

Ocean Friendly Tours Unveils Responsible Whale Watching Tour Collection for 2013-14 Puerto Vallarta

PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, MEXICO, September 24, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Ocean Friendly Tours has designed a roster of new responsible whale watching and photography workshops tours for the upcoming whale watching season in Puerto Vallarta (Banderas Bay), Mexico.

Newly Designed, Responsible Whale Watching & Photography <u>Tour</u> Workshops



Humpback whale watching tours in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Ocean Friendly Tours announces a new line up of nature inspired tours in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The roster of

new responsible whale watching and photography workshop tours for the annual whale watching season (from December 8th through March 23rd) was designed by a team of marine scientists, naturalists and professional photographers. Ocean Friendly's new whale watching tours include four different types of specialized whale watching, research and photography tours:

- 1. Respectful Whale Watching & Research Tours This 4.5 hour Humpback whale watching tour focuses guests on observing and interacting with whales and dolphins in Banderas Bay through an educational approach. Guests also act as part of the research team as Humpback whales are located and the animals are documented for the Humpback Whale Fluke Identification Catalog of Banderas Bay in Puerto Vallarta.
- 2. Whale Watching & Photography Workshop This 4.5 hour tour is similar to the whale watching research tour but it focuses on learning how to best photograph and document whales and dolphins by observing and predicting their natural behaviors. This photography workshop begins on land and continues on the open water for the rest of the tour.
- 3. Oceanographical Whale & Bird Watching Photography Tour This 5.5 hour tour combines the features of the whale watching research tour with a full description of the oceanographical features of Banderas Bay that correlate with the Sea of Cortez. Guests visit the area around Marietas Islands to describe the geological setting and observe exotic bird species such as the

Blue Footed booby birds, Frigate birds, Sterns, Cormorants and more. Guests will enjoy great opportunities to photograph outstanding seascapes and a diversity of open water species such as Humpback whales, Bryde's whales, and a variety of dolphins, mantas, sea turtles and marine birds on this tour.

4. Private Whale Watching Tours – This private charter tour includes all the features of the research tour with a full description of the Oceanographical features of Banderas Bay and Puerto Vallarta that correlate with the Sea of Cortez. This tour can also be customized to include diving, snorkeling, a visit to the Marietas Islands or to the Los Arcos Rock formation as the geological setting and origin of Banderas Bay are described. There is the opportunity to observe exotic birds such as the Blue Footed booby birds, Frigate birds, pelicans and more on this tour.

About Oscar Frey, Ocean Friendly Tours

Involved in whale and dolphin field research programs in Bahia de Banderas since 1994, oceanologist and nature photographer Oscar Frey founded Ocean Friendly Tours & Images as a new concept in responsible tour operation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico with a unique visual and acoustic approach to the marine world of Bahia de Banderas.

Oscar also serves as Vice-President & Chief Researcher for Deep Blue Conservancy. Deep Blue Conservancy is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to the preservation of marine life and ecosystems impacted by human activity and focuses on using education and technology to protect and preserve the oceanic heritage for future generations.

Ocean Friendly Tours works closely with Deep Blue Conservancy in ongoing Humpback whale and marine research in Puerto Vallarta and other parts of Mexico. Ocean Friendly pioneered responsible whale watching techniques and whale watching tours in Puerto Vallarta almost 20 years ago.

This year Ocean Friendly Tours was privileged to be designated and recognized as one of TripAdvisor's Top 10 Great Wildlife Tours in the World! Thanks to past guests they were also honored to have been awarded a TripAdvisor BRAVO Award along with a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence for 2011, 2012 and 2013. Ocean Friendly was then chosen by TripAdvisor guests as one of the top attractions in Puerto Vallarta for the past three consecutive years.

Frey says of the Ocean Friendly Tours brand success, "We attribute this recognition of our work to our love of and commitment to research, education and conservation. We constantly demand the best of ourselves while immersing our guests in a truly educational environment and ensuring them an outstanding customer service experience throughout our tours."

Ocean Friendly generously donates all profits from our tours and workshops to benefit Humpback whale research and environmental documentation in and around Puerto Vallarta (Banderas Bay), Mexico.

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