks December to March. Park rules; no jet skis. Marietas (park wristbands) - 5 nm · about 30 min

1:00 pm Round the point to Careyeros, lunch at anchor. Kayak, paddleboard, inflatable island. Careyeros lies just north of the point. Careyeros cove · Lunch · aboard - 7 nm · about 1 h

5:00 pm Short hop to the second night. Or stay at Careyeros if calm. Litibú bay - 3 nm · about 30 min

5:30 pm Sunset, dinner, night 2. Option: dinner ashore at Punta de Mita by tender. Litibú bay · Dinner · aboard

- Scuba gear nearby
- Jet skis by arrangement
- Offshore fishing
- Surf
- Hidden beach
- Snorkel
- Scuba

UNDER WAY
About 2 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
A long empty beach, and a long walk on it.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



MARINA LA CRUZ

A1

Day *two*

The one-night version · check out at noon

7:00 am Breakfast while the bay is glass. El Anclote · Breakfast · aboard

8:00 am The morning at the point: jet ski, scuba, sea scooter, offshore fishing or surf, as you like. Arranged with the local operators; the toys are aboard. El Anclote

10:30 am Cruise back to La Cruz. Marina La Cruz - 8 nm · about 1 h

12:00 pm Check out. At about noon, depending on the weather. Marina La Cruz

- Jet ski
- Scuba
- Offshore fishing
- Surf
- Paddleboard

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
A fishing town with a Sunday market; the softest light on the bay at seven.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard



Day *three*

7:00 am Breakfast, last swim. Litibú bay · Breakfast · aboard

10:00 am Round Punta de Mita back to check out. Or check out at Punta de Mita (4 nm) if you are staying there. Marina La Cruz - 12 nm · about 1.5 h

11:30 am Check out by noon; the exact hour depends on the weather. Marina La Cruz

- Kayak
- Paddle board
- Long beach walk

UNDER WAY
About 1½ h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
A fishing town with a Sunday market; the softest light on the bay at seven.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard

A2 · WITHIN THE BAY · 3 NIGHTS · ALL YEAR

North Shore to *South* Shore

Three nights.A different beachforlunchevery day, and nobody else in the anchorage.

Three nights that cross the whole bay. Board at La Cruz, check out in the Romantic Zone. The one most guests should book.

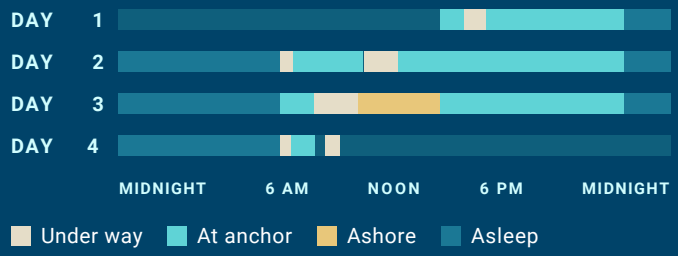


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NIGHTS	NAUTICAL MILES	MILES A DAY	UNDERWAY IN TOTAL	MEALS OR NIGHTS ASHORE

Where you *sleep*, and how far each leg is.

- Your route, 49 nautical miles.
- Where the yacht anchors for the night.
- Marina or pier: where you board and check out.

1. Night at El Anclote
2. Night at Tizate
3. Night at The beach with no road
4. Check out







Day *one*

2:00 pm Check-in and lunch. Marina La Cruz · Lunch · aboard

3:00 pm Cruise to the first anchorage. El Anclote, Punta de Mita - 8 nm · about 1 h

4:00 pm Swim, sunset, dinner, night 1. Night 1. El Anclote · Dinner · aboard

- Scuba gear nearby
- Jet skis by arrangement
- Offshore fishing
- Surf

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Pelicans working the point at dusk; the lights of Punta de Mita's restaurants ashore.

MEALS
Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



Day *two*

07:00 am Breakfast, then the Marietas at first light: the hidden beach. Snorkel; whales December to March. Marietas (wristbands) · Breakfast · aboard - 5 nm · about 30 min

12:00 pm Back east along the shore to the quiet anchorage. Tizate, beside La Cruz · 12 nm · about 1.5 h

1:30 pm Lunch, empty beach, toys, whale watching. sunset, night 2. Night 2. The quietest anchorage in the bay. Tizate · Lunch / Dinner · aboard

7:30 pm Sunset, Night 2. The quietest anchorage in the bay. Tizate · Dinner · aboard

- Hidden beach
- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Whales Dec–Mar
- Paddle board
- Empty beach

UNDER WAY
About 2 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Nobody on the beach, and the softest light on the bay at seven in the morning.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



Day *three*

Night at *The beach with no road*

7:00 am Breakfast. Tizate · Breakfast · aboard

8:30 am Cross the bay to the southern shore. About two hours. Dolphins often mid-bay. Stopover at *Los Arcos. The beach with no road,* - 15 nm · about 2,5 h

11:30 am Lunch ashore on the sand at The Beach With No Road. You pay the restaurant. Stingrays in the shallows: shuffle your feet. *The beach with no road* · Lunch · ashore

4:00 pm Afternoon at anchor, sunset, dinner, night 3. Night 3. Alternatives for lunch: the palapas at *Las Ánimas,* ten minutes on by tender, or *Quimixto* · Dinner · aboard

- Paddleboard
- Snorkel
- Empty beach
- Stingrays in the shallows
- Trail to *Las Ánimas*

UNDER WAY
About 2 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Dolphins on the crossing; stingrays in the shallows; pangas from Las Ánimas.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch ashore, Dinner aboard



LOS MUERTOS PIER

Day *four*

7:00 am Breakfast, then *Los Arcos* before the tour boats. Snorkel at about 8:40 am when the arches are glass-still. *Los Arcos* · Breakfast · aboard 4 nm · about 30 min

10:00 am Cruise to check out. Board north, check out south. Los Muertos, Romantic Zone

5 nm · about 30 min

11:45 am Check out. Check out by noon, or linger at anchor off Los Muertos until then. Los Muertos pier

- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Jet skis by arrangement

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The anchorage of the night, from the water.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard

A3 A · WITHIN THE BAY · 4 NIGHTS · ALL YEAR

The Whole Bay

Every anchorage the bay has, and a beach with nobody on it.

Every anchorage the bay has, two meals ashore, an optional run to a beach with nobody on it. You check out in the Romantic Zone.

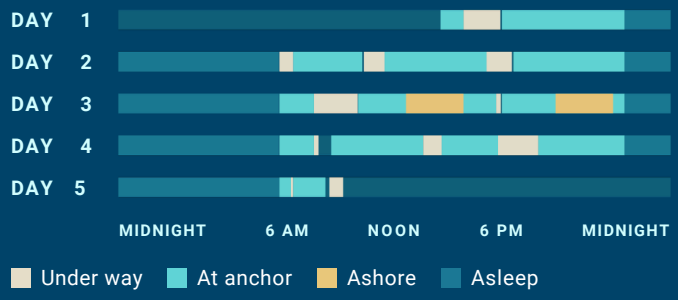


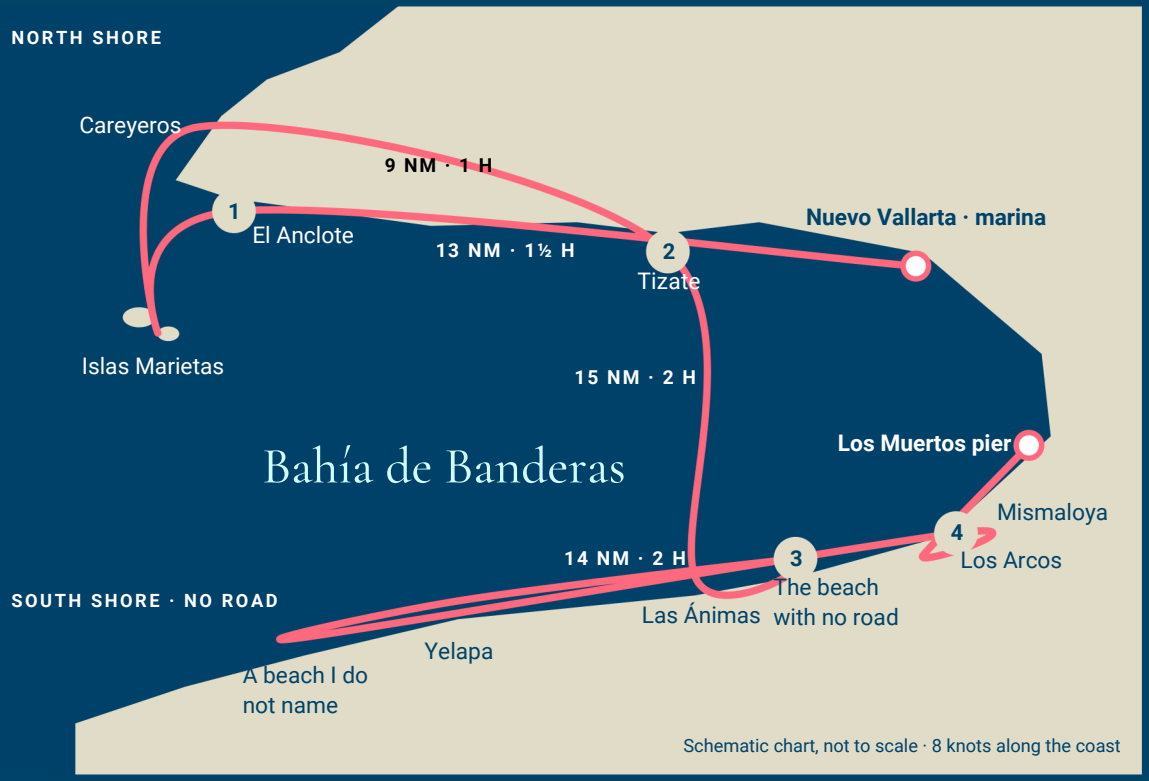
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NIGHTS	NAUTICAL MILES	MILES A DAY	UNDERWAY IN TOTAL	MEALS OR NIGHTS ASHORE

Where you *sleep*, and how far each leg is.

- Your route, 79 nautical miles.
- Where the yacht anchors for the night.
- Marina or pier: where you board and check out.

1. Night at El Anclote
2. Night at Tizate
3. Night at The beach with no road
4. Night at Mismaloya, sheltered by the point
5. Check out







Day *one*

2:00 pm Check-in and lunch. Nuevo Vallarta marina · Lunch · aboard

3:00 pm Cruise to Punta de Mita. El Anclote

13 nm · about 1.5 h

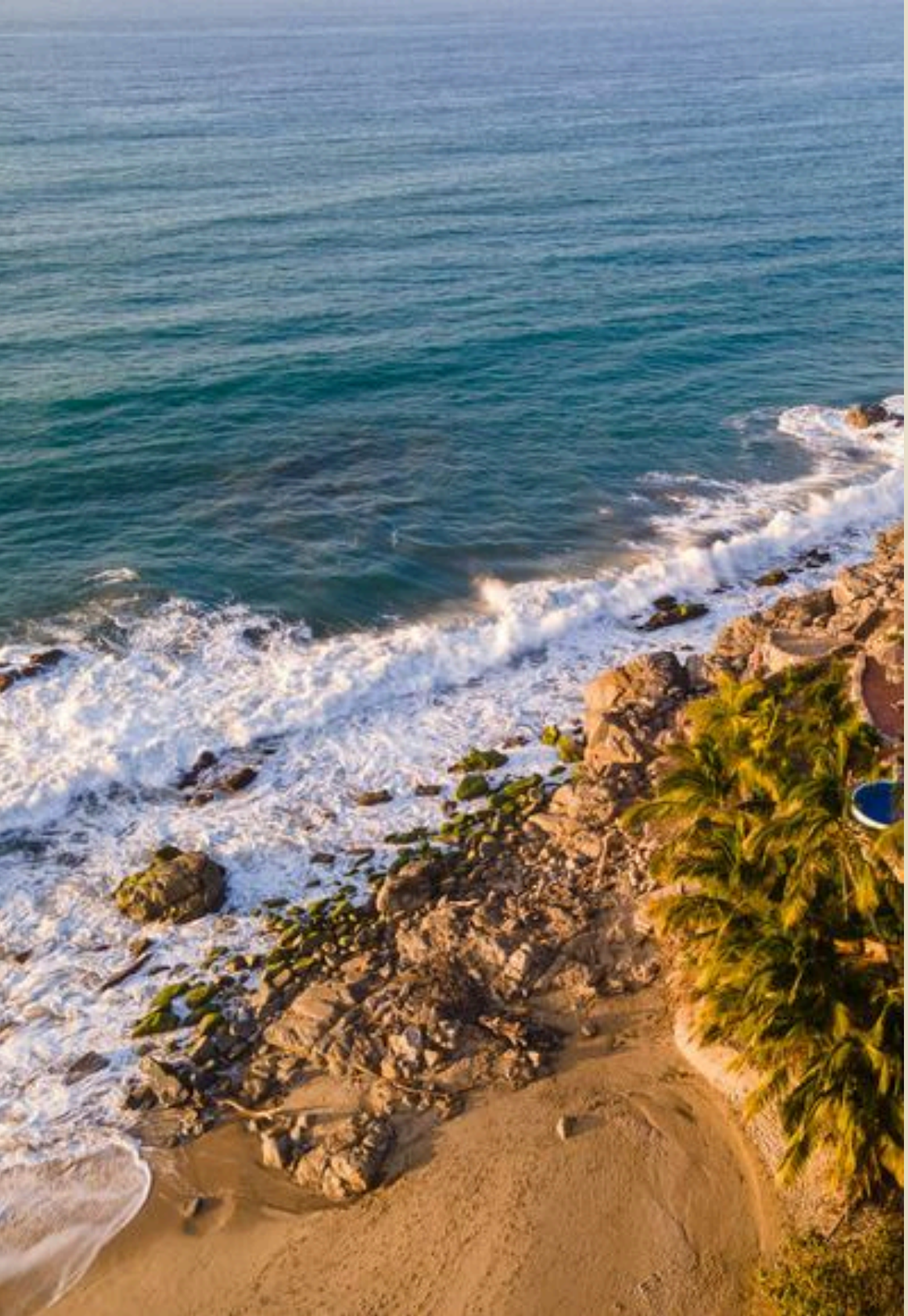
4:45 pm Sunset, dinner, night 1. Night 1. El Anclote · Dinner · aboard

- Scuba gear nearby
- Jet skis by arrangement
- Offshore fishing
- Surf

UNDER WAY
About 1½ h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Pelicans working the point at dusk; the lights of Punta de Mita's restaurants ashore.

MEALS
Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



Day *two*

07:00 am Breakfast, then the Marietas at dawn: the hidden beach. *Marietas* (wristbands) · Breakfast · aboard

5 nm · about 30 min

12:45 am Round the point to Careyeros for the toys and lunch. Careyeros cove · Lunch · aboard - 7 nm · about 1 h

5:00 pm Evening hop to the quiet anchorage.

Tizate · 9 nm · about 1 h

7:15 pm Sunset, dinner, night 2. Night 2. Tizate · Dinner · aboard

- Hidden beach
- Snorkel
- S c uba
- Whales Dec–Mar
- Kayak
- Paddleboard
- Empty beach

UNDER WAY

About 2½ h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR

Nobody on the beach, and the softest light on the bay at seven in the morning.

MEALS

Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



THE BEACH WITH NO ROAD

A3

Day *three*

Night at *The beach with no road*

7:00 am Breakfast. Tizate · aboard

8:30 am Cross to the south shore. *Las Ánimas* 15 nm · about 2 h

10:30 am Lunch ashore at a palapa on *Las Ánimas* beach, afternoon at anchor. You pay. A working fishing beach with pangas coming and going. Las Ánimas · Lunch · lunch ashore

4:30 pm Two miles back to the beach with no road for the night. The beach with no road - 2 nm · about 15 min

4:45 pm Dinner ashore at *The Beach With No Road*, night 3. Chef's night off; you pay the restaurant. Dinner ashore

- Paddleboard
- Snorkel
- Empty beach
- Horseback riding
- Trail to Quimixto (40 min)
- Jet skis by arrangement
- Stingrays in the shallows

UNDER WAY
About 2 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Dolphins on the crossing; stingrays in the shallows; pangas from Las Ánimas.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch ashore, Dinner ashore



MISMALOYA, SHELTERED BY THE POINT

A3

Day *four*

Night at Mismaloya, sheltered by the point

7:00 am Breakfast. The beach with no road ·

8:30 am Cruise to *Yelapa* (anchor off the beach)
2 nm · about 15 min

9:15 am Waterfall on foot, lunch aboard. Option: lunch ashore at a Yelapa palapa instead.

1:15 pm Optional: an hour further to a beach beyond Yelapa that I do not name. Very alone, very far. Nobody there but you.
The far beach - 6 nm · about 45 min

4:30 pm Back to the sheltered night anchorage. Skip the far beach and this leg is 9 nm from Yelapa. Mismaloya, sheltered by the point - 14 nm · about 2 h

7:15 pm Dinner, night 4. Night 4. Mismaloya, sheltered by the point · Dinner · aboard

- Snorkel
- Stingrays in the shallows
- Trail to Las Ánimas
- Town visit
- Waterfall
- Horseback riding
- Paddleboard

UNDER WAY
About 3 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Sheltered water tonight; Los Arcos is a few minutes away in the m or ni ng.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



LOS MUERTOS PIER

Day *five*

7:30 am Breakfast aboard, then *Los Arcos* before the tour boats.

