



Steveston Village Whale-Watching Comparison

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Steveston Whale Watching Tour Company Comparison Table

[Based on Internet information obtained in March of 2015]

	Vancouver Whale Watch	Seabreeze Adventures	Steveston Eco Tours
Website	http://www.vancouverwhalewatch.com	http://www.seabreezeadventures.ca/	http://www.stevestonecotours.ca/
Whale Tour Rates Adult	\$130	\$120	\$125/hour Exclusive Boat Hire
Student/Senior (ID Required)	\$100	\$100	N/A
Child	4-12 y/o \$75 3 and under Free	3-12 y/o \$75 2 and under Free	N/A
Number of Boats	3*	3	1
Passengers Per Boat	12, 45, 47	23	6
Whale Tour Time	3-5 hours	3-5 hours	4-6 hours
Departure Times (weather permitting)	April 1-July 1: 11am	April 1-June 17: 12pm	Personalized
	Jul 2-Sep 1: 9am & 2pm	Jun 18-Aug 31: 9am & 2pm	Personalized
	Sep 2-Oct 31: 11am	Sep 1-Oct 31: 11am	Personalized
Whale-Sighting Guarantee**	Yes	Yes	No
Life Vests Provided	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water-Proof Gear Provided	On the Lightship 1*	No	No

*All Vancouver Whale Watch boats are Zodiac crafts—they ride on top of the water rather than plowing through it. The 3rd boat in their fleet, the “Lightship 1,” is a small (12-person), open air zodiac that is available only between June 20th and August 30th. Children less than 8 years old are prohibited from boarding the Lightship 1.

“Some passengers consider the smaller open zodiac [Lightship 1] to be a more thrilling, adventurous experience.”

**If you don’t see whales during your tour, companies that offer a whale-sighting guarantee will give you a free pass to go on another tour, on another day. Although the pass has no expiry date, there will have to be unbooked space on the day you want to use your free pass. Thus, you may not be able to use it.

If you’ll be enjoying a whale-watching tour while in Vancouver (no matter which company you use), book it on the 1st or 2nd day of your visit so that you’ll have several days to use a whale-sighting guarantee free pass.

	Vancouver Whale Watch	Seabreeze Adventures	Steveston Eco Tours
Hydrophones to Hear the Whales	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water & Light Snack Provided	Yes	Yes	Yes
Binoculars Provided	No	No	Yes
Washrooms On Board***	Yes	Yes	“Portable Toilet”
Shorter (Cheaper) Tours Available [Whale-Sightings not “included” – but possible!]	Yes Sea Lion Tours http://www.vancouverwhalewatch.com/sea_lions.html	Yes Sea Lion Tours & Bird Watching Tours http://www.seabreezeadventures.ca/eco-tours/	Yes Sea Lion Safari & Fraser River Discovery http://www.stevestonecotours.ca/tours.html
Additional Considerations	\$15 round-trip Shuttle available from a few downtown Vancouver and Richmond hotels http://www.vancouverwhalewatch.com/shuttle.html Free Parking Pass at Steveston Lot #1	\$7.50 round-trip Shuttle available from a few downtown Vancouver and Richmond hotels http://www.seabreezeadventures.ca/shuttle/ Free Parking Pass at Steveston Lot #1	Enclosed & heated cabin w/ large observation windows (in addition to the outdoor viewing deck) Extended free parking time at Britannia Shipyards car parks

***“Washrooms” on all of these boats are extremely rudimentary and intended to be used only when a passenger cannot wait for the boat to quickly reach a dock with a public restroom. Thus, Steveston Eco Tours’ description of a “portable toilet” onboard is far more accurate.