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North America's Whale Watching Havens

Country	Region/City	Whale Species	Season	Weather
USA	Alaska, Juneau	Humpback Whales, Orcas	May to September	Weather: Summer in Juneau is mild with occasional rain. Temperature: Averages range from 50°F to 65°F (10°C to 18°C). Other Details: The region can be cloudy with some sunny days. Light layers and waterproof clothing are recommended due to unpredictable weather.
USA	Alaska, Seward	Humpback Whales, Orcas, Gray Whales	May to September	Weather: Similar to Juneau, Seward experiences mild summers with a mix of rain and sunshine. Temperature: Temperatures range from 49°F to 63°F (9°C to 17°C). Other Details: The weather can change quickly; it's advisable to be prepared for rain and chilly winds, especially on the water.
USA	Monterey Bay, California	Humpback Whales, Blue Whales, Gray Whales	Year-round	Weather: Generally sunny and mild, but can be foggy, especially in the mornings. Temperature: Summer temperatures average between 57°F to 70°F (14°C to 21°C). Other Details: The Pacific Ocean can be cool, so a jacket is recommended for boat trips.
USA	Farallon Islands, California	Humpback Whales, Blue Whales, Gray Whales	May to November	Weather: Predominantly foggy and cool with some sunny days. Temperature: Ranges from 50°F to 65°F (10°C to 18°C). Other Details: The ocean can be rough; seasickness precautions are advisable.
USA	Maui, Hawaii	Humpback Whales	December to April	Weather: Predominantly sunny with minimal rainfall. Temperature: Ranges from 75°F to 85°F (24°C to 29°C). Other Details: Maui enjoys a tropical climate. The sea conditions are generally calm, ideal for whale watching. Sunscreen and light clothing are advisable.
USA	Cape Cod, Massachusetts	Humpback Whales, Fin Whales	April to October	Weather: Generally sunny with occasional rain showers. Temperature: Summer temperatures range from 60°F to 80°F (16°C to 27°C). Other Details: Weather can be unpredictable; layers and a waterproof jacket are recommended.
USA	Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Boston, Massachusetts	Humpback Whales, Fin Whales, Minke Whales	April to October	Weather: Variable, ranging from sunny to overcast with occasional rain. Temperature: Ranges from 50°F to 75°F (10°C to 24°C). Other Details: Weather can be unpredictable. Sea conditions can vary from calm to moderately choppy. Layered clothing and waterproof gear are recommended.
Canada	Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia	Humpback Whales, North Atlantic Right Whales	June to September	Weather: Mostly sunny with some rainy days. Temperature: Summer temperatures average between 55°F to 75°F (13°C to 24°C). Other Details: The Bay area can be windy, and fog is not uncommon. Dressing in layers is advisable.
Canada	Vancouver Island, British Columbia	Orcas, Humpback Whales, Gray Whales	May to October	Weather: The weather during this period is generally mild, with a mix of sunny and overcast days. Rain is less frequent in the summer months but can occur. Temperature: Ranges from 50°F to 70°F (10°C to 21°C). The temperature is cooler in May and October and warmer in the mid-summer months (July and August). Other Details: The area can experience breezy conditions, especially on the water. It's advisable to be prepared for windy conditions during boat tours. The sea waters can be relatively calm, but conditions can change, so checking local marine forecasts is important. Layered clothing is recommended as temperatures can vary throughout the day and be cooler on the water. Waterproof gear can be useful for unexpected rain showers. The UV index can be high on sunny days, so sun protection (sunscreen, hats, sunglasses) is important.