1 nm · about 15 min

10:15 am Cruise to check out.

5 nm · about 30 min

11:45 am Check out by noon. Or continue to Marina Vallarta (+4 nm). Los Muertos pier

- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Jet skis by arrangement

UNDER WAY
About 45 min today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The anchorage of the night, from the water.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard

A4 · WITHIN THE BAY · 5 NIGHTS · ALL YEAR

The Bay with a Night Ashore

Five nights, one of them in a villa on a beach you can only reach by sea.

Five nights, and a night at *The Beach With No Road*. Two lunches ashore, the *Quimixto* waterfall, and a beach-club Saturday for the adults.

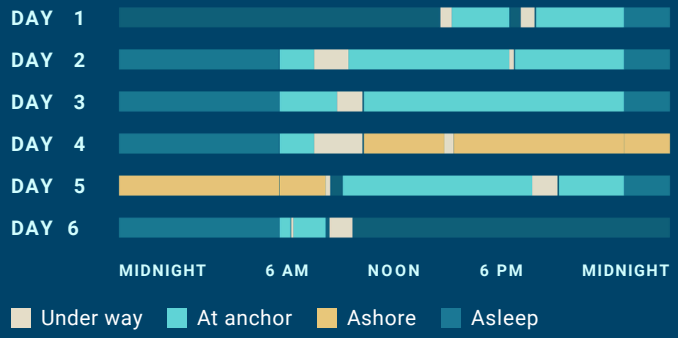


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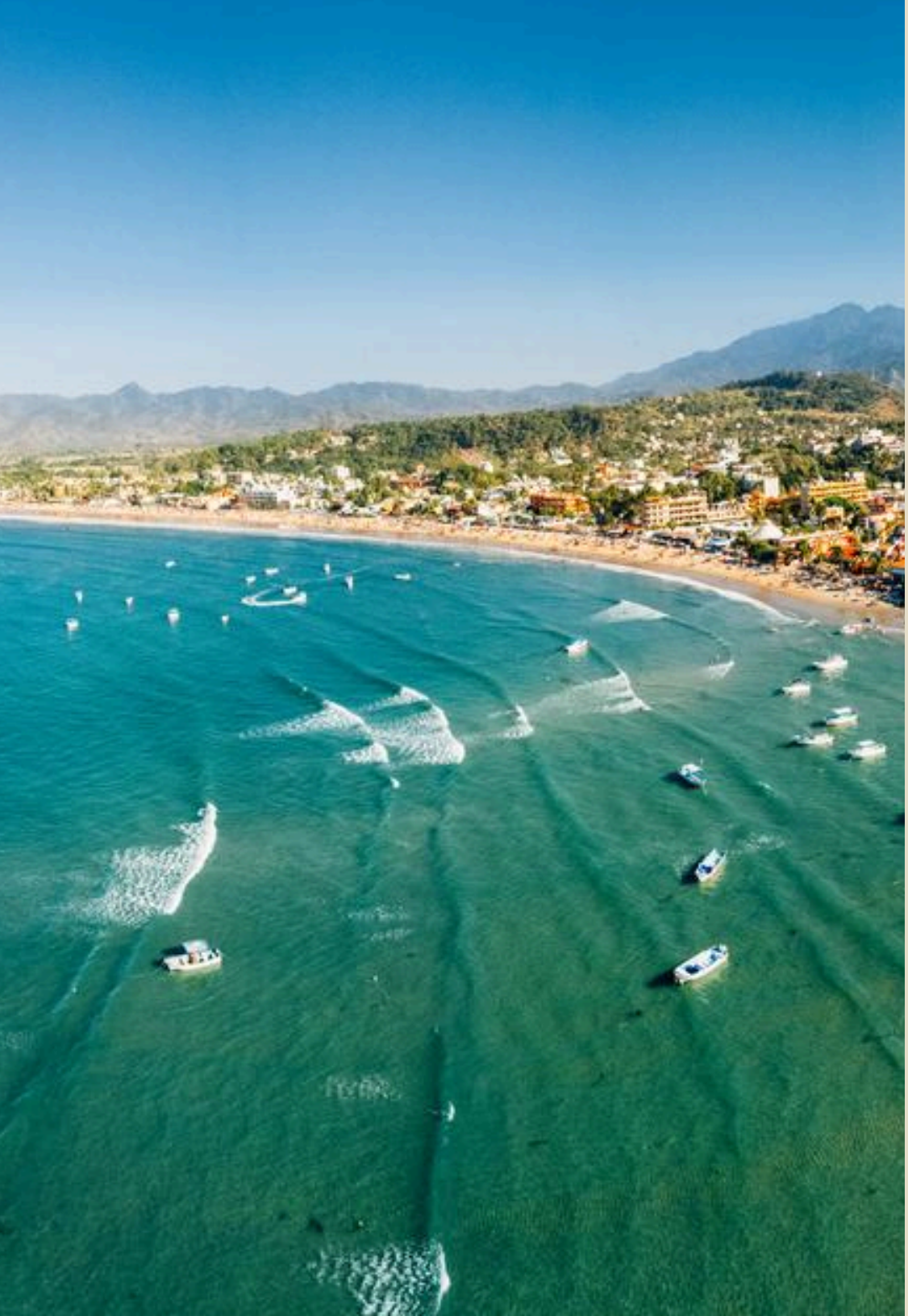
Where you *sleep*, and how far each leg is.

- Your route, 72 nautical miles.
- Where the yacht anchors for the night.
- Marina or pier: where you board and check out.

1. Night at El Anclote
2. Night at El Anclote
3. Night at Tizate
4. Night ashore · The Beach With No Road (villa)
5. Night at Mismaloya, sheltered by the point
6. Check out







Day *one*

2:00 pm Check-in, then lunch at anchor off Punta Cometa.

4 nm · about 30 min

5:30 pm Sunset cruise to Punta de Mita. El Anclote

5 nm · about 30 min

6:30 pm Dinner aboard. Night 1. El Anclote

- Swim
- Paddleboard
- Scuba gear nearby
- Jet skis by arrangement
- Offshore fishing
- Surf

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Pelicans working the point at dusk; the lights of Punta de Mita's restaurants ashore.

MEALS
Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



Day *two*

7:00 am Breakfast aboard. El Anclote

8:30 am The Marietas at dawn and *the hidden beach,* then round the point to Careyeros for the whole day. Kayak, paddleboard, snorkel, inflatable island. Marietas → Careyeros · Lunch · aboard - 12 nm · about 1.5 h

5:00 pm Back to Punta de Mita. El Anclote · 2 nm · about 15 min

5:15 pm Dinner. Night 2. Option: dinner ashore at Punta de Mita by tender. El Anclote · Dinner · aboard

- Scuba gear nearby
- Jet skis by arrangement
- Offshore fishing
- Surf
- Snorkel
- Kayak
- Paddleboard

UNDER WAY
About 1½ h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Pelicans working the point at dusk; the lights of Punta de Mita's restaurants ashore.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



Day *three*

7:00 am Breakfast aboard and morning toys. El Anclote

9:30 am Cruise east to Tizate 9 nm · about 1 h

10:45 am Lunch, empty beach; Saturday option: a beach-club evening for the adults, nanny aboard. Night 3. Saturdays 1 pm to 8 pm, reserved ahead, paid there.

- Scuba gear nearby
- Jet skis by arrangement
- Offshore fishing
- Surf
- Paddleboard
- Sn o rkel
- Empty beach

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Nobody on the beach, and the softest light on the bay at seven in the morning.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



THE BEACH WITH NO ROAD (VILLA)

A4

Day *four*

Night ashore · The Beach With No Road (villa)

7:00 am Breakfast aboard. Tizate

8:30 am Cross the bay to the southern shore. About two hours. *Quimixto* - 17 nm · about 2 h

10:45 am Walk to the *Quimixto* waterfall, lunch at a palapa. You pay. Twenty minutes on foot, or by horse. Lunch ashore

2:15 pm Three miles back to the beach with no road. The beach with no road - 3 nm · about 30 min

2:30 pm A night ashore at *The Beach With No Road.* Night 4 on land. The crew reprovisions, launders, resets. You keep your cabins for the day.· Dinner ashore

- Paddleboard
- Snorkel
- Empty beach
- Waterfall
- Horseback riding
- Stingrays in the shallows
- Trail to Las Ánimas

UNDER WAY
About 2½ h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Dolphins on the crossing; stingrays in the shallows; pangas from Las Ánimas.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch ashore, Dinner ashore



MISMALOYA, SHELTERED BY THE POINT

A4

Day *five*

Night at Mismaloya, sheltered by the point

7:00 am	Breakfast ashore, reboard by tender. Hotel breakfast. The beach with no road · Breakfast · ashore
9:00 am	Cruise to Yelapa. Yelapa · 2 nm · about 15 min
9:45 am	Waterfall, lunch, beach afternoon. Optional: an hour further to a beach beyond Yelapa that I do not name (+12 nm round trip). Yelapa · Lunch · aboard
6:00 pm	Hop to the night anchorage. Mismaloya, sheltered by the point · 9 nm · about 1 h
7:15 pm	Dinner, night 5. Night 5. Mismaloya, sheltered by the point · Dinner · aboard

- S nork el
- Stingrays in the shallows
- Trail to Las Ánimas
- Town visit
- Waterfall
- Horseback riding
- Paddleboard

UNDER WAY
About 1½ h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Sheltered water tonight; Los Arcos is a few minutes away in the morning.

MEALS
Breakfast ashore, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



MARINA VALLARTA

A4

Day *six*

7:30 am Breakfast aboard, then Los Arcos before the tour boats.

1 nm · about 15 min

9:15 am Cruise to check out. Marina Vallarta · 8 nm · about 1 h

11:15 am Check out by noon; the exact hour depends on the weather. Marina Vallarta

- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Jet skis by arrangement

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The anchorage of the night, from the water.

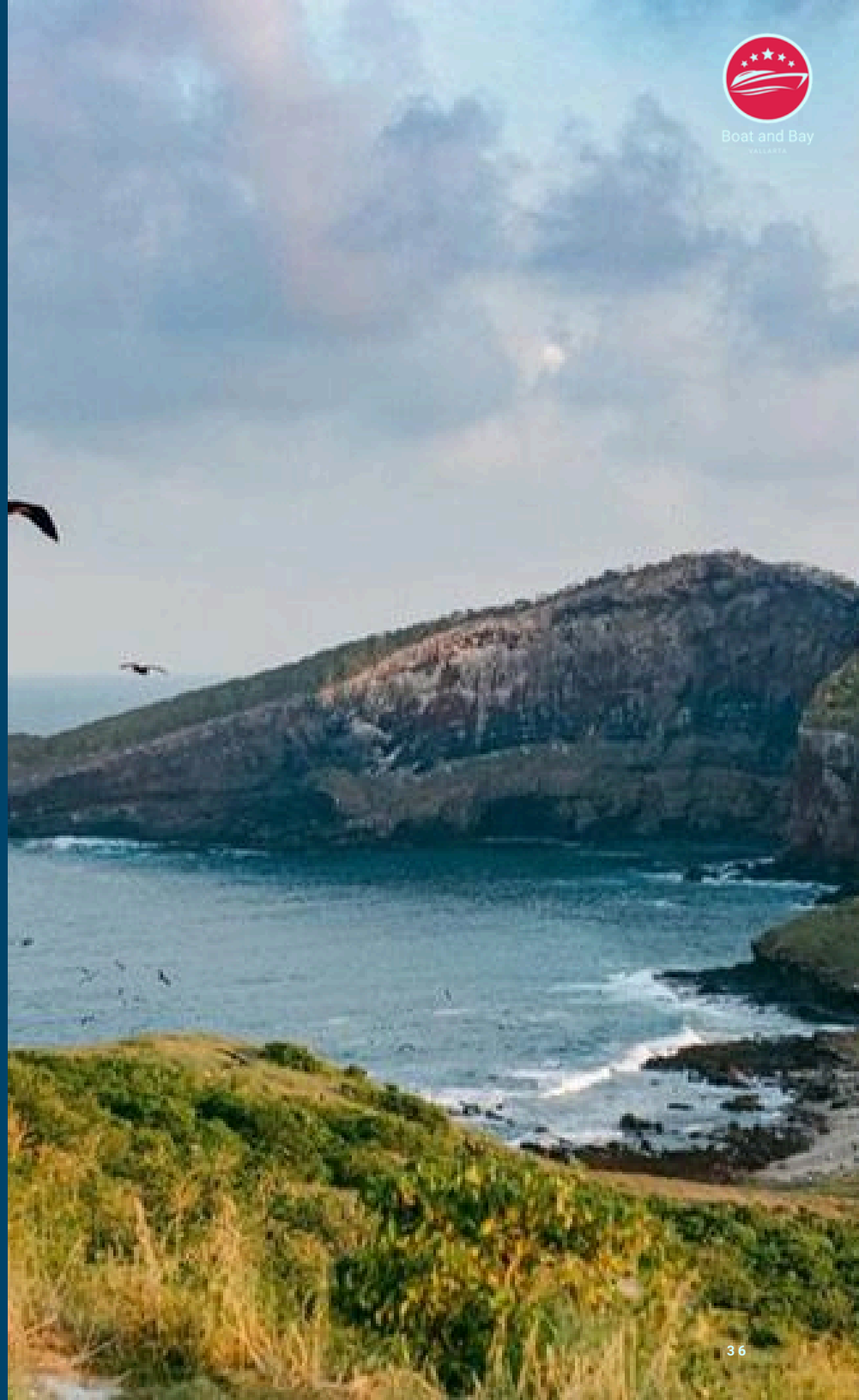
MEALS
Breakfast aboard

ROUTE B

North, to *Isla Isabel*

North of Punta de Mita the coast is a chain of coves with no road, and a national park almost nobody reaches by private yacht. It sails all year. From April to October the wind leaves this shore at its calmest; in the other months I plan it around the weather window.

B1	North to Isla Isabel	5 nights
B2	San Pancho and Chacala	3 nights

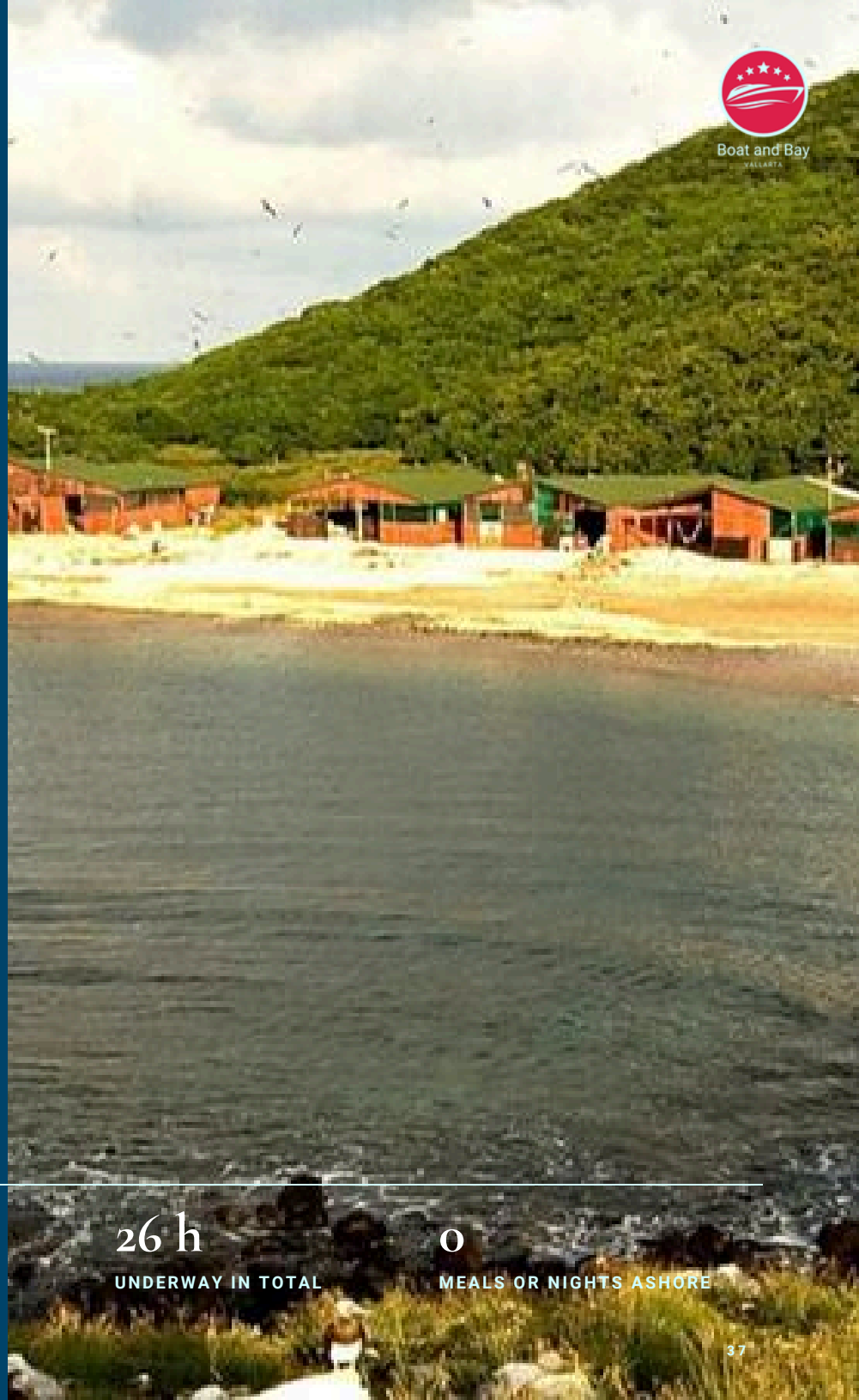


B1 · NORTH, OUTSIDE THE BAY · 5 NIGHTS · CALMEST APRIL TO OCTOBER

North to *Isla Isabel*

Five nights up a coast with no road, to an island almost nobody reaches.

