

sperm whale dominica

the largest carnivore in the world



jan 11 - 20, 2012
jan 19 - 28, 2012
jan 28 - feb 6, 2012

It is time to celebrate! As one of the most hunted animals, sperm whales were driven almost to extinction. However, there is hope. They have made the best comeback in the history of wildlife, and today, there are 250,000 sperm whales in the wild — almost as many as one hundred years ago.

The local population off the coast of Dominica is now mostly comprised of females and their offspring. In fall and winter, the males arrive, too.

Sperm whales are the easiest to approach of the cetacean family. Reaching up to 65 feet in length, the sperm whale is the largest carnivore on earth — the only whale that has teeth. They openly socialize in pods of five to thirty, and everyone participates — male, female and young. The younger whales are the most curious of all, and are the first to get close to humans.

Only four guests are permitted to come on each trip. For this unique encounter, Big Animals Expeditions has teamed up with Andrew Armour, known to the diving community as the 'whale whisperer.' We will be on his boat the Domnik, the most suitable platform for this whale encounter.

Historically, the months of January and February in Dominica see the most sperm whales. At this time, the western side of Dominica is protected from the Atlantic Ocean storms. In addition to sperm whales, for eight hours each day, we will be finding pseudo killer whales, pilot whales, orcas and an assortment of dolphin pods to photograph.



the vessel - domnik

The 30'x 14' Domnik is equipped with a dive platform, second bridge for viewing, and half-covered deck.

Big Animals Expeditions has specifically chartered this boat for an intimate group of four guests per expedition, which provides us with the best opportunity to get close to the sperm whales and other ocean giants we will encounter.

the whale whisperer



Big Animals Expeditions is teaming up with dive operator Andrew Armour, known to the diving community as the

'whale whisperer.' Andrew became friends with the local sperm whales after treating an injured whale he named Scar. Over time, Andrew and Scar grew to trust one another, and in an amazing show of harmony between man and nature, Scar has grown to be comfortable around other humans. Andrew wants to share his encounters with others, and you can join him through this exclusive Big Animals expedition.



domnik, 30'x14' vessel

amos nachoum

Professional photography will be done with Amos Nachoum, who was the BBC **wildlife photographer of the year** in 2007 and 2008.

Amos has **18 years experience** diving with sperm whales off the Azores, Sri Lanka, and Dominica.

Amos's explorations have been featured on National Geo, BBC and the **Discovery Channel.**

Big Animals Expeditions re-creates the same adventures and photo opportunities for you.



Worldwide Sperm Whale
Experience 18 years

Where Dominica, Lesser Antilles

NEXT TRIP

Date ~~January 11 - 20, 2012~~ **SOLD OUT**

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Date January 28 - February 6, 2012

Duration 9 days

Cost \$ 6800 per person

Max No. of Guests 4 guests

Availability 2 spaces

Prices above do not include airfare and
hotel accomodations

Registration

Deposit \$ 2300

Registration form at biganimals.com

Vessel

Domnik, 30'x14'

Activities

Snorkeling

Temperature

In Water: 80 - 82°F

Air: 76 - 84°

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dates and prices subject to change without prior notice



sperm whales socializing



soufriere, dominica



in hot pursuit



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