

The guide to wild whale and dolphin watching while prioritising their welfare

Action for Dolphins

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we worked to create this guide, and pay our deepest respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

We recognise the ongoing connection that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have to Sea Country across Australia. As you set out on your journey, adventurer, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of every place this guide may lead you, and honour their enduring care for oceans, coastlines, and marine life.







Whales and dolphins are among the most aweinspiring creatures of the ocean, embodying grace and intelligence that captivate all who are fortunate enough to witness them. Each encounter with these majestic beings is not just a personal privilege, but also a reminder of the delicate balance of our natural world. As we set out to explore and appreciate these magnificent marine mammals, it is essential to do so with respect and responsibility.

By adhering to these guidelines, you can ensure that your encounters are not only enriching for you but also beneficial for the animals and their habitats. As you explore the ocean, remember that every encounter should be guided by respect and wonder. By following the guidelines in this guide, you contribute to the protection of these incredible creatures and their habitats, ensuring they continue to thrive for generations to come.

TOUR GUIDELINES

- 1. Complies with relevant regulatory requirements
- 2. Follows the Australian National Guidelines for dolphin and whale watching
- 3. Has permits to operate the tours from relevant authorities
- Does not offer swim or feed experiences
- 5. Does not support dolphin captivity

- 6. Limits vessels in the caution zone
- 7. Leaves minimal impact on the environment
- 8. Provides passengers with educational information

WHERE WILL YOU GO?



CLICK YOUR STATE TO FIND YOUR NEXT ETHICAL WHALE AND DOLPHIN WATCHING ADVENTURE

P.S. YOU CAN CLICK ANY NAME THROUGHOUT THE GUIDE TO VISIT THE RELEVANT WEBSITE!

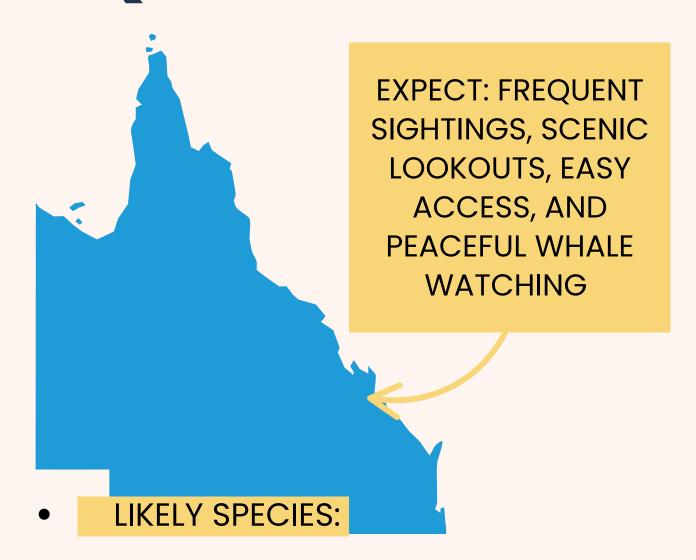
READY TO DIVE IN?







QUEENSLAND



HUMPBACK WHALES

DWARF MINKE WHALES

BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS

COMMON DOLPHINS

BEST TIME OF
 YEAR: JUNE
 TO OCTOBER
 (WHALES),
 YEAR ROUND
 (DOLPHINS)

• FLAGSTAFF HILL LIGHTHOUSE, PORT DOUGLAS

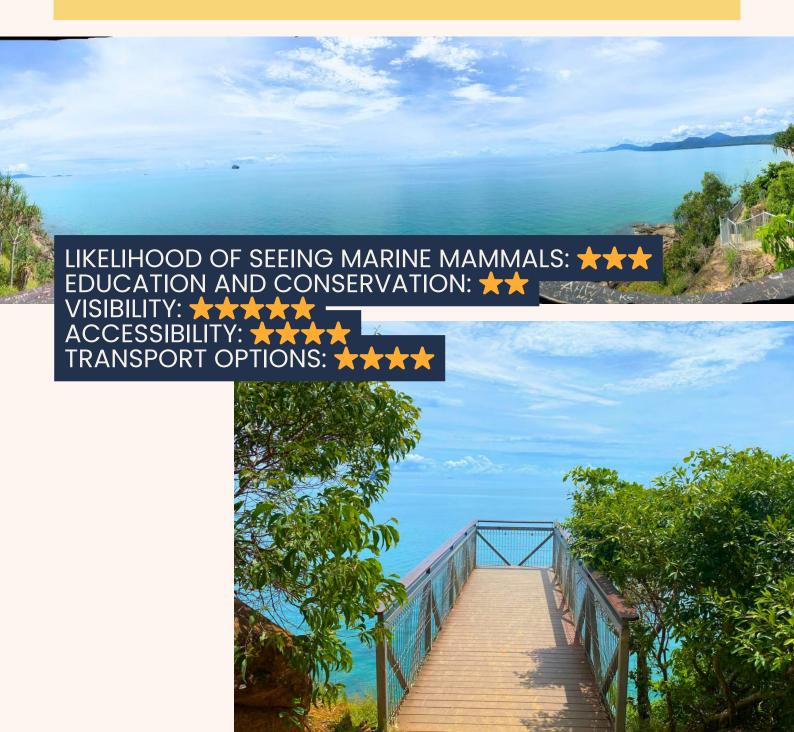


- BREATHTAKING PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE CORAL SEA
- IDEAL VANTAGE POINT FOR SPOTTING MIGRATING WHAIFS DURING PEAK SEASON
- PEACEFUL, HIDDEN GEM AWAY FROM THE CROWDS
- EASILY REACHABLE BY CAR WITH FREE PARKING NEARBY



• FOUR MILE BEACH LOOKOUT, PORT DOUGLAS

- ELEVATED VANTAGE POINT WITH PANORAMIC VIEWS OVER FOUR MILE BEACH AND THE CORAL SEA
- POTENTIAL SIGHTINGS OF HUMPBACK WHALES DURING MIGRATION SEASON
- EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY CAR, BICYCLE, OR ON FOOT FROM PORT DOUGLAS
- SCENIC COASTAL TRACK WALK OFFERING ADDITIONAL VIEWPOINTS



• REX LOOKOUT, CAIRNS

- ELEVATED VANTAGE POINT WITH PANORAMIC
 VIEWS OVER THE CORAL SEA
- UNOBSTRUCTED PANORAMIC VIEWS
- EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY CAR WITH FREE ROADSIDE PARKING AVAILABLE
- EXCELLENT STOP BETWEEN PORT DOUGLAS AND CAIRNS



DOLPHIN POINT LOOKOUT, NOOSA NATIONAL PARK

- ELEVATED CLIFFTOP VIEWS OVER LAGUNA BAY
- PART OF THE SCENIC 10.8 KM COASTAL WALK, WITH PAVED ACCESS UP TO DOLPHIN POINT
- BEST VISITED DURING CALM, SUNNY CONDITIONS FOR OPTIMAL MARINE LIFE VISIBILITY

