

ESPAÇO TALASSA

Whale watching since 1989



What a Fluke!

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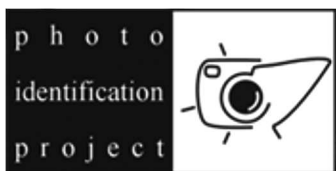
Espaço Talassa's photo ID project with Susana Simião and Rui Santos

TOURISM, RESEARCH & CONSERVATION

For more than a decade the Espaço Talassa team have collected hundreds of sperm whale tail photographs. The caudal fin is a veritable digital signature, just like a fingerprint. Photo identification is a non intrusive way of identifying the animals, however it is a long and tedious method... we have hundreds and hundreds of photos to analyse and file.

"What a Fluke!" is a project that enables you to participate in the process, by assisting Susana and Rui in organising our photo catalogue, as well as in completing it. Hopefully by comparing your photos with those in our catalogue we will be able to identify new animals, discover new groups and better understand their social interactions.

Moreover, without doubt, the week will enable us to better understand the animal's way of life, and better understanding them will help us protect them more effectively.



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Sperm whale
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date : 05.21.2016 at 10h28
photographer : Susana Simião

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Espaço Talassa photo ID catalogue: http://www.espacotalassa.com/photo_id/photo_id.php

8 DAYS PACKAGE wich include:

- > In & outbound transfers from Faial or Pico airport/hotel Lajes do Pico.
- > 7 nights at our "Whale'come ao Pico" ** hotel, half board.
- > 1 full day Pico Island tour to visit: the Queimada lookout post, the boat house of Calheta de Nesquim, the whaling station of São Roque and the squid and sperm whale museum in Madalena
- > 3 sea expeditions (6 hours), depending on weather conditions.
- > 1 informative briefing on the biology and ecology of cetaceans.
- > 1 session on sperm whales: biology, acoustics, social organisation, behavior...
- > Photo ID sessions (2 hours) after each sea expedition: work and analyse the photos of the day, update the online photo ID catalogue.
- > 1 photo ID session on why and how to recognise and match individual animals.
- > Government taxes and "whale and dolphin" observation permit included.

Notes

- > To improve collaboration, we recommend that each client brings their own camera (lens 100-300mm) and computer, if possible.
- > Extras: Sea view room supplement: 20€. Single room supplement: 95€. Picnic: 8€.
- > Group size: maximum 12.

By choosing Espaço Talassa, you are choosing to limit your ecological footprint. We plant trees for each of your client to partly compensate the ecological deficit and the CO2 emissions related to our touristic activity. More info at: <http://www.ecosanto.wordpress.com>

2016

from September 24th to October 1st

Price: 749 €

(based on a double room occupancy)

2017

from June 17th to June 24th

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