The largest aggregation of whale sharks in the world, the Afuera, occurs each June through August off Mexico’s Yucatan Peninsula. The sharks mass to feed on dense patches of fish eggs, making this the rare place where you can see and photograph whale sharks in blue water. This five-day trip includes three days snorkeling with the sharks, and a travel day on either end.

The trips are led by Dr. Jennifer Schmidt, Director of Science and Research at the Shark Research Institute, who has worked with whale sharks for more than 20 years. Whale shark interactions are snorkel only by Mexican regulations, but excellent diving and many other activities are available in the area before or after the trip. Trips fill quickly, so reserve your place now!

The trip cost of $1400/$1450* per person includes 4 nights double-occupancy hotel in Cancun, 3 days of whale shark interactions, lectures on whale sharks by Dr. Schmidt, snorkeling at Isla Mujeres, and lunch on whale shark days. It does not include airfare to Cancun, airport transfers, or any dinners. The single supplement is $200. A $500 deposit is required to hold your place. All payments are nonrefundable, dive insurance is required, and travel insurance is strongly suggested. Maximum of nine participants per trip.

Contact Jennifer Schmidt at jennifer@sharks.org for more information or to reserve your place.

*Trip cost is $1400 if paid by check in USD, $1450 if paid online through PayPal.