



Oceanic Society invites you to join us on a naturalist-guided whale watching charter out of Half Moon Bay, California. Every year, thousands of gray whales embark on lengthy migrations from Alaska to Baja Mexico, passing right along the California coast. Included in your trip is a local wildlife expert that will provide interactive interpretation and our seasoned captains know exactly how to get the best views while respecting the wildlife. Get a group together and come witness gray whales on their immense journey!

ABOUT OCEANIC SOCIETY

Founded in 1969, Oceanic Society is the oldest 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to ocean conservation. Our mission is to conserve marine wildlife and habitats by deepening the connections between people and nature through research, community engagement, and first-hand experience. We pursue our mission through applied marine research, educational travel programs, and investments in conservation.

ABOUT OUR WHALE WATCHING PROGRAMS

Oceanic Society is a global pioneer in whale watching and has been leading whale watching tours in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1972. Our whale watching programs aim to provide life-changing first-hand experiences for our passengers that lead to lasting pro-ocean changes in behavior. Your participation supports our ocean conservation and research efforts in the Bay Area and worldwide.





TRIP DETAILS & COSTS

- Dates:** January-May, 2018
- Time:** By Appointment - 3 hour cruise
- Route:** Departure out of Pillar Point Harbor in Half Moon Bay, then cruising along the coastline looking for gray whales; opportunities to see other wildlife including humpback whales, seals and sea lions, porpoises and dolphins, and many species of seabirds.
- Departure:** Pillar Point Harbor
1 Johnson Pier
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
- Capacity:** Up to 40 people
- Boat:** Salty Lady, a 56-foot U.S. Coast Guard certified fishing boat
- Food/Drink:** No concessions on board, please bring your own food and drink. Water and coffee provided.
- Skipper:** Jared Davis, both long-time skippers for Oceanic Society.
- Weather:** All trips are weather dependent. Reservations cancelled due to weather are able to be rescheduled.
- Price:** \$2250
- Booking:** Please call 415-256-9604 or email chrisb@oceanicsociety.org for more information.



SAMPLE NATURALIST BIO: IZZY SZCZEPANIAK

Izzy holds a M.S. from San Francisco State University and is a research associate at the California Academy of Sciences and research project lead at Golden Gate Cetacean Research. He has studied harbor porpoises in the Gulf of the Farallones for 35 years, and humpback whales in California and Costa Rica. He has worked as a naturalist for Oceanic Society since 1983, guiding both Bay Area whale watching programs and international expeditions.