



## **NCOIL SPOUSAL/GUEST TOURS Boston, MA July 9 & 10**

### **FRIDAY, JULY 9 - BOSTON CHINATOWN MARKET - PRIVATE TOUR & LUNCH**

Please meet Sandy Feldman at 9:15 a.m. in the lobby of the Park Plaza Hotel where we'll join our tour guide, Jim Becker for a short walk to Chinatown. Join us as we enjoy fantastic sights and experience the culinary and cultural traditions in this sliver of Hong Kong in Boston. We'll learn the differences between the many regional cuisines of China and how to select the finest authentic ingredients. Here are some of the exciting things we'll experience:


- *A bakery offering the best Chinese sweets and learn the origin of Chinese Moon Cakes;*
- *A Barbecue Shop where we'll savor the tastes and smells of traditional Cantonese roasted meats;*
- *A Chinese Herbal Pharmacy where we'll learn the difference between Yin & Yang;*
- *The phenomenon known as "Bubble Tea";*
- *A market with exotic produce, fabulous seafood, and an endless array of spices;*

*We'll complete our tour with a delicious Dim Sum Luncheon hosted by our tour guide. **Cost per person: \$68.00 - includes tour, lunch, tax and tips.***

### **SATURDAY, JULY 10 - BOSTON HARBOR TOURS - WHALE WATCHING**

We'll meet in the lobby of the Park Plaza Hotel at 1:45 p.m., walk to the MBTA station and take the "T" to the Aquarium stop, *a short distance from Whale Watch Vessel*. Our 3-hr. tour will be narrated by professional researchers from the Whale Center of New England. You'll see The Humpback Whale, averaging about 50' in length and weighing about 37 tons. They look like large black submarines when they surface. There are refreshments on board for purchase and comfortable seating on 3 decks. **Cost: per person for boat tour, transportation, tax and tip is \$31.00.**

\*Comfortable shoes, sunscreen and light jacket for the boat is recommended.

 **Please register by June 25, 2010. Space is limited to 15 people for Friday's tour. There is no limit for the Saturday tour but we need your advance registration.**

**Friday - Tour & Lunch \$68.00 - July 9, 2010**

**Number in party \_\_\_\_\_**

**Saturday - Boston Harbor Whale Watching Tour \$30.00 Number in party \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*Please make your checks payable to:**

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**No refunds on day of event unless tour is cancelled due to inclement weather.**

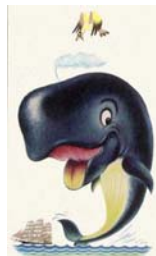
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### **Did You Know....**

According to The Whale Center of New England, the humpback got its name because its back arches out of the water when getting ready to take a deep dive. "Megaptera" is its scientific name, which means "large-winged," in reference to its long flippers. Each humpback has distinct black and white markings on its fluke (tail). Since no two flukes are alike, scientists use these markings to distinguish one humpback from another.

When humpbacks leap up into sight, it's not because they like putting on a show. They're actually "lunge feeding" - plowing through heavy areas of food with their mouths open wide, ready for the catch. While you're taking pictures, they're dining on schools of fish like anchovies, cod and capelin.

Humpbacks are also famous for their "singing." These mammals can put Pavarotti to shame: they're capable of hitting octaves that include frequencies humans can't pick up. Male humpbacks are the divas, with songs lasting as long as half an hour - and then repeated with slight changes. While singing, the whale floats essentially motionless, head down in the water. The purpose of the song is believed to be mating or possible male dominance/ aggressive behavior. Scientists also believe humpbacks communicate by slapping the water with their fins and tail flukes, which creates noise other whales can hear far away under water.



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