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THE WHITSUNDAYS WELCOMES THE WHALES

The whales have arrived in the Whitsunday waters, as part of their annual migration journey north, showing a group from Whitsundays charter boat Freight Train quite a performance.

Tourism Whitsundays CEO Tash Wheeler believes in the Whitsundays every tour is the opportunity for tourists to our region to meet our annual visitors.

“The whale migration season is such a special time in the Whitsundays. So many of our tourists come back from their day on the water having witnessed these majestic creatures playing in the warm turquoise Whitsunday waters. Every trip on a boat during this season could be a whale watching tour”

Every year from June to September, whales migrate north from the Antarctic and make their way to the Whitsundays to utilise the regions warm waters to give birth, socialise and to mate.

The Whitsundays waters are ideal for these majestic animals as the waters are protected, shallow and warm. Which is the perfect setting for the birth of their calves and make a fantastic nursery as the little ones wait for their blubber to grow before moving back down to the freezing Antarctic waters.

Deckhand from Freight Train on board at the time of the sighting Izaak Bradley said the whales put on a fantastic show for their passengers.

“Having recently moved to the Whitsundays, this was my first-time seeing whales in the region, it was just as amazing as I thought it would be. The whales put on a great show for the passengers, we saw a few whales together and even got to see one of them do a full breach out of the water, it was incredible.”

This year Bowen Tourism and Business is thrilled with the addition of a dedicated whale watching tour by Whitsunday Paradise Explorer straight out of Bowen.

Sales and Marketing Coordinator of Bowen Tourism and Business Mary Gallagher thinks this a great addition to the Bowen tourism product offering.

“John from Whitsunday Paradise Explorer has been operating in these waters for years and knows some of the great spots to go for the opportunity to see whales. I’m sure passengers on board his tour will not be disappointed”

The waters of the Whitsundays are alive with a huge diversity of marine life, at any given time of the year sightings of manta rays, dugongs, turtles, and an amazing array of tropical sea life is possible.

For more information about Whitsunday Paradise Explorer's Whale Watching Tour visit www.whitsundayparadiseexplorer.com

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About Tourism Whitsundays: *Tourism Whitsundays (TW) is the organisation responsible for destination marketing and visitor attraction for the Whitsunday region. It is the lead agency recognised by Tourism and Events Queensland and the Whitsunday Regional Council to lead the promotion of the region as a tourism destination. Tourism Whitsundays markets all aspects of the region including the Great Barrier Reef, Whitsunday Islands and Coast, accommodation, boating and sailing, fishing, touring, recreational activities, adventure, dining, shopping, weddings and honeymoons, conferencing and business events.*

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