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**RIGHT IN TIME FOR SUMMER: ISLAND PACKERS IN VENTURA HARBOR VILLAGE
ANNOUNCES SUMMER WHALE WATCHING AT ITS BEST
NOW THROUGH AUGUST, 2020**

**Whale Watching Cruises At Ventura Harbor Village
Opens The World of Giant Ocean Mammals For Visitors**

Ventura, CA – With summer upon us, Island Packers is happy to announce that Summer Whale Watching excursions have been added to their existing scheduled trips to the Channel Islands National Park and National Marine Sanctuary.

Visitors to Ventura Harbor Village, Ventura's top seaside attraction, can now board an Island Packers whale watching vessel (the boat departs adjacent to Ventura Harbor 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. Summer whale watching is available through August 30, 2020. Cost is: Adults (12-54 years) \$68, Seniors (55 years and older) \$62, and Children (3-12 years) \$55. <https://islandpackers.com/blue-humpback-whale-watching/>

Passengers aboard non-landing Whale Watching trips may view several summer seasonal species include Blue Whales, Fin Whales and Humpbacks, as well as year-round residents such as Common Dolphin, seals and sea lions.

Historically, over 28 species of whales and dolphins have been identified within the waters of the Marine Sanctuary. A day spent on the ocean in the company of these creatures can be awe-inspiring and truly memorable.

While Whale Watching trips do not offer time ashore, they generally include a brief, narrated cruise along the shoreline of one of the Channel Islands. The boat departs at 10:00 a.m. and returns

approximately 4 p.m. This trip provides further opportunities to view and photograph sea birds, seals and sea lions along with the beautiful backdrop of the Channel Islands. See this marine sighting link: <https://islandpackers.com/marine-mammal-sightings/>

If a 6 hour trip doesn't fit your schedule, Island Packers also offers 3½ hour non-landing Wildlife Cruises along the shoreline of Anacapa. Passengers on this trip will see the famous Arch Rock that is the landmark for the Park as well as the seals and sea lions that make their home on the shore beneath the high cliffs. Visitors can also view the working lighthouse atop the island, and see numerous sea bird species that use the island as critical nesting territory. Common Dolphin and the occasional whale sighting may round out a perfect half-day excursion.

ABOUT ISLAND PACKERS:

As the official concessionaire to Channel Islands National Park, Island Packers has been providing island transportation and wildlife viewing in the Santa Barbara Channel for over 52 years. Captains and crews aboard all trips have many years of experience finding and viewing wildlife. Their thoughtful narration informs guests about the history, human impact, and unique characteristics of the channel and wildlife encountered. Advance reservations are recommended. View our website for schedules and rates or book online at www.islandpackers.com or call 805-642.1393.

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