SAN DIEGO WHALE WATCHING GUIDE

MEET THE EASTERN PACIFIC GRAY WHALE, THE STAR OF THE SHOW

2 blowholes create a heart-shaped blow up to 15 feet high

Average weight 70,000 LBS

A fully grown gray whale can weigh just as much or more than 5 adult elephants.

Length 40-50 FT

Dorsal ridges or "knuckles"

Fluke (Tail) Width 10-12 FT

Once hunted near extinction, the now-protected gray whales were REMOVED FROM THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST IN 1994

Short and pointed flipper

Avg Speed 3-6 MPH

BRING THE RIGHT GEAR

☐ sunglasses  ☐ sunscreen  ☐ layered clothing  ☐ binoculars  ☐ camera

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Together with Birch Aquarium, we've learned a lot about whale watching. With these tips, you can become an expert too!

1 TIMING IS EVERYTHING
From December through April, more than 20,000 gray whales will swim right past San Diego, offering an incredible opportunity for up-close viewing.

2 EYES ON THE WATER
Scan the surface of the water looking for the whale's blow. This is usually the first thing you'll see. It appears when the whales surface to breathe.

3 IDENTIFY YOUR TARGETS
Gray whales are the main attraction, but keep on the lookout for fin whales, humpbacks, dolphins, pelicans, sea lions, and cormorants.

4 PATIENCE IS KEY
There's no way around it, whales spend a lot of time underwater. So be patient and enjoy the experience on a boat in beautiful San Diego!

GAFFER'S POLICY

Yes, it's possible to see gray whales almost anywhere any time. However, it's not easy. It's a rare experience that requires a lot of patience.

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