



Naturalist

Salary:	Competitive day rate
Working hours:	8.30 - 17.00, approx. 5 - 6 days per week
Start date:	April - May (flexible)
Contract length:	4 - 6 months (depending on availability)
Location:	Tobermory, Isle of Mull
Application deadline:	February 15th, 2019

Join the UK's longest running whale and wildlife watching company. Gain credible experience and training to carry you on your career as a naturalist.

The Hebrides boast an abundance of marine mammals and seabirds, making it the number one whale watching destination in the UK. Sea Life Surveys has offered scenic whale watching cruises from Tobermory, on the Isle of Mull for almost 40 years. Our cruises are complemented by concurrent, onboard research into the minke whales, basking sharks and other amazing species that we regularly encounter.

We are seeking THREE naturalists to complete our team for 2019. Join us to gain first hand knowledge of charismatic UK species, acquire valuable boat-handling experience and contribute to the research aboard our whale watching vessels.

The perfect candidate will have unwavering enthusiasm come rain, shine, or lots of rain. We are looking for highly dynamic communicators, who love conveying their passion for wildlife to an informed, paying audience. Knowledge of UK marine wildlife is required and some previous guiding experience may be preferable.

THE ROLE

Your working day will be aboard one of our two WiSe accredited whale-watching vessels; *MV Sula Beag* or *MV Highest Apple*. Naturalists will be guiding to groups of typically 35 - 40 passengers, primarily face-to-face and occasionally via an overhead sound system. During our 7 hour or 4 hour cruises you will be expected to deliver the following:

- Expert interpretation of the species and landscapes that we encounter
- Support the skipper in ensuring the safety of the vessel and passengers at all times
- Onboard engagement activities
- A high standard of cleanliness across the boat before, during and after trips
- Refreshments
- Collection of photos for ongoing photo ID work and contributing to other species research onboard
- Wildlife spotting!
- Showing the world how incredible our trips are through Facebook Live, and Instagram etc.

YOU WILL GAIN

- Competitive day rate
- Extensive training; both pre-season and on-the-job
- Critical boat-handling experience
- Guiding experience from the UK's respected, premier whale-watching company
- Experience in contributing to citizen science research projects
- Opportunity to shape onboard research (where appropriate)
- Chance to work as part of a vibrant close-knit team

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- Ability to pass ML5 medical prior to starting
- Confident, experienced and enthusiastic public speaker
- Happy to work long, often physically hard days with high levels of positivity and working initiative
- Demonstrable knowledge of, and interest in, UK marine species (mammals and birds)
- Ability to live and work with colleagues as part of a small team
- Happy to work evenings and weekends

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

- Previous guiding experience
- Relevant marine sciences degree
- Experience using camera equipment
- Boat-handling experience

To apply, please send a short covering letter and up-to-date CV to Ella, at jobs@sealifesurveys.com. Application deadline is midnight, 15th February, 2019. Interviews will be held the week commencing 25th of February.

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