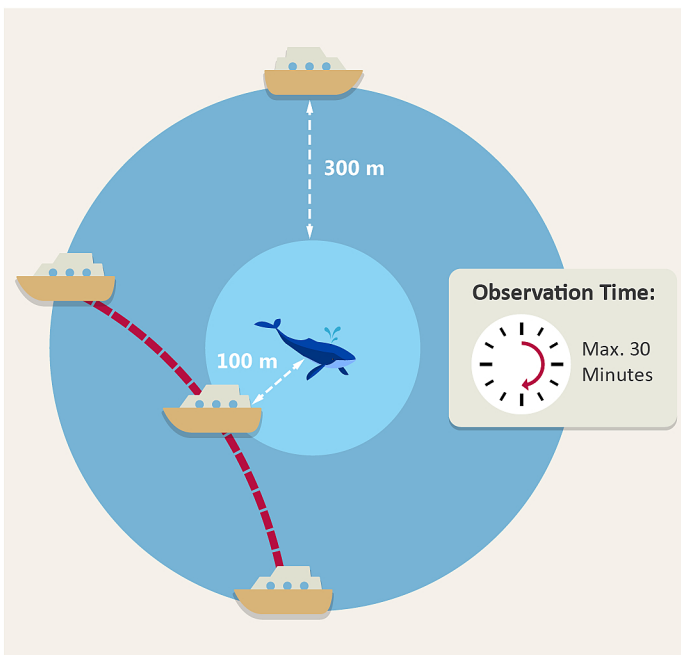


Whale Watching - Checklist for Correct Behavior



Features of reputable Whale Watching Providers:

- ✓ No guarantee of sighting success
- ✓ Respectful handling: The animals decide how close a boat may approach
- ✓ Professional tour guide on board
- ✓ Certificate for sustainable tourism (e. g. from the Europarc Federation)
- ✓ Observance of a Code of Ethics

Find out in advance about reputable providers the legislation for sustainable whale watching in your holiday region!

A reputable provider follows these rules:

- ✓ Keeping a minimum distance (about 100 meters)
- ✓ There are no more than two boats within 300 meters
- ✓ Approaching in a 30 degree angle
- ✓ Low speed (not faster than 4 knots)
- ✓ No abrupt change in speed and direction
- ✓ Maximum observation time: 30 minutes
- ✓ Switching off sources of noise (engine and echosounder) in the immediate vicinity
- ✓ No circling and no crossing of the direction of movement of the animals
- ✓ No separating of the animals from a herd
- ✓ In case of injured or dead animals: contact the authorities immediately

How to behave correctly on board:

- ✓ No loud noises on board
- ✓ No touching and no feeding of the animals
- ✓ Use binoculars
- ✓ Do not throw any waste into the water
- ✓ No photography with flash

You can recognize whales and dolphins from a distance by the following features:

- ✓ Whitecaps in the water
- ✓ Fish jumping out of the water
- ✓ Water fountain (blow) of a whale

Further information on gentle whale watching can be found at canarianfeeling.de