LIKELIHOOD OF SEEING MARINE MAMMALS: ****

VISIBILITY: ***

TRANSPORT OPTIONS: ***



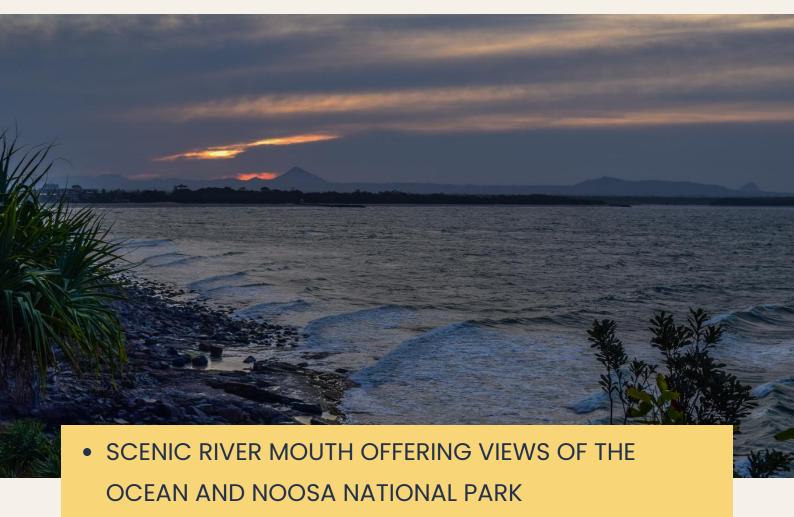
NOOSA RIVER ENTRANCE, NOOSA HEADS

LIKELIHOOD OF SEEING MARINE MAMMALS: ***
EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION: **

VISIBILITY: ★★★★

ACCESSIBILITY:

TRANSPORT OPTIONS: ★★★★



- ACCESSIBLE VIA WALKING PATHS FROM HASTINGS STREET AND NOOSA SPIT RECREATION RESERVE
- OPPORTUNITIES FOR KAYAKING AND BOATING TO OBSERVE MARINE LIFE

GOLD COAST,

LIKELY SPECIES:

HUMPBACK WHALES

BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS

COMMON DOLPHINS

BEST TIME OF
 YEAR: MAY TO
 NOVEMBER
 (WHALES), YEAR
 ROUND
 (DOLPHINS)

EXPECT: SCENIC
LOOKOUTS, DIVERSE
VIEWING
LOCATIONS, AND
FREQUENT
SIGHTINGS





KOKOMO CRUISES OFFERS CRUISE EXPERIENCES ON THE GOLD COAST, INCLUDING GROUP AND PRIVATE CHARTERS. THE BOAT CAPTAIN DEMONSTRATED A COMMITMENT TO THE ANIMALS' WELFARE BY REFRAINING FROM CHASING OR FOLLOWING ANIMALS WHEN SIGHTED. ADDITIONALLY, THE OPERATOR DOES NOT ENGAGE IN PRACTICES AIMED AT ATTRACTING MARINE MAMMALS AND EDUCATIONAL INSIGHTS ON MIGRATING SPECIES, HABITATS, AND LOCAL THREATS WERE SHARED THROUGHOUT THE TOUR.



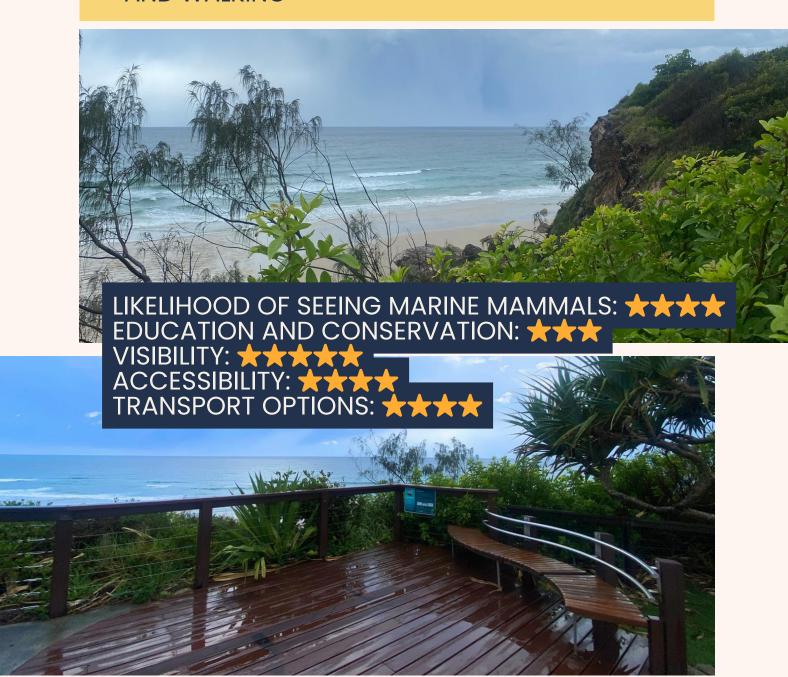
BURLEIGH HEADS



- FREQUENT SIGHTINGS OF HUMPBACK WHALES
 DURING MIGRATION SEASON
- ACCESSIBLE WALKING TRACKS WITHIN BURLEIGH HEAD NATIONAL PARK
- AMENITIES INCLUDING PICNIC AREAS AND RESTROOMS

MARK SCHAMBURG PARK

- MULTIPLE VIEWING PLATFORMS WITH PANORAMIC OCEAN VIEWS
- HIGH LIKELIHOOD OF SPOTTING HUMPBACK
 WHALES, FREQUENT DOLPHIN SIGHTINGS WELL-
- EQUIPPED WITH PICNIC TABLES, BBQ FACILITIES,
 AND INFORMATIONAL SIGNAGE
- EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY CAR, PUBLIC TRANSPORT,
 AND WALKING



THE SPIT



- LONG BOARDWALK EXTENDING INTO THE OCEAN,
 OFFERING UNOBSTRUCTED VIEWS
- HIGH LIKELIHOOD OF SPOTTING HUMPBACK
 WHALES DURING MIGRATION SEASON
- FREQUENT DOLPHIN SIGHTINGS YEAR-ROUND
- AMENITIES INCLUDE SHADE SHELTERS, BENCHES,
 AND INFORMATIONAL SIGNAGE
- EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY CAR, PUBLIC TRANSPORT,
 AND WALKING, WITH FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



NEW SOUTH WALES

• BEST TIME OF YEAR: MAY TO NOVEMBER (WHALES), YEAR ROUND (DOLPHINS)

LIKELY SPECIES:

HUMPBACK WHALES

SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES

BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS

COMMON DOLPHINS

EXPECT: SCENIC
LOOKOUTS, MARINE
SANCTUARIES,
EDUCATIONAL
TOOLS, AND
ACCESSIBLE
FACILITIES

• COASTXP

COASTXP OFFERS GUIDED MARINE WILDLIFE TOURS
NEAR NEWCASTLE OR LAKE MACQUARIE. WITH A
STRONG FOCUS ON RESPONSIBLE MARINE TOURISM,
COASTXP TAKES PASSENGERS ON RIGID INFLATABLE
BOAT (RIB) TOURS, DESIGNED TO MINIMISE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WHILE ALLOWING FOR
CLOSER AND SAFER ENCOUNTERS WITH MARINE LIFE.
THE OPERATOR ENSURES ALL ENCOUNTERS WITH
DOLPHINS AND WHALES FOLLOW ETHICAL GUIDELINES,
MAINTAINING SAFE DISTANCES AND AVOIDING
DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOURS. THE CREW ACTIVELY
PARTICIPATES IN CONSERVATION BY RETRIEVING
OCEAN DEBRIS WHEN SPOTTED.





