

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 10, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Embark on an unforgettable adventure and experience the annual epic journey of gray whales aboard Flagship Cruises & Events Whale Watching Tour with a naturalist from Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego. Celebrate our 14-year local partnership aboard twice-daily whale watching cruises departing from 990 North Harbor Drive, next to the USS Midway. Witness one of the longest mammal migrations in the world, when approximately 20,000 gray whales pass San Diego on their 10,000-mile round-trip journey from their Bering Sea feeding grounds to Baja California's lagoons, where they play, rest, breed and give birth.

Passengers will get an up-close look at these amazing animals aboard Flagship Cruises & Events vessels, while searching for seals, sea lions, dolphins, migrating birds and more. Naturalists from Birch Aquarium will showcase gray whale bio facts and will answer all of your marine animal questions. Don't forget warm clothing and binoculars!

In the past 14 years, Flagship Cruises & Events and Birch Aquarium have welcomed more than a quarter-million whale-watching seekers. Proceeds from the partnerships of these two historic San Diego organizations help support exhibits and educational programming at Birch Aquarium at Scripps, the largest provider of K-12 ocean science education in the San Diego region.

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Flagship Cruises & Events Delighting San Diego passengers since 1915, Flagship Cruises & Events offers extraordinary experiences in San Diego Bay, including gourmet dinner cruises, harbor cruises, holiday parties, private charters, corporate events, weddings, award-winning brunches, whale watching, ferry services, and water taxis. The unchanging part of this historical company's operations is their commitment to providing quality services at the best value to visitors and residents of San Diego. Their multilevel yachts are adorned with luxury finishes and cruise along 25 miles of waterfront scenery, to deliver a locally-sourced gourmet dining experience that is widely recognized as the best in its class.

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About Birch Aquarium at Scripps Birch Aquarium at Scripps is the public exploration center for the world-renowned Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego. Perched on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the aquarium features more than 60 habitats of fish and invertebrates from the cold waters of the Pacific Northwest to the tropical waters of Mexico and beyond. An interactive museum showcases research discoveries by Scripps scientists on climate, earth and ocean science and features five-dozen interactive elements. Accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Birch Aquarium has an annual attendance of more than 436,000, including 40,000 school children. In 2012, the aquarium celebrated its 20th anniversary at its current location, although a public aquarium has been part of Scripps Oceanography since its inception in 1903.

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