

Strong points of Espaço Talassa - the original :

- **20 years of experience at the sea from the Azores.** Our team is highly disciplinary, preferably made up with indigenous people but also from other origins, like Dutch, German, English, French, Brazilian and Spanish... ethnical richness;
- **To be in the Azores and especially in Lajes do Pico**, undoubtedly one of the 10 best spots for whalewatching in the world, and for sure the best in the Azores. Still little tourist frequentation, high quantity and diversity of Wales observed, little visual pollution, with the mountain of Pico as background;
- **Small boats** in order to limit the impact on the animals, driven by 4 stroke engines: less noise and chemical pollution... "Size matters"!
- **Small group**, maximum 12 people per boat: it is nevertheless more human!
- **Multimedia Briefing** before we embark, of approximately 30 minutes: biology and animal behavior, whale hunting story, ecology, legislation...
- **Debriefing in return** : moment to make the summary: species observed and doubts... around a drink with our specialists;
- **Boats equipped with an hydrophone**, no only to help locate the animals, but especially to supplement the visual observation with an acoustic meeting;
- **Watchtower of Queimada**, Espaço Talassa exclusive, with a minimum of 2 lookouts, who direct a maximum of 3 boats. The lookouts locate the animals, and guide the boats in order to minimize the impact negative on the animals: manage the number of boat around the same group, manages boat speed and angles of incidence. Therefore, it must exist a strong complicity and confidence between them and the skipper.

Finally to be honest, let us put our cards on the table :

- Our boats are fast and drawn for **active voyages**. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate persons with reduced mobility, pregnant women, or persons with osteoporosis, sciatic, ...
- **Comfort on board is summary** and therefore it is worth to take some precautions before embarking. The Men WC are on starboard, those of the Women on portside... with breathtaking view on the Atlantic!
- **We offer direct contact with Nature elements**, like rain (and some times pretty heavy), but also the sun...