• CAPE SOLANDER LOOKOUT, SYDNEY

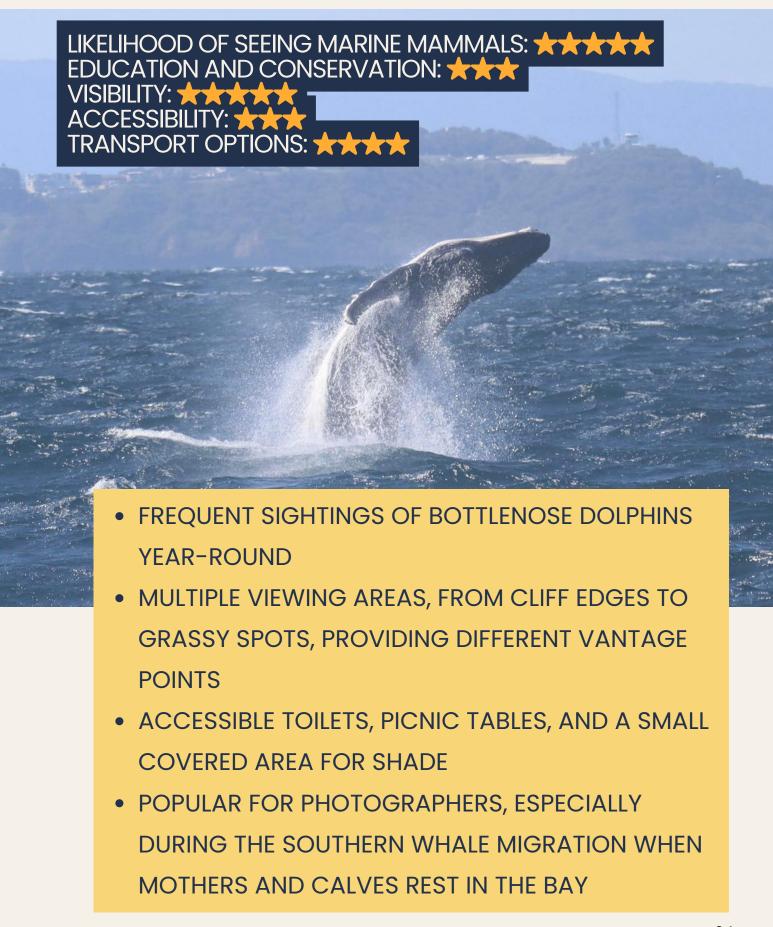


YININGMA LOOKOUT, MANLY

- HIGH CHANCE OF SPOTTING WHALES AND DOLPHINS
- UNOBSTRUCTED, PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE OCEAN
- ACCESSIBLE BY CAR, PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AND WALKING
- QUIET AND PEACEFUL SETTING, UNDISTURBED
 MARINE MAMMAL VIEWING
- NO VIEW OBSTRUCTIONS



BASS POINT RESERVE



• GERRIN POINT LOOKOUT, BOUDDI NATIONAL PARK

LIKELIHOOD OF SEEING MARINE MAMMALS: ***

VISIBILITY: ***

ACCESSIBILITY: 🜟

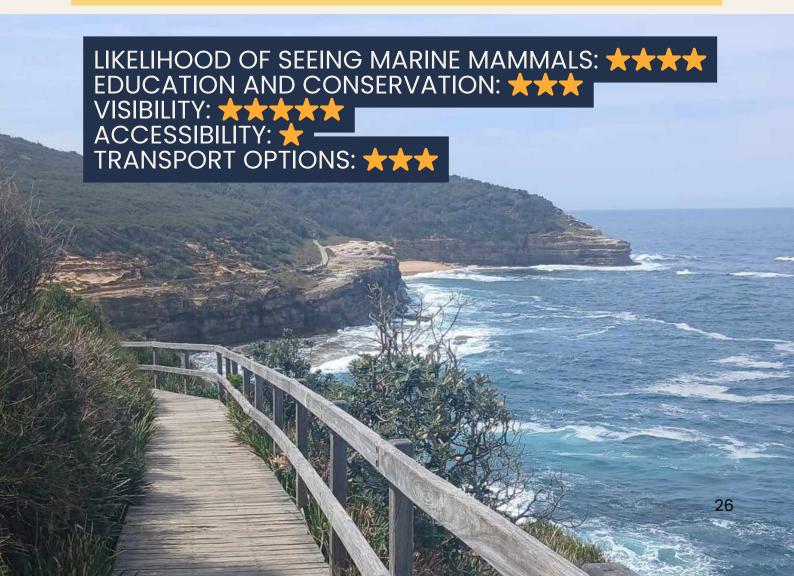
TRANSPORT OPTIONS: ★★



- ELEVATED WOODEN VIEWING
 PLATFORM WITH PANORAMIC OCEAN
 VIEWS
- FREQUENT DOLPHIN SIGHTINGS YEAR-ROUND, WITH HUMPBACK WHALES DURING MIGRATION SEASON
- PART OF THE STUNNING BOUDDI
 COASTAL WALK, OFFERING A SCENIC
 TREK WITH WILDLIFE-SPOTTING
 OPPORTUNITIES
- PROTECTED NATURAL ENVIRONMENT,
 WITH NO FISHING OR SPEARFISHING
 ALLOWED
- A GREAT MIX OF HIKING AND MARINE
 WILDLIFE WATCHING FOR THOSE
 WILLING TO TAKE THE ADVENTURE

BOUDDI COASTAL WALK, KILLCARE HEIGHTS

- UNOBSTRUCTED PANORAMIC OCEAN VIEWS FROM MULTIPLE CLIFF-EDGE LOOKOUTS
- GUIDED TOURS AVAILABLE, INCLUDING JUNIOR
 RANGER PROGRAMS AND BUSHWALKS
- PART OF BOUDDI NATIONAL PARK'S STUNNING
 COASTLINE, OFFERING INCREDIBLE SCENERY AND
 WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS
- IDEAL FOR NATURE LOVERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS,
 WITH MULTIPLE VANTAGE POINTS ALONG THE TRAIL



