



Isla Guadalupe, Mexico

September 26 - October 3, 2009: Research and Photography Expedition

Isla Guadalupe

Isla Guadalupe is a volcanic island located 241 kilometers (150 statute miles) off the west coast of Mexico's Baja California peninsula and some 400 kilometers (250 statute miles) southwest of the city of Ensenada in Baja California state, in the Pacific Ocean.

White Shark Research

The Centro Interdisciplinario de Ciencias Marinas (CICIMAR) has initiated a research program on white sharks. CICIMAR is focusing on the behavior, ecology, and genetics of white sharks at Guadalupe Island. So far, they have collected tissue samples from white sharks for both genetic and stable isotope analyses. CICIMAR has also tracked multiple white sharks bearing ultrasonic transmitters, and have learned much about their behavioral patterns while swimming in the waters surrounding the island. Our goal is to help continue this research in order to provide scientific information germane to the management and conservation of this shark species at Guadalupe Island and throughout the waters of Mexico. Research activities can include, tagging, tissue sampling, photo ID, and data collection from radio receivers. Leading the research part of this expedition will be Dr. Alex Antoniou who has been studying sharks for over 12 years.

Professional Photography With Amos Nachoum

Amos is the BBC wildlife photographer of the year in 2007 and 2008. For more than twenty years, world-renowned photographer Amos Nachoum's explorations have been featured by National Geographic, the BBC, and the Discovery Channel. His photo essays have been published among others in National Geographic, Outdoor Photographer, Sport Diver, BBC Wildlife, Men's Journal, Time, Life, and Conde Nast Traveler. The desire to share his special experience with others has led Mr. Nachoum to create his own exclusive travel company, Big Animals Photography Expeditions.



Out-of-the-Cage Experience

For an additional fee 5 people will be able to experience a once-in-a-lifetime experience of being out in the blue with these incredible animals. Under the right conditions and with safety divers watching your back, you will be able to witness what it is like to be closer to a great white shark than anyone can dream of. Amos Nachoum has 28 years experience diving with Great White Sharks off Long Island New York, Australia, South Africa, and off the Farallon Islands, San Francisco. Ask about this option when you register for the expedition.

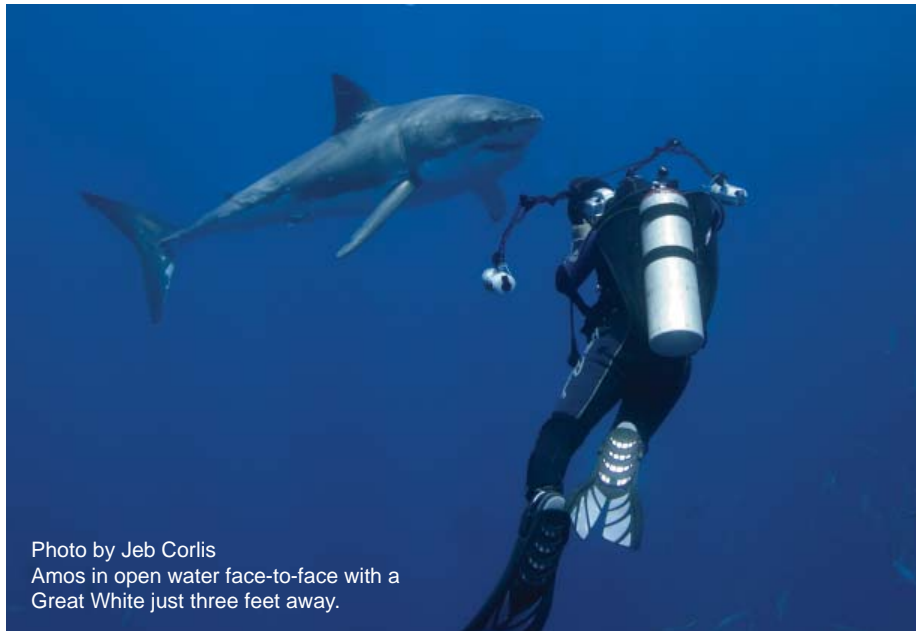


Photo by Jeb Corlis
Amos in open water face-to-face with a Great White just three feet away.

The Great White Shark

The Great White Shark is a slow-growing and long-lived shark. Additionally, it gives birth to just a few young, which makes it highly vulnerable to over fishing and slow to recover from overexploitation. Because of this, conservationists have been concerned with the vulnerability of the white shark to possible extinction, and it is currently considered a species of concern in the IUCN (World Conservation Union) Red List. The white shark is currently protected in Australia, South Africa, Namibia, Israel, Malta, Mexico, and the United States. Australia proposed the white shark for CITES III (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) listing and has developed a comprehensive and multidisciplinary recovery plan for white sharks in its waters.



The smiling Great White captured by Amos while Dr. Antoniou was filming by his side.
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The Vessel - *Sea Escape*

The Sea Escape, a 110 ft. aluminum vessel made for divers by divers, with private bathrooms in every stateroom, large living room with TV set, DVD, VCR, PC with software to download photos, fully air conditioned, water maker and nitrox blending system.

There are also three cages on board so every participant can be in the water at the same time.



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**Space on this expedition is limited to 10 individuals so you maximize your time in the water
Cost: \$5,900 (includes all meals, drinks, and roundtrip transfers from San Diego to Ensenada)**

Dates: September 26 - October 3, 2009

(7 days, 6 nights, 5 days of shark research and photography)

Call now to reserve your space for your adventure of a lifetime

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