



Job Description for Volunteers with *firmm*® España

Place and time: Tarifa, southern Spain, from May till the end of October 2007, min. 8-12 weeks.

Age: over 25 years

3 languages min.: fluent in **German** and **English**, Spanish, French and/or Italian

Requirements and Skills:

Finalized professional training, interest and love for Dolphins and Whales and marine animals in general; practical experience on the water and/or experience with tourists are an advantage. Enthusiasm to motivate, team spirit, capability to control a group of people on board, extraordinary flexibility to cope with daily changes of programs due to rapid weather changes. Driver's license required.

Duties:

Accompany and take care of tourists before the boat trips, give them introduction speeches with information about our work and the marine mammals they are maybe going to see.

Preparation of the boat before the trip and cleaning at the end of the day.

Recording simple data during the trip and register it in the computer afterwards (according arrangements with Prof. David Senn)

General assistance at the office (2-3 hours a day), attend to our guests and tourists in various languages; distribute flyers, handling of the groups before every trip. On windy days general administration work.

Pick-up of guests at Malaga Airport.

We offer

Accommodation. You will share an apartment with other volunteers

Possibility to **learn more about the cetaceans** by attending the theoretical courses at our classroom given by the biologist to our guests (mainly in German). To **get to know the surroundings of Tarifa** by accompanying the biologist with the guests on alternative programs, like the sand dunes, visit the fishermen at the harbour of Tarifa and assist during snorkelling tours. Besides more knowledge about the marine mammals you will be confronted with themes like dolphins and whales in captivity, commercial whaling, regulations of whale watching, over fishing worldwide. You will be given arguments about the responsibility we all carry for the survival of marine mammals and the future of the oceans.

Besides the desire to spend a few weeks at the Strait of Gibraltar a deep love for whales and dolphins goes without saying. You should feel an urge to help changing the critical situation of the cetaceans and do so by actively supporting our foundation in all its projects regarding the protection of whales and dolphins. A natural ability and openness to feel also the spiritual side of the encounters with the animals beside the measurable is important, too.

Working hours: 6 days a week, between 36-48 hours, depending on wind and weather conditions.

For further information contact:

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