



Killer whales (orca) live off the Strait of Georgia – their splashes can be heard from miles around. For details of when to view them or any other whales off the Canadian, Alaskan and Arctic shores contact Catherine on 01993 838 706

Narwhal, Arctic

Bowhead, grey and humpback whales, Alaska

Beluga whales, Hudson Bay

Humpback and minke and finback whales, Newfoundland coast

There are 13 species of whales in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the largest of which are blue, fin and humpback whales

Northern right and humpback whales, Bay of Fundy

Bottlenose dolphins, The Cayes, Belize and Roatan, Honduras

Grey whales, Baja California, Mexico

Bottlenose dolphins, Bocas del Toro, Panama

Wild dolphins, Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica

Dolphins, Galapagos

Short-beaked common, long beaked common, pantropical spotted, Atlantic spotted, spinner, clymene, striped, rough-toothed, bottlenose, Risso's and Fraser's dolphins are all found in Quintana Roo, Mexico. For details of when to view them or other whales and dolphins off the coast of Central and South America and Antarctica contact Paula or Susie on 01993 838 600

Spinner dolphins, Fernando de Noronha, Brazil



The majestic southern right whales (which typically grow to 18m in length) choose the waters off the south-eastern coast of Brazil around Florianopolis as their nursery between July and November every year.

Southern right whales, Peninsula Valdes, Argentina

Sperm whales, killer whales, southern right whales, Peale's dolphins, Hourglass dolphins, Commerson's dolphins, Antarctica

Ocean's Six

Our specialists have debated the best locations from where to view the abundance of whale and dolphin life dwelling in our oceans. Here they highlight those chosen locations around the six continents in which we specialise.



Spinner, bottlenose, humpback and spotted dolphins can all be seen along the shores of Oman, attracted by the nutrient rich currents of the Arabian Gulf, which are rife with tuna fish. For details of when to view contact Sarah or Daniel on 01993 838 430



Indian river dolphins, known locally as susu are found in Chitwan National Park, Varanasi and the Brahmaputra and Ganges rivers. For details of when to view them contact Stephen on 01993 838 319

Irrawaddy dolphins, Chhlong, Cambodia. The rare freshwater Irrawaddy dolphins are found in only three rivers in the world, all in Southeast Asia. The Mekong is home to a population of less than 170 dolphins, almost all of whom are concentrated just north of the small town of Kratie in Cambodia. The best time to view them is during the dry season (January to May) in the late afternoon. For details contact Elizabeth or Victoria on 01993 838 160



The spinner dolphin is found in the Pacific ocean off the northeast coast of Australia. Very acrobatic and playful this dolphin gets its name from the ability to leap and spin in the air. For details of when best to view them contact Lucy or Michael on 01993 838 810



Humpback whales travel from Antarctica in June to the coasts of Mozambique and Madagascar to breed and calve, and leave in October. For details of how to best view them please contact Matthew, Cate or Victoria on 01993 838 520

There are over 16 species of whales in the waters of the Maldives - the big three are the blue whale, Bryde's whale and sperm whale. The most abundant and acrobatic dolphin is the spinner but Risso, bottlenose, striped, patropical and spotted dolphins are all common. For details of when to view them contact Rogier on 01993 838 312

Southern right whales journey from Antarctica to the eastern coast of South Africa and Hermanus from Antarctica between June and November to mate. For details of how to best view them contact Sarah on 01993 838 502

Sperm whales, east coast of New Zealand

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