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Newfoundland Whale Study Week



Humpback whale

DAY 1 - Arrive St. John's.

On arrival at St. John's Airport you will be met by a representative of World Discovery who will take you to your hotel.

DAY 2 - 'Introduction to the Ocean'.

Today begins with an introduction to the ocean and the whales during a two and a half hour trip on the *Atlantic Whaler*. You will also view puffins and hundreds of thousands of other seabirds. Your naturalist team review the marine ecology of the North Atlantic and prepare for onboard assistance to local whale census and acoustic research. You will also travel to the eastern edge of the continent to do more whale-watching.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 3 - On board the 'Atlantic Whaler'.

Six hours on board this coastguard-certified vessel looking at whales. Humpbacks and minke are the most common whale species but dolphins and fin whales are also occasionally seen. In fact, 20 varieties of whales are reported from Newfoundland waters so you can expect an occasional surprise. Focus will be on tail fluke photography, individual whale recognition, behavioural observations, feeding ecology and just enjoying the sights. Your team have also been involved with hydrophone development research and you may try to listen in on humpback feeding sounds together with any vocalisations associated with their other behaviours.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch.

DAY 4 - Whale-watching from the land.

Today features whale-watching from the land as you try to take in some of the range of the world's largest population of humpbacks. A caribou herd, moose habitat, a humpback-feeding beach and seals usually add to the day's sightings. Photographers will enjoy the coastline and the lighthouses should they want to see more than just the whales. Bird lovers will enjoy the small seabird colonies near the special whale study lookouts. This day is sometimes the holiday highlight as you enjoy up-close encounters with the humpbacks as they cruise beside their feeding beach.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch.

DAY 5 - On board the 'Atlantic Whaler'.

Humpback tails are as distinctive as human faces or fingerprints; and your team will use this six hours on the water attempting to get scientifically useful tail shots that allow them to identify individual whales and mother calf pairs. This provides insight into their range and life history. You'll learn how the company contribute to the worldwide study of both humpbacks and orcas. If the science doesn't excite you just sit back and enjoy the gentle antics of the whales and the other wildlife of the North Atlantic.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch.

DAY 6 - Sightseeing on land.

Today you will further study the richness of the Atlantic as you journey to the continent's third largest and most spectacular gannet colony. Tens of thousands of other seabirds with their chicks add to the day as does some of the world's best land-based whale watching. You will visit one of the planet's most impressive marine spectacles without using a boat. A farewell barbecue or a group supper is planned for this last evening.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 7 - Depart for home.

Free in St. John's until your transfer to the airport for the flight home

Meals included: Full breakfast.

DAY 8 - Arrive home.

Arrive London Heathrow in the morning.