

Bottlenose Dolphin Volunteer Research Project, Croatia

This Programme offers you the opportunity to join the longest ongoing study of a resident population of bottlenose dolphins in the Mediterranean Sea.

The aim of the project is to provide an overall picture of the population status and dynamics of the bottlenose dolphins around the islands of Lošinj and Cres, islands off the coast of Croatia.

Research

The research focuses on dolphin population dynamics, photo – identification, behavioural sampling, acoustic monitoring, and the collection of stranding data for genetic, forage ecology and toxicological analysis. Data is used to produce a regular report on the status and ecology of the population and to offer solutions for their effective conservation. From the research station at Veli Lošinj we monitor the daily behaviour of the bottlenose dolphins of the region. It is now possible to identify around 450 individual dolphins with the help of photo identification.

Dates

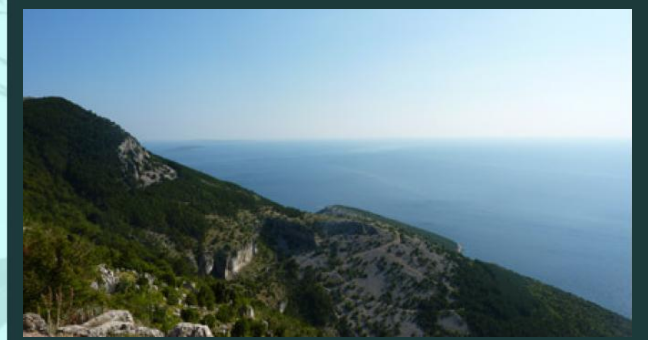
Project dates run for 12 days from May to September every year.

Requirements

Volunteers should be aged 18+, in good physical condition and be able to swim and tolerate hot weather and long periods on the boat. Should also be able to speak English, be committed to nature conservation and animal protection and have a positive attitude towards working with people from different countries.

Costs

The total cost ranges from £860 to £1005 GB pounds for 12 days (depending on course date). Discounts are available for students, group bookings and Croatian nationals on the balance payment (£750 to £825 pounds in Euros equivalent). This includes accommodation, food and drink, boat fuel, lectures, internet, basic insurance and scientific supervision.



Application information:

For more details and how to apply, visit

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