

Analysis of Mizen Course Evaluation Nov 8

Cetacean identification and Whale watching on the Southwest coast with Pdraig Whooley, IWDG

1 Have you enjoyed the course?			
	YES	NO	Comment
1	1		
2	1		Excellent, very informative, good PowerPoint presentation, simple and communicative
3	1		Immensely
4	1		Very much so
5	1		
6	1		
7	1		
8	1		Very much
9	1		Very much
10	1		Most definitely It was very well presented Powerpoint. Information pack very comprehensive
11	1		
12	1		Loved it. The bones and baleen plates, the teeth and whale meat were very fascinating
13	1		
14	1		Immensely, First time doing it, Great enjoyment throughout
15	1		
16	1		Good day out
17	1		overall
18	1		Although lack of heating in the room made it uncomfortably chilly for some members of the
19	1		Brilliant; although room was a little cold
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Total	19		

2 Has the course been instructive?			
	YES	NO	Comment
1	1		
2	1		Sadly weather conditions unsuitable for whale & dolphin sightings
3	1		Absolutely
4	1		Very educational
5	1		
6	1		
7	1		
8	1		I came with no knowledge
9	1		
10	1		I feel my knowledge of cetaceans in our coastal waters has been increased 10 fol.
11	1		
12	1		Extremely Took tons of notes
13	1		
14	1		Absolutely Very detailed information regarding the subject. I learnt quite a lot today
15	1		
16	1		Learned about species in Ireland
17	1		Very interesting
18	1		
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Total	19		

3 Would you recommend the course to others?

	YES	NO	Comment
1	1		
2	1		
3	1		Definitely
4	1		Absolutely
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6	1		
7	1		Definitely
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9	1		Highly
10	1		
11	1		
12	1		Definitely If there were more this winter I would definitely attend
13	1		
14	1		Certainly Even for people with only a mild or little interest in the subject this course will make
15	1		Good for general information of Ireland's cetaceans and for identification of our most common
16	1		
17	1		Anyone who would like to know or improve knowledge of all sea mammals and whales
18	1		
19	1		
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Total	19		

4 Did you enjoy the style of the instructor?

	YES	NO	Comment
1	1		Video and sounds would be good
2	1		Full of information
3	1		Very much
4	1		
5	1		
6	1		
7	1		Very good delivery & quality presentation slides, PowerPoint and exhibits
8	1		
9	1		
10	1		Padraig delivered the course with humour, conciseness and with great passion
11	1		Brisk presentation of factual content, Dry humour
12	1		Loved the enthusiasm & the passion. (Just like Brendan Price)
13	1		Very enthusiastic
14	1		Articulate, amusing and deeply passionate and knowledgeable about the subject. Very inspiring
15	1		Very informative
16	1		Nice and relaxed
17		1	I was made to feel questions were stupid - patronised. But overall he was interesting. Handled well
18	1		Excellent
19	1		Entertaining as always
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Total	18	1	

5 Did the course fulfill your expectations?

	YES	NO	Comment
1			Weather limited for field experience
2	1		
3	1		Most certainly
4	1		Sure did

5	1	Very much so. Pity about the weather
6	1	
7	1	
8	1	
9	1	Apart from not seeing any whales (real life)
10	1	
11	1	
12	1	Everything except the whale - I mean wave watching!
13	1	
14	1	Certainly. It brought home to me the sheer fascination of the subject along with its place in
15	1	It would have been more enjoyable if it had been organised for more ideal conditions for wh but that is obviously quite difficult in winter months
16	1	Everything bar the weather
17		For the most part
18	1	
19	1	
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Total	17	

6 Did you think the course was value for money?

	YES	NO	Comment
1	1		Bit pricey but OK
2	1		
3	1		Very good
4	1		Excellent value for money
5	1		
6	1		
7	1		
8	1		I thought quite expensive as I work part time. I don't know if ye offer discounts for students
9	1		
10	1		
11	1		
12	1		
13	1		
14	1		I do indeed Mizen is a beautiful location and the centre is well equipped for food and learnin
15	1		
16	1		
17	1		
18	1		
19	1		Absolutely
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Total	19		

