

# Port Stephens Wild Dolphin Watch Cruise

• 4 hours (approx.) •

## • KEY FACTS •



1. Wild Dolphin Watch cruise (approx. 4 hours)
2. Unlimited Tea & instant coffee (Unfortunately tea & coffee will not be provided during COVID in order to avoid transmission)
3. Light breakfast (Unfortunately breakfast will not be provided during COVID in order to avoid transmission)
4. Above-water photos which are later uploaded to the Service Provider's Facebook page for guests to copy and/or share
5. Educational commentary



1. Transport from/to hotels
2. Food & beverages not listed as Inclusions
3. Souvenirs
4. Travel Insurance
5. Any optional extra items (including but not limited to Dolphin Swim / photo packages) that are not included in the standard admission. All optional extra items are at own expense.

## Depature point

- Departs:
  - Non School Holidays: Saturdays, Sundays
  - During School Holidays: dailyTour does not run on Christmas Day (25 December), Boxing Day (26 December), New Year's Day (01 January)
- Departure Point: Dock C, d'Albora Marina, Teramby Road, Nelson Bay NSW
- Departure Time: 06:00  
Departure time is reference only and subject to availability.
- Arrives back Nelson Bay at 10:00

## How to get there

- By Car  
Located approximately 222km north of Sydney Airport, takes about 3 hours; approximately 35km north of Newcastle Airport, takes about 40 minutes.
  - There is a large paid ticket parking area at the rear of the marina.
- By Public Transport  
Unfortunately there is no direct public transport available. Most visitors drive or arrive on a coach tour.

## Operating hours

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays (September–April)	06:00–10:00	Please arrive at 05:00 to check in
May–August	Closed	
Christmas Day (25 December)	Closed	

## Check-in requirements

Please arrive at the ticket office 60 minutes prior to the departure time to exchange for ticket/boarding pass before proceeding to the boarding terminal. Regrettably, failure to arrive before this time will most likely be classified as no-show and result in forfeiting the booking and it cannot be refunded or transferred.

If you are not familiar with the area or travelling on a weekend or local public holidays / school holidays, please make sure you've checked your timetable or driving route beforehand, and allow extra travelling time for unexpected delays to ensure you do not miss your check in

## What to bring/wear

- Motion-sickness medicine (if required)
- Protective clothing, hat, sunscreen lotion, and sunglasses
- Comfortable shoes
- Light jacket / sweater for windy or cool days
- Camera (waterproof)
- Money / credit card for optional purchases

## Other info

**[Important Post-Covid Service Information]**  
- Please refer to <https://dolphinswimaustralia.com.au/> for the latest updates during the post-Covid period.

- PLEASE NOTE: The Service Provider unfortunately will not be providing the light breakfast, tea & coffee during COVID in order to avoid transmission. Therefore recommend that you bring snacks and some water for sustenance during the morning.

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- Limited group size: maximum 12 observers per outing.
- Suitable for all ages.
- Any participant under the age of 18 years must remain in the immediate presence and control of a supervising parent or guardian during the cruise and their participation will be subject to the authorisation of their parent or guardian.
- Observers need to complete a waiver and booking form.
- This is an open water experience with wind and waves playing a part in vessel movement. The Service Provider cannot be held accountable for seasickness! 'Travacalm' is supplied on the vessel.
- If customer suffer motion illness, please consider taking medication before bed for a couple of days prior to the cruise as well as when get on board the vessel. This can often produce a better result.
- Participants may use cameras or other video recording devices above water but for safety reasons must immediately follow the directions of the staff.
- For safety or other reasonable reasons the Service Provider may in its absolute discretion decide to cancel The Cruise.
- To the extent permitted by section 139A Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) ("the Act") Service Provider excludes its liability for:
  - death,
  - personal injury;
  - the contraction, aggravation, acceleration of a disease;
  - the coming into existence, the aggravation, acceleration or recurrence of any other condition, circumstance, occurrence, activity, form of behaviour, course of conduct or state of affairs in relation to an individual or community:
  - a) that is or may be harmful or disadvantageous to an individual or community;
  - b) that may result in harm or disadvantage to an individual or community.

## • OVERVIEW •

### Port Stephens Wild Dolphin Watch Cruise

The Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park established in 2005, the PSGLMP is the largest Marine Park in NSW, covering approximately 98,200 hectares of coastal and marine habitat. The park extends from Cape Hawke Surf Lifesaving Club to the Birubi Point Surf Life Saving Club and includes the offshore waters between.



# Wild Dolphin Watch at Sydney Port Stephens

One of the best dolphin watching cruises will ever experience. Not only get to watch wild offshore dolphins in their natural environment, also get to watch as these inquisitive and energetic oceanic dolphins come and join the vessel for their own 'people watch'!

Won't believe your eyes! This is unlike all other dolphin encounters, as the dolphins choose to join the vessel and move through the open ocean just metres from the vessel! Afterwards return home knowing that the dolphins remain wild, unharmed and free in their natural environment!

## THE DOLPHINS

There are two species of dolphin that you could observe at this tour. Because they live in the open ocean, you would be unable to see these species of dolphin unless you travelled offshore.

- **The Common Dolphin – *Delphinus delphis delphis***

This is the beautifully patterned oceanic species this cruise encounters most often.

Unlike many other species of dolphin, Common Dolphins are very inquisitive and energetically engage with the vessel and in-water guests – just what you want for a wild dolphin swim!

- **The Common Bottlenose Dolphin – *Tursiops truncatus***

The Common (Oceanic) Bottlenose lives only at sea and so the only way to see these 'big guys' is when travelling offshore.

These dolphins, which will be seen only rarely, are a larger version of the species that resides inside the bay(s) of Port Stephens.

The smaller versions live in estuaries and close to beaches and so are regularly seen by surfers and beachgoers.

## SIZE COMPARISON

- Common (Oceanic) Bottlenose Dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*): 3.0 meters length
- Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*): 2.7 meters length
- Short-beaked Common Dolphin (*Delphinus delphis*): 2.4 meters length

## • POLICY •

## Cancellation Policy

All sales are final and incur 100% cancellation penalties.



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