BOAT HARBOUR LOOKOUT



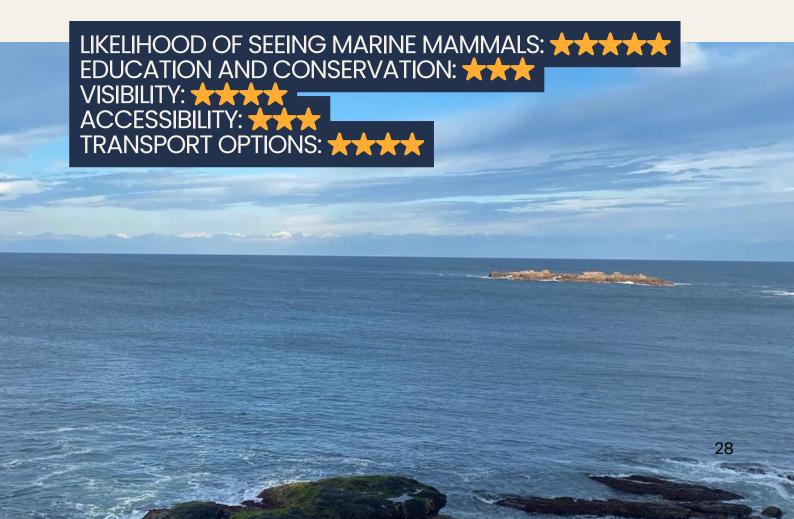
- INFORMATIVE SIGNAGE ON LOCAL MARINE SPECIES,
 INCLUDING DOLPHINS, WHALES, AND SEABIRDS
- UNOBSTRUCTED OCEAN VIEWS

SHORFLINE

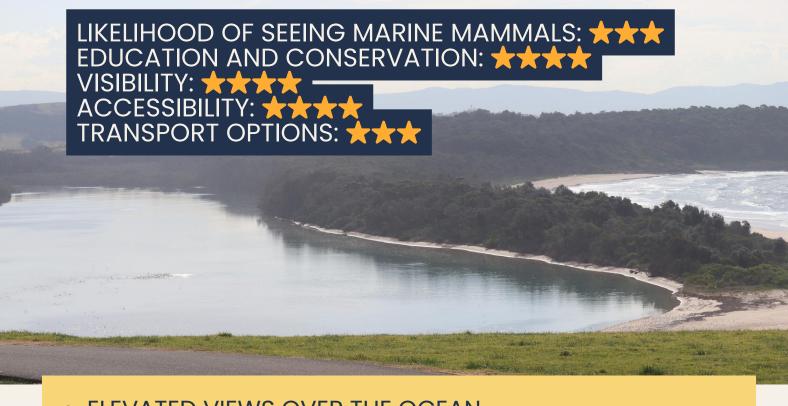
EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY CAR, WITH PARKING NEARBY
 AND A SHORT WALK TO THE LOOKOUT

BARRY PARK, FINGAL BAY

- FREQUENT SIGHTINGS OF BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS YEAR-ROUND, WITH HUMPBACK WHALES DURING MIGRATION
- DEDICATED RAISED VIEWING PLATFORM WITH RAILINGS FOR SECURE VIEWING
- EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE ON MARINE MAMMALS AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS
- AMENITIES INCLUDING PICNIC TABLES, PARK BENCHES, AND ACCESSIBLE TOILETS
- EASY ACCESS BY CAR, WITH PARKING AVAILABLE
 NEAR THE LOOKOUT



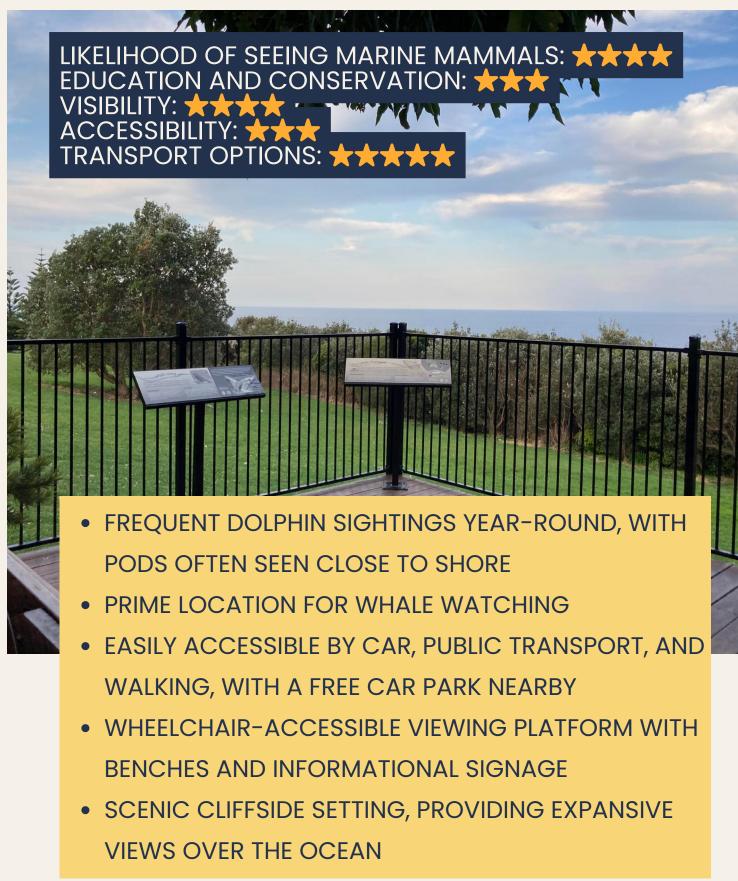
MINNAMURRA LOOKOUT



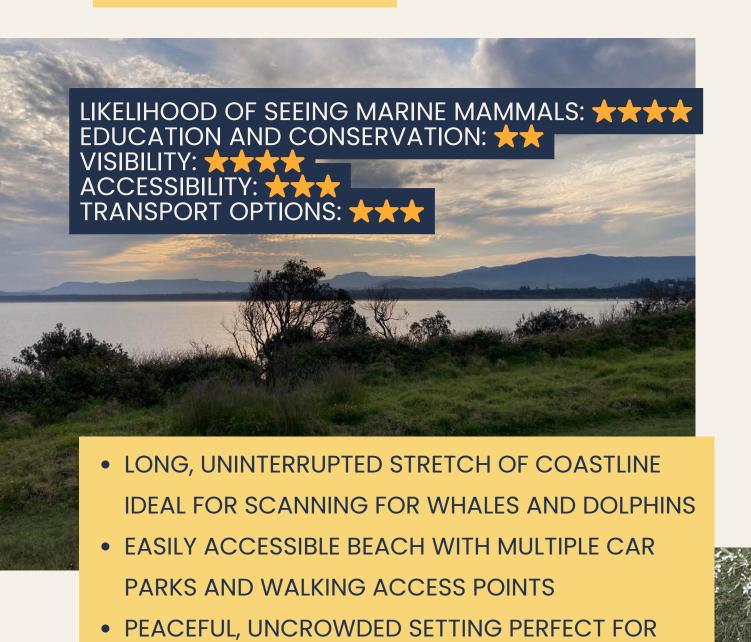
- ELEVATED VIEWS OVER THE OCEAN
- LOCATED WITHIN A PROTECTED RESERVE, WITH ACCESS
 TO WALKING TRAILS AND NATIVE BUSHLAND
- INFORMATIVE SIGNAGE ON LOCAL WILDLIFE AND GEOLOGY
- QUIET, SCENIC LOOKOUT WITH BENCHES AND SPACE FOR REFLECTION



• GERRINGONG WHALE WATCHING PLATFORM



SEVEN MILE BEACH



RELAXED COASTAL WILDLIFE VIEWING





JERVIS BAY



BEST TIME OF
YEAR: MAY
TO
NOVEMBER
(WHALES),
YEAR ROUND
(DOLPHINS)