Europe's Whale Watching Gems

Country	Region/City	Whale Species	Season	Weather
Greenland	Disko Bay	Humpback Whales, Minke Whales	June to September	Weather: Mostly sunny with occasional fog. Temperature: Ranges from 35°F to 50°F (2°C to 10°C). Other Details: The area can be windy, especially in open waters. Sea conditions are generally calm near the bay, but can vary.
Greenland	Nuuk Fjord	Humpback Whales, Minke Whales	June to September	Weather: Mix of sunny and overcast days, with occasional rain. Temperature: Averages around 37°F to 50°F (3°C to 10°C). Other Details: Weather can change rapidly; fog is common in the fjord.
Greenland	Qaqortoq and Southern Coast	Humpback Whales, Fin Whales, Blue Whales	June to September	Weather: Generally sunny with some rainy days. Temperature: Ranges from 40°F to 55°F (4°C to 13°C). Other Details: The region experiences less fog compared to other parts of Greenland, offering clearer visibility for whale watching.
Greenland	Ilulissat Icefjord	Humpback Whales	June to September	Weather: Predominantly sunny, with some cloudy days. Temperature: Averages between 35°F to 50°F (2°C to 10°C). Other Details: The presence of icebergs can lead to cooler local temperatures and occasional fog.
Greenland	East Greenland	Various Species	June to September	Weather: Variable, with a mix of sunny, cloudy, and rainy days. Temperature: Ranges from 33°F to 50°F (1°C to 10°C). Other Details: This region is more remote and less developed, so visitors should be prepared for more rugged conditions.
Iceland	Husavik	Humpback, Minke, Blue Whales	April to October	Weather: Variable, with a mix of sunny, cloudy, and rainy days. Temperature: Ranges from 37°F to 57°F (3°C to 14°C). Other Details: Weather can change rapidly; layers and waterproof clothing are essential. Windy conditions are common.
Iceland	Reykjavik	Minke Whales, Dolphins	May to September	Weather: Similar to Husavik, with a mix of sun, clouds, and occasional rain. Temperature: Averages between 42°F to 57°F (6°C to 14°C). Other Details: Windy conditions are typical. Dressing in layers is recommended due to the unpredictable weather.
Norway	Tromsø	Orcas, Humpback Whales	November to January	Weather: Cold and snowy, with short daylight hours. Temperature: Ranges from 24°F to 30°F (-4°C to -1°C). Other Details: Northern Lights are a possible sight. Warm, insulated clothing is necessary for the cold Arctic climate.
Portugal	Azores	Sperm Whales, Blue Whales, Dolphins	April to October	Weather: Generally mild with a mix of sunny and cloudy days and occasional rain. Temperature: Averages from 59°F to 77°F (15°C to 25°C). Other Details: The weather is relatively stable, but being islands, conditions can change quickly. Light layers are advisable.
Scotland	Hebrides	Minke Whales, Basking Sharks, Dolphins	May to September	Weather: Unpredictable, with a mix of sun, clouds, and rain. Temperature: Ranges from 50°F to 60°F (10°C to 16°C). Other Details: Weather can change rapidly; waterproof clothing and layers are recommended. Windy conditions are common.
Spain	Canary Islands	Pilot Whales, Sperm Whales, Orcas	Year-round	Weather: Mostly sunny and warm throughout the year. Temperature: Averages between 64°F to 75°F (18°C to 24°C). Other Details: The climate is generally pleasant, but it can be windy on the water. Sun protection is recommended.

The Wonders Of Whale Watching In Australia And Oceania

Country	Region/City	Whale Species	Season	Weather:
Australia	Hervey Bay	Humpback Whales	July to November	Weather: Mostly sunny with occasional rain. Temperature: Ranges from 61°F to 77°F (16°C to 25°C). Other Details: The climate is generally pleasant, ideal for outdoor activities like whale watching. Light layers are recommended for cooler evenings.
Australia	Coral Sea	Dwarf Minke Whales, Humpback Whales	June to August	Weather: Predominantly sunny. Temperature: Averages around 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C). Other Details: The weather is ideal for snorkeling, diving, and whale watching. Sun protection is essential.
New Zealand	Kaikoura	Sperm Whales, Humpback Whales, Orcas	Year-round	Weather: Variable; can be sunny, windy, or rainy depending on the time of year. Temperature: Summer averages 59°F to 68°F (15°C to 20°C), winter averages 41°F to 50°F (5°C to 10°C). Other Details: Weather can change quickly; layers and waterproof clothing are advisable. Winter months can be colder, especially on the water.
New Zealand	Hauraki Gulf	Bryde's Whales, Dolphins, Orcas	Year-round	Weather: Generally mild with a mix of sunny and cloudy days, and occasional rain. Temperature: Summer averages 64°F to 75°F (18°C to 24°C), winter averages 50°F to 59°F (10°C to 15°C). Other Details: The weather is relatively stable, but being a coastal region, conditions can change. Layers are recommended.
Tonga	Tongatapu, 'Eua, Ha'apai, Vava'u	Humpback Whales	July to October	Weather: Mostly sunny and warm. Temperature: Averages around 75°F to 84°F (24°C to 29°C). Other Details: The climate is tropical, with warm, pleasant weather perfect for swimming and snorkeling with whales. Sunscreen and hydration are important.

