



## Whale Watching 5 days / 4 nights

Southern Right Whales are one of the most endangered whale species in the world. From July to November they come to shallow coastal waters in lower latitudes to breed, calve and nurse their young. There are just two places in South America where this gathering can be seen –Argentina and southern Brazil. Brazil's first dedicated whale sanctuary at Praia da Rosa was declared along 81 miles of the Santa Catarina coast in 2000 to protect the whales. A favourite spot for the whales to gather is in the bay off Praia da Rosa, where our program will take place. Our packages offer the opportunity to watch and learn about these amazing cetaceans that come to these shores to give birth and feed their calves. Accommodation will be at *Vida Sol e Mar Resort*.

Perched on a hillside this eco-resort overlooks a beautiful fresh water lagoon and the beach, within a natural conservation area.

**Package includes:** full board (no drinks), transfers, boat trip, and activities as mentioned above and english speaking guide.

The boat trip is on a 9 meters semi-rigid boat for 20 passengers, recently purchased for this purpose. It is equipped with two 90 HP engines, life vests for every passenger and an emergency boat regarding the National Sailing Regulations imposed by local authorities.

The whale watching trips lasts about 120 minutes, accompanied by a biologist of the Institute, and the captain is specially trained to approach this animals. With watchers spread along the coast, distributed in 80 Km, between Praia da Pinheira (Pinheira beach) and Cabo Santa Marta (Santa Marta cape), the boat will be constantly informed about the whales location. The approach will depend on the animals behavior

The whale watching trip are always dependent on weather and sea conditions so the scheduled trip of this pack might be changed.



## Package itinerary:

**1st Day:** Hosting at the Florianópolis Airport with an English spoken guide. Transport to Praia do Rosa (2 hours trip) and accommodation at Vida Sol e Mar Resort;  
Welcome Sugar Cane drink “caipirinha” with a short conversation about right whale watching showing fotos and videos (optional);  
Dinner at the resort.

**2nd Day:** Breakfast (during this period a specialized guide will talk about the events of the day); then, departure to Garopaba beach (30 minutes from Praia do Rosa) to take our boat, specially equipped for whale watching. This tour will be guided by trained personnel and, also, a biologist of the Right Whale Institute will provide the information about these species;  
Lunch at Garopaba beach;  
In the afternoon it is possible to visit the Garopaba Historical side and also go shopping Return to the Resort;  
Chat about events of the day with a biologist for exchange of ideas, curiosities, etc;  
Dinner at the resort.

**3rd Day:** Breakfast and visit to the city of Imbituba, stop at the Whale Museum (depending on museums availability) and the old whaling Station; Visit to Itapiruba’s beach and to the historical city of Laguna, the “moles da Barra” and Anita Garibaldi’s Museum. Bottle-nosed dolphin watching in the Laguna’s channel;  
Lunch with a panoramic view. Of this point it’s possible to observe the dolphins helping the fishman to locate a shoal of fish;  
Dinner at the resort.

**4th Day:** Breakfast and departure for a tour through “Praia do Siriú”, “Gamboa” and any other beaches where is possible to watch whales;  
Lunch in a typical restaurant;  
Visit a waterfall, located inside the State Park “Serra do Tabuleiro” in Paulo Lopes District;  
Dinner at the resort

**5th Day:** Breakfast and transfer to the airport