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SEASONAL WHALE WATCHING AT ITS BEST
Island Packers Winter Whale Watching Cruises At Ventura Harbor Village
Opens The World of Giant Ocean Mammals For Visitors

Ventura, CA – With Winter in full swing, visitors to Ventura Harbor Village, Ventura’s top seaside attraction, can now board an Island Packers whale watching vessel (the boat departs adjacent to the Village) and travel from Ventura Harbor through the Southern California waters off Santa Barbara Channel, known for their marine mammal diversity, to see breathtaking mammals that cavort in waters off of the Channel Islands.

Booking a whale watching trip is part of the full Ventura Harbor Village experience and makes for a great spring break excursion with the entire family or as part of the Village’s March Mermaid month festivities. The Village is the place to be for a mid week or weekend getaway with more than 35 coastal shops, several hotels, waterfront restaurants, artisans, and live entertainment.

The 3-3.5 hour half day cruise, a sure bet to spend time with family or friends during the upcoming holidays this month, can be awe-inspiring, with the possibility of seeing more than 28 species of marine mammals along with the migrating Gray, Fin and Humpback whales, seals, sea lions and large pods of dolphins identified within the waters of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary of Southern California.

Whale Watching Excursions, now **through April 2019** marks the official start of the gray whale migration. Departure times are listed daily on the Island Packers website. Cost per person is \$38 for adults, \$34 for seniors 55+, \$28 for children 3-12 years old and children under 3 FREE. Island Packers is the official concessionaire of the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to serve the public in the Channel Islands National Park. For more information about the Winter Whale Watching program, visit www.islandpackers.com or email Islands Packers at info@islandpackers.com

Captains aboard the whale watching cruises have many years of experience sighting whales on the waters of the Santa Barbara Channel and will narrate and inform guests about all the varieties of marine mammals seen on your cruise.

About Island Packers:

Island Packers is the authorized concessionaire servicing the Channel Islands National Park and has been family-owned and operated since 1968. For information, reservations or to purchase gift

certificates: Visit www.islandpackers.com, call [805-642-1393](tel:805-642-1393), or visit Island Packers at [1691 Spinnaker Dr., Suite 105B](https://www.islandpackers.com/1691-Spinnaker-Dr-Suite-105B), in Ventura Harbor Village.

About Ventura Harbor Village:

Located on scenic Highway 101, Ventura Harbor Village is 30 minutes South of Santa Barbara and one hour North of Los Angeles. Ventura Harbor Village is a vibrant, working harbor village and fishing marina boasting 35 shops, galleries, restaurants and waterfront activities including a Village Carousel & Arcade, Comedy Club, Ultimate Escape Rooms, Harbor Cove Beach and Surfer's Knoll Beach, dive and fishing boats, harbor tours, boat, kayak and peddle boat rentals, and a beautiful walking Promenade, live entertainment, dog-friendly facilities, soft adventure, and spectacular sunset views of the Pacific coastline. Home to the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, (open seven days a week with free admission and parking and within walking distance to the Village), this National Park features its own viewing tower, exhibits and bookstore, boat tours to visit the five islands right off the Ventura coast. It is here that visitors can experience world-class island diving, snorkeling, hiking, kayaking, sea cave exploration, photography, camping and wildlife viewing.

For visitor information, contact [Ventura Harbor Village](https://www.venturaharborvillage.com) at [805-477-0470](tel:805-477-0470), online at www.VenturaHarborVillage.com. Ventura Harbor Village is located at 1583 Spinnaker Drive in Ventura. Post, share, and like #VenturaHarbor

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