

Whale of a time with P&O Ferries

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Whale watching trips led by conservation experts have been scheduled on four special mini cruises (http://www.poferries.com/tourist/content/pages/template/minicruise_minicruise.htm) with P&O Ferries this summer.

The three-night trips cost from £99 per person, with departures from Portsmouth port (http://www.poferries.com/tourist/content/pages/template/routes_portsmouth_-_bilbao_portsmouth_portsmouth.htm) in July (7th and 10th) and September (17th and 20th.)

Scientists from the Biscay Dolphin Research Programme (BDRP) will give presentations and organise watches from the best vantage points on board the Pride of Bilbao cruise ferry, which sails between Portsmouth and Bilbao.

During similar trips on ferries to Spain (http://www.poferries.com/tourist/content/pages/template/routes_portsmouth_-_bilbao_routes_-_portsmouth_-_bilbao.htm) last year more than 3,300 cetaceans were spotted, ranging from diminutive harbour porpoises, through bottlenose, common and striped dolphins which like to ride the ship's bow wave, to minke, fin, sperm, pilot and beaked whales.

It isn't all whale watching on mini cruises to Spain (http://www.poferries.com/tourist/content/pages/template/minicruise_minicruises_from_Portsmouth_minicruises_from_Portsmouth.htm) as the itinerary gives time for a shore excursion in Spain, with popular options including the Guggenheim gallery, the old city of Bilbao, and the fishing village of Castro Urdiales. And facilities on board include cinemas, shops, bars, restaurants and live shows.

Prices include a standard class cabin and are based on two people sharing. For bookings call P&O Ferries on 08716 646464. BDRP publishes its work and blogs of previous trips at www.biscay-dolphin.org.uk

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