These guidelines refer to all cetacean species as “whales”.

LEARN TO UNDERSTAND WHALE BEHAVIOURS AND ACT CONSEQUENTLY
– Stay away from resting whales.
– Stay away from whales that show signs of stress, fear and avoidance.
– Don’t disturb feeding whales.

CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCE OVERALL BOAT NUMBER
– Maximum 3 boats observing 1 situation.
– Maximum time 30 minutes.

BE CAUTIOUS
– Stay at an appropriately remote distance and keep quiet.
– Approach whales slowly, less than 5 knots within 300m, at constant speed, from the side and slightly to the rear.
– Move parallel to moving whales, not directly from behind, neither head-on, nor intercepting the path.
– Use minimum speed from 100m and idle speed from 50m. If whales approach the boat, go to engine neutral and only re-engage when passed.
– Don’t encircle whales or block their freedom of movement out of an area.

INFORM, EDUCATE AND INSPIRE YOUR GUESTS
Share your knowledge with your guests. Tell them about the whales and the marine environment and how to contribute to their protection.

BEWARE OF OTHER CRAFT OPERATING IN THE AREA

NO SWIMMING/DIVING WