

ORCA Cruise Conservationist

Job Title: ORCA Cruise Conservationist

Reporting to: Lucy Babey – Head of Science and Conservation

Location: At sea

Term: TBC - subject to individual cruise itineraries

Hours & Salary: TBC - subject to individual cruise itineraries

ORCA Purpose: ORCA are one of the UK's leading marine conservation charities, giving everyone who cares about whales and dolphins an active role in safeguarding their future. We combine the power of citizen science with corporate partnerships and innovative education and outreach to create safer spaces for marine life, protecting it for future generations to marvel at.

About the Cruise Conservationist Role

ORCA have been working on board cruise ships since 2007, giving guests unforgettable wildlife experiences and enhancing their understanding of the marine environment. ORCA Cruise Conservationists aim to give guests on board an amazing experience, engaging and inspiring them from the very start of their voyage to the very end. They act as passionate ambassadors for ORCA and are the face of the charity; our team reach tens of thousands of guests each year. ORCA Cruise Conservationists develop their own materials, programmes and activities to give a once-in-a-lifetime experience to the guests on board, delivering lectures, workshops, deck watches, games, activities and excursions that will truly change lives and inspire people. They need to be able to quickly adapt to any situation that may arise on board, and no two voyages are the same so every trip is an opportunity to try something new. Whilst on board Cruise Conservationists also collect vital data about the cetaceans seen during their voyage – though this is not the main focus of the trip, it gives us a critical insight into the health of the ocean and so we aim to use these platforms of opportunity to help monitor whales and dolphins globally.

Roles & Responsibilities include:

- Acting as a professional and passionate ambassador for ORCA
- Inspiring and engaging guests aboard cruise ships, talking to them enthusiastically and knowledgeably about wildlife, conservation and the work of ORCA
- Developing lectures, activities and materials, in advance and throughout the duration of the cruise, to the highest possible standard to deliver on board
- Building a fantastic working relationship with the team and crew on board, liaising daily about upcoming activities and seizing opportunities to engage guests and crew
- Conducting daily deck watches for guests, whilst also collecting vital sightings and effort data (sea days and in and out of port where appropriate)
- Writing an engaging wildlife report showcasing your cruise, to be sent to the ORCA Office within 1 week of your cruise end date. This will be published on the ORCA website and ORCA will send this to the company and guests
- Familiarising yourself with ORCA's work and latest projects by visiting the website www.orcaweb.org.uk and social media pages, so you can share this knowledge confidently
- Posting to ORCA's Twitter account with interesting and engaging content throughout your voyage (where possible and appropriate)
- Doing anything else necessary to ensure that guests on board have an unforgettable experience and go home with memories to last a lifetime

Person Specification (E= Essential, D= Desirable)

Experience & Knowledge	
Experience of giving presentations and talking to members of the public	E
Experience of working remotely and lone working	E
Experience in providing excellent customer service	E
Passion for wildlife and the natural world	E
Experience in science communication	E
Experience using social media	D
Experience of working with people of all ages, including children	D
Knowledge of marine wildlife, conservation and legislation	E
Experience organising and running events	D
Fundraising experience	D

Skills & Abilities	
Excellent public speaker	E
Marine wildlife identification skills	D
Confident communicator with excellent written and verbal communication skills – happy to talk to anyone at any time about wildlife, approachable and always enthusiastic	E
Excellent project management skills	E
Excellent IT skills	E
Excellent organisational skills	E
Excellent administration skills	E
Ability to think before you speak	E

Attitudes	
Self-starter with strong self-motivation, energy and drive	E
Takes responsibility for own areas of work – is conscientious and uses initiative	E
Willingness to work outside in all weather conditions	E
Positive and enthusiastic	E
A team player	E
Approachable to all guests at all times	E
Respectful of others views, opinions and beliefs	E
Committed to the aims and objectives of ORCA	E