

BLUE ENDEAVORS MEMBER HUMPBACK WHALE EXPEDITION

Silver Bank

March-April, 2023 Final Dates TBD

LOCATION

Silver Bank

90 km off the coast of the Dominican Republic



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Silver Bank (Spanish: Banco de la Plata) is a submerged bank in the Atlantic Ocean north of the Dominican Republic and southeast of the Territory of Turks & Caicos. It covers an area of 1,680 square kilometres (649 square miles). It is separated from Mouchoir Bank in the west by Silver Bank Passage, and from Navidad Bank in the east by Navidad Bank Passage.

Each year between January and April, the largest gathering of North Atlantic humpback whales on the planet occurs at the Silver Bank. Over this period as many as 3,000 whales gather to court, mate and give birth.



Sea Hunter Liveaboard



Expedition Leader: Cynthia Matzke

Cynthia Matzke is a seasoned cetacean field ecologist who has been fascinated with humpback behavior, bioacoustics and culture for decades. On Maui she is a NOAA researcher and trained entanglement responder, but curiosity has also led her to document populations in Greenland, Tahiti, Australia, and Norway. She employs a unique style of in-water engagement with cetaceans that respects their social structure, fosters mutual curiosity, and invites playful as well as meaningful interspecies interactions. Cynthia comes equipped with high-definition cameras and specialized hydrophones to capture vocalizations and complex songs, and will share with our group nightly the recordings, observations, and insights gained in our daily encounters.

TRIP COSTS

Included:

In-water experience with whales (no scuba)
Accommodations

Not included:

Airfare

Gratuity

DAN Insurance (Required)

[Click here](#) for more info, or, to purchase or renew your DAN insurance

Travel Insurance (Highly Recommended)

Alcohol

Sanctuary Fee & Port Fee: TBD

Fuel Surcharges: TDB

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

Deluxe Room Upgrade: \$100 extra

Master Room Upgrade: \$300 extra

Trip Cost: \$4,395

LOGISTICS

Paperwork

We will be emailing out a packet with information about the trip, liability waivers, and medical forms.

Health & Safety

Vaccinations: Routine vaccinations, Hepatitis A, Typhoid / www.cdc.gov /

Reported diseases: 1 case of ZikaVirus - Mosquito bite prevention, Repellant, Long pants/shirts

Safety: Sunburn and Dehydration, water safety will be covered in your training



Silver Bank 2022 Deposit

1,000.00

Hope to see you on the trip!

Still thinking about the trip? Check out the [Captain Gene and the Humpbacks of Silver Banks Deep Discussion.](#)