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Orca whales

Orcinus orca – two adults and one calf breaching, Tysfjord, Arctic Norway.

'Breach' is the term for when a whale or dolphin leaps out of the water, often twisting and then falling sideways back into the water



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Sperm whales

Physeter macrocephalus – whale pod swimming.

A 'pod' is a group of whales. Some extended family groups will stay together for the lifetime of the whales within them



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Whale-watching

Orcinus orca – single adult and calf, breaching near tourist boat, Tysfjord, Arctic Norway.
Responsible, educational whale and dolphin-watching can benefit both the animals and the local communities