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INTENSIVE WHALE AND DOLPHIN WEEK in Tarifa in 2027

Humans have always been fascinated – almost mystically – by dolphins and whales. Many old cultures and tribes have shown their admiration and closeness to these marine mammals through their rituals, tales, and traditions. Nevertheless, they are still hunted and killed, and this fact reminds us to be more careful with nature. In line with our motto "Only what we know and love, we are willing to protect", we have been running whale and dolphin watching trips in southern Spain since 1998.

THE PROGRAMME

In the Strait of Gibraltar, we offer from April to October whale, dolphin and nature lovers the opportunity to observe whales and dolphins in freedom. Because of a distance of only 14 km between Africa and Europe, the Strait is just perfect for launching observation trips. Due to the concurrence of the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, the combined current conditions in the Strait of Gibraltar constitute an important feeding ground for different species of whales and dolphins.

Our observation trips are suitable for both adults and children.

On our observation boats we offer you the opportunity to meet whales and dolphins in their natural habitat. Depending on wind and weather, 2-3 trips are organised per day. Thanks to many years of experience and precise knowledge of the tides and currents in the Strait of Gibraltar, we have a high probability (over 98%) of seeing whales or dolphins on our trips. At the same time, you can increase your knowledge about marine mammals.

In Tarifa, the surfing mecca of Europe, strong winds sometimes make boat trips impossible. If the wind persists for a long time, we could eventually organise one outdoor activity with our biologist on one day of the observation week.

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WHALES AND DOLPHINS

4 species of dolphins can be seen throughout the year: Common Dolphins, Striped Dolphins, Bottlenose Dolphins, and Pilot Whales, which also belong to the family of the dolphins. Some families of Pilot Whales have their feeding grounds in the Strait of Gibraltar and thus we encounter them regularly. In spring we frequently spot Sperm Whales, which often reappear in autumn. They stay at the deeper points of the Strait. During July and August, we can also watch Orcas near Tangiers, where they are hunting tuna (or rather snatching them off the hook from fishermen). Fin Whales can also be seen, however, not quite as often. It is important for us to always treat the animals with the demanded respect in order to minimize any disturbance. Therefore, our skippers are specially trained to drive the boat in a careful manner.

HOW TO GET TO TARIFA

By car, train, or plane to Málaga. From there you can reach Tarifa by bus or rental car within about two hours. We can assist you with the booking of a rental car.

ACCOMMODATION

You can choose between different categories of accommodation. We are also happy to book these for you. Information about some accommodations and a registration form are enclosed.
Depending on the chosen category of accommodation you can do your own cooking or eat out. The Andalusian cuisine offers a huge variety of food.

WEATHER, CLOTHING, INSURANCES

Generally, the weather is nice and warm, but strong winds are very frequent. Therefore, and especially for the boat trips you should bring a warm sweater, a wind-proof jacket, comfortable and sea-water resistant shoes, a sun hat, sun protection, sunglasses, and a camera, if you like to take pictures. Each participant has to have his own insurance. Please be aware that we are not responsible for your personal equipment. Please mention any physical handicap on the registration form.

COSTS

2-hour whale and dolphin observation tours

Adults	EUR 50,--	(EUR 20,--*)
Children (6 – 13 years)	EUR 30,--	(EUR 10,--*)
Children (1-5 years)	EUR 15,--	(free of charge *)

(* Price for a possible guided excursion)

FURTHER DETAILS

Boat trips are offered daily, depending on the weather and the wind.

You can participate in as many boat trips as you like, and then pay for all the ***firmm***® services you have used collectively at the end of your time with us.

firmm® has two main objectives: Research on whales and dolphins in the Strait of Gibraltar and information about the importance of the protection of the oceans and its inhabitants.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel outside or holiday apartments in Tarifa

(Prices vary depending on category and season. Binding prices must be requested before each booking. Payable directly at the accommodation in EUR)

Comfortable hotels outside Tarifa:
Location: approx. 10 minutes by car outside Tarifa, on the Atlantic side, in a beautiful and quiet location, approx. 100 m from the beach. With swimming pool, green area, parking, and own restaurant. Car required. Prices on request.

Nice holiday apartments in Tarifa:
for 2-5 people, small kitchen, approx. 10 minutes walking distance from the beach (Atlantic Ocean or Mediterranean) and the harbour. No car required. Prices on request.

Tarifa and surroundings
In Tarifa, with its romantic old town, the past and the future merge to form the present. Colourful cafés, restaurants, bars and clubs with cheerfully noisy people are testimony to the joy of life. Characteristic are the surfers, who are present the whole year round. Outside the city you can find several nature reserves. The island off Tarifa is ideal for snorkelling and diving. Along the Atlantic coast, the sandy beaches invite you to swim, surf and sunbathe. Along the steep coast towards the Mediterranean, you will find beautiful paths for hiking and bird watching. In the nature parks you can also enjoy bike-tours and horse-back riding.
On day trips to Sevilla, Cádiz, Jerez, Gibraltar, Marbella, Málaga or Granada you can explore the wider surroundings. Particularly adventurous people can take the ferry over to neighbouring Morocco and visit the African continent. To travel to Morocco a valid passport is required.

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REGISTRATION FORM 2027

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ (minors only)

Surname _____ Mobile phone _____

E-Mail _____

Dates 2027 ❑03.05.-07.05. ❑20.09.-24.09.

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Children (1-5 years)	free of charge

Arrival Recommended arrival 1-2 days earlier. The nearest airports are Málaga or Jerez de la Frontera. Please book flights on your own.

Car rental On request, we can help you to book a rental car from Málaga Airport.

Transfer On request, we can help you to book a pick-up service from Málaga Airport. *

Accommodations

See above for description. We can book the accommodation for you (which you can pay on arrival). *

❑ Hotel outside Tarifa
❑ Apartment in Tarifa ❑ individual stay

*For the reservation we must pass on your contact details to the respective offerer. Therefore, we need your written consent by e-mail. Privacy policy on www.firmm.org

Place, Date _____ **Signature** _____

Parent or legal guardian to sign for minors

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