Up the Nayarit coast one bay at a time to a volcanic national park almost nobody reaches by private yacht, then one long leg home.

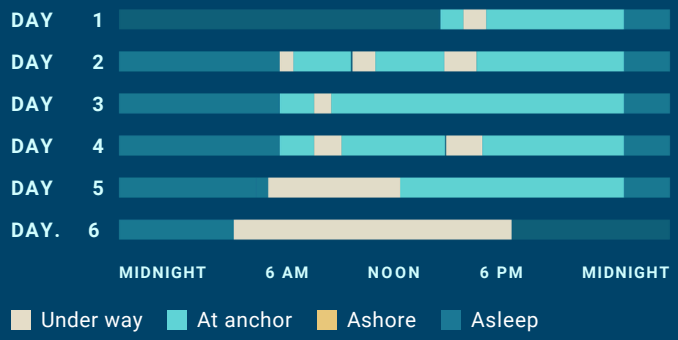


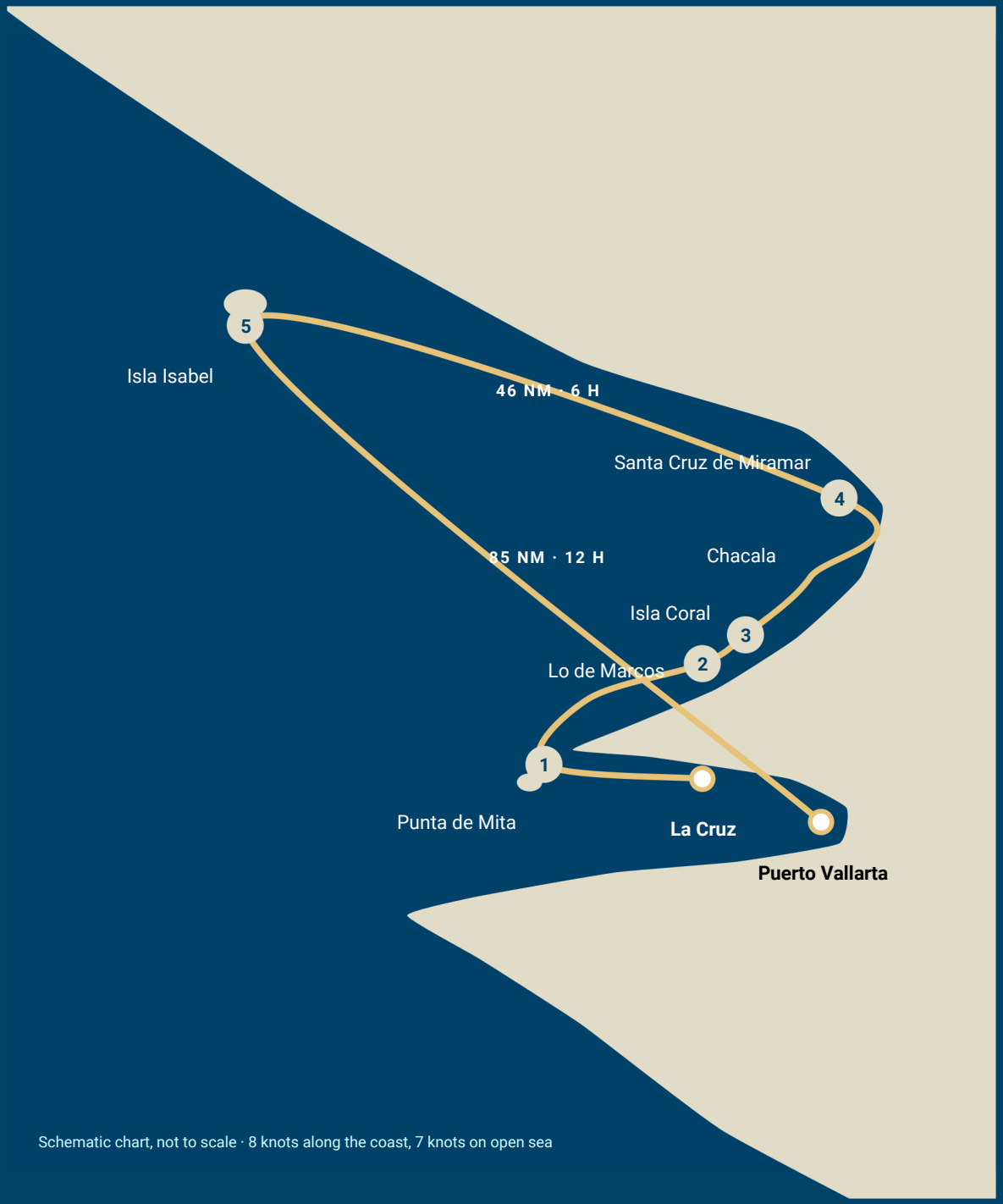
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NIGHTS	NAUTICAL MILES	MILES A DAY	UNDERWAY IN TOTAL	MEALS OR NIGHTS ASHORE

Where you *sleep*, and how far each leg is.

- Your route, 192 nautical miles.
- Where the yacht anchors for the night.
- Marina or pier: where you board and check out.

1. Night at El Anclote
2. Night at Lo de Marcos
3. Night at Isla Coral, lee side
4. Night at Santa Cruz de Miramar
5. Night at Isla Isabel, south cove
6. Check out





Schematic chart, not to scale · 8 knots along the coast, 7 knots on open sea



Day *one*

2:00 pm Check-in and lunch aboard.

3:00 pm Cruise to Punta de Mita.

8 nm · about 1 h

4:00 pm Sunset, dinner aboard, night 1. El Anclote ·

- Scuba gear nearby
- Jet skis by arrangement
- Offshore fishing
- Surf

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Pelicans working the point at dusk; the lights of Punta de Mita's restaurants ashore.

MEALS
Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



LO DE MARCOS

B1

Day *two*

07:00 am Breakfast aboard, then the Marietas at first light: the hidden beach. Marietas (wristbands) 5 nm · about 30 min

12:15 am North past Careyeros to the Higuera Blanca coves. Lunch at anchor in a cove with no road. 8 nm · about 1 h

3:15 pm On to Lo de Marcos. Passes San Pancho; dinner ashore there as alternative. 11 nm · about 1.5 h

6:30 pm Sunset, dinner, night 2. Night 2. The captain's preferred anchorage on this coast. Lo de Marcos · Dinner · aboard

- Hidden beach
- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Whales Dec–Mar
- Kayak
- Paddleboard
- Fishing

UNDER WAY
About 3 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The captain's favourite anchorage on this coast.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



ISLA CORAL, LEE SIDE

B1

Day *three*

Night at Isla Coral, lee side

7:00 am Breakfast aboard. Lo de Marcos

8:30 am Past El Monteño and Los Ayala to Isla Coral. Isla Coral, off Guayabitos (wristbands)

6 nm · about 45 min

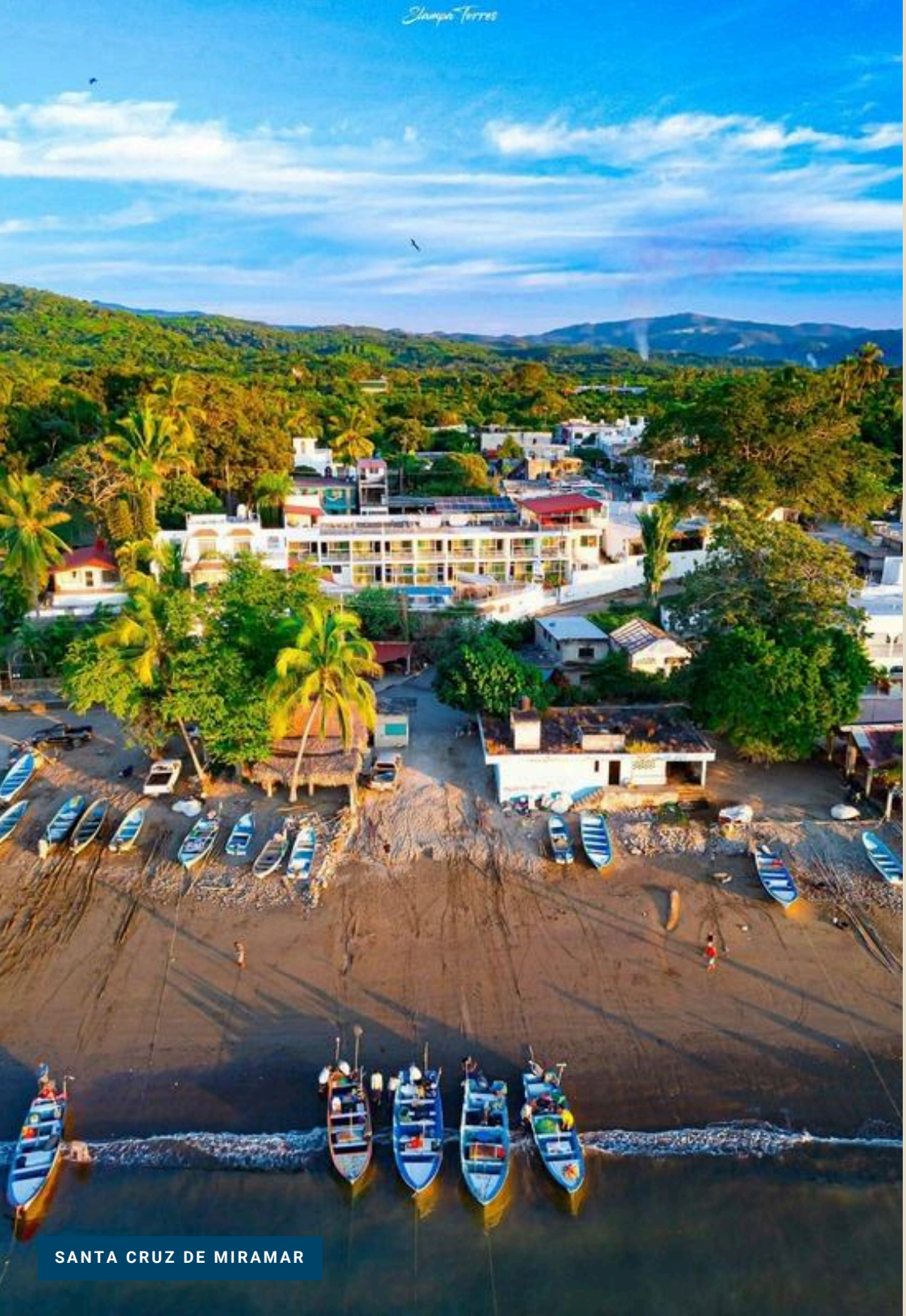
9:15 am Reef, snorkel, lunch, afternoon; night 3 at the island. Night 3. The clearest water on the route. Overnight anchoring is confirmed with the park before departure. Isla Coral, lee side · Lunch / Dinner · aboard

- Fishing
- Beach
- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Kayak

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The clearest water on the route; the reef on the lee side of the island.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



SANTA CRUZ DE MIRAMAR

Day *four*

Night at Santa Cruz de Miramar

7:00 am Breakfast aboard. Isla Coral

8:30 am Cruise to Chacala. Lunch ashore in Chacala is the alternative (you pay). Chacala and Chacalilla · Lunch · aboard · 10 nm · about 1 h

2:15 pm On to the sleeping anchorage. A night, not a stop: fine to sleep, poor to swim. Santa Cruz de Miramar · 13 nm · about 1.5 h

3:45 pm Dinner, night 4. Night 4. Santa Cruz de Miramar · Dinner · aboard

- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Kayak
- Jet skis by arrangement
- Walk to Chacalilla
- Sleep, not swim

UNDER WAY
About 3 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
A night, not a stop: fine to sleep, poor to swim.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



SANTA CRUZ DE MIRAMAR

Day *five*

Night at Isla Isabel, south cove

6:00 am Early breakfast under way. Santa Cruz de Miramar · Breakfast · aboard

6:30 am Cruise to Isla Isabel. About six hours across open water; whales in season. Isla Isabel National Park (wristbands) · 46 nm · about 6 h

12:15 pm The island: crater lake, frigatebirds, snorkel; lunch, dinner, night 5. Night 5. Fuel is taken at San Blas (Matanchén bay) before the crossing on yachts that need it; the stop adds an hour, and a mangrove tour at La Tovara if you want one. Overnight anchoring is confirmed with the park before departure. Isla Isabel, south cove · Lunch / Dinner · aboard

- Sleep, not swim
- Crater-lake hike (shoes)
- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Offshore fishing
- Birds

UNDER WAY
About 6 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
A night, not a stop: fine to sleep, poor to swim.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



MARINA VALLARTA

Day *six*

6:30 am Return passage to Puerto Vallarta, breakfast and lunch under way. About twelve hours; second captain aboard. Alternative: depart at 6 pm on day 5 for a night passage and a dawn arrival. Marina Vallarta · Breakfast / Lunch · aboard 85 nm · about 12 h

6:30 pm Arrival and check out. Check out on arrival. Or add night 6 at Punta de Mita and check out at noon on day 7. Marina Vallarta

- Trolling under way

UNDER WAY
About 12 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The anchorage of the night, from the water.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard

B2

B · NORTH, OUTSIDE THE BAY · 3 NIGHTS · CALMEST APRIL TO OCTOBER

San Pancho and Chacala

A short northern voayage

Two towns reached by sea, one dinner ashore, and the coves between.

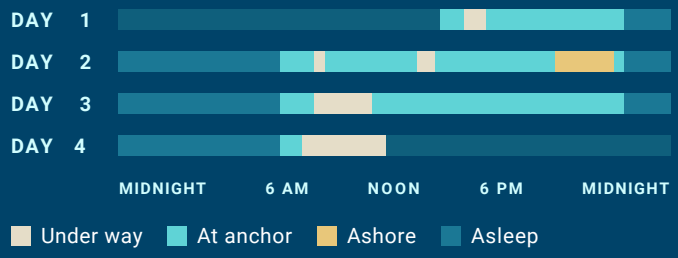


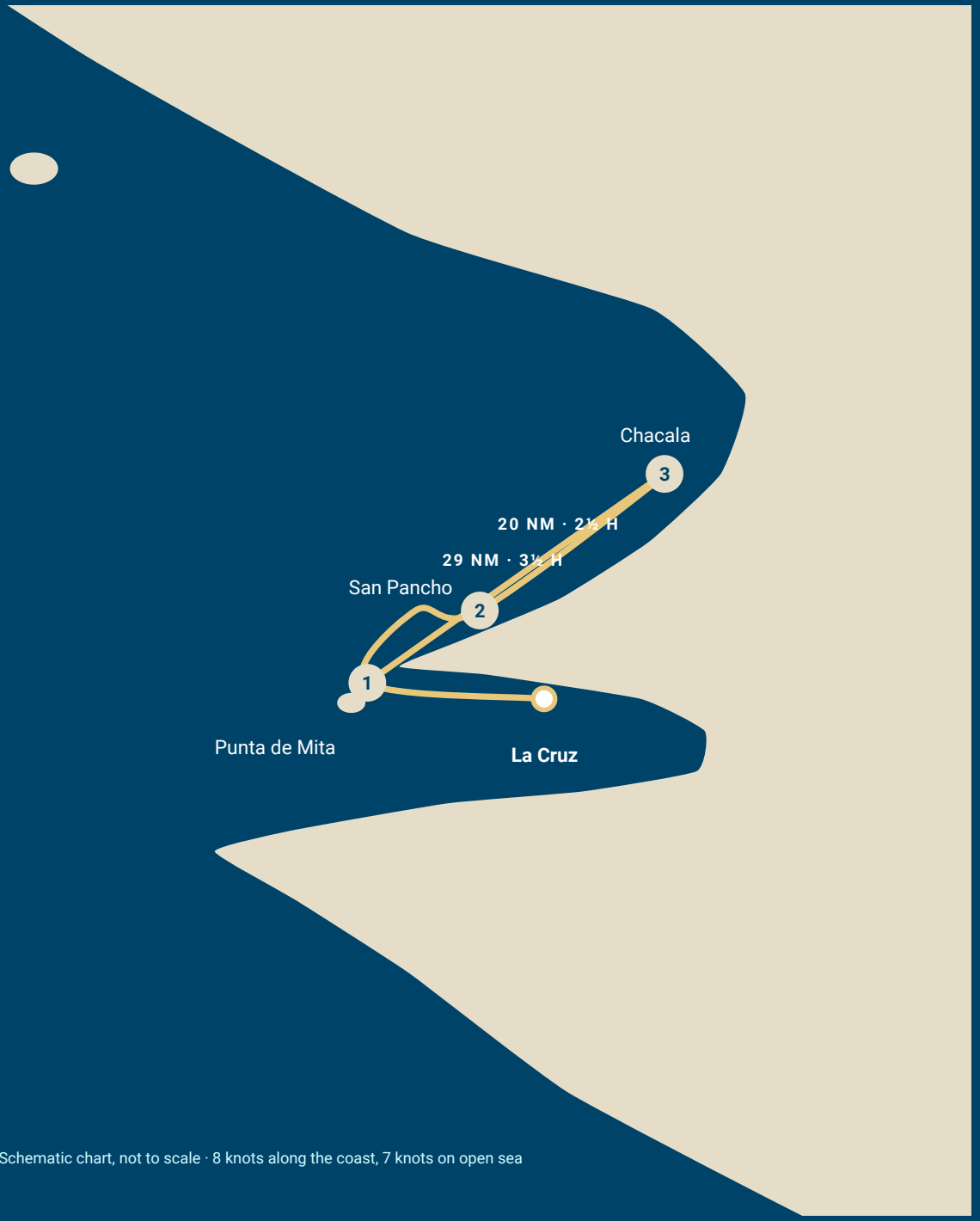
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NIGHTS	NAUTICAL MILES	MILES A DAY	UNDERWAY IN TOTAL	MEALS OR NIGHTS ASHORE

Where you *sleep*, and how far each leg is.

