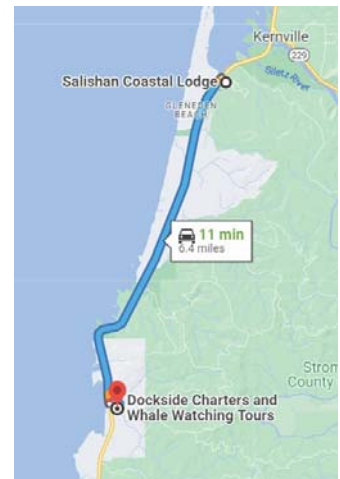


FACTS

Whale Watching Excursion

Day: Friday afternoon, August 5th
Time: Be at the dock in Depoe Bay by 1:45 p.m.
Location: Dockside Charters - 270 Coast Guard Dr., Depoe Bay, OR
Transportation: Drive yourself . . . it's about a 10 minute drive from the hotel. We will provide details about parking at the harbor sometime during the week before Friday.

- Lunch is on your own . . . Pick up something from the Squatchsami Food Truck at the Salishan Marketplace (AESC attendees get a 10% discount), eat at the hotel restaurant or stop along Highway 101... there are a number of restaurants along the way. Food is not available on board the boat.
- Please dress for the weather. It is cooler on the water than on land; consider dressing in layers. Wear sensible shoes such as sneakers. Sandals or flip flops are not practical and can be dangerous. Sun block and sun glasses are recommended.
- Check out the current whale watching report online . . .
<https://www.docksidebay.com/whale.php>
- *Note:* We've scheduled the axe throwing for early evening starting at about 5 p.m. on Friday at the Salishan (location to be announced). Just show up if you wish... Dinner will be on your own.



Whales can be seen from several different viewpoints along the Oregon Coast. Not all Grey Whales migrate through to Alaska. Approximately 200 whales will stay just off the Oregon Coast through summer and fall. About 20 of those Grey Whales remain in the Depoe Bay area. This makes June through September the most popular time for Depoe Bay whale watching. The resident whales get particularly close to the coast and seem to come back year after year to feed on the abundant resources of the reef areas.

You're sure to see plenty of Grey Whale sightings on one of our whale watching excursions. Often the whales come right up to the boat to say hello. Any time of day is great for whale

watching since they don't have the same sleep patterns as humans and feed nearly 24 hours a day! You may even get to experience two of the most exciting whale behaviors: breaching and spyhopping. Breaching is when the whale lunges out of the water, sometimes getting airborne. This is no small feat to get these great behemoths into the air. They weigh about 70,000 pounds or about 35 tons. Spyhopping is a bit more common to see while on our whale watching charters, with the Grey Whale's sticking its head straight up out of the water.

Grey Whales aren't the only mammals you can see while whale watching with us at Depoe Bay. Humpback Whales, and the biggest animal on earth, the Blue Whale, have also been sighted on our charter boats. Blue Whales are typically seen further north, in colder waters, but sightings have been made on the Oregon Coast. Humpback whales are a top pick for whale watchers. They can be pretty active at the water's surface, leaping out of the water or hitting their tails against the water. You are more likely to see these humpbacks near the horizon, about five to fifteen miles off the coast.