

A TRULY REWARDING EXPERIENCE - WHALE WATCHING IN MEXICO



giants is Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Marine enthusiasts and environmentalists cruise the world's oceans to find one of nature's most fascinating species of animals. The untouchable beauty and overwhelming size of giant whales is likely to catch everyone's attention and gain respect at first sight. Herds of whales are moving through all the oceans of our planet. At this time of year, the ideal destination to come admire these impressive

Located in the Bay of Banderas, Puerto Vallarta is home to one of the largest creatures we know - the humpback whale. From mid-December to the end of March the whale watching season is at its peak. The humpback whales come here to calve. One of the most rewarding experiences one may absorb is witnessing the mother-whales look after their young.

The ideal way to get a closer look at the whales is by going on a specialized whale-watching tour. These are designed with a single purpose to look for whales. The boats are certified to move within a 100 feet from the animals. Naturally, there are several rules which apply to each of these trips; however, they do not limit in any way this wonderful adventure.

Usually, the tours start at 8:30 a.m. and the enthusiasts are back on shore at about 1 p.m. The services included in the US \$85 fee are, of course, a bilingual guide (Spanish - English), a simple 'lecture' on the humpback whales, life vests, soft drinks and water, a little snack and a hydrophone. That is a key tool which will enable the tourists to hear the male whales sing. Usually, the boat may take eight passengers per trip and thus the quest after this world's most amazing creatures becomes a private and unforgettable experience.

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