- Your route, 67 nautical miles.
- Where the yacht anchors for the night.
- Marina or pier: where you board and check out.

1 Night at El Anclote
2 Night at San Pancho
3 Night at Chacala
4 Check out





Schematic chart, not to scale · 8 knots along the coast, 7 knots on open sea



Day *one*

2:00 pm Check-in and lunch aboard.

3:00 pm Cruise to Punta de Mita. El Anclote

8 nm · about 1 h

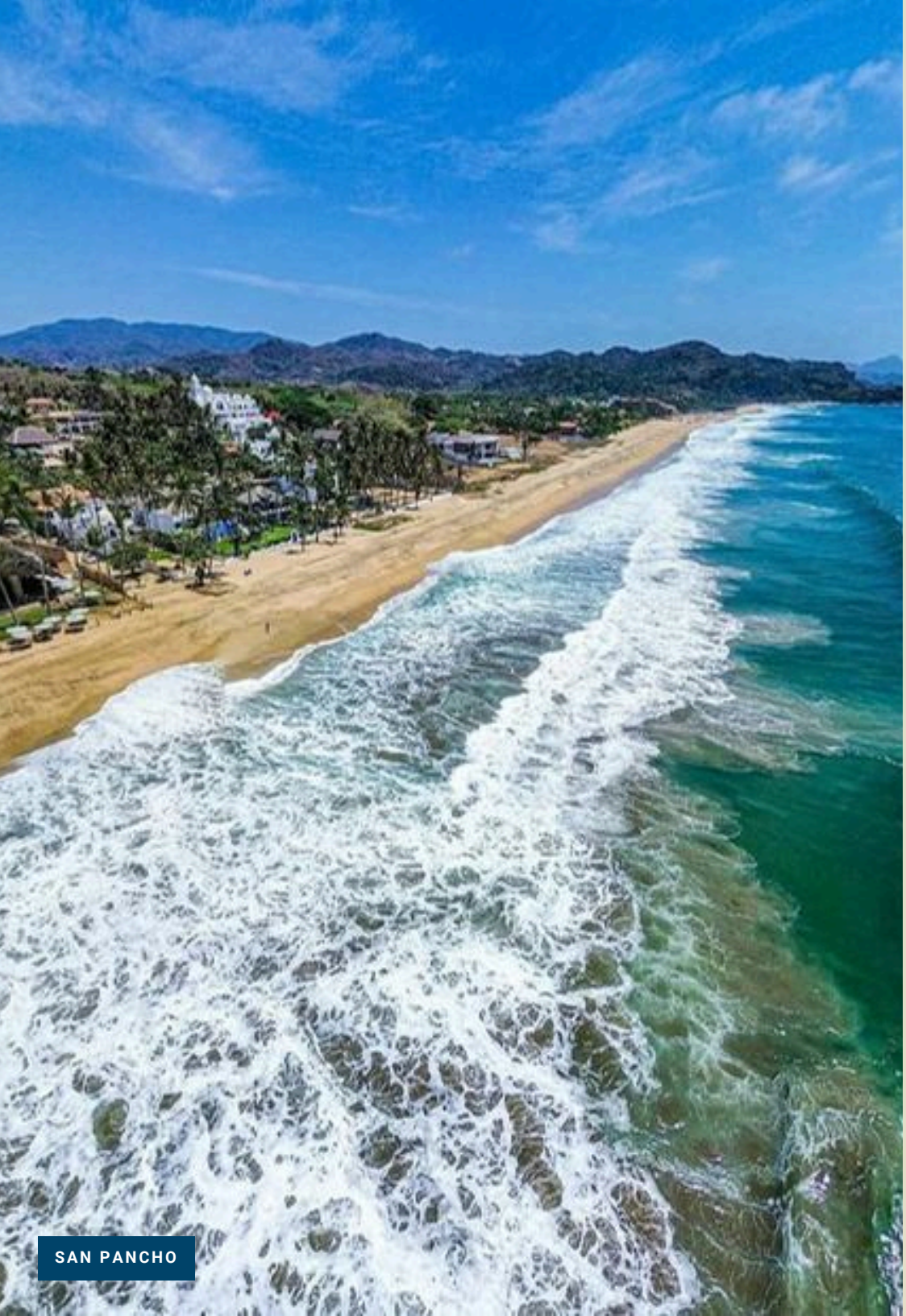
4:00 pm Sunset, dinner aboard, night 1.

- Scuba gear nearby
- Jet skis by arrangement
- Offshore fishing
- Surf

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Pelicans working the point at dusk; the lights of Punta de Mita's restaurants ashore.

MEALS
Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



B2

Day *two*

7:00 am Breakfast aboard. El Anclote

8:30 am Round the point to the Higuera Blanca coves, lunch at anchor. Hidden coves
4 nm · about 30 min

1:00 pm On to San Pancho (anchor off the beach)
6 nm · about 45 min

1:45 pm Beach afternoon; dinner ashore in San Pancho; night 2. You pay the restaurant. If there is swell, we sleep at Lo de Marcos (5 nm on).

- Scuba gear nearby
- Jet skis by arrangement
- Offshore fishing
- Surf
- Snorkel
- Kayak
- Paddleboard

UNDER WAY
About 1½ h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Surf, a long beach, and a good dinner in town.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner as hor e



Day *three*

7:00 am Breakfast aboard. San Pancho

8:30 am Cruise to Chacala and Chacalilla. About two and a half hours. Chacala and Chacalilla 20 nm · about 2.5 h

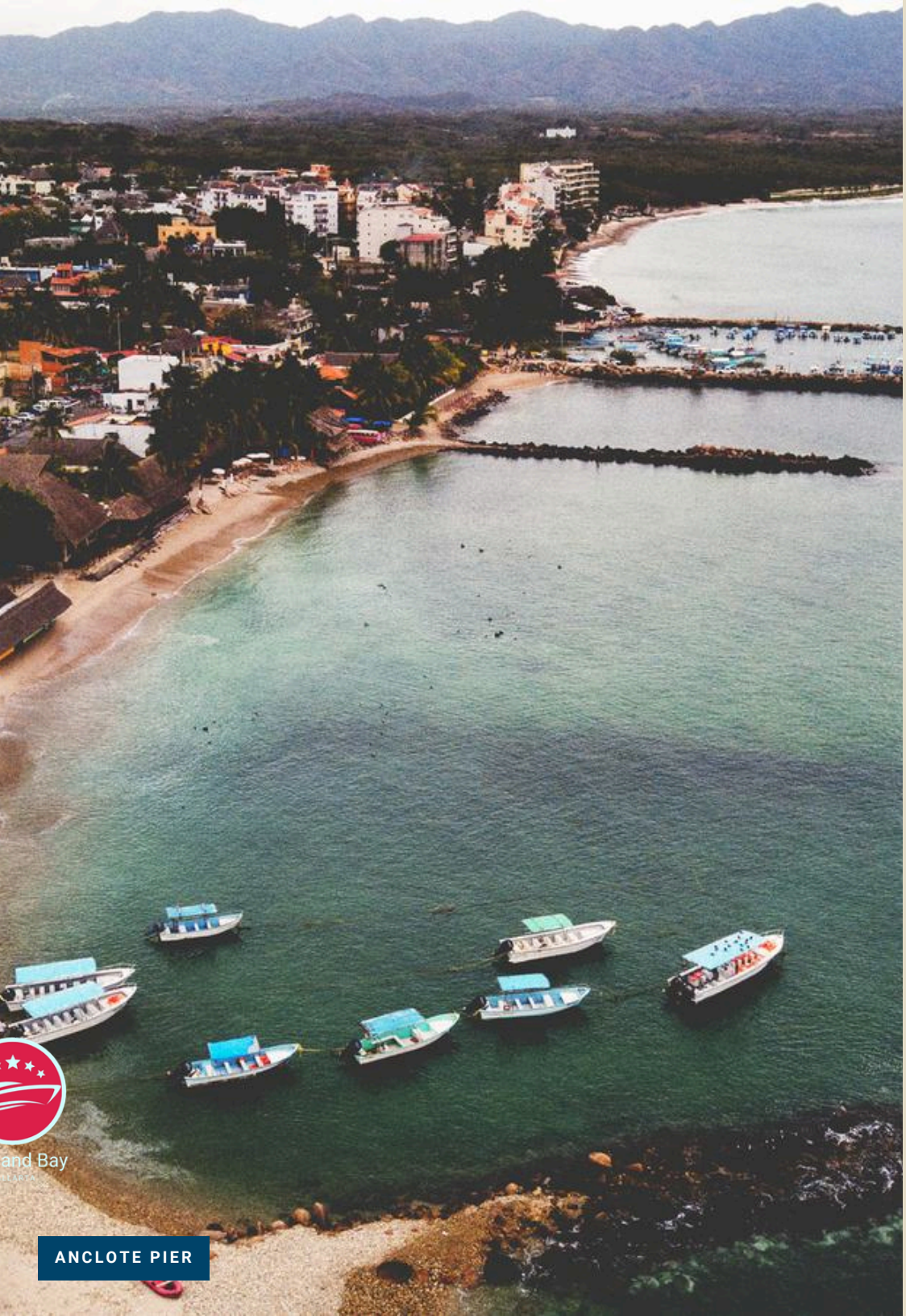
11:00 am Lunch, cove afternoon, sunset, dinner aboard, night 3

- Surf
- Beach walk
- Town
- Jet skis by arrangement
- Kayak
- Walk to Chacalilla

UNDER WAY
About 2½ h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
A palm-lined cove with water like a pool.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



ANCLOTE PIER

Day *four*

7:00 am Breakfast aboard, early start. Chacala

8:00 am Return to Punta de Mita for check out. About three and a half hours.
29 nm · about 3.5 h

11:45 am Check out at Punta de Mita. Or check out at La Cruz, one hour on.

- Jet skis by arrangement
- Kayak
- Walk to Chacalilla
- Scuba gear nearby
- Offshore fishing
- Surf

UNDER WAY
About 3½ h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Pelicans working the point at dusk; the lights of Punta de Mita's restaurants ashore.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard



By the second night nobody hears the generator.

Life aboard, after dark

South, past *Cabo Corrientes*

Empty, steep, and yours.

Round the cape and the coast changes: long beaches and no towns for hours. It sails all year; from November to March it is at its calmest, and in summer the captain picks the days and the anchorages with more care. The route can end at Barra de Navidad, forty minutes from Manzanillo airport.

C1	Cabo Corrientes to Careyes	4 nights
C2	Corrales and Tehuamixtle, and back	3 nights



C1

C · SOUTH, OUTSIDE THE BAY · 4 NIGHTS · CALMEST NOVEMBER TO MARCH

Cabo Corrientes to Careyes

Round the cape to beaches that run for miles:

A day at Tehuamixtle, the Islas Cocinas, lunch at Careyes, and fly home from Manzanillo.

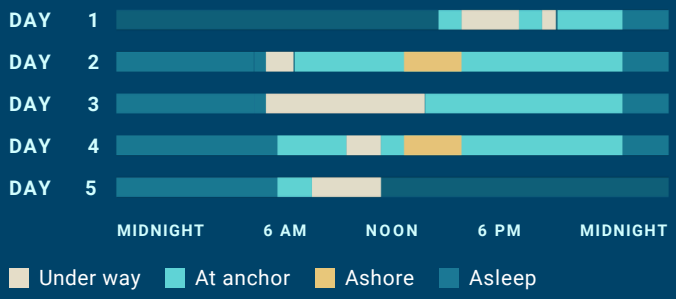
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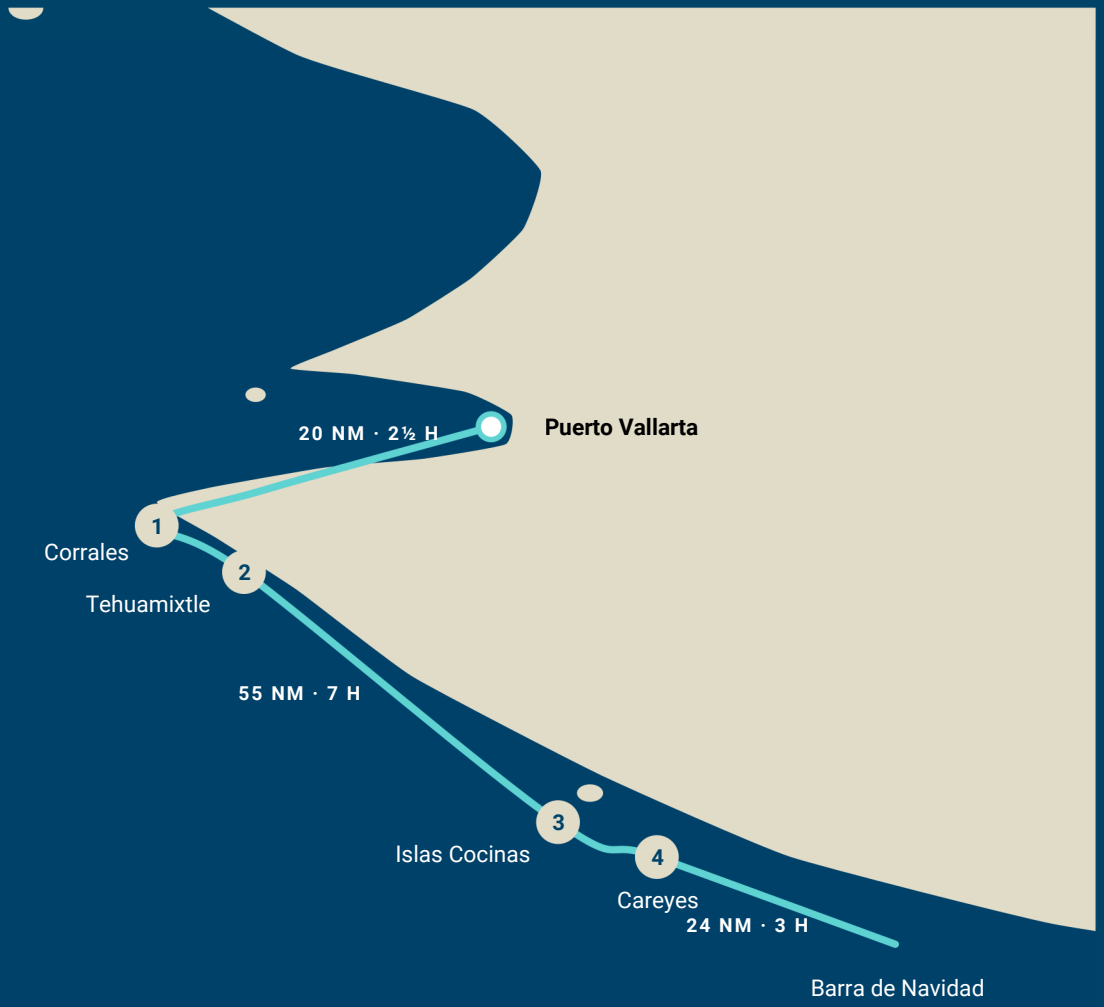


Where you sleep, and how far each leg is.

- Your route, 126 nautical miles.
- Where the yacht anchors for the night.
- Marina or pier: where you board and check out.

1. Night at Corrales
2. Night at Tehuamixtle
3. Night at Islas Cocinas
4. Night at Careyes
5. Check out





Schematic chart, not to scale · 8 knots along the coast, 7 knots on open sea



Day *one*

2:00 pm Check-in and lunch aboard. Marina Vallarta

3:00 pm South past *Los Arcos* and *Yelapa* to a virgin beach beyond Yelapa. An hour ashore with nobody there. Optional; skip it and go straight to Corrales. The
far beach 20 nm · about 2.5 h

6:30 pm On to the last sheltered bay before the cape. Corrales, sheltered by Cabo Corrientes - 5 nm · about 30 min

7:15 pm Dinner aboard, night 1 at Corrales

- Swim
- Nothing else, on purpose
- Fishing off Cabo Corrientes
- Snorkel

UNDER WAY
About 3 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The last sheltered bay before the cape; fishing off Cabo Corrientes.