LIKELY SPECIES:

HUMPBACK WHALES

SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES

BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS

EXPECT: FREQUENT SIGHTINGS, SCENIC LOOKOUTS, MARINE SANCTUARIES, AND ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES

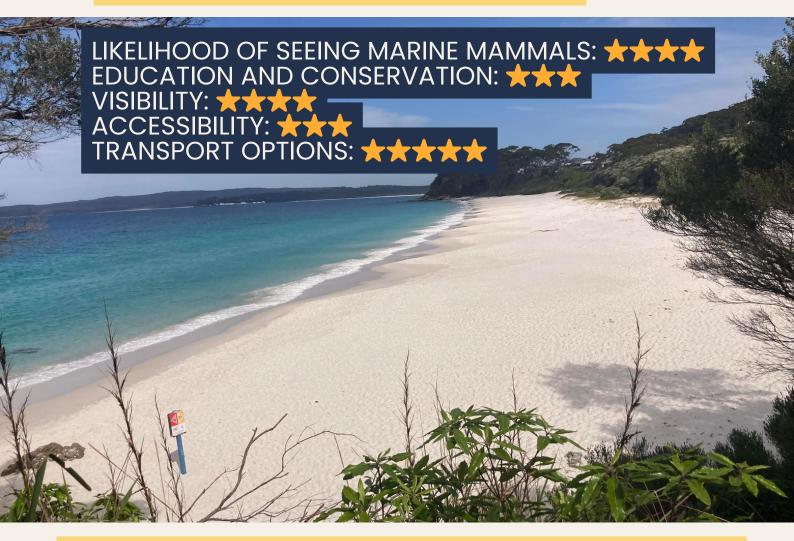
COMMON DOLPHINS

HAMMERHEAD POINT



- FREQUENT DOLPHIN SIGHTINGS YEAR-ROUND, WITH HUMPBACK AND SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES DURING MIGRATION
- SANCTUARY ZONE ENSURING A CALM, PROTECTED
 ENVIRONMENT FOR MARINE LIFE
- WELL-POSITIONED RAISED PLATFORM WITH BENCH SEATING AND RAILINGS FOR SAFETY
- PICNIC-FRIENDLY SETTING WITH TABLES AND SHADED SEATING NEARBY
- ACCESSIBLE PARKING WITH FREE SPACES WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE LOOKOUT

GREENFIELD BEACH PICNIC AREA



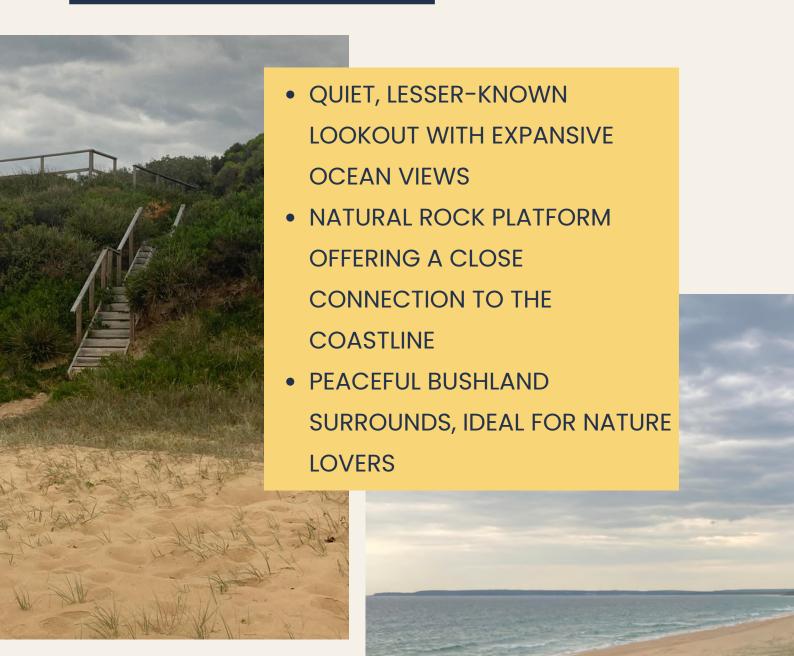
- FREQUENT DOLPHIN SIGHTINGS, WITH OVER 100
 RESIDENT DOLPHINS IN JERVIS BAY
- CLEAR WATERS AND WHITE SAND BEACHES, OFFERING A RELAXED AND SCENIC VIEWING EXPERIENCE
- WHEELCHAIR-FRIENDLY ACCESS TO THE BEACH, ALONG
 WITH ACCESSIBLE AMENITIES
- LARGE FREE PARKING AREA, PUBLIC BATHROOMS,
 SHOWERS, AND FREE BBQ FACILITIES
- PART OF THE WHITE SANDS WALK AND SCRIBBLY GUM TRACK, PROVIDING MULTIPLE VANTAGE POINTS

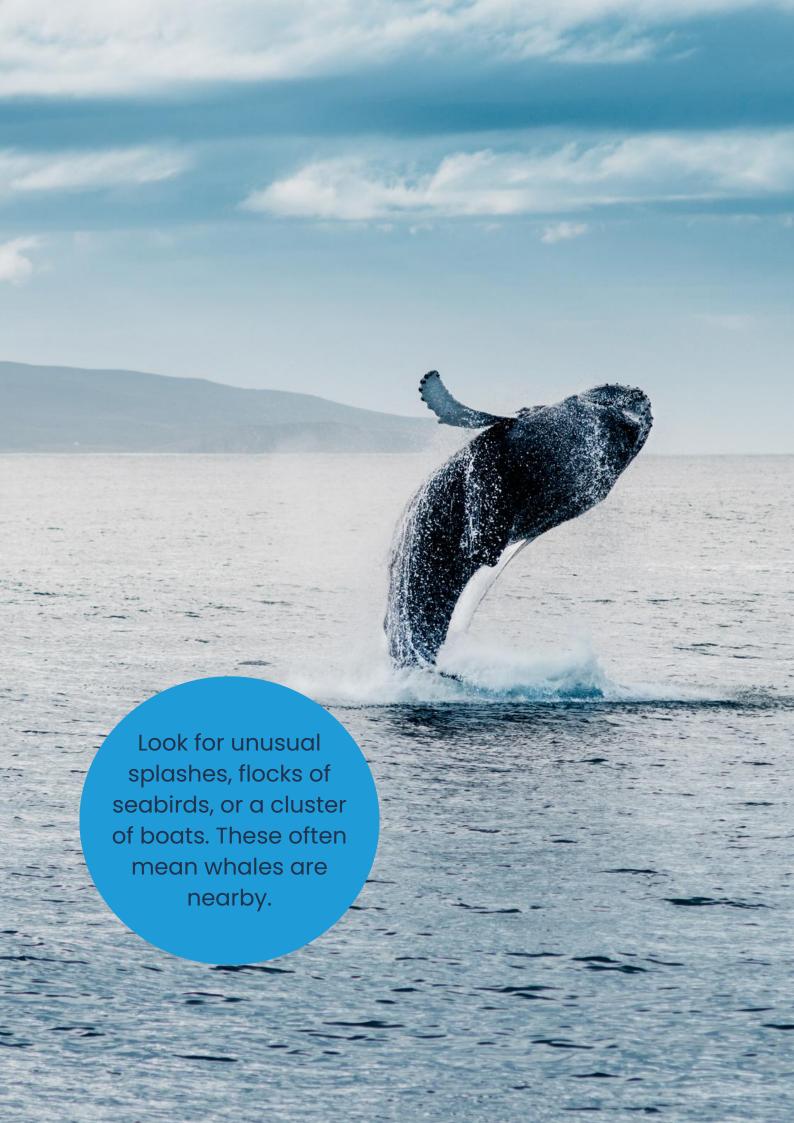
BULL HOLE

LIKELIHOOD OF SEEING MARINE MAMMALS: ***

VISIBILITY: ***

TRANSPORT OPTIONS: **







• LIKELY SPECIES:

HUMPBACK WHALES

SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES

BLUE WHALES

BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS

COMMON DOLPHINS

AUSTRALIAN FUR SEALS EXPECT: SCENIC
LOOKOUTS,
TRAILS, AND
FAMILY-FRIENDLY
VIEWING SPOTS

BEST TIME OF
 YEAR: JUNE TO
 OCTOBER
 (WHALES), YEAR
 ROUND
 (DOLPHINS)

• WILDLIFE COAST CRUISES





WILDLIFE COAST CRUISES OFFERS A VARIETY OF ECOFRIENDLY EXPERIENCES, INCLUDING DOLPHIN, WHALE,
SEAL, AND SUNSET CRUISES, ALL DESIGNED TO PROVIDE
GUESTS WITH UNFORGETTABLE ENCOUNTERS WHILE
PRIORITISING THE WELL-BEING OF MARINE LIFE.
THE CREW, INCLUDING A KNOWLEDGEABLE MARINE
BIOLOGIST, PASSIONATELY SHARED INSIGHTS ABOUT
THE IMPACTS OF HUMAN ACTIVITY ON MARINE
ECOSYSTEMS. EDUCATION IS A VITAL COMPONENT OF
THEIR TOURS, WITH GUESTS RECEIVING VERBAL
BRIEFINGS AND PRINTED MATERIALS DETAILING THE
SPECIES OBSERVED AND THEIR CONSERVATION
STATUSES.

THE CRAGS COASTAL RESERVE, PORT **FAIRY**

LIKELIHOOD OF SEEING MARINE MAMMALS: *** EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION: * VISIBILITY: *** ACCESSIBILITY: TRANSPORT OPTIONS: ***

- FLEVATED WOODEN PLATFORM OFFFRING PANORAMIC OCEAN VIEWS
- PART OF VICTORIA'S "WHALE TRAIL," WITH FREQUENT SIGHTINGS OF HUMPBACK AND SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES
- PROXIMITY TO DEEN MAAR ISLAND, HOME TO AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST FUR SEAL COLONY
- FREE ACCESS WITH AMPLE PARKING AVAILABLE
- IDEAL LOCATION ALONG THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD FOR WINTER WHALF WATCHING



PORTLAND WHALE VIEWING PLATFORM



- ELEVATED PLATFORM PROVIDING PANORAMIC VIEWS OVER THE OCEAN
- FREE BINOCULARS AVAILABLE FOR ENHANCED LONG-RANGE VISIBILITY
- HIGH LIKELIHOOD OF SPOTTING SOUTHERN RIGHT AND HUMPBACK WHALES DURING MIGRATION
- BLUE WHALE SIGHTINGS POSSIBLE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS
- FULLY ACCESSIBLE FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS AND VISITORS WITH PRAMS

• EAST BEACH, PORT FAIRY

- EXPANSIVE FORESHORE WITH UNOBSTRUCTED
 VIEWS OVER PORT FAIRY BAY
- FREQUENT WHALE SIGHTINGS DURING MIGRATION,
 WITH SOUTHERN RIGHT, HUMPBACK, AND BLUE
 WHALES
- PART OF THE WHALE CORRIDOR, ONE OF VICTORIA'S TOP WHALE-WATCHING REGIONS
- FREE BINOCULARS AVAILABLE FOR ENHANCED VIEWING
- AMPLE FREE PARKING AND SEATING ALONG THE FORESHORE

LIKELIHOOD OF SEEING MARINE MAMMALS: ***

EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION: **

VISIBILITY: ***

ACCESSIBILITY: **

TRANSPORT OPTIONS: ***



LOGANS BEACH, WARRNAMBOOL

- RENOWNED SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALE NURSERY
- FLEVATED SAND DUNE PLATFORM OFFERING UNOBSTRUCTED VIEWS OVER THE OCEAN
- INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE WITH INFORMATION ON WHALE CONSERVATION AND THE LOCAL MARINE **FCOSYSTEM**
- EASILY ACCESSIBLE WITH FREE PARKING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPTIONS



ACCESSIBILIT

TRANSPORT OPTIONS:



CAPE BRIDGEWATER

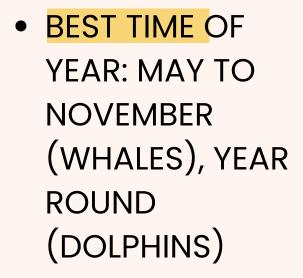
- PANORAMIC COASTAL VIEWS FROM ELEVATED CLIFFS, OFFERING EXCELLENT VISIBILITY FOR SPOTTING MARINE MAMMALS
- INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS
- WALKING TRAILS ALONG THE RUGGED COASTLINE, OFFERING MULTIPLE VANTAGE POINTS FOR SPOTTING WHALES AND DOLPHINS





SOUTH AUSTRALIA

EXPECT: FREQUENT
SIGHTINGS, YEARROUND DOLPHINS,
SCENIC LOOKOUTS,
AND EDUCATIONAL
EXPERIENCES





HUMPBACK WHALES

SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES

BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS

COMMON DOLPHINS

• BIG DUCK BOAT TOURS

THE BIG DUCK OFFERS GUIDED CRUISES DEPARTING FROM VICTOR HARBOR, A SCENIC COASTAL TOWN JUST OVER AN HOUR'S DRIVE SOUTH OF THE CITY. OPERATING A CUSTOM-BUILT RIGID INFLATABLE BOAT (RIB), THE BIG DUCK PROVIDES AN EXHILARATING YET RESPONSIBLE WAY TO WITNESS SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S MARINE WILDLIFE, INCLUDING SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES, BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS, AND AUSTRALIAN SEA LIONS. THE OPERATOR IS ADVANCED ECOTOURISM CERTIFIED AND CONTRIBUTES TO LOCAL CONSERVATION PROJECTS SUCH AS THE ENCOUNTER BAY RIGHT WHALF STUDY AND VICTOR HARBOR DOLPHIN WATCH. DURING THE CRUISE, GUIDES DELIVER INFORMATIVE COMMENTARY ON MARINE MAMMAL BEHAVIOUR, HABITAT, AND LOCAL MARINE PARK PROTECTIONS.





