



We strongly recommend you leave lots of extra time. Assuming no delays or stops and direct ferry connection (normally, ferry leaves mainland side at 30 minutes past hour 9:30, 10:30, 1130...etc. Tiverton is (approx.): 45 min. from Digby, 70 min.-Annapolis Royal, 100 min. - Yarmouth or Kejimikujik National Park 3(+)-hours- Halifax (hwy101), or Lunenburg.

Founder, biologist **Tom Goodwin** began his career as a whale-guide in Newfoundland in 1980, where he spent five seasons. He was also involved in studying whales and releasing them from fishing nets in which they were accidentally entrapped. He is probably the most experienced/qualified whale-guide in the maritimes, however you may travel with one of his trained staff. (In the interest of conservation, and because of distribution, these brochures could be in circulation after Tom retires, or steps back from guiding.)



Tom has been fascinated by the sea since a young boy. He is a founding year (1975) member of the **Cousteau Society** (and has worked with the **Calypso** crew), and has been supporting the World Wildlife Fund for 40+ years.

This is one of the most environmentally conscious tourism businesses in Canada.

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The company car is a hybrid.



Trip length* varies 2.5 - 3+ hours.

*depends mainly on how long to find whales, what whales are doing (i.e. feeding etc.), weather and number of boats observing them. Most trips are 2.5 - 3 hours. We're usually home pretty quickly! We have scheduled our trips up to 3.5 hours in case whales are far away or hard to find.

I will never forget this,....ever!
C. Blayden, New York City

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Partial proceeds to environmental education and wildlife conservation locally and internationally.
Try to be at our office 30 to 60 minutes before your trip. All trips subject to minimum # of passengers. We supply gear, just dress warmly - sweat-shirts and long pants (yes, even in July and August, it's always cool zooming across the water!)

... you spoiled us and no other whale watching trip has been able to hold up to the one we had with you.
Karyn Tunwell, Ontario



Please remember: We use some of our best photographs* to show you how great a whale watching trip can be. But, please remember that nature is unpredictable. Also, the increased concern for whale harassment and number of boats watching them, means we have to limit our time with whales, the same as other operators. Weather, time finding whales and number of boats vary.

*additional photographs courtesy of Paul Franklin, Sarah Wong, Paul Beeken and Roger Morrison.



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Tiverton, Long Island (Digby Neck)

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Don't miss Nova Scotia's most popular Whale/Seabird Adventure! *Ocean Explorations* are conducted in a very large *Zodiac*™ (or Zodiac-type) boat, smaller versions made famous by Jacques Cousteau and Greenpeace. The *speed* and *range* of these professional boats allow us to get to where-ever the whales are!! *Nova Scotia's original* (since 1986) *Zodiac*™ whale/seabird tour. Nova Scotia's lower Bay of Fundy is the best place in the maritimes to see big whales!

It was the highlight of my vacation and possibly the most exciting and interesting event in my life in years.
P. DeVeau, Florida

Our guests tell us we should emphasize just how fun the Zodiac ride is and many people comment that *it is worth it just for the Zodiac™ ride!!* The *Zodiac*™ is best suited for those that wish to observe seals along the shore. Because of this we rarely cancel our trips (even due to poor weather).

Worth the trip just for the seals ...they are so cute!

Recommended in Moon, Frommer's, Lonely Planet, National Geographic ADVENTURE and other travel guides.

We are conveniently located only 100 m/yds from the first ferry (Long Island). Look for the large white house and our signs. We **provide washrooms on-site** and **waiting/reading areas**. We are **found close to other attractions/facilities**, such as the **Balancing Rock hiking trail**, **Boars Head lighthouse**, a **general store** and a **take out** (for lunches/snacks).

Going out on "the zodiac" and seeing the Right Whales mating was a highlight of our trip....Thanks for the Great Hospitality!
The Walkers, North Carolina

We are currently using several different inflatables including an *extra-large* rigid hull boat. These boats can easily handle severe ocean storms (they are search and rescue boats!) and our custom-built *main* boat has 7 independent chambers, aluminum hull, twin motors, radios, GPS, radar etc. Our second (and third) boats are slightly smaller with all the safety gear, however, we **do not guarantee** you will travel in a specific boat.

...a Cousteau-esque experience!
S.Prescott, Montreal

Ausgezeichnet!
Jutta Theune, Germany

We've taken virtually all ages, from young children to a gentleman in his eighties. May not be suitable for people with back problems or pregnant women on rough sea days.
Participate at own risk!
(liability release may be required).

One of the highlights of a lifetime...your knowledge of the whales enhanced the experience immeasurably as did seeing them in the Zodiac. I can't imagine a better way to see whales!
P.Hogen, Connecticut

...was almost the highlight of our honeymoon!
The Swongers, Ohio

Most common species seen are Minke, humpback, fin and the highly endangered Right whales. Blue and killer whales have also been seen. We don't promise that you will get any closer to whales than much larger, slower tour boats. We do believe though, that you will feel closer and gain a better appreciation of the ocean down at sea-level. You will also find the much smaller group size more personal.

Rental of Full length Floater suits for your safety and comfort included
(adult sizes only, lifejackets & raingear for kids)

Common questions and misconceptions:
Yes - the trip is suitable for virtually anyone!!
No - we don't normally get wet, except rough days. You are less likely to get seasick (than in a tourboat). Porta-pottie (and curtain) onboard. Yes - we do go out in the fog, and have had excellent results on foggy trips. No - a guide gratuity is not expected, but certainly appreciated.