MEALS
Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard


TEHUAMIXTLE

Day *two*

6:00 am Early breakfast aboard. Round the cape early, when the sea is flattest. Corrales ·

6:30 am Round Cabo Corrientes to Tehuamixtle (or Mayto if calmer) - 10 nm · about 1 h

Tehuamixtle is a small fishing village famous for its giant oysters and crystal-clear beaches in Mexico

7:45 am A day here: oysters at the dock, the long beach; lunch ashore, dinner aboard, night 2. You pay the palapa for lunch. Tehuamixtle · Lunch / Dinner · lunch ashore

- Fishing off Cabo Corrientes
- Snorkel
- Fishing
- Oysters ashore
- Turtle camp at Mayto (Aug–Dec)

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The last sheltered bay before the cape; fishing off Cabo Corrientes.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch ashore, Dinner as hor e



ISLAS COCINAS

Day *three*

6:00 am Early breakfast aboard under way.
Tehuamixtle

6:30 am The long leg south to the Bahía de Chamela. About seven hours; lunch under way.
Islas Cocinas, off Punta Pérula
55 nm · about 7 h

1:30 pm Swim, sunset, dinner aboard, night 3. White beach, glass-clear inside the islands. Islas Cocinas

- Fishing
- Seafood ashore
- Turtle camp at Mayto (Aug–Dec)
- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Kayak

UNDER WAY
About 7 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Oysters at the dock; a beach that runs for miles; the turtle camp at Mayto, August to December.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



Day *four*

7:00 am Breakfast aboard, morning at the islands. Islas Cocinas

10:00 am Cruise to Careyes (beach club by tender)
12 nm · about 1.5 h

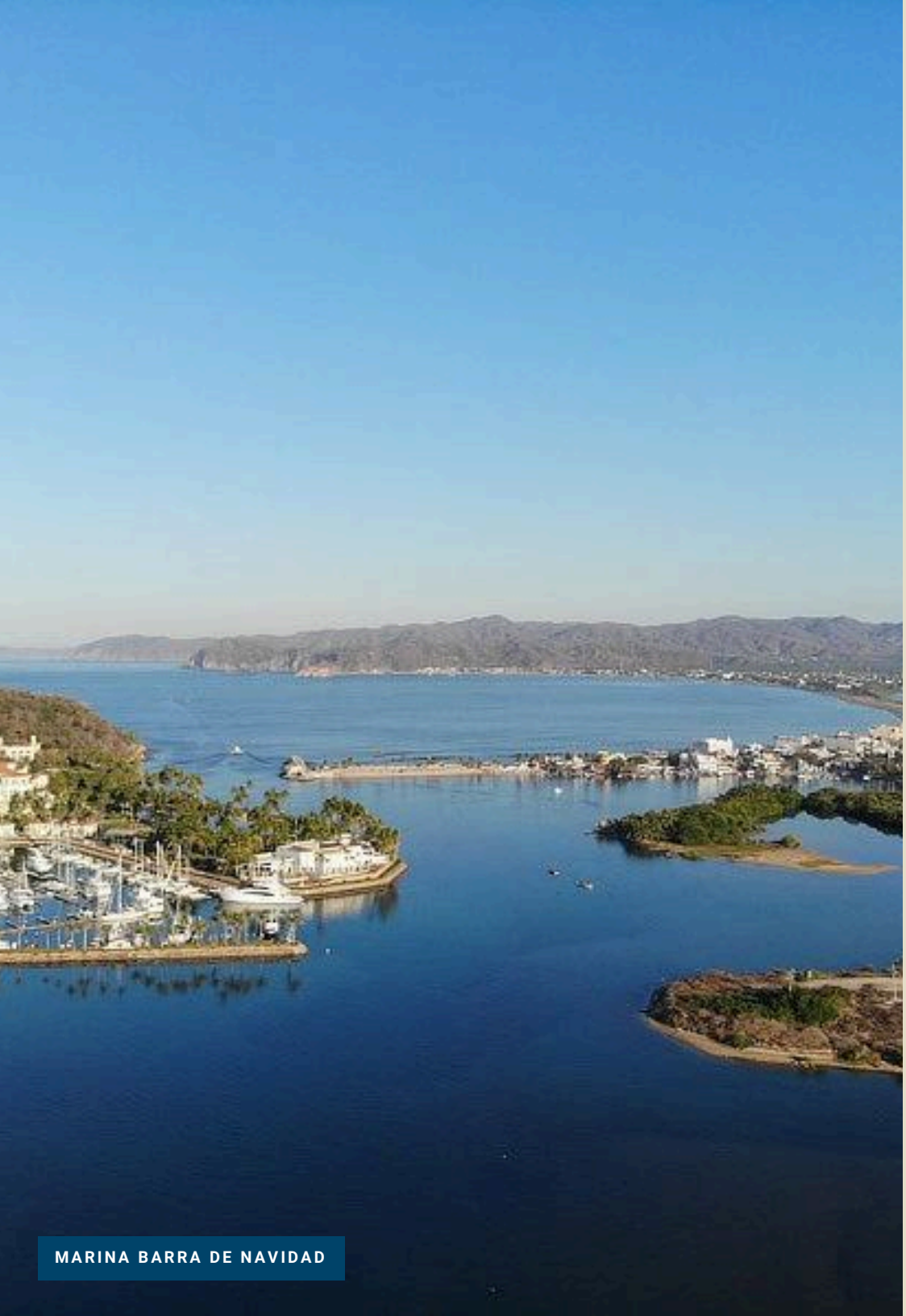
11:30 am Lunch ashore at the Careyes beach club; night ashore option. Night 4 aboard or in a Careyes villa. You pay the club. Careyes · Lunch / Dinner · lunch ashore

- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Kayak
- Beach club
- Paddle board

UNDER WAY
About 1½ h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Villas on the cliffs; the beach club in front of them.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch ashore, Dinner ashore



MARINA BARRA DE NAVIDAD

Day *five*

7:00 am Breakfast aboard. Careyes

8:30 am Cruise to Barra de Navidad. About three hours. Marina Barra de Navidad 24 nm · about 3 h

11:30 am Check out; Manzanillo airport 40 min by road; the yacht returns empty. Off on arrival. The empty return of about 125 nm is inside the price. Marina Barra de Navidad

- Beach club
- Paddle board
- Sailfish grounds
- Lagoon by tender

UNDER WAY
About 3 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The lagoon by tender; the sailfish grounds offshore.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard

C2

C · SOUTH, OUTSIDE THE BAY · 3 NIGHTS · CALMEST NOVEMBER TO MARCH

Corrales and Tehuamixtle, *and back*

A taste of the coast beyond the cape, and back inside for Yelapa.

A taste of the coast beyond the cape without the long leg. Two nights outside, one back inside at Yelapa.

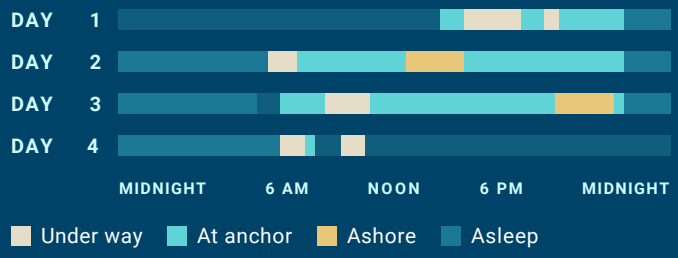
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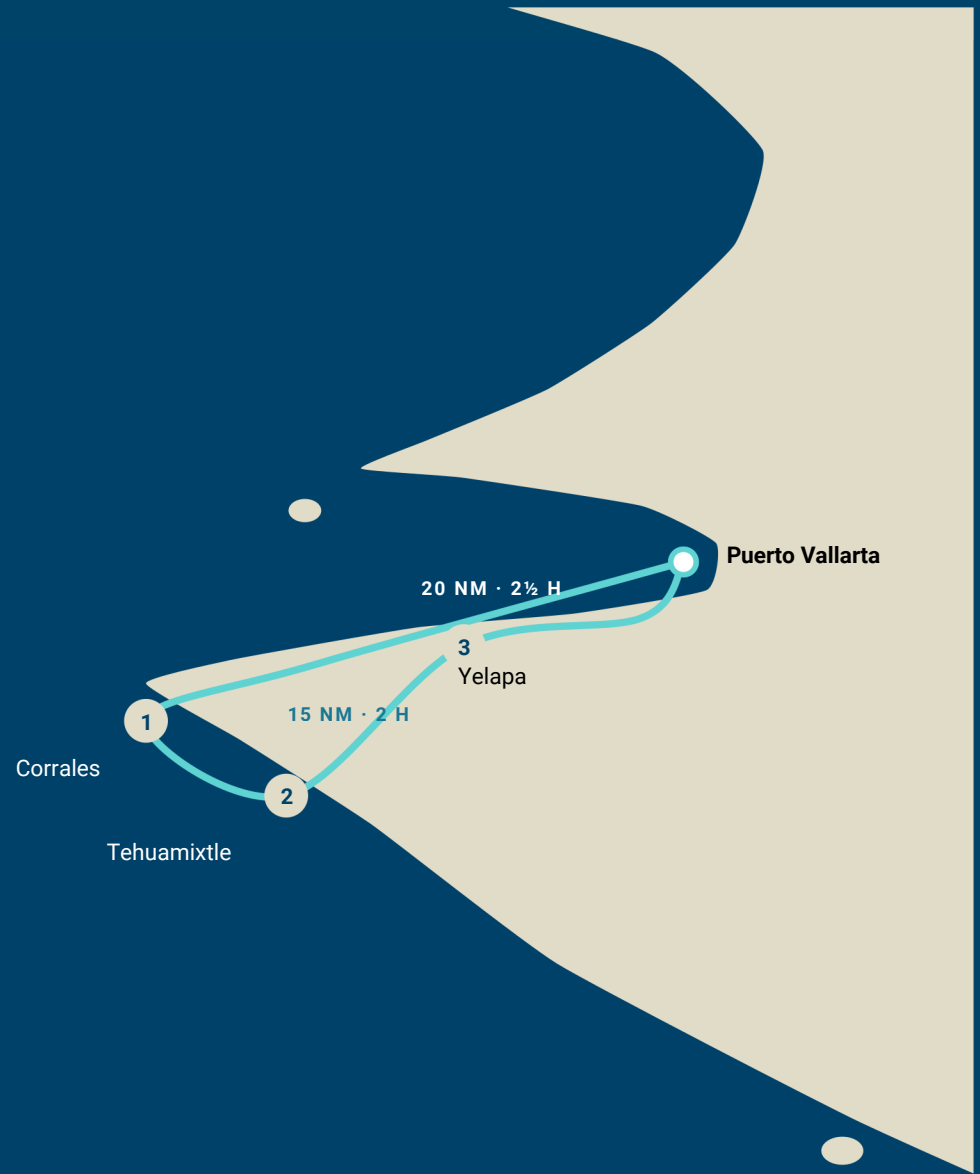


Where you *sleep*, and how far each leg is.

- Your route, 67 nautical miles.
- Where the yacht anchors for the night.
- Marina or pier: where you board and check out.

1. Night at Corrales
2. Night at Tehuamixtle
3. Night at Yelapa
4. Check out





Schematic chart, not to scale · 8 knots along the coast, 7 knots on open sea



C2

Day *one*

2:00 pm Check-in and lunch aboard. Marina Vallarta

3:00 pm South past *Los Arcos* and *Yelapa* to a virgin beach beyond Yelapa that I do not name. An hour ashore with nobody there. The far beach - 20 nm · about 2.5 h

6:30 pm On to the last bay before the cape. Corrales
5 nm · about 30 min

7:15 pm Dinner aboard, night 1. Corrales

- Swim
- Nothing else, on purpose
- Fishing off Cabo Corrientes
- Snorkel

UNDER WAY
About 3 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The last sheltered bay before the cape; fishing off Cabo Corrientes.

MEALS
Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



C2

Day *two*

6:00 am Early breakfast aboard. Corrales

6:30 am Round Cabo Corrientes. Tehuamixtle or

Mayto · 10 nm · about 1 h

Tehuamixtle is a small fishing village famous for its giant oysters and crystal-clear beaches in Mexico

7:45 am The long beach, oysters ashore for lunch, dinner aboard, night 2. Night 2. Tehuamixtle · Lunch / Dinner · lunch ashore

- Fishing off Cabo Corrientes
- Snorkel
- Fishing
- Oysters ashore
- Turtle camp at Mayto (Aug–Dec)

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The last sheltered bay before the cape; fishing off Cabo Corrientes.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch ashore, Dinner ashore



YELAPA

C2

Day *three*

7:00 am Breakfast aboard, morning swim. Tehuamixtle

9:00 am Back round the cape to Yelapa. About two hours; lunch at Yelapa. Yelapa · Lunch · aboard · 15 nm · about 2 h

11:00 am Waterfall, beach afternoon, dinner ashore at a Yelapa palapa, night 3. Night 3. You pay. Yelapa · Dinner · dinner ashore

- Fishing
- Oysters ashore
- Turtle camp at Mayto (Aug–Dec)
- Town visit
- Waterfall
- Horseback riding
- Paddle board

UNDER WAY
About 2 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The village, two waterfalls, palapas on the sand.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner as hor e



MARINA VALLARTA

C2

Day *four*

7:00 am Breakfast aboard, then *Los Arcos* before the tour boats.
aboard9 nm · about 1 h

9:45 am Cruise to check out. Marina Vallarta
8 nm · about 1 h

11:45 am Check out. Check out by noon; the exact hour depends on the weather. Marina Vallarta

- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Jet skis by arrangement

UNDER WAY
About 2 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The anchorage of the night, from the water.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard



From every anchorage on the northern shore the sun goes down into the Pacific.

El Anclote · Punta de Mita

ROUTE D

One way

A voyage that ends in a different city. You fly home from there; the yacht's empty return, fuel and crew are inside the price. Coming back aboard is priced as more nights. Every one-way sails with two captains and watches through the night.

D1	Mazatlán · Five Nights via Isla Isabel	5 nights
D2	Mazatlán and Back · Five Days	4 nights
D3	Manzanillo · Five Nights via the South Coast	5 nights
D4	Los Cabos · Pure Cruising	3 nights



D1 D · ONE WAY · 5 NIGHTS · CALMEST APRIL TO OCTOBER

Mazatlán · Five Nights via Isla Isabel

Five nights north, ending with dinner in Mazatlán's old town.

The northern route with Mazatlán as the destination instead of the return. Five nights, a passage across open water, dinner in the old town.

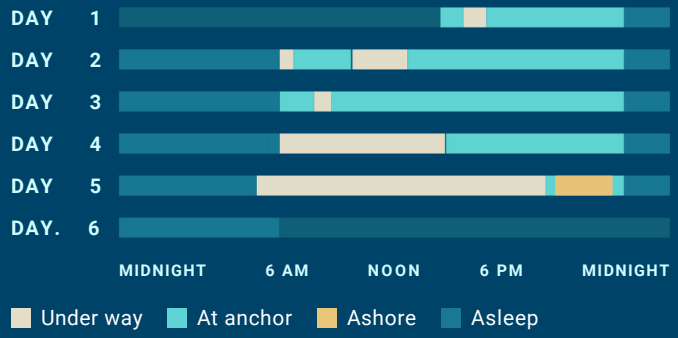


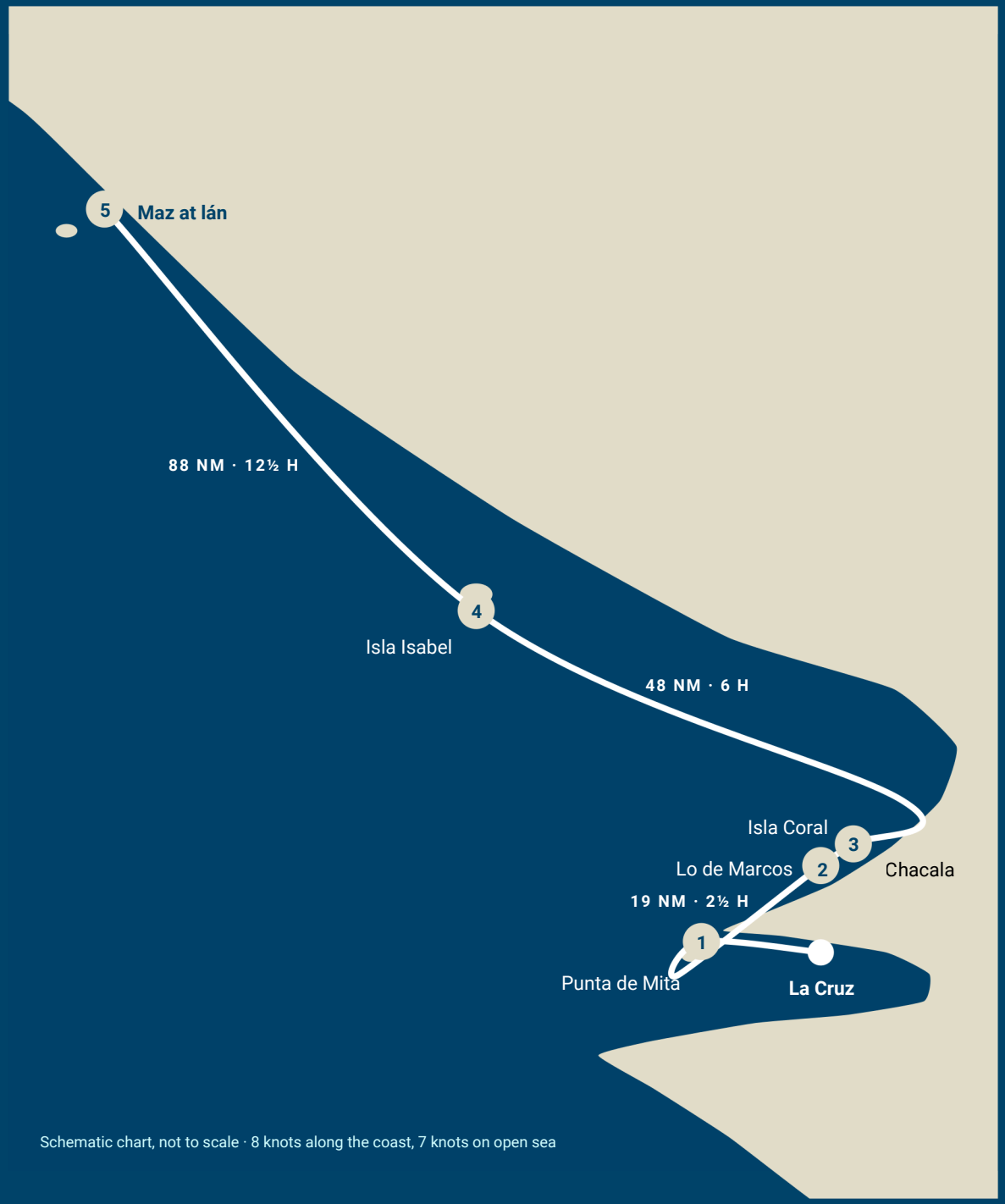
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NIGHTS	NAUTICAL MILES	MILES A DAY	UNDERWAY IN TOTAL	MEALS OR NIGHTS ASHORE

Where you *sleep*, and how far each leg is.