SA WHALE CENTRE



- HOME TO THE ENCOUNTER BAY RIGHT WHALE STUDY, A CITIZEN SCIENCE INITIATIVE TRACKING SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES
- SELF-GUIDED AUDIO TOUR AND ENGAGING INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS
- DEDICATED SECTIONS HIGHLIGHTING CONSERVATION GROUPS
- EASILY ACCESSIBLE LOCATION WITH FREE PARKING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPTIONS

• THE BLUFF, ENCOUNTER BAY

- SPECTACULAR 360-DEGREE VIEWS OVER ENCOUNTER BAY AND BEYOND
- WHALE HOTSPOT FROM MAY TO OCTOBER, WITH SOUTHERN RIGHT AND HUMPBACK WHALES
- YEAR-ROUND DOLPHIN SIGHTINGS WITH A LARGE RESIDENT BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN POPULATION
- MULTIPLE LOOKOUT POINTS WITH SEATING AND PICNIC AREAS
- EASY ACCESS VIA CAR, BIKE, OR WALKING TRAILS





LIKELIHOOD OF SEEING MARINE MAMMALS: ****
EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION: ***

ACCESSIBILITY: ****
TRANSPORT OPTIONS: ***



RAPID BAY

- PROTECTED COVE WITH EXCELLENT OCEAN
 VIEWING FROM THE BEACH AND CLIFFS
- FULL CAMPSITE WITH BBQ, PICNIC FACILITIES, AND WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE TOILETS
- FREE PARKING WITH EASY ACCESS FOR VISITORS



LIKELIHOOD OF SEEING MARINE MAMMALS: ****
EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION: ***

VISIBILITY: ****
ACCESSIBILITY: ***
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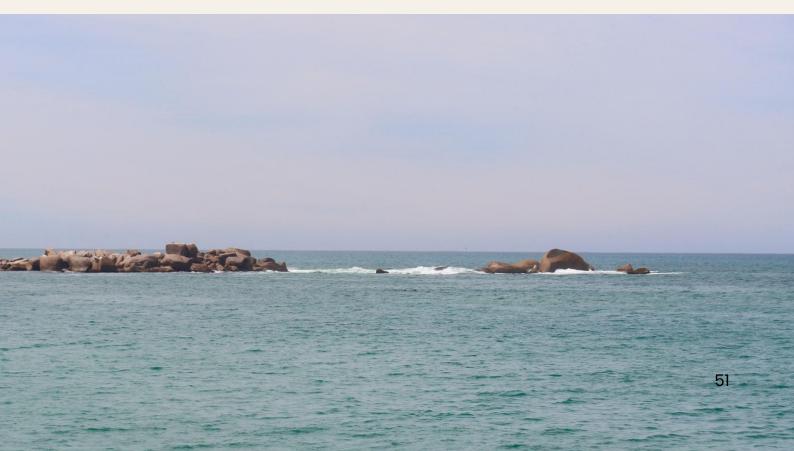




HORSESHOE BAY

- MULTIPLE VIEWING PLATFORMS ALONG THE BEACH
- FREQUENT SIGHTINGS OF BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS WITHIN 50 METERS OF SHORE
- ACCESSIBLE BY CAR, PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AND WALKING
- AMENITIES INCLUDE WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE TOILETS, PICNIC TABLES, AND SHADE SHELTERS
- FREE PARKING AVAILABLE IN THE BEACH CARPARK AND NEARBY STREETS

LIKELIHOOD OF SEEING MARINE MAMMALS: ****
EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION: **
VISIBILITY: ***
ACCESSIBILITY: ***
TRANSPORT OPTIONS: ****



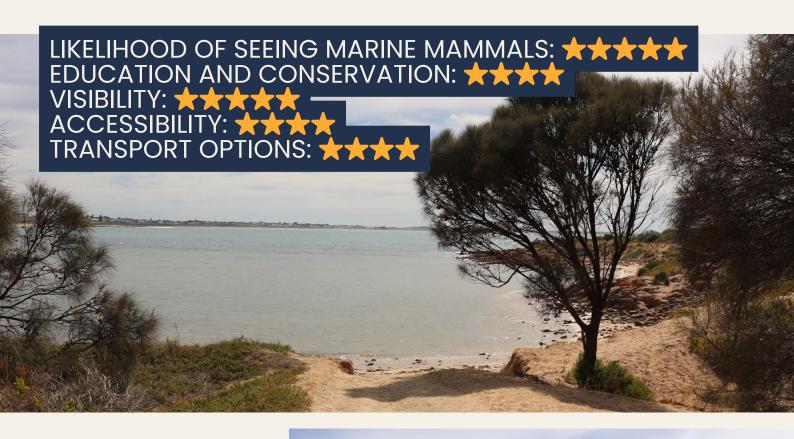
• FISHERY BEACH, CAPE JERVIS

- ROCKY CLIFF EDGE AND BEACH OFFERING ELEVATED VIEWING POINTS
- FREE PARKING AVAILABLE NEAR THE LOOKOUT
- EXCELLENT VISIBILITY IN CALM, SUNNY CONDITIONS
- OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE MARINE LIFE IN A NATURAL, UNDISTURBED SETTING
- PROXIMITY TO CAPE JERVIS LIGHTHOUSE AND DEEP CREEK CONSERVATION PARK FOR EXTENDED EXPLORATION



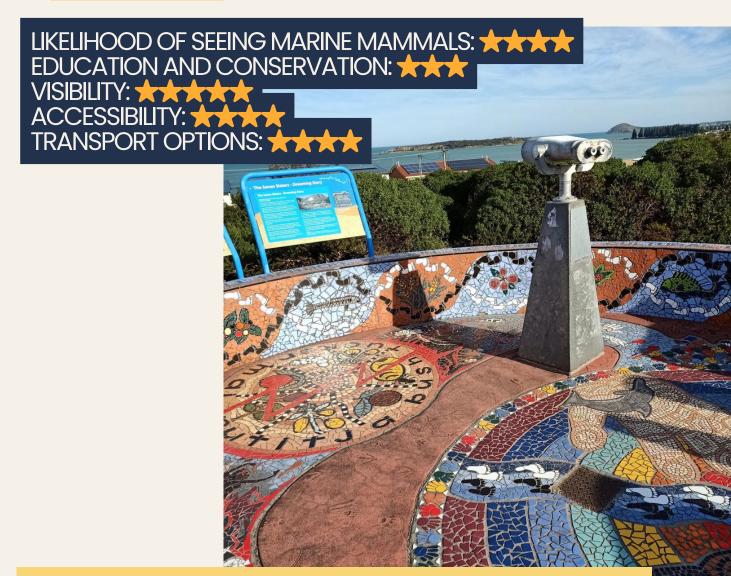


BASHAM BEACH



- MULTIPLE LOOKOUT POINTS ALONG SCENIC COASTAL TRAILS
- PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE OCEAN AND SURROUNDING LANDSCAPES
- FREQUENT SIGHTINGS OF SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES DURING MIGRATION SEASON
- INFORMATIVE SIGNAGE DETAILING LOCAL WILDLIFE AND CULTURAL HISTORY
- SHELTERED PICNIC AREAS AND AMENITIES FOR A COMFORTABLE VISIT

