



ABOUT OUR FARALLON ISLANDS PROGRAM

In 1972, Oceanic Society pioneered whale watching tours in the San Francisco Bay Area. Now with over 4 decades of experience, we invite you to join us on a naturalist guided whale watching charter to the wonderful and wild Farallon Islands. The waters surrounding the Farallones are seasonal feeding grounds for blue and humpback whales and 8 species of porpoises and dolphins. The islands themselves are home to 13 breeding seabird species as well as 6 species of seals and sea lions. In October, large numbers of great white sharks opportunistically arrive to prey upon young elephant seals making the Farallones one of the premier sites for white shark research in the world. This isn't your average whale-watch. This is an open ocean expedition, led by marine scientists into one of the truly unique environments in the world: The Farallon Islands.

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.





TRIP DETAILS & COSTS

Dates: May-November 2018

Time: By appointment - 8 hour cruise

Itinerary: The trip departs from San Francisco and travels under the Golden Gate Bridge, along the coast of Marin and out to the Farallon Islands. Upon arrival we circumnavigate the islands and, weather permitting, visit the continental shelf where the ocean floor plunges from 300 to over 3000 feet. Throughout the trip wildlife abounds – Look for humpback and blue whales, thousands of seabirds, dolphins, sea lions and seals, harbor porpoises, and much more.

Departure: San Francisco Small Craft Harbor
3950 Scott Street
San Francisco, CA 94123

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, long-time skipper for Oceanic Society.

Weather: All trips are weather dependent. Reservations cancelled due to weather are able to be rescheduled.

Price: \$4200

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.