- Your route, 184 nautical miles.
- Where the yacht anchors for the night.
- Marina or pier: where you board and check out.

1. Night at El Anclote
2. Night at Lo de Marcos
3. Night at Isla Coral
4. Night at Isla Isabel, south cove
5. Night at Marina Mazatlán
6. Check out





Schematic chart, not to scale · 8 knots along the coast, 7 knots on open sea



D1

Day *one*

2:00 pm Check-in and lunch aboard. Marina La Cruz ·

3:00 pm Cruise to Punta de Mita. El Anclote - 8 nm · about 1 h

4:00 pm Sunset aboard, dinner, night 1. El Anclote ·

- Scuba gear nearby
- Jet skis by arrangement
- Offshore fishing
- Surf

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Pelicans working the point at dusk; the lights of Punta de Mita's restaurants ashore.

MEALS
Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



LO DE MARCOS

D1

Day *two*

07:00 am Breakfast aboard, then the Marietas at first light: *the hidden beach* (wristbands required) · 5 nm · about 30 min

2:00 pm North to Lo de Marcos, lunch aboard under way in a cove. 19 nm · about 3 h

5:00 pm Beach afternoon, dinner aboard, night 2. Lo de Marcos

- Hidden beach
- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Whales Dec–Mar
- Fishing
- Beach

UNDER WAY
About 3 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The captain's favourite anchorage on this coast.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



ISLA CORAL

D1

Day *three*

7:00 am Breakfast aboard. Lo de Marcos

8:30 am To Isla Coral (wristbands required)
6 nm · about 45 min

10:00 am Reef, lunch, dinner aboard, night 3. Isla Coral

- Fishing
- Beach
- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Kayak

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The clearest water on the route; the reef on the lee side of the island.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



ISLA ISABEL

D1

Day *four*

Night at Isla Isabel, south cove

6:30 am Early breakfast under way. Isla Coral ·

7:00 am Chacala for a swim, then on to Isla Isabel. About seven hours with a Chacala stop; lunch under way. Isla Isabel (wristbands) · Lunch aboard· 58 nm · about 7 h

2:30 pm Island afternoon, dinner aboard, night 4. Isla Isabel, south cove

- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Kayak
- Crater-lake hike (shoes)
- Offshore fishing
- Birds

UNDER WAY
About 7 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The clearest water on the route; the reef on the lee side of the island.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



MARINA MAZATLÁN

D1

Day *five*

Night at Marina Mazatlán

6:00 am Breakfast under way; passage to Mazatlán. About twelve and a half hours; two captains. Mazatlán · Breakfast / Lunch · aboard

88 nm · about 12.5 h

6:30 pm Arrival at Marina Mazatlán; dinner ashore in the old town; night 5. Night 5 at the marina, or in a hotel (you pay). Marina Mazatlán · Dinner · dinner ashore

- Old town
- Islas Venados

UNDER WAY
About 12½ h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The old town and the malecón at dusk; Islas Venados off the beach.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner ashore



Day *six*

7:00 am Breakfast, check out. Off by 12:00. The yacht returns empty (inside the price). Fly home from MZT. Marina Mazatlán · Breakfast · aboard

- Old town
- Islas Venados

UNDER WAY
The yacht stays put all day.

LOOK FOR
The old town and the malecón at dusk; Islas Venados off the beach.

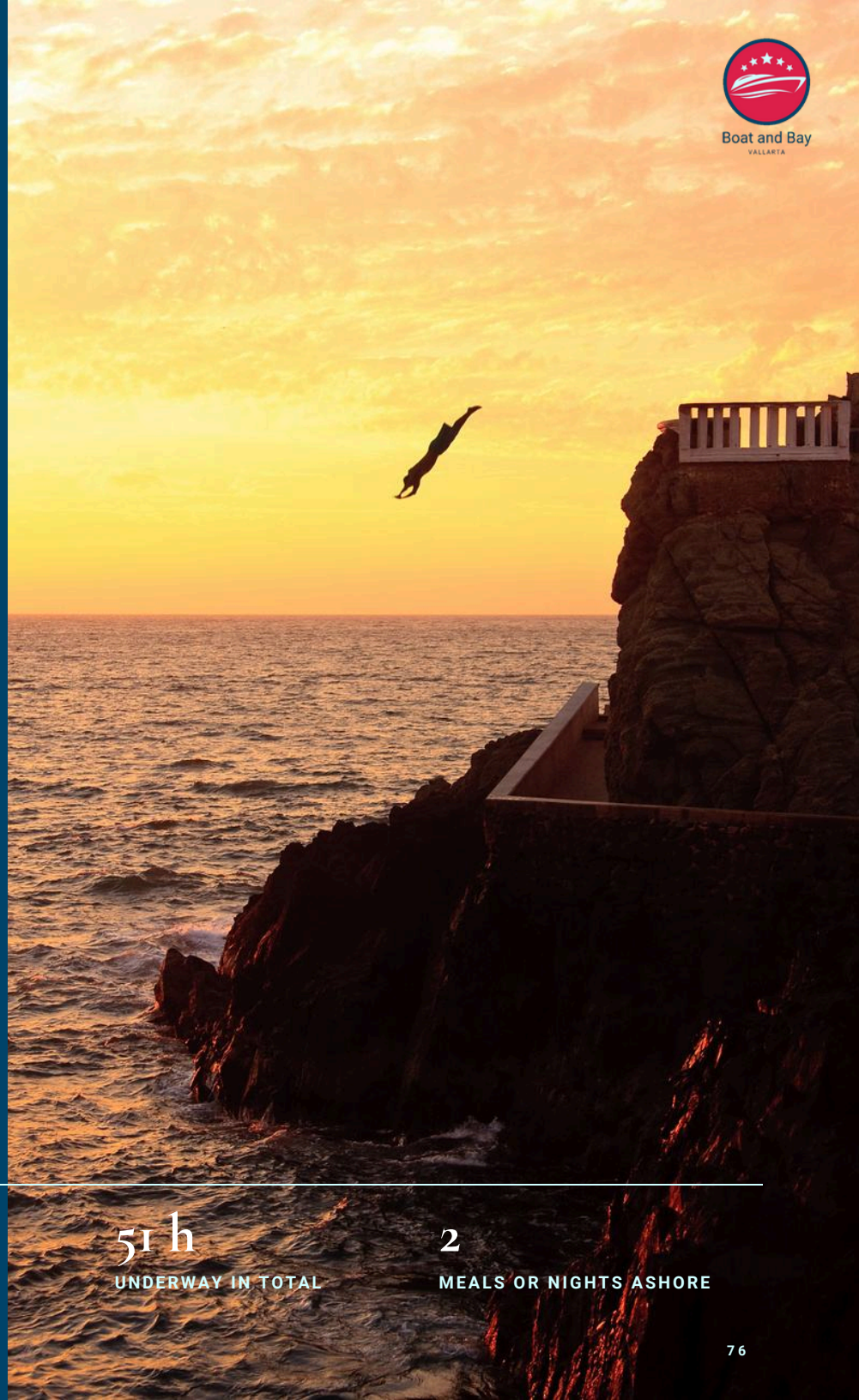
MEALS
Breakfast aboard

D2 D · ONE WAY, ROUND TRIP · 4 NIGHTS · CALMEST APRIL TO OCTOBER

Mazatlán *and Back* · Five Days

Straight there, two nights in Mazatlán, straight back. Two nights at sea.

The format that sold out in 2024 for the eclipse: straight there, two nights in Mazatlán, straight back. Four nights, two of them at sea.

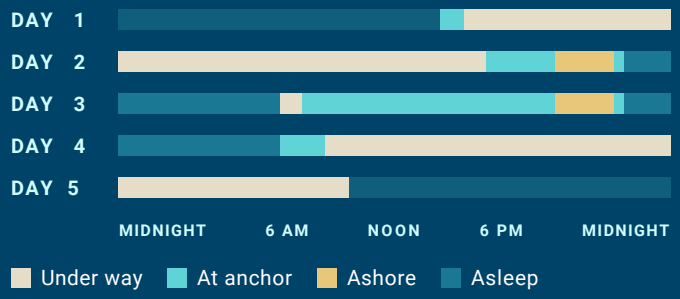


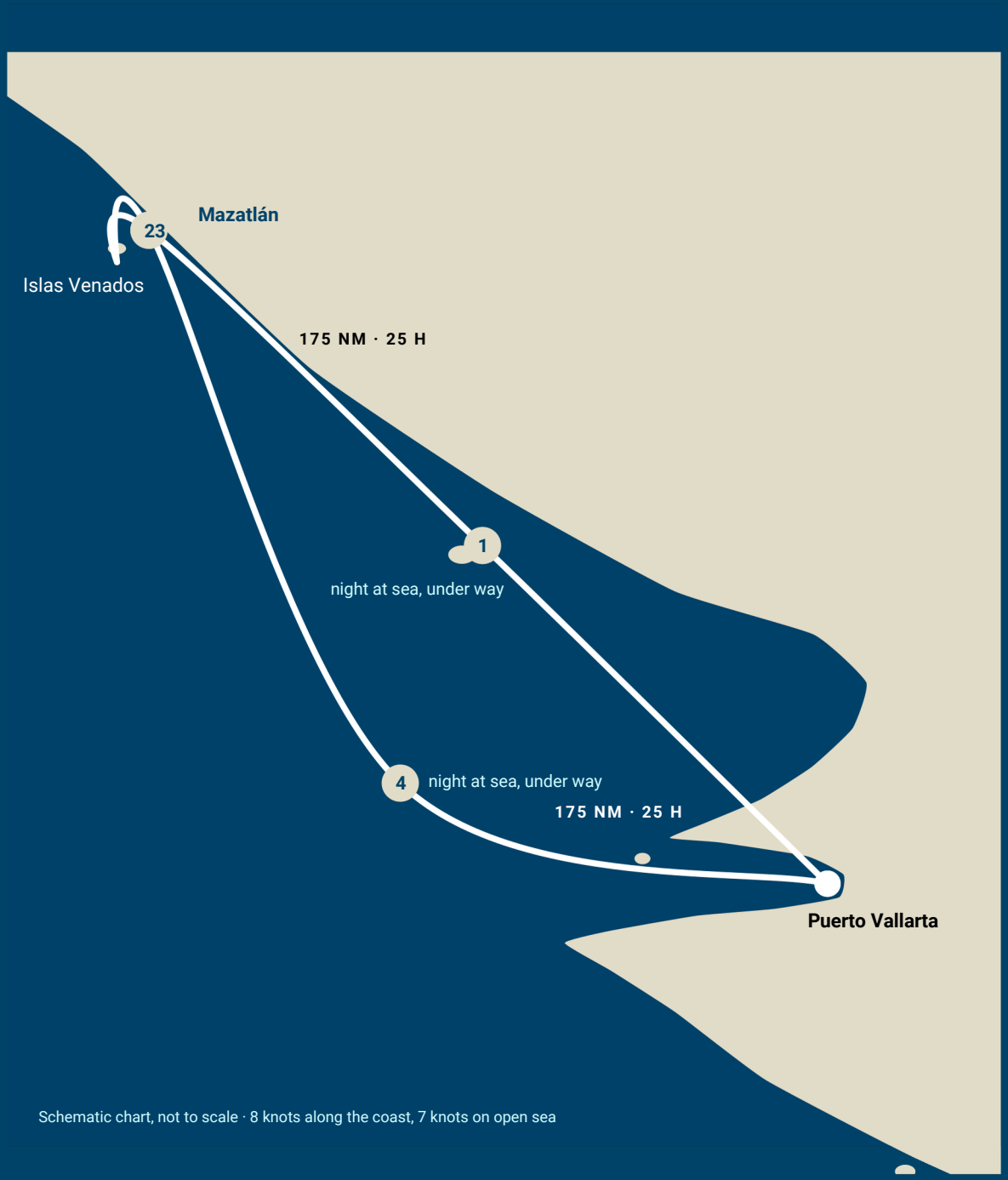
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NIGHTS	NAUTICAL MILES	MILES A DAY	UNDERWAY IN TOTAL	MEALS OR NIGHTS ASHORE

Where you *sleep*, and how far each leg is.

- Your route, 358 nautical miles.
- Where the yacht anchors for the night.
- Marina or pier: where you board and check out.

1. Night at sea, under way
2. Night at Marina Mazatlán
3. Night at Marina Mazatlán
4. Night at sea, under way
5. Check out





Schematic chart, not to scale · 8 knots along the coast, 7 knots on open sea



Day *one*

Night at sea, under way

2:00 pm Check-in and lunch at the dock. Two captains, watches through the night. Marina Vallarta · Lunch · aboard

3:00 pm Direct passage north; dinner under way; night 1 at sea. About twenty-five hours.Mazatlán · Dinner · aboard
175 nm · about 25 h

- Old town
- Islas Venados

UNDER WAY
About 25 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The old town and the malecón at dusk; Islas Venados off the beach.

MEALS
Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



MAZATLÁN SHORE

D2

Day *two*

Night at Marina Mazatlán

4:00 pm Arrival at Marina Mazatlán; the old town; dinner ashore. Night 2 at the marina or in a hotel (you pay). Marina Mazatlán · Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner ashore

- Old town
- Islas Venados

UNDER WAY
The yacht stays put all day.

LOOK FOR
The old town and the malecón at dusk; Islas Venados off the beach.

