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**JUST IN TIME FOR 2020: 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 1, 2020** 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](http://www.islandpackers.com) or email Islands Packers at [info@islandpackers.com](mailto: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](http://www.islandpackers.com), call [805-642-1393](tel:805-642-1393), or visit Island Packers at [1691 Spinnaker Dr., Suite 105B](http://1691SpinnakerDr.com), in Ventura Harbor Village.

**About Ventura Harbor:**

Situated along the picturesque California Central Coast, endowed with breathtaking views, Ventura County's Ventura Harbor is bordered by the City of Ventura on three sides and the Pacific Ocean on the west, the site of one of the largest squid offloading harbors in North America. Ventura Harbor has a total of 1,500 boat slips, 40 unique shops and dockside restaurants, two waterfront hotels, beaches, green spaces, water sports, and boating and cruising options, all part of an affordable, multigenerational vacation destination. Ventura Harbor is 20 miles from Santa Barbara, within 15 miles of Oxnard and is 60 miles from Los Angeles International Airport. It is accessible in just minutes from scenic US Highway 101.

From 6-foot dinghies to 88-foot commercial fishing seiner boats, scores of pleasure boats call Ventura Harbor home. Ventura Harbor Village marina is one of the top offloading squid harbors on the Pacific Coast and in the nation and Ventura Harbor Village marina is home to some of the largest fishery companies. Ventura Harbor Marina & Yacht Yard, Ventura Isle Marina and Ventura West Marina service recreational and some commercial boaters. Ventura Harbor has two yacht clubs, two boat yards, and Ventura Boat Rentals in Harbor Village. Other boats docked at the Ventura Harbor include dive boats, 64'Catamarans (concessioner for the Channel Islands), Vessel Assist, National Park Service Vessels, and two oil recovery vessels.

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

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