7 How much would you have paid for the course?

	More	50	Comment
1		1	Not more than this
2		1	€50 member of IWDG
3		1	Was just the right amount
4	1		€70
5		1	€50 about right
6		1	€50
7		1	Pitched at right price as is
8		1	€50 as not great sandwich options for vegetarians
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11	1	€63	
12	1	€65	
13	1	€50 -€65	
14		1	I am happy with cost of course 50 for IWDG member
15		1	Not anymore than I paid
16		1	The price was fair
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18		1	€50
19		1	Whilst the course represented excellent value for money I feel it was pitched just right to attract delegates
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Total	4	12	

**8 Are there any other subjects you would like to study at the Mizen?
(We are offering courses in Birdwatching and Geology next Spring)**

	Other	Marine	Birds	
1		1		Marine flora & fauna of shoreline
2			1	Esp interested in birdwatching. What about flora and fauna?
3		1		Other courses relating to marine life
4			1	Possibly both of the topics mentioned
5			1	Birdwatching maybe
6		1		Seashore life
7	1	1		Keep email info coming through. Other marine wildlife; local history and im
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9		1	1	Birdwatching and whales again
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12			1	Birdwatching
13	1	1		The study of the whole lighthouse/shipping/maritime would be interesting
14			1	Birdwatching
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Total	2	6	6	

9 Was a 1 day course best or would you prefer a longer course?

	2 day	1 day	Comment
1		1	1 day or weekend with birds, whales and ecology
2		1	Probably 1 day course
3		1	Was perfect , fine
4		1	1 day is best
5		1	1 day probably enough
6	1		Weekend course, 2 days
7		1	Obviously very weather dependent but would also enjoy boat trip if conditions allowed/
8		1	1 day course enough for starter course otherwise it would be information overload. Better to spend a season whale watching and return for another course.
9	1		More than 1 day- esp from the perspective of long distance travel
10		1	One day was perfect as an introductory step. A weekend with more practical sessions would
11		1	One day is enough

12 1 One day was best for me - hard to escape the seal sanctuary for any longer
 13 1 1 day
 14 1 1 day course in winter. 1 weekend or longer in Spring/summer
 15 1 1 day was sufficient
 16 1 1 day was enough
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 18 1 1 day course was best
 19 1 Just right
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Total 2 16

10 Will you come back to the Mizen again?

	Yes	No	Comment
1	1		For a course, not just the exhibition centre
2	1		
3	1		For appropriate course
4	1		Yes I will. Excellent spot We were well looked after
5	1		
6	1		
7	1		Always love it. Became a shareholder a few years back
8	1		
9	1		
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11	1		
12	1		Definitely
13	1		
14	1		Most certainly P.G. An experience not to be missed
15	1		Hopefully would like to see some whales and dolphins off this coast.
16	1		Enjoyed the day and it was well laid out
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18	1		Maybe whale watching should be better advertised in the main building Including a sightings
19	1		
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Total 17

10 Where did you stay?

	Fri/Sat		
1	Home	x 2 nights	Iniscarra
2	Home		Dunmanway with friends
3	Home	x 2 nights	
4	Family Holiday Home close by	x 2 nights	
5	Home	x 2 nights	
6	Home		
7	Baltimore	x 2 nights	Baltimore
8	Friend's house outside Baltimore	x 2 nights	
9	The Heron's Cove, Goleen	x 2 nights	
10	The Heron's Cove, Goleen	x 2 nights	
11	Staying locally	x 2 nights	
12	Top of the Hill Hostel Baltimore	x 2 nights	
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14	Home	x 2 nights	
15	Home	The Heron's Cove Goleen	x 1 night
16	Home	The Heron's Cove Goleen	x 1 night

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18 x 2 nights Kinsale Staying 1 week from UK
19 x 2 nights Kinsale Staying 1 week from UK
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Additional comment

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2 Homemade food excellent
3 The service was very good
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7 Intro to IWDG website, sightings and info stats would be useful. A great location, facilities clean.
Well presented well informed staff, friendly. Good lunch & coffee
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11 Advise people to bring gloves. Advise strong winds down at the head, Signs and info as Gaeilge
Great selection of model ships in the shop and other very unusual merchandise
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13 Staff at Mizen try smiling
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17 Food was excellent
18 Excellent food and drinks
19 Excellent refreshments and lunch, thank you
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