

DOLPHIN SURVEY BOAT TRIPS



Introducing the location: New Quay is located on the coast of Cardigan Bay, a beautiful part of the Welsh coast. South from New Quay is the first stretch of coastline in Great Britain to be designated as a *Marine Heritage Coast* due to its unspoilt natural beauty and importance to a wide variety of wildlife. Twelve miles offshore and 24 miles up and down the coast we have an area, designated by the European Union as a *Special Area of Conservation (SAC)*, primarily because of its importance to the Common Bottlenose Dolphins.

Species: Common Bottlenose Dolphin, Harbour Porpoise and Atlantic Grey Seal are present year round, along with the occasional whale sighting. Seabirds include Guillemot, Razorbill, Gannet, Kittiwake, Fulmar, Cormorant, Manx Shearwater, several species of gull, Shag, Peregrine Falcon, Oystercatcher and Chough. Occasional sightings of Ocean Sunfish, Leatherback Turtle and Basking Shark.

Trip details: A research assistant is present on every trip, collecting a wide range of data focusing on a variety of wildlife. The main focus of this work is the monitoring of the Common Bottlenose Dolphins through photo-identification research. As a passenger you will be supporting research funded by the paying public and sustainable research projects.

Operating season: April – October, unless by special charter.

Price: From £16 per person.

Departure time and duration: Daily throughout the season, depending on

weather and demand. Option of two, four or eight hour trips. For charter bookings trips of varying lengths can be arranged to suit the customer's requirements.

Departure location and how to get there: New Quay harbour, West Wales. Departure arrangements given on booking.

Naturalist guides: Skipper, Steve Hartley, has 25 years' experience in dolphin research as a boatman and a research assistant.

Vessel details: *Sulaire* is a 10m long modern charter vessel, comprehensively equipped with the latest electronic and safety equipment and is fully licensed and insured to carry 12 passengers and two crew. Toilet and part-sheltered deck.

Photographic opportunities: Excellent wildlife and scenic photographic opportunities from a stable platform.

Conservation / Research: *Dolphin Survey Boat Trips* strongly believe in research funded by the paying public and support the *Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Centre*, a non-profit public information and research facility based on the seafront in New Quay (www.cbmw.org).



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