

# Italy Dolphin Monitoring & Sailing

*Help to track and monitor the dolphin populations in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Italy – home of pizza, Milano style and Italian dolce vita.*

Italy lies at the cultural heart of Western civilisation, home of everything from the Eternal City and Roman engineering, to the Renaissance masters and the best pizzas in the world, yet there is always more to see. A journey into Italy is to be embraced by the ambience of well over 2000 years of history. It is a country of great variety, whether you visit the rolling hills of Tuscany, the picturesque mountainous lakes around Como, the scintillating cities of the South or the powerhouses of the North, all characterised by the quintessential Italian dolce vita. Italy is the ever stylish, ever romantic, classical hub of the Western Mediterranean and few nations know better how to enjoy the good life. Therefore to sail the wine dark seas of Italy is to enjoy not only the landscape but the lifestyle.

***Check out our Italy Dolphin Monitoring Volunteer Interview video***

## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age of 18 years
- Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult
- This is a Frontier Connect project!

## FAST FACTS

<b>Location</b>	Ischia, Italy
<b>Activities</b>	Dolphin watching Underwater camera monitoring Behavioural data collection Photographic identification
<b>Accommodation</b>	On board an historical boat

## WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

Weather permitting you will sail out every weekday and help researchers in studying dolphin behaviour. This includes recording geographic position, assessing group size, composition and formation, observing the surface activity patterns and surfacing intervals. This sampling is complimented with acoustic recording of dolphin vocalisations to relate sounds produced to dolphin

behaviour. All participants are given an important role and are required to help in data collection. No previous experience is required. At the beginning of the week volunteers will be trained to undertake specific tasks including dolphin watching, underwater camera monitoring, behavioural data collection and photographic identification.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?

From Naples' Capodichino airport you will take the airport bus to Beverello, the principal harbour in Naples. From the harbour there are many ferry connections to the island of Ischia. You can take a hydrofoil for Casamicciola or Ischia Porto (travel time approximately 45 minutes, ticket cost around 12 Euro) or a ferry (travel time approximately 1 hour 30 minutes, ticket cost around 7 Euro). Arriving in Ischia Porto you will either be met by a friendly Frontier representative if there are a few of you arriving, if not you can reach the project site by local bus (travel time approximately 15 minutes, ticket cost around 1 Euro).

## WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?

You will be staying on board an historical boat, built in 1930 in Marseilles and designed by André Mauric. The entire boat is made from wood: the hull is built from oak, the deck is in teak and below deck is made from both mahogany and oak. The boat has room for five people (mixed sex accommodation in berth) and on the bow the 'sailor's cabin' has a further two places. There is an outside shower onboard, powered by sun, although you will also be able to go ashore to shower at the local port.

## WHAT WILL I BE EATING?

A great aspect of this amazing project is that it is self-catered. This is a fun element of travelling away from home as it gives you that added freedom and is a good opportunity to bond with fellow volunteers.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Watch Eloise talk about [her trip to Italy](#), where she took part in the Italy Dolphin Monitoring & Sailing project. She discusses the work done by the scientists on the boat as well as her thoughts on Italy and her time spent taking a career break.

## COSTS

1 week (low season)	US\$ 945
1 week (mid season)	US\$ 995
1 week (high season)	US\$ 1,095
Registration fee	US\$ 295

## **DEPARTURE DATES**

Project runs from May to September.

### **2019 start dates:**

20th May - 26th May- Low Season

27th May - 2nd June - Low Season

3rd June - 9th June - Low Season

10th June - 16th June - Low Season

17th June - 23rd June - Mid Season

24th June - 30th June - Mid Season

1st July - 7th July - Mid Season

8th July - 14th July - High Season

15th July - 21st July - High Season

22nd July - 28th July - High Season

29th July - 4th August - High Season

5th August - 11th August - High Season

12th August - 18th August - High Season

19th August - 25th August - High Season

26th August - 1st September - Mid Season

2nd September - 8th September - Mid Season

9th September - 15th September - Low Season

16th September - 22nd September - Low Season

23rd September - 29th September - Low Season

## **DURATION**

Minimum 1 week, maximum 3 weeks

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

### **Before you go**

- Comprehensive pre-departure support
- Travel & medical advice & documentation
- Equipment advice

- Discounted medical kit
- Free Frontier t-shirt

## **In-country**

- Accommodation
- Local orientation & project training
- In-country emergency support
- 24 hour international HQ backup

## **AIRPORT INFORMATION**

Nearest airport(s): Naples Capodichino Apt (NAP)

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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