



# Whale watching on board a sailboat



## Discovering whales and dolphins

A cruise for real enthusiasts to savour the incomparable experience of sailing and close-up, moving encounters with these extraordinary and beloved animals.



Category: nature and science / Duration: 3 days and 2 nights / Level of Difficulty: easy

**The seas of the Tuscan Archipelago** is of special interest to those intrigued by cetaceans. The rich waters attract an abundance of different species. They're especially plentiful in the spring, concentrated between the Ligurian Sea and the northern Tyrrhenian. To protect this priceless natural heritage, the National Park of the Tuscan Archipelago has been created. This area has become the largest marine park in Europe, and is included in the larger "International Sanctuary of Cetaceans", which covers waters in Italy, France and Monaco. With a bit of luck while crossing the waters of the Tuscan Archipelago, we should see blue whales, sperm whales, bottle-nosed dolphins and striped dolphins just to name a few of the most common species. Whale watching cruises are organized so that participants have the aid of a marine biologist, who will introduce them to the world of cetaceans and answer any questions they may have. Our expert will provide all necessary information and help guarantee that no opportunities for sightings are missed

### 1<sup>st</sup> Day - Embarkation

Board at Portoferraio in the afternoon for the presentation of the vacation, organization the storeroom and an introduction to the world of cetaceans and marine biology. Dinner and overnight stay on board in route.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Day - Following in the wake of dolphins off the coast of Elba

Exploration of the area northwest of the island, populated by bottle-nosed dolphins (one of the species of dolphins most common to the Mediterranean). When visibility is high it is often possible to see many interesting creatures such as; whales, striped dolphins, sea birds and deep sea fish like tuna and moonfish. Afterwards, weather permitting, we never miss a chance to dive into the waters along Elba's charming coast. Dinner and overnight stay on board in route.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Day - Return to Portoferraio

Exploration of the area southeast of Elba heading for the isle of Pianosa. During the afternoon in route for Portoferraio to disembark.

**N.B. The duration of whale watching cruises can be altered.  
For more information see below.**

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## TYPES OF WHALE WATCHING TRIPS

**1 week:** from Sunday to Saturday - 7 days and 6 nights

**Weekend:** from Friday to Sunday - 3 days and 2 nights

**During the week:** from Sunday to Thursday - 5 days and 4 nights

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## TECHNICAL - LOGISTIC INFORMATION

**Meeting Place:** at Portoferraio in the afternoon.

**Lodging:** cabins with 2 bunks, shared bathroom.

**Meals:** There's a kitchen on board and meals are prepared on board by participants. The grocery bill is divided by them.

**On Board:** on the boat everyone has to contribute by helping with cooking, cleaning and sailing the vessel.

**Equipment provided by participants:** sleeping bag, personal snorkelling equipment, as little baggage as possible.

**Personnel:** 1 environmental guide and 1 skipper.

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## PRICE

**Price per person for 5 days and 4 nights:** €360,00 29 march -2 april  
€400,00 3 - 7 may; 24 - 28 may; 4 - 8 october  
€420,00 14 - 18 june; 6 - 10 september

**The price includes:** 5 days boat rental, room in cabins with 2 bunks, shared bathroom; storeroom, fuel and harbour tax; 1 skipper 1 environmental guide and 1 marine biologist will be available for the entire trip; insurance.

**The price does not include:** the trip to Elba island, lunch on the day we arrive, the bedding and everything not included in the « price »

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## PHILOSOPHY OF AN ECOLOGICAL TRIP

A journey on a sailboat is always a magical experience, in contact with the wind and sea. The boat allows us to admire the islands from a unique perspective. Travelling with the aid of sails and the power of the wind forces us to follow more natural and relaxed rhythms than when we're on dry land. Being immersed in a small universe where water, food, electricity and space are limited teaches us to respect others and conserve the available resources. The bonds of friendship that this situation creates are strong and long-lasting. The participation of an environmental guide and a biologist guarantees a more educational trip. Lastly, the cruise allows participants to directly contribute to a research project to acquire information about the biology and behaviour of the cetacean populations of the Tuscan Archipelago in order to improve the management of this incredible natural resource.

Pelagos is in association with Ecotourism Italy.



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## IN COLLABORATION WITH

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Albanautica, created by skipper Alberto Pedrini and enriched by his extensive experience, offers a professionalism and competence in nautical rentals that is second to none. Albanautica guarantees a high level of quality in all of the many services it offers; cruises for young people, whale watching, and a sailing school. The boats we use for our cruises follow rigorous security standards imposed by naval codes. And the personnel are all competent and up to date with their licenses and the documentation required to sail.

- \* Pelagos collaborates with the **Zoological Museum "La Specola" of Florence**, in a series of projects to monitor and study the cetaceans of the Tuscan Archipelago