Latin America's Whale-Watching Hotspots

Country	Region/City	Whale Species	Season	Weather
Mexico	San Ignacio Lagoon	Gray Whales	December to April	Weather: Generally sunny with minimal rainfall. Temperature: Ranges from 60°F to 75°F (15°C to 24°C). Other Details: The climate is mild and comfortable for outdoor activities. Light clothing is suitable, with layers for cooler evenings.
Ecuador	Galapagos Islands	Various	June to September	Weather: Mild and dry, with occasional mist and rain. Temperature: Averages around 70°F to 80°F (21°C to 27°C). Other Details: The weather is pleasant for exploring both land and sea. Sun protection and hydration are important.
Ecuador	Mainland Coast	Humpback Whales	June to September	Weather: Mostly sunny with occasional rain showers. Temperature: Averages around 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C). Other Details: The climate is tropical and humid. Lightweight, breathable clothing is recommended.
Costa Rica	Playa Panama	Humpback Whales	December to April	Weather: Warm and sunny with little rainfall. Temperature: Ranges from 75°F to 90°F (24°C to 32°C). Other Details: The weather is ideal for beach activities and whale watching. Sunscreen and light clothing are advisable.
Panama	Pearl Islands	Humpback Whales	July to October	Weather: Tropical climate with sunny and rainy periods. Temperature: Averages around 77°F to 88°F (25°C to 31°C). Other Details: The weather can be humid; lightweight clothing and rain gear are recommended.
Panama	Taboga Island	Humpback Whales	July to October	Weather: Similar to the Pearl Islands, with a mix of sun and rain. Temperature: Averages around 77°F to 88°F (25°C to 31°C). Other Details: The climate is tropical. Sun protection, hydration, and rain gear for sudden showers are key.

Argentina	Puerto Madryn, Valdez Peninsula	Southern Right Whales	June to December	Weather: Variable, ranging from clear to overcast, with occasional winds. Temperature: Ranges from 41°F to 59°F (5°C to 15°C). Other Details: The weather can be chilly, especially in the early months. The sea can be rough at times. Warm clothing and windbreakers are advisable.
Chile	Chiloé	Blue Whales, Humpback Whales	December to April	Weather: Mostly overcast with frequent rain showers. Temperature: Ranges from 50°F to 64°F (10°C to 18°C). Other Details: The climate is generally cool and wet. The sea can be choppy. Waterproof clothing and layers are recommended.

Caribbean's Marine Wonders

Country	Region/City	Whale Species	Season	Weather
Dominican Republic	Samana Peninsula	Humpback Whales	January to March	Weather: Mostly sunny with occasional tropical showers. Temperature: Ranges from 75°F to 84°F (24°C to 29°C). Other Details: The climate is tropical and humid. The sea conditions are usually calm, ideal for whale watching. Light clothing and sun protection are essential.
Turks and Caicos Islands	Grand Turk, Salt Cay	Humpback Whales	January to April	Weather: Predominantly sunny with minimal rainfall. Temperature: Ranges from 75°F to 85°F (24°C to 29°C). Other Details: The climate is tropical, with a gentle sea breeze. The waters are clear and calm, perfect for whale watching. Sunscreen and light clothing are recommended.

Africa's Hidden Whale-Watching Treasures

Country	Region/City	Whale Species	Season	Weather
South Africa	Hermanus	Southern Right Whales	June to December	Weather: Mostly sunny with occasional windy days. Temperature: Ranges from 59°F to 68°F (15°C to 20°C). Other Details: The weather is generally pleasant, though it can be cool, especially in the early and later months of the season. A jacket is recommended for boat trips.
South Africa	Garden Route	Various	May to December	Weather: Varied, with sunny days and occasional rain. Temperature: Averages around 59°F to 77°F (15°C to 25°C). Other Details: The climate is mild, but it can be unpredictable. It's advisable to be prepared for both sunny and rainy conditions. Layered clothing is recommended.
Morocco	Agadir, Essaouira	Sperm Whales, Killer Whales	March to October	Weather: Mostly sunny, with a low chance of rain. Temperature: Ranges from 64°F to 82°F (18°C to 28°C). Other Details: The climate is generally mild, with a pleasant sea breeze. The sea is usually calm and suitable for whale watching. Sun protection and light clothing are recommended.
Madagascar	Nosy Be	Humpback Whales	July to September	Weather: Predominantly sunny and dry. Temperature: Ranges from 70°F to 85°F (21°C to 29°C). Other Details: The weather is typically tropical and warm, ideal for spending time on the water. Sun protection is essential, and lightweight clothing is suitable for warm temperatures.

