Captain Cook Cruises Sydney Whale Watching Afternoon Cruise

3 hours (approx.)



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 Money / credit card for optional purchases
Other info	• Recommend eat lightly before and during the cruise. Travel sickness tablets are generally most effective if taken prior to the cruise.
	Smoking is not permitted onboard.
	 Child policy Children under 4 years are not recommended. All children must be escorted by adults. Whale Guarantee
	The Service Provider has a 95%+ success rate. The Whale Guarantee applies when a whale is not sighted during your cruise. Cruise again in the same season for free on Standby Basis confirmed 24 hours prior, subject to availability.
	 As this is an open water cruise, names of all passengers and emergency contact details are a legal requirement. Cruises are subject to cancellation due to weather and other operational requirements.
	• The Service Provider reserves the right to change vessels and itineraries without notice.

	[Important Post-Covid Service Information]
	- On board
	 Card payments only No bar service, open food displays or selfserve beverage stations
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OVERVIEW

Captain Cook Cruises Sydney Whale Watching Afternoon Cruise Whale watching at its very best. Cruise aboard a great vessel with full commentary and whale guarantee - see a whale or cruise again for free. Sydney's coastline is a playground for Humpbacks between May and October. Their antics include breaches, tail slapping and even a close-up wink when they are feeling extra curious. You may also see Southern Rights, Orcas and Minke whales, playful dolphins, seals, fairy penguins, albatross and more.





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Combine the sights of Sydney Harbour with an open water cruise through the entrance of Sydney Harbour to find the gentle giants of the sea.

Humpback Whale sightings have continued to increase over the last decade. In June and July these majestic marine mammals migrate north for breeding before returning south with their calves from September to November. Southern Right Whales do not migrate, instead moving along the coast finding protected shelters for their young. Occasionally a mother and calf make Sydney Harbour their home for a short while and thousands of locals come out to wish them well.

Spotters on the land help to direct our certified whale watching cruises and also assist whale researchers by recording sightings and ensuring approach distances are strictly adhered to. Very rarely a whale is not spotted during the cruise. In this case your Whale Guarantee entitles you to another free cruise during the same season on a standby basis.

In addition to Humpbacks and Southern Right Whales, other species you may see include:

- Minke Whale
- Blue Whale
- Sei Whale
- Fin Whale
- False Killer Whale
- Orca or Killer Whale
- Sperm Whale
- Pygmy Right Whale
- Pygmy Sperm Whale
- Bryde's Whale

Whales are highly social and intelligent mammals that have graced our oceans for our fifty million years. They breath air, give birth to live young and suckle their calves through mammary glands. Their streamlined bodies are insulated from the cold by thick layers of blubber. The largest species of whales were hunted almost to extinction and have survived only thanks to conservation and protection efforts. There are 86 recognised whale species. The largest animal on earth is the gigantic blue whale.

Whales can travel immense distances to meet their food, mating and calving needs. Many make annual migrations from cold to warm climates for calving.

The Whales close cousin, the dolphin is second only to humans in intelligence. The degree of intelligence of whales and porpoises is still to be determined however, their sophisticated behaviour and ability to learn suggest they have a capacity for complex thinking.

To the delight of passengers, whales and dolphins often approach the vessel. In these situations we are required to slow down gradually, stop and wait until the animal moves beyond the approach zone. Its the moments in between that make the cruise truly special.

Typical whale behaviour includes: Breaching, Spy Hop, Pectoral Fin Extension, Tail Slapping, Peduncle Slap, Tail Cocking, Tail Slash and Tail Swish, Pectoral Stroking and Pec Slapping.



Cancellation Policy

All sales are final and incur 100% cancellation penalties.

