**Whale Watching Half-day tour by the Gulf of Chiriquí from Hotel Bocas del Mar**

This particular half-day tour by the Gulf of Chiriquí starts in the morning at the pier of Hotel Bocas del Mar; you will set sail from the pier to start the exciting adventure of going all over the gulf and to watch whales. From late July to October, warm waters draw humpback whales and other whale species down; they migrate from cold waters for breeding. The excitement is unique when contemplating closely huge whales that emerge from the sea; this is something you shouldn’t miss! The guide and the captain have prepared themselves very well to give you the opportunity to watch whales, especially for those who think that animals’ protection and safety is a priority. The National Marine Park, founded in 1994 in order to protect 148 kilometers in length of barrier reefs and marine ecosystems, is one of the best kept secrets in Panamá. Islands burst with flora and fauna, olive ridley sea turtles, hawksbill sea turtles and leatherback sea turtles choose them in order to nest; forests diffuse the racket of howler monkeys and pelicans fly around on and on in search of food. The park is also famous for its distant and lonely beaches of white sand, surrounded by crystalline water where it is possible to swim among multiple tropical fish, an additional attraction for snorkeling and nature lovers.

DURATION: approximately 4 hours.

TIME: to be agreed.

GUIDE: Spanish/English speaker guide.

IT INCLUDES: shuttle service from/to the hotel, tours and snorkeling equipment.

RECOMMENDED OUTFIT: comfortable clothes and shoes, swimsuit, towel, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and raincoat.

NOTE: it is offered from late July to October. Probabilities to watch whales are high; however, they are not for sure.