Asia's Emerging Whale Watching Destinations

Country	Region/City	Whale Species	Season	Weather
Sri Lanka	Mirissa	Blue Whales	November to April	Weather: Mostly sunny with occasional rain showers. Temperature: Ranges from 77°F to 86°F (25°C to 30°C). Other Details: The weather is typically tropical and humid. The sea can be calm, making it ideal for whale watching. Light, breathable clothing and sun protection are recommended.

Sri Lanka	Trincomalee	Blue Whales	May to October	<p>Weather: Warm and sunny, with minimal rainfall.</p> <p>Temperature: Averages around 81°F to 93°F (27°C to 34°C).</p> <p>Other Details: The climate is hot and dry during these months. The sea conditions are generally calm, perfect for spotting whales. Sunscreen, hats, and hydration are essential.</p>
Japan	Okinawa	Humpback Whales	December to April	<p>Weather: Mild and mostly sunny, with occasional rain.</p> <p>Temperature: Ranges from 59°F to 73°F (15°C to 23°C).</p> <p>Other Details: The subtropical climate is pleasant for outdoor activities. Light layers are advisable as temperatures can vary.</p>
Japan	Ogasawara Islands	Various	Year-round	<p>Weather: Varies by season; generally mild with some rainy periods.</p> <p>Temperature: Averages around 64°F to 81°F (18°C to 27°C) throughout the year.</p> <p>Other Details: The weather can be unpredictable due to the islands' remote location. It's advisable to be prepared for both sunny and rainy conditions. The sea conditions can vary, so checking local forecasts is recommended.</p>

Russia's Far East: A Hidden Whale Watching Paradise

Country	Region/City	Whale Species	Season	Weather
Russia	Kamchatka Peninsula	Orcas, Humpback Whales, Gray Whales	June to September	<p>Weather: Predominantly mild with a mix of sunny and cloudy days. Occasional rain showers.</p> <p>Temperature: Ranges from 50°F to 65°F (10°C to 18°C).</p> <p>Other Details: Wind: Can be breezy, especially near the coast. Sea Conditions: Generally calm but can vary; maritime weather can be unpredictable.</p>
Russia	Commander Islands	Orcas, Humpback Whales, North Pacific Right Whales	June to October	<p>Weather: Generally cool with a mix of overcast and clear days. Rain is common.</p> <p>Temperature: Averages around 45°F to 60°F (7°C to 15°C).</p> <p>Other Details: Wind: Often windy, given the open ocean location. Sea Conditions: Can be rough; suitable clothing and sea sickness precautions are advisable.</p>
Russia	Sakhalin Island	Gray Whales	Summer Months	<p>Weather: Mild summer weather with occasional rain.</p> <p>Temperature: Typically ranges from 55°F to 70°F (13°C to 21°C).</p> <p>Other Details: Wind: Moderate winds are common. Sea Conditions: Varies, with some days calm and others more turbulent.</p>
Russia	Solovetsky Islands	Beluga Whales	July and August	<p>Weather: Variable, with a mix of sunny, cloudy, and rainy days.</p> <p>Temperature: Around 50°F to 65°F (10°C to 18°C).</p> <p>Other Details: Wind: Can be breezy, especially on the water. Sea Conditions: Generally calm but can change quickly.</p>
Russia	Shantar Islands	Western Gray Whales, Orcas, Humpback Whales, Bowhead Whales	July to September	<p>Weather: Generally mild with a fair amount of sunny days, interspersed with rainy periods.</p> <p>Temperature: Averages from 50°F to 65°F (10°C to 18°C).</p> <p>Other Details: Wind: Moderate to strong winds are possible. Sea Conditions: Can be unpredictable; maritime weather changes rapidly.</p>