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Brisbane Whale Watching.....closer than you think!

The mighty humpback whales are on their way back to the warm waters of Brisbane's Moreton Bay and Brisbane Whale Watching is gearing up for a bumper season 2011.

Season 2011 will officially commence on *Saturday 18th June*, just in time for the start of the Queensland Winter school holidays.

2011 marks Brisbane Whale Watching's 16th anniversary and to celebrate Brisbane Whale Watching are offering "Adults at Kids prices*" valid for travel midweek throughout the month of June.

"We look forward to welcoming guests from near and far to share in an unforgettable up close whale encounter as we celebrate Season 2011," said Kerry Lopez, captain and managing director of Brisbane Whale Watching.

"With the Eastern seaboard stock now back to full recovery since its pre-endangered levels, we estimate up to 12,000 whales will be sighted in the bay this season which should represent approximately 10-12% growth on previous season. This is confirmation of a healthy whale population migrating through the bay. Last season we sighted 173 new born calves.....amazing when you think back to 1964 there were just 100 in total!" confirmed Ms Lopez.

Brisbane Whale Watching is privileged to be one of only two permit holders licensed to operate commercial cruises in the Moreton Bay Marine Park – an aquatic paradise just a splash from Brisbane CBD.

"Not only are there the countless pods of playful Humpback whales to be sighted, but also the dolphins, logger-head turtles, bird-life and also some special repeat visitors, like Stitches, the whale identified with a cross mark."

The multi-million dollar purpose built luxury catamaran, MV Eye-Spy is skippered by the South Pacific's only female captain of a whale watching venture, Captain Kerry Lopez. Built to specifications for whale watching expeditions, Eye-Spy represents the ultimate in design, stability and technology. With a capacity to host up to three hundred guests, the six viewing decks and large bow allow for unobstructed viewing from all points. Floor to ceiling glass with air-conditioned comfort means staying inside will not hinder your viewing pleasure.

Enhanced seating along with excellent sea keeping qualities makes travelling to and from the whale sighting grounds both comfortable and enjoyable. Fitted with low noise propellers to minimize noise, while electronically controlled engines reduce fuel usage and exhaust emissions all ensure MV Eye-Spy remains environmentally friendly to both the whales and all other marine life.

The Brisbane Whale Watching experience includes a delicious morning and afternoon tea, plus a fresh sumptuous buffet lunch and expert marine commentary. Tours depart daily from the Redcliffe Jetty at 10am returning at approximately 2.30pm. Daily coach transfers are available from Brisbane CBD and the Sunshine Coast.

For further information and bookings visit www.brisbanewhalewatching.com.au

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