

# Captain Cook Cruises Sydney Whale Watching Afternoon Cruise

• 3 hours (approx.) •

## • KEY FACTS •



• Operates on Saturdays and Sundays between May and October, departs at 13:15 and disembarks at 16:15. (Departure times are reference only and subject to availability.)

Whale Watching Afternoon Cruise includes:

1. Approximate 3-hour cruise
2. Expert commentator providing fun and educational insights into whale behaviour
3. See Humpbacks whale during migration
4. Family friendly, comfortable indoor and outdoor seating over multiple viewing decks
5. Whale sighting guaranteed or cruise again for free (conditions apply)



1. Transport from/to hotels
2. Food & beverages not listed as Inclusions
3. Souvenirs
4. Travel Insurance

## Departure point

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• Departure Point: Darling Harbour King St Wharf No.2

## How to get there

• By Car

Closest Parking:

- Secure Parking - King Street Wharf Car Park (Address: 1 Shelley St, Sydney NSW 2000), approximately 2 minutes walk.
- Wilson Parking - 321 Kent St (Address: 86 Sussex St, Sydney NSW 2000), approximately 4 minutes walk.
- Parking fees apply.

• By Public Transport

The closest Train Station is Wynyard Station

The closest Ferry Station is Barangaroo Station

The closest Bus Stop is King Street Wharf, Erskine St Stop

The closest Lightrail Stop is Wynyard Stop

Please check the Transport NSW timetables (<https://transportnsw.info/>) for more details to plan your trip.

## Operating hours

Ticket Office - King Street Wharf (Monday - Sunday)
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09:00 - 17:00
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## Reconfirmation requirements

Please be advised you are required to contact the Reconfirmation Hotline +61 (0)2 8062 3623 from 07:15 on the day of your cruise to reconfirm your booking, departure location and time, and boarding time with your confirmation number. Please adjust your travel plan according to the details given by The Service Provider at time of reconfirming.

## Check-in requirements

Please arrive at the ticket office 30 minutes prior to the departure time to exchange for ticket/boarding pass before proceeding to the boarding terminal. Regrettably, failure to arrive before this time will most likely be classified as no-show and result in forfeiting the booking and it cannot be refunded or transferred.

If you are not familiar with the area or travelling on a weekend or local public holidays / school holidays, please make sure you've checked your timetable or driving route beforehand, and allow extra travelling time for unexpected delays to ensure you do not miss your check in

## 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.

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### 【Important Post-Covid Service Information】

- On board
  - Card payments only
  - No bar service, open food displays or selfserve beverage stations
- Customers are encouraged not to cruise if they are unwell or have COVID19 symptoms
- Service provider has the right to refuse service and insist that anyone with COVID symptoms leave the vessel

## • 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.



# Captain Cook Cruises Sydney Whale Watching Cruise

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.

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### Cancellation Policy

All sales are final and incur 100% cancellation penalties.



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