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SUMMER 2014

WHALE WATCHING INTERNSHIPS
Turism and scientific excursions
Our study started back in 1997...

The project Humpback Whales - Ecuador is conducting a study on the demography of humpback whale and other cetaceans in the Machalilla National Park since 1997. The research center Pacific Whale Foundation-Ecuador with Palo Santo Travel is offering humpback whale research internships in Puerto Lopez - Machalilla National Park.

**BETWEEN JUNE AND OCTOBER,** the marine area of the Machalilla National Park forms a reproductive or breeding area for humpback whales that migrate from the Antarctic to Ecuador. These whales are part of the humpback whale population of the Pacific southeast that feeds in the Antarctic and migrate around 7,000 km for mating and give birth to their calf in Ecuador. The humpback whale population of the Southern Hemisphere that reproduces in Ecuadorian waters is estimated between 6,000 whales.

6000 whales travel 7000 miles

Also, in this area, 15 cetacean's species were identified during the last years, representing one of the highest known species diversities in South America.

The research has been carrying out in whale watching boats used as research platform. The Pacific Whale Foundation has a catalog of more than 2,000 whales identified through marks or pigmentation of their tail, which are similar to a human fingerprint. Interns will actively contribute to this research effort, and will also collect data...
A unique opportunity for you to be part of our humpback whale research team

by Floce Whale Watching Research Team

... INTERNSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DURATIONS RANGING FROM 1 TO 4 WEEKS, FROM JUNE TO OCTOBER. WE HAVE 4 PROGRAMS FOR 14, 10 AND 8 DAYS ON DIFFERENT DATES. THE PROGRAMS START ON A SATURDAY EACH WEEK.

Volunteers will be introduced to and participate in the research techniques involving boat-based photo identification, behavioural studies and acoustics. No previous experience is required. There are approximately 10 whale-watching boats which will be used by the volunteers to go out at sea and study the whales every day.

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS SCHEDULE AND COSTS
This fee includes:

• Full internship Program 1, 2, 3 or 4.
• Transfers from and to the airport of Manta by taxi or trucks (very comfortable)
• Basic accommodation in small suites in Puerto Lopez with kitchen and individual bathroom.
• Boat-based humpback whale photo-identification and behavioural data collection trips
• Training sessions in cetacean research techniques and software’s
• Analyzing data with scientific supervision
• Lectures on biology and conservation of cetaceans
• A farewell dinner
• Entrance and tour Isla de La Plata
• Snorkeling trips
• Spanish lessons
• Certificate of attendance... more information: www.flocse.com

This fee does not include flights to and from Ecuador, compulsory health and travel insurance, and personal expenses.

For further information and questions, please email to info@flocse.com. There are only a limited number of places, better book soon!

Calendar

June 7, 14 (21, 28) 14 Days = $1550
July 5, 12 (19, 26) 10 Days = $1250
Aug 16, 30 (9,23) 8 Days = $1100
Sept 6, 13, 20 (27) ( ) Dates = High Season
Oct 4, 11 (18,25) Group and off-season discounts apply

Prices