MEALS
Breakfast ashore, Lunch ashore, Dinner ashore



OLD TOWN MAZATLÁN

D2

Day *three*

Night at Marina Mazatlán

7:00 am Breakfast; Islas Venados by yacht; lunch aboard; back to the marina. Islas Venados · Breakfast / Lunch · aboard · 8 nm · about 1 h

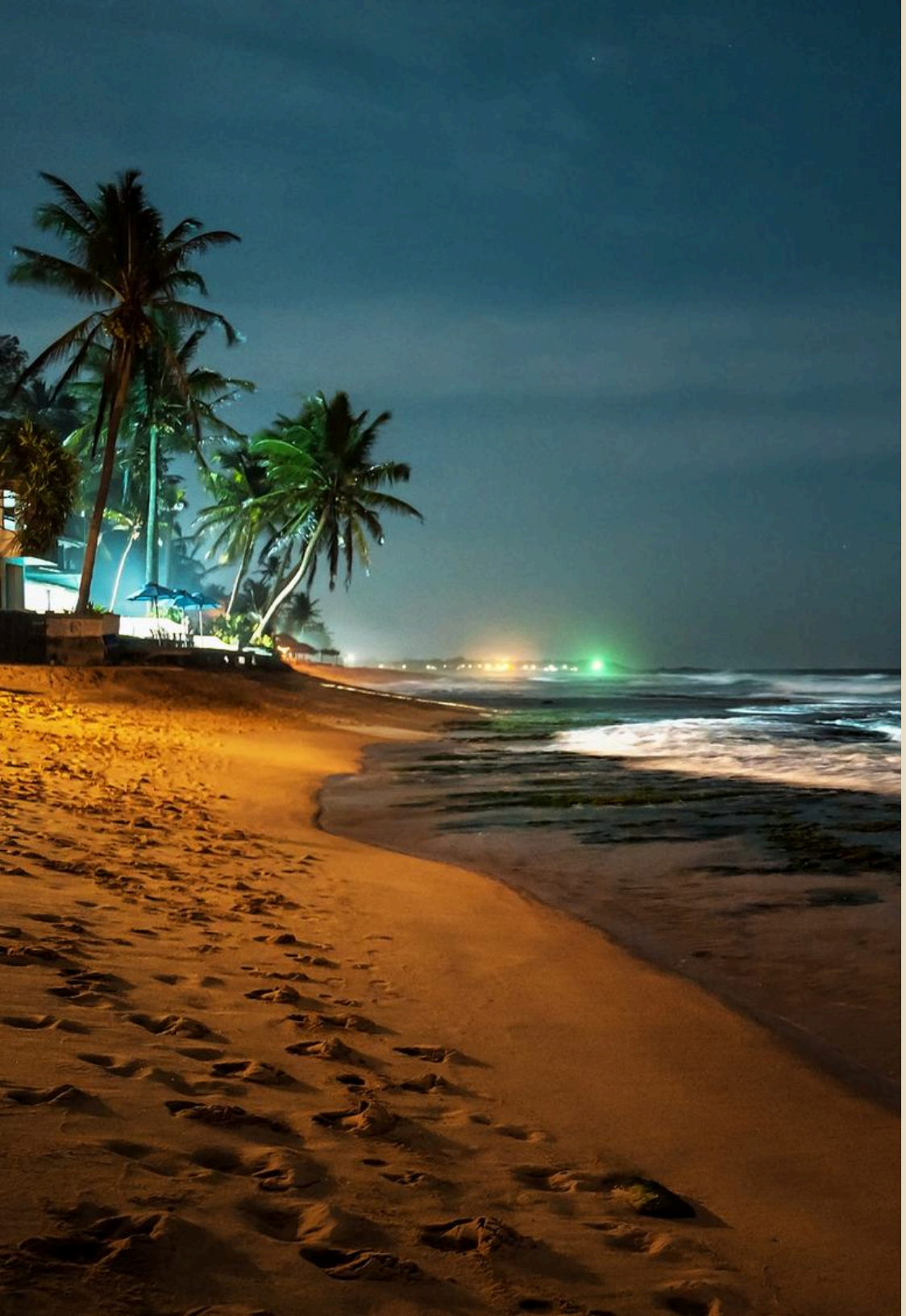
3:00 pm Free afternoon in Mazatlán; dinner ashore; night 3. Marina Mazatlán · Dinner ashore

- Kayak
- Snorkel
- Old town
- Islas Venados

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The old town and the malecón at dusk; Islas Venados off the beach.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner ashore



Day *four*

Night at sea, under way

9:00 am Depart south; lunch and dinner under way; night 4 at sea. Night 4 at sea. Marina Vallarta · Lunch / Dinner · aboard · 175 nm · about 25 h

- Trolling under way

UNDER WAY
About 25 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The anchorage of the night, from the water.

MEALS
Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



MARINA VALLARTA

Day *five*

10:00 am Arrival at Marina Vallarta, breakfast aboard. Check out on arrival.

UNDER WAY
The yacht stays put all day.

LOOK FOR
The anchorage of the night, from the water.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard

D3 D · ONE WAY · 5 NIGHTS · CALMEST NOVEMBER TO MARCH

Manzanillo · Five Nights via the *South Coast*

The southern coast to its natural end, with its own airport.

The southern route carried to its natural end: Manzanillo, with its own airport. Five nights, three meals ashore.

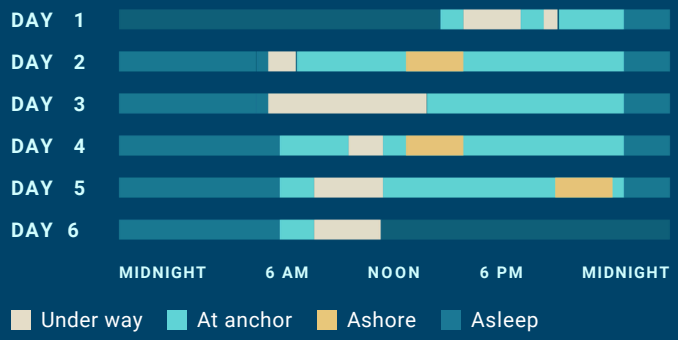


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NIGHTS	NAUTICAL MILES	MILES A DAY	UNDERWAY IN TOTAL	MEALS OR NIGHTS ASHORE

Where you *sleep*, and how far each leg is.

- Your route, 149 nautical miles.
- Where the yacht anchors for the night.
- Marina or pier: where you board and check out.

1. Night at Corrales
2. Night at Tehuamixtle
3. Night at Islas Cocinas
4. Night at Careyes
5. Night at Marina Barra de Navidad
6. Check out





Schematic chart, not to scale · 8 knots along the coast, 7 knots on open sea



CORRALES

D3

Day *one*

2:00 pm	Check-in and lunch aboard. Marina Vallarta
3:00 pm	South past Yelapa to a beach beyond *Yelapa*; an hour ashore. 20 nm · about 2.5 h
6:30 pm	On to Corrales. 5 nm · about 30 min
7:15 pm	Dinner aboard. Night 1. Corrales

- Swim
- Nothing else, on purpose
- Fishing off Cabo Corrientes
- Snorkel

UNDER WAY
About 3 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The last sheltered bay before the cape; fishing off Cabo Corrientes.

MEALS
Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



D3

Day *two*

6:00 am Early breakfast. Corrales · Breakfast · aboard

6:30 am Round the cape. Tehuamixtle 10 nm · about 1 h

7:45 am A day at Tehuamixtle; lunch ashore; night 2. Night 2. Tehuamixtle · Lunch / Dinner · lunch ashore

- Fishing off Cabo Corrientes
- Snorkel
- Fishing
- Oysters ashore
- Turtle camp at Mayto (Aug–Dec)

UNDER WAY
About 1 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The last sheltered bay before the cape; fishing off Cabo Corrientes.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch ashore, Dinner as hor e



ISLA COCINAS

D3

Day *three*

6:00 am Early breakfast under way. Tehuamixtle · Breakfast · aboard

6:30 am The long leg to the Islas Cocinas. About seven hours. Islas Cocinas · Lunch · aboard · 55 nm · about 7 h

1:30 pm Swim, dinner, night 3. Night 3. Islas Cocinas · Dinner · aboard

- Fishing
- Oysters ashore
- Turtle camp at Mayto (Aug–Dec)
- Sn o rkel
- Scu b a
- K ay ak

UNDER WAY
About 7 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Oysters at the dock; a beach that runs for miles; the turtle camp at Mayto, August to December.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



CAREYES

D3

Day *four*

7:00 am Breakfast, morning at the islands. Islas Cocinas · Breakfast · aboard

10:00 am Cruise to Careyes. Careyes 12 nm · about 1.5 h

11:30 am Lunch at the beach club; afternoon; dinner aboard; night 4. Night 4 (or a villa night ashore). Careyes · Lunch / Dinner · lunch ashore

- Snorkel
- Scuba
- Kayak
- Beach club
- Paddleboard

UNDER WAY
About 1½ h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Villas on the cliffs; the beach club in front of them.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch ashore, Dinner as hor e



MARINA BARRA DE NAVIDAD

D3

Day *five*

Night at Marina Barra de Navidad

7:00 am Breakfast. Careyes · Breakfast · aboard

8:30 am Cruise to Barra de Navidad. Barra lagoon · Lunch · aboard · 24 nm · about 3 h

11:30 am Lagoon afternoon, dinner ashore in Barra, night 5. Night 5. You pay. Marina Barra de Navidad · Dinner · dinner ashore

- Beach club
- P ad d leb o ard
- Sailfish grounds
- Lagoon by tender

UNDER WAY
About 3 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
The lagoon by tender; the sailfish grounds offshore.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner as hor e



MARINA LAS HADAS

D3

Day *six*

7:00 am Breakfast. Barra · Breakfast · aboard

8:30 am Cruise to Manzanillo. Marina Las Hadas,

Manzanillo · 23 nm · about 3 h

11:30 am Check out; airport 30 min; the yacht returns empty. Check out by noon. The empty return of about 170 nm is inside the price. Marina Las Hadas

- Sailfish grounds

UNDER WAY
About 3 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Marina Las Hadas; the airport half an hour away.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard

D4 D · ONE WAY · 3 NIGHTS · CALMEST EITHER SIDE OF SUMMER

Los Cabos · Pure *Cruising*

Two nights of open Pacific with nowhere to stop, and a third in Cabo.

Two nights of open Pacific with nowhere to stop, and a third in Cabo. For guests who want the crossing itself, and know that is what they are buying.

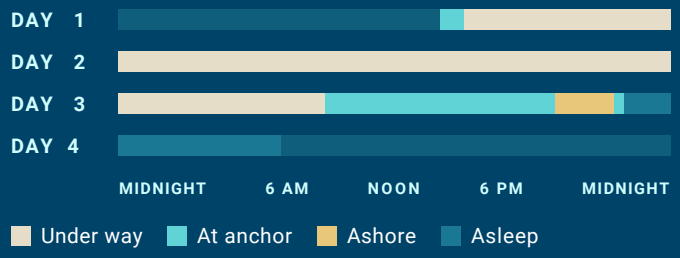


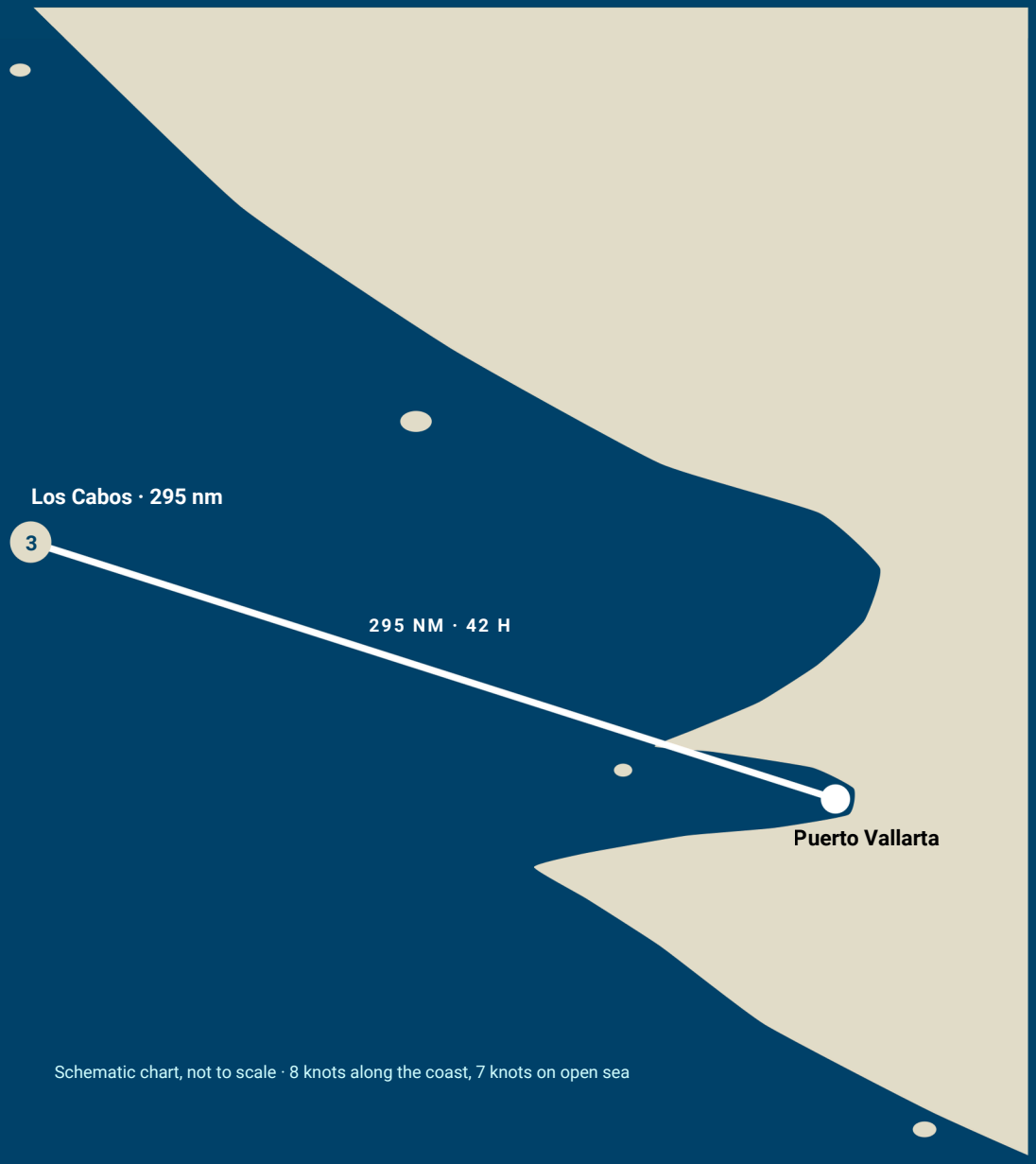
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NIGHTS	NAUTICAL MILES	MILES A DAY	UNDERWAYIN TOTAL	MEALS OR NIGHTS ASHORE

Where you *sleep*, and how far each leg is.

- Your route, 295 nautical miles.
- Where the yacht anchors for the night.
- Marina or pier: where you board and check out.

1. Night at sea, under way
2. Night at sea, under way
3. Night at Marina Cabo San Lucas
4. Check out





Schematic chart, not to scale · 8 knots along the coast, 7 knots on open sea



Day *one*

Night at sea, under way

2:00 pm Check-in and lunch at the dock; safety brief for a passage. Two captains, watches through the night. Marina Vallarta · Lunch · aboard

3:00 pm Depart; the last land is Punta de Mita; dinner under way; night 1 at sea. Nowhere to stop on the way. About forty-two hours across the mouth of the Sea of Cortez. Los Cabos · Dinner · aboard · 295 nm · about 42 h

UNDER WAY
About 42 h today; the rest is still.

LOOK FOR
Nowhere to stop; the open Pacific, and the stars at night.

MEALS
Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



Day *two*

Night at sea, under way

8:00 am At sea: breakfast, lunch, dinner; night 2 at sea. Reading, fishing lines out, whales and dolphins if the sea gives them, the stars. Open Pacific · Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner · aboard

UNDER WAY
The yacht stays put all day.

LOOK FOR
Whales and dolphins if the sea gives them, and the stars.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard, Lunch aboard, Dinner aboard



MARINA CABO SAN LUCAS

Day *three*

Night at Marina Cabo San Lucas

9:00 am Arrival at Marina Cabo San Lucas; lunch; the arch by tender; dinner ashore; night 3. Night 3 at the marina. Marina Cabo San Lucas · Lunch / Dinner · dinner ashore

UNDER WAY
The yacht stays put all day.

LOOK FOR
The arch by tender; the marina at dusk.

MEALS
Lunch ashore, Dinner ashore



MARINA CABO SAN LUCAS

Day *four*

7:00 am Breakfast, check out. Check out by noon. The yacht returns empty (inside the price) or with guests, as more nights. Marina Cabo San Lucas · Breakfast · aboard

UNDER WAY
The yacht stays put all day.

LOOK FOR
The arch by tender; the marina at dusk.

MEALS
Breakfast aboard



Most of the anchorages have no road. That is the reason to go by sea.

Where the yacht takes you, and whether a *car* could.

ROAD · MARINA

La Cruz de Huanacaxtle

The marina where most voyages begin. A fishing town with a Sunday market and the softest light on the bay at seven in the morning.

ANCHORAGE

Punta Cometa

A quiet point past La Cruz. Lunch at anchor on the first afternoon; swim off the platform; the toys go in.

ANCHORAGE · BEACH

El Anclote, Punta de Mita

The first night on most voyages: sheltered from the afternoon chop, the Marietas on the horizon, restaurants ashore by tender.

NOROAD·NATIONAL PARK

Islas Marietas

Two islands and ahidden beach. Wristbands required, numbers limited. Dawn is when they are yours. Humpbacks pass December to March.

NO ROAD

Careyeros and Higuera Blanca

A chain of coves east of Puntade Mita with no road down to them. The clearest water in the northern bay for kayaks and paddleboards.

ANCHORAGE

Litibú

A wide bay north of the point with a long empty beach. A calm second night when Careyeros is busy.

ANCHORAGE

Tizate

Between Bucerías and La Cruz, the quietest anchorage in the bay. A beach with nobody on it, ten minutes from a marina.

NO ROAD · HOTEL BY WATER

The Beach With No Road

A straight stretch of sand before Las Ánimas. Lunch or dinner on the sand, villas for a night ashore, stingrays in the shallows.

NO ROAD

Yelapa

A village reached by water: the town, a waterfall on foot or on horseback, palapas on the sand. Anchor off the beach, or in the shelter of Mismaloya for the night.

NO ROAD · NOBODY THERE

A beach I do not name

An hour beyond Yelapa toward the cape: a long, empty beach with no village, no palapa and no other boat. I keep its name off the page so it stays that way.

WATER FIRST

Las Ánimas and Quimixto

Two working fishing beaches on the southern shore with palapas for lunch. Quimixto has a waterfall twenty minutes on foot or on horseback; horses are also available at Las Ánimas.

NATIONAL PARK

Los Arcos

Granite arches off Mismaloya, glass-still at 8:40 before the tour boats. The last morning of most southern-shore voyages.

THE PLACES · NORTH · CALMEST APRIL TO OCTOBER

North of *Punta de Mita*.

TOWN · ROAD

San Pancho

A small town with good dinner and a long beach. Anchor off the sand; if the swell builds, sleep at Lo de Marcos instead.

ANCHORAGE

Lo de Marcos

The prettiest anchorage on the northern coast and the one the captain prefers to sleep in.

NO ROAD · MARINE RESERVE

Isla Coral

A small island off Rincón de Guayabitos with a reef on its lee side. The clearest water on the route, and a night at anchor off an island.

COVE · ROAD

Chacala and Chacalilla

A palm-lined cove and its smaller sister next door. Lunch ashore, an afternoon in water like a pool.

ANCHORAGE

Santa Cruz de Miramar

A fine place to sleep and a poor place to swim, so it is a night, not a stop, on the way to the island.

NO ROAD · NATIONAL PARK

Isla Isabel

A volcanic island with a crater lake inside it, frigatebirds and boobies nesting at arm's length, snorkelling off the beach. Otherwise reached by tour panga from San Blas, and by nothing else.

THE PLACES · SOUTH, AND ONE WAY

South past the *cape*, and the cities you fly home from.

ANCHORAGE

Corrales

The last sheltered bay before Cabo Corrientes. Sleep here and round the cape at dawn, while the sea is flattest.

WATER FIRST · DIRT ROAD

Tehuamixtle and Mayto

A fishing village with oysters at the dock and a beach that runs for miles with nobody on it. Whichever is calmer on the day.

NO ROAD

Islas Cocinas

A small archipelago off Punta Pérula in the Bahía de Chamela: a white beach and shallow, glass-clear water on the inside.

PRIVATE COMMUNITY

C areyes

Villas on the cliffs and a beach club in front of them. Lunch ashore, and the night many guests choose to spend on land.

MARINA · AIRPORT 40 MIN

Barra de Navidad

A lagoon town with a marina and Melaque across the bay. Where the southern route can end, with Manzanillo airport forty minutes by road.

MARINA · AIRPORT

Mazatlán

An old town with a long malecón and islands off the beach. 171 nautical miles from Puerto Vallarta direct, or 89 from Isla Isabel.

MARINA · AIRPORT

Manzanillo

Thirty miles past Barra de Navidad, with its own airport half an hour from the marina.

MARINA · AIRPORT

Los Cabos

295 nautical miles of open Pacific from Puerto Vallarta. Nowhere to stop on the way, which is either the reason to go or the reason not to.



A CABIN ABOARD

Two ways to *sleep* on the water.

Boat and Bay composes overnight voyages on both. Neither is better; they are different animals, and your party decides which.

	MOTOR YACHT	SAILING CATAMARAN
At anchor	A single hull rolls gently when a swell wraps into the bay; the captain picks the sheltered side of a point to keep it still. Flybridge and aft deck are the living rooms.	Two hulls do not roll. At anchor a catamaran is the stillest bed on the water, and the trampoline forward is where everyone ends up at sunset.
Under way	Ten to twenty knots. Turns a ten-hour coastal leg into five or six, and makes the one-way voyages and the long passages sensible.	Seven to nine knots under engine, and quiet under sail when the afternoon breeze arrives. Legs are longer; the day is the point.
Cabins	Fewer, larger: a king master, a queen guest cabin, a bunk cabin for children. Crew quarters forward and separate, with their own bathroom.	More, narrower: four or five cabins in the hulls, each with its own bathroom. Crew usually take one hull's forward cabin; the plan is shared before you choose.
Space and shade	Deck space stacked in levels; air-conditioned salon; shade on the aft deck and, on most, the flybridge.	Deck space spread flat and wide, most of it outdoors; the right platform for children, kayaks and the inflatable island.
Draft and beaches	Deeper draft; anchors further out and uses the tender for every landing.	Shallow draft; anchors close enough to a beach to swim ashore.
Sound at night	The generator runs the air conditioning through the night: a low hum, forgotten by the second night.	The same generator, usually quieter, and on a still night the option of hatches open instead.

What is different about a night at anchor on *this* coast.

A very deep bay

Bahía de Banderas is one of the deepest on the Pacific coast; the middle is more than a kilometre down. That is why humpbacks calve here from December to March, and why the crossing to the southern shore is open water with dolphins, not a lagoon.

The daily wind

Mornings are glass. The sea breeze fills in around one in the afternoon and builds a short chop inside the bay after three; by sunset it lies down again. Itineraries put the crossings in the morning and the toys before lunch for that reason.

Seasons, and the six weeks I do not sail

The Eastern Pacific hurricane season runs June to November, and its heart is mid-September to the end of October. I take no voyages in those six weeks. Outside them the bay is sheltered, storms are forecast days ahead, and if one is coming we do not sail. Summer brings afternoon rain and the greenest coast of the year; winter brings the whales and the calmest south.

No mooring balls, no reefs

Unlike the British Virgin Islands, there are no mooring fields and no reef passages to thread. The yacht anchors on sand in five to fifteen metres, in the shelter of a point, and the beach is yours.

Warm water, small tides

The sea is 24 to 30 °C through the year, warmest August to October. Tides are about a metre, so the beach you anchored off is still there at breakfast.

All-inclusive, not an APA

Mediterranean charters add a 25 to 30 percent advance provisioning allowance on top of the yacht. Here the chef, the bar, the fuel and the park wristbands are inside the one number.

Nobody else in the anchorage

In the Mediterranean in August you share a bay with forty boats. Here, on a Tuesday in Tizate or a Saturday at Isla Coral, you are usually alone. A strange thing to say about a coast this beautiful.

Sunset every night

The bay opens west. From every anchorage on the northern shore the sun goes down into the Pacific, and from the southern shore it goes behind Punta de Mita. Nobody has to move the yacht for it.

A real port authority

The Mexican Navy’s harbour master closes the port when the sea is unsafe, and every yacht carries VHF, life vests for every guest and the captain’s licence. It is a regulated coast; the calm is not luck.

The questions asked quietly, answered plainly.

Is it safe?

Boat and Bay is a registered Mexican business with proper invoicing and written terms before any deposit. Every yacht sails with a licensed captain, life vests in every size, VHF radio and a first-aid kit, and the harbour master decides when the port opens. Inside the bay you are never more than an hour from a marina; on the coastal routes each itinerary says how far the nearest port is.

What if someone gets ill?

Puerto Vallarta has private hospitals of a standard American guests recognise. Inside the bay the yacht returns within the hour. On the northern and southern routes there are towns with clinics along the way, and the captain and I agree the nearest safe harbour for every leg before you sail. Bring your own medication; the galley has the rest.

Seasickness

Rare inside the bay. Possible on the ten-hour leg south and the passages from Isla Isabel, and I say so before you book those. Bring what works for you; the crew has the rest.

The food and the water

The chef shops the day before you board: seafood from the morning catch and produce from the market. Drinking water is bottled or from the yacht's watermaker; ice is made from purified water. Allergies and children's plates go on the preference sheet, before provisioning.

First night on a yacht

At anchor the yacht moves the way a hammock does. Every cabin has its own bathroom on nearly every yacht I use; hot water is real and finite, so showers are short aboard and long ashore. The generator hums; by the second night nobody hears it.

The weather turning

Inside the bay the captain changes the anchorage and the day continues. On the coastal routes, if a leg cannot be made safely it is not made, and the voyage becomes a bay voyage from that point. If the port is closed before departure, we reschedule or refund. Safe but cloudy is not grounds for either.

Children

No minimum age. Life vests come in children's sizes, the catamarans have wide flat decks and shallow swim steps, and family anchorages have sand underfoot. On the 76-foot motor yacht a nanny can sail with the crew.

Privacy, and where the crew sleeps

The yacht is never shared. Cabins are not sold one by one, no second party boards, and I am not aboard unless you book me as host. The crew, however, stays: a yacht at anchor is never left without its captain overnight, for your safety and the yacht's. Where they sleep depends on the yacht: their own quarters on most, and on some a berth on deck under the stars, which is their custom and their choice. I tell you the layout of each yacht before you choose.

Phones and work

Every yacht carries satellite internet: fine for messages everywhere, video calls most of the time inside the bay, less at Isla Isabel and on passages. Nobody has complained afterwards.

Where to fish, dive, ride and *walk*.

Each day's page says what its anchorage offers. This is the same information by activity, so you can choose a route by what you want to do.

Fishing

Offshore from Punta de Mita and off Cabo Corrientes for sailfish, marlin, dorado and tuna; the Barra de Navidad and Manzanillo grounds on the southern one-way; Isla Isabel for the richest water on the northern route. Lines go out on every passage. A Mexican fishing licence is required and is arranged for you; the 71-foot motor yacht carries professional gear, the others carry hand lines, and a sportfishing boat can meet the yacht for a morning anywhere on the coast.

Scuba and snorkel

Dive sites at the Marietas, Los Arcos, Isla Coral, the Islas Cocinas and Isla Isabel. Tanks and gear come from the dive shops around Punta de Mita and a dive guide joins the yacht for the day; certified divers dive, and a discovery dive can be arranged for beginners at Los Arcos or the Marietas. Snorkel gear is aboard for everyone.

Hikes and waterfalls

Quimixto: twenty minutes on foot or by horse to a waterfall with a pool. Yelapa: two waterfalls, the near one a short walk through the village, the far one a two-hour hike. Las Ánimas to Quimixto: a forty-minute coastal trail. Isla Isabel: the crater lake and the lighthouse, an hour on rough ground, shoes needed. Chacala to Chacalilla: a short walk over the headland.

Jet skis

Arranged locally at Los Arcos and Mismaloya, Las Ánimas, Chacala and Punta de Mita, and delivered to the yacht by the operator for the hours you want. Not permitted inside the marine parks (Marietas, Isla Coral, Isla Isabel), and I do not carry them on the yacht for that reason.

Kayaks, paddleboards and the island

Aboard on every voyage. Their mornings are Careyeros, Litibú, Tizate, Chacala and the Islas Cocinas, before the breeze arrives at one.

Found here, and in few other places

Humpback whales from December to March in the northern bay. Sea-turtle releases at the Mayto camp on the southern coast from August to December. The mangrove channels of La Tovara by small boat from Matanchén on the northern route, with crocodiles in them. Frigatebirds and blue-footed boobies nesting at arm's length on Isla Isabel.

Airport to the dock, and the dock to the *airport*.

Arriving

Puerto Vallarta International Airport (PVR) has direct flights from most large American and Canadian cities. The marinas are close: Marina Vallarta ten minutes from the terminal, Nuevo Vallarta fifteen, La Cruz de Huanacaxtle thirty-five, Punta de Mita fifty. I arrange a private transfer from the airport or your hotel to the dock, and from a hotel beach the tender does it.

The day you board

Check-in is at two in the afternoon. If you land in the morning, I book a table for lunch near the marina or a late hotel checkout; if you land late, the yacht sleeps at the marina and sails at first light. Guests already in Punta de Mita or on the Mandarina coast board from the sand.

Leaving from somewhere else

The southern route ends forty minutes by road from Manzanillo airport (ZLO); the northern one-way ends at Marina Mazatlán, twenty minutes from Mazatlán airport (MZT); Los Cabos airport (SJD) is forty minutes from the Cabo San Lucas marina. All three have direct flights to the United States. I book the transfer.

Luggage

Soft bags, not hard suitcases; there is nowhere to put a suitcase on a yacht. Hard cases can be left with me or at your hotel and meet you at the end.

Documents

Nothing beyond what got you into Mexico. No passport is checked on any voyage; Mazatlán, Manzanillo and Los Cabos are domestic. A fishing licence is arranged for anyone who wants to fish.

Money

Everything aboard is inside the number. Pesos in cash are useful for the meal ashore, small purchases on a beach and the crew's gratuity; cards work in the towns and at the beach clubs, rarely on a beach.



COFFEE BEFORE ANYONE ELSE IS UP

A few house rules, because a good voyage depends on *everyone*.

The toilets.

Marinetoiletstake nothing but what the crew hands you. Paper goes in the bin beside it. This is the one rule that stops a voyage if it is broken.

Thesun.

Reef-safe sunscreen, nothing else; the parks require it and the coral notices. The crew carries shade, water and aloe.

Children.

Lifevestson deck under way for children under twelve. [Add the rest of this rule — the original page was cut off.]

Fresh water.

Hot water is real and finite: showers are short aboard and long ashore.

Small things people ask

Marinetoiletstake nothingbut what the crew hands you. Small biting midges appear on some beaches at dusk; the crew carries repellent. Jellyfish are rare and seasonal. Stingrays rest in the shallows at the beach with no road; shuffle your feet going in and they leave. Cash in pesos is useful for the meal ashore and the gratuity. No passport is needed for any voyage; Mazatlán, Manzanillo and Los Cabos are domestic.



SEAFOOD AT LUNCH, SOMETHING SLOWER AT DINNER

A MENU, DAY BY DAY

What three days from the *galley* can look like.

A sample. Your own menu is set on the preference sheet the week before, and the chef shops for it the day before you board.

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	LAST MORNING
Breakfast	—	Chilaquiles verdes with eggs and beans, fruit, papaya and Greek yogurt, espresso and fresh orange juice	Hotcakes with berries and maple, or eggs with ham; fruit; artisan bread	Omelette to order with avocado, fruit, granola, espresso
Mid-morning	—	Fruit, chips, peanuts, mangoes with chile and lime	The same, or nothing, depending on the swim	—
Lunch	Shrimp aguachile, three ceviches, warm tortillas, guacamole made when you sit down	Octopus zarandeado over avocado, Mediterranean salad, rice and vegetables	Ashore, at a palapa on the sand: whole grilled fish, the day's oysters, cold beer	Not included; can be added if you would like to stay aboard past noon
Afternoon	Shrimp quesadillas with pico de gallo	Fish tacos, mangoes with chile	Fruit, cheese, something small	—
Dinner	Rib eye with a fresh salad and rosemary potatoes; brownie with vanilla ice	Salmon with mustard and fine herbs, pasta with butter and lemon;	Spaghetti bolognese, Mediterranean salad; or the	—

The bar, stocked to your sheet: water, coffee, juices, electrolytes, soft drinks and alcohol-free beer; national and imported beer; a white rum, a reposado tequila, a twelve-year whisky, a gin, a vodka, white and red wine, and the makings of margaritas, palomas, mojitos, carajillos and an Aperol spritz. Name the brands you drink and they are the ones aboard.



THE TOYS ARE ABOARD

Everything you eat, drink and do. *Three* things are not.

- Theyacht and its crew: captain, chef, deckhand and, on the motor yachts, a hostess and a barman; a second captain on any night passage
- All meals, from lunch on day one to breakfast on your last morning, from a menu you set on the preference sheet
- The bar: whisky, tequila, vodka, gin and rum by the brands you name; white and red wine; national and imported beer; cocktails on the motor yachts
- Kayaks, paddleboards, the inflatable island and the floating mat; snorkel gear
- Air conditioning through the night, satellite internet and television
- Fuel, marina berths, pangas and marine park wristbands for the Marietas, Isla Coral and Isla Isabel
- Boarding and disembarking at different beaches, piers or marinas, including a hotel beach; on one-way voyages, the yacht's empty return

ITEMISED BEFORE YOU CONFIRM, NEVER AFTER

- ☐ A night ashore, and the meals you eat ashore. One meal ashore is part of every voyage, at a beach restaurant reached by tender, so that you see how the coast eats
- ☐ Add-ons: photographer, musicians on a beach, a masseuse where the yacht has room, a jet ski outside the parks, fireworks, styling and cake
- ☐ Crew gratuity, which guests who are happy usually leave with the captain on the last morning, ten to fifteen percent, to share



I BOARD WITH YOU AT TWO

The week before is when the voyage is composed.

1

You write with the month, the number of nights and who is coming. I reply personally with one route and one number.

2

A written quotation and a signed per-booking agreement, with full IVA invoicing. A 50 percent deposit holds the dates; the balance is due 72 hours before boarding.

3

A voyage is confirmed at least seven days ahead, because provisioning, the second captain and park permits take that long to arrange. In high season the calendars fill weeks ahead.

4

The week before: the preference sheet (food, drinks, music, pace, the decisions still open) and a short video call. The day before: the crew briefing, in Spanish, on your party and the standard. The day itself: I board with you at two and leave you in the crew's hands at the dock.

5

Pack soft bags, reef-safe sunscreen, a light layer for evenings and passages, shoes you can wet, and pesos for the meal ashore and the gratuity. The full note comes with your boarding information.

THE PRICE

From 8,000 USD per night, all taxes included.

The rate depends on the yacht and is quoted as one number per night, from check-in at 2 pm to check-out at about noon, with the crew, chef, every meal, the full bar, fuel, tender, toys, berths, pangas and park wristbands inside it. One-night minimum. The same rate whichever direction you sail. On one-way voyages the empty return is inside the price; coming back aboard is priced as more nights.

From 20 December to 6 January the rate carries a 30 percent seasonal adjustment.

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