KONDOLI, VICTOR HARBOUR



- ELEVATED VANTAGE POINT WITH PANORAMIC VIEWS OVER ENCOUNTER BAY
- FREQUENT SIGHTINGS OF SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES DURING MIGRATION SEASON
- FREE-TO-USE BINOCULARS ENHANCE THE WHALE-WATCHING EXPERIENCE
- MOSAIC ARTWORK ILLUSTRATING THE SEVEN SISTERS DREAMING STORY
- EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY CAR WITH FREE PARKING AVAILABLE

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

BEST TIME OF YEAR:
 WHALES - MARCH
 TO JULY (NORTH),
 MAY TO AUGUST
 (SOUTH),
 DOLPHINS - YEAR
 ROUND

EXPECT: RELIABLE
WHALE SIGHTINGS,
DIVERSE
LOCATIONS, ECOCERTIFIED TOURS,
AND ACCESSIBLE
OPTIONS

LIKELY SPECIES:

HUMPBACK WHALES

SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES

ORCAS

BLUE WHALES

BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS

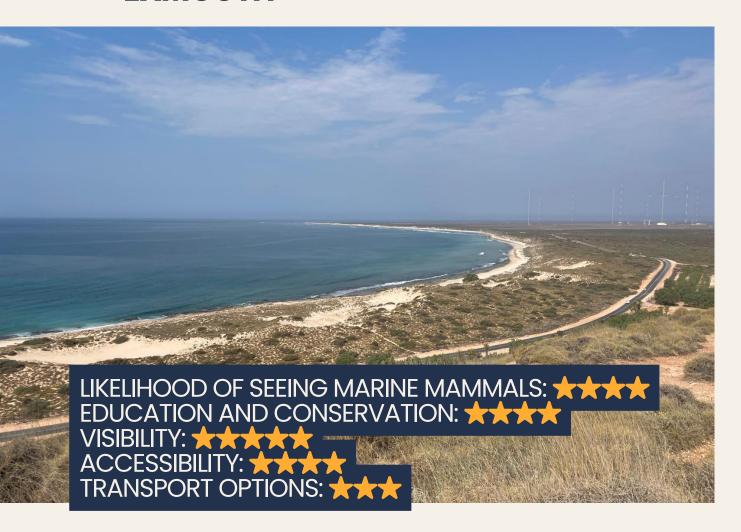
SPINNER DOLPHINS

WHALE WATCH WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WHALE WATCH WESTERN AUSTRALIA OFFERS PROFESSIONAL TOURS FOCUSED ON EDUCATION, CONSERVATION, AND RESPECT FOR MARINE WILDLIFE. OPERATING FROM FREMANTLE DURING THE MIGRATION SEASON, THEIR CREW PROVIDES PASSENGERS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE HUMPBACK AND SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES IN THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT - WITHOUT CAUSING DISTURBANCE. THE TOUR IS CONDUCTED FROM A WELL-EQUIPPED VESSEL WITH AN EXPERIENCED SKIPPER AND CLEAR RESPECT FOR ANIMAL WELFARE, AND THE CAPTAIN SHOWED GENUINE INTEREST IN MARINE LIFE AND GAVE THOUGHTFUL COMMENTARY WHEN ANIMALS WERE SIGHTED. PASSENGERS ARE ABLE TO ENJOY RESPECTFUL, CLOSE-UP EXPERIENCES WITH MULTIPLE WHALE PODS - ALL ON THE ANIMALS' TERMS.



VLAMINGH HEAD LIGHTHOUSE, EXMOUTH



- PRIME LAND-BASED LOCATION FOR WHALE WATCHING IN EXMOUTH DURING THE MIGRATION SEASON
- ELEVATED PANORAMIC VIEWS OVER NINGALOO REEF AND THE INDIAN OCEAN
- CAR ACCESS WITH PARKING CLOSE TO THE LIGHTHOUSE
- HERITAGE-LISTED SITE WITH HISTORICAL AND SCENIC VALUE

WHAT WILL YOU SEE?







HUMPBACK WHALE

Megaptera novaeangliae



FUN FACT: KNOWN FOR ACROBATIC BREACHES AND HAUNTING SONGS

WHERE: COASTAL WATERS, ESPECIALLY DURING MIGRATION SEASONS

ID TIPS: LONG PECTORAL FINS, KNOBBLY HEAD, HUMPED BACK BEFORE A DIVE



BLUE WHALE

Balaenoptera musculus

FUN FACT: LARGEST ANIMAL ON EARTH - UP TO 30M LONG!

WHERE: DEEP OFFSHORE WATERS DURING MIGRATION



ID TIPS: BLUISH-GREY BODY, SMALL DORSAL FIN FAR BACK, TALL VERTICAL SPOUT

MINKE WHALE

Balaenoptera acutorostrata



FUN FACT: THE SMALLEST BALEEN WHALE - FAST AND ELUSIVE!

WHERE: SOLO IN OPEN OCEAN OR NEARSHORE WATERS

ID TIPS: SLEEK DARK BODY, POINTED SNOUT, WHITE FLIPPER PATCHES.



• SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALE

Eubalaena australis

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FUN FACT: CALLOSITIES ON THEIR HEADS ARE UNIQUE ID MARKERS

WHERE: COASTAL BAYS DURING WINTER AND SPRING

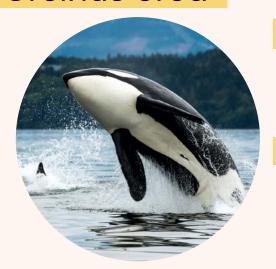
ID TIPS: NO DORSAL FIN,

V-SHAPED BLOW, SLOW SURFACING



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Orcinus orca



FUN FACT: ACTUALLY THE LARGEST SPECIES OF DOLPHIN!

WHERE: COASTAL AND OFFSHORE WATERS - OFTEN SEEN IN PODS

ID TIPS: BLACK AND WHITE BODY, TALL DORSAL FIN, WHITE EYE PATCH



BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN

Tursiops truncatus

FUN FACT: CAN
RECOGNISE THEMSELVES
IN MIRRORS

WHERE: COMMON IN COASTAL BAYS, ESTUARIES, AND SURF ZONES



ID TIPS: CURVED DORSAL FIN,
SHORT BEAK, PLAYFUL BEHAVIOUR

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COMMON DOLPHIN

Delphinus delphis



FUN FACT: ONE OF THE FASTEST SWIMMERS – UP TO 60 KM/H!

WHERE: OFFSHORE
WATERS, OFTEN NEAR
FEEDING FISH
SCHOOLS

ID TIPS: HOURGLASS PATTERN ON SIDES, LONG SLENDER BEAK, LARGE PODS



SPINNER DOLPHIN

Stenella longirostris

PECIES

FUN FACT: FAMOUS FOR SPINNING LEAPS, UP TO 7 TWISTS MID-AIR!

WHERE: TROPICAL OFFSHORE WATERS, OFTEN IN LARGE PODS



ID TIPS: SLIM BODY, LONG BEAK, DARK BACK WITH PALE SIDES

FINAL THOUGHTS AND GRATITUDE

