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## Ficha viaje



### Unique Whale and Dolphin Tour in the Azores - 9 Nights

The Azores Archipelago is one of the premier whale and dolphin watching sites in the world, and the subject of films by the BBC and National Geographic.

This unique Package also relies on a network of land based lookouts, called "vigias", a reminiscence from the whaling days, where highly specialized observers spot the whales using ancestral methods and guide the boats to the observation area.

## Resumen del viaje

### "Itinerary"

Every tour has a different itinerary, depending on the location of the animals, frequency and species of cetacean seen and ocean conditions. As a guide, on 5 and 9 night tours we would expect to have 3 and 6 full days of whale and dolphin watching respectively. We generally leave port at 9am and return around 4 pm, so you can relax at your hotel before dinner each evening. You will have a chance to explore one or two of the Azores' central group islands during your tour on shore days that are usually taken every third day. We give you an orientation talk for each island and we can organize island tours if you require them. Car, moped and cycle hire are all available and some islands have horse riding too. No shore activities are included in the cost of the tour. All visits to Pico or São Jorge involve taking a short ferry ride. Boat charters are also available.

### Weather

The climate of the Azores is of a mild maritime Mediterranean type and is generally very good during the summer although sometimes prone to the occasional rainy day, which sustain the lush green meadows and flower-lined lanes found on the islands. There is a lot to see on the islands in the event of bad weather forcing us to stay in port and as touring in one of the many inexpensive taxis is one of the best ways to see the islands, the weather will not restrict us a great deal.

### Whale watching and the Environment

In our whale watching trips we try to reduce to a minimum the effects of our tours on the environment and animals. Using methods of interacting with cetaceans that do not significantly affect or in any way harass the animals. The introduction and implementation of Azorean cetacean watching regulations to protect the cetaceans and their habitat. Assisting in the education of the Azorean people and visitors to the islands, in relation to the cetaceans and the islands' environment. Recycling whenever possible. Communicating our environmental policies to our employees and

guests and regularly assessing our environmental performance in order to improve our environmental policy. Whale Watch Azores/Norberto Diver operates free educational trips for local children.

### **“Short Break Tours”**

If you are not sure whether a full whale watch tour would suit you, why not try a 6 day “Short Break” whale & dolphin research holiday. The tour start dates, boat, accommodation and food are all the same as our full length tours but as a short break guest you will leave us a little earlier than normal. These tours include 3 full days whale watching and one day on shore to go exploring. As well as watching the wonderful whales and dolphins you will also see the scientific data being collected, learn how individual animals are identified and get to listen to them using the onboard hydrophone. Our marine biologist Lisa Steiner will still be on board as normal during these shorter tours, which are suitable for beginners and experienced “whalenuts” alike. As with all our tours you will get a slide show and talks about the cetaceans and the research but don’t forget that our tours are not working holidays so the atmosphere on board is as relaxed as usual. Please note that we limit places on short break tours so please book early as we can only take 12 guests in total, at any one time.

*If you will just be in Horta for a few days, give us a call or send us an email. We offer day trips from 9am until around 4pm. Price - 100 euros per person or 180 euros for 2.*

### **ALL ROOMS 4 STAR ACCOMMODATION**

Single room supplement is 175euros / 295euros (9 night tours low/high season)

95euros / 175 euros (5 night tours low/high season)

## **Itinerario ampliado**

## **Incluido**

## **No Incluido**

## **Hoteles**