

Maui Humpback Whale Numbers Near Pre-Whaling Levels: A Conservation Triumph

Early signs from Maui Whale Adventures' 2024/2025 season show thriving humpback whale populations, nearing pre-whaling numbers—a true conservation success.

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Whale Numbers Near Pre-Whaling
Levels: A Promising Start to the
2024/2025 Season

[Maui Whale Adventures](#) is thrilled to announce the official start of the 2024/2025 whale-watching season, which commenced on December 15th.

Early observations indicate that the Pacific humpback whale population is thriving, with numbers approaching levels not seen since before the era of commercial whaling. This season promises to be an extraordinary time for both marine enthusiasts and conservationists.

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Our guests are witnessing breathtaking whale activity this season—proof of nature’s resilience and the power of conservation”

Captain Sarah Kahele

A Season of Hope and Discovery

“We’re already witnessing an incredible number of whale sightings this year,” says Captain Sarah Kahele, lead guide at Maui Whale Adventures. “Our guests have been treated to breathtaking displays of breaching, tail-slapping, and even mother-calf interactions just days into the season. It’s a powerful reminder of the resilience of nature and the

importance of ongoing conservation efforts.”

Every year, thousands of humpback whales migrate to the warm, shallow waters of Hawaii from their feeding grounds in Alaska. The journey, spanning over 3,000 miles, is a testament to the endurance and instinct of these majestic creatures. Once near extinction due to aggressive



"A tender moment: A humpback mother guides her newborn calf through Maui's crystal-clear waters, a symbol of hope and renewal for the species."

commercial whaling, humpback whale populations have made a remarkable recovery thanks to international protections and growing awareness about ocean conservation.

Early Signs of a Thriving Population

Marine biologists and whale watchers alike are optimistic about this season. Preliminary data from local researchers suggests that the population of humpback whales frequenting Hawaiian waters could be nearing pre-whaling levels, estimated at over 20,000 individuals. The resurgence of these whales is a direct result of conservation measures, including the 1966 International Whaling Commission ban on commercial hunting of humpbacks and the establishment of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary in 1992.

“The increasing numbers are a cause for celebration,” says Dr. Emily Wong, a marine biologist specializing in cetacean studies. “Humpbacks are not just recovering; they’re thriving. This is an incredible conservation success story, but it also serves as a reminder of the ongoing need to protect their habitats and minimize human impact.”

A Unique Opportunity for Visitors

Maui Whale Adventures offers visitors the chance to experience these gentle giants up close. Departing daily from Ka’anapali Beach, the company’s eco-friendly tours are led by knowledgeable guides who share insights about whale behavior, ecology, and the critical role these animals play in marine ecosystems.

This year, Maui Whale Adventures has introduced new initiatives to enhance the guest experience while prioritizing the well-being of the whales:

- **Hydrophone Listening Sessions**: Guests can now hear the hauntingly beautiful songs of male humpbacks live during tours, offering an auditory connection to the underwater world.
- **Conservation Education**: Each tour includes an educational segment highlighting the importance of preserving ocean habitats and reducing plastic pollution.
- **Sustainable Practices**: The company has committed to using biofuel-powered vessels, reducing their carbon footprint while ensuring safe and responsible whale watching.



The Maui Whale Adventures logo: Symbolizing our commitment to ocean conservation and unforgettable marine experiences.

Community and Conservation

Maui Whale Adventures is deeply rooted in the local community and dedicated to giving back. A portion of every ticket sale supports marine research and conservation projects, including efforts to monitor whale populations and protect their migratory routes.

“Our mission goes beyond providing unforgettable experiences,” says Leilani Makoā, CEO of Maui Whale Adventures. “We are stewards of the ocean, and it’s our responsibility to ensure that these waters remain a sanctuary for whales and other marine life for generations to come.”

A Call to Action

While humpback whale populations are on the rise, they still face numerous threats. Climate change, ocean noise pollution, and entanglement in fishing gear continue to jeopardize their recovery. Maui Whale Adventures encourages visitors and residents alike to take small but meaningful steps to protect the ocean, such as:

- Using reef-safe sunscreen to prevent harmful chemicals from entering marine ecosystems.
- Reducing single-use plastics to combat ocean pollution.
- Supporting organizations dedicated to marine conservation.

Experience the Magic

Whether you’re a seasoned whale enthusiast or a first-time visitor to Maui, there’s no better time to witness the awe-inspiring beauty of humpback whales. Maui Whale Adventures offers a variety of tours tailored to all ages and interests, including sunrise cruises, photography excursions, and private charters.

“Every tour is unique,” says Captain Kahele. “The whales surprise us every day with their playfulness, curiosity, and grace. It’s an experience that stays with you long after you’ve left the water.”

Looking Ahead

As the season unfolds, Maui Whale Adventures will continue to provide updates on whale sightings, research findings, and special events. Follow the company on social media or visit their website for the latest news and booking information.

To reserve your spot on a tour or learn more about the 2024/2025 whale-watching season, visit [www.mauiwhaleadventures.com](<http://www.mauiwhaleadventures.com>) or call (808) 707-5751.

About Maui Whale Adventures

Located on the picturesque Ka'anapali Beach, Maui Whale Adventures is a premier eco-tourism company specializing in whale-watching tours and marine education. With a commitment to sustainability and community engagement, the company aims to inspire a deeper appreciation for the ocean and its inhabitants. From breathtaking encounters with humpback whales to meaningful conservation initiatives, Maui Whale Adventures offers experiences that are as impactful as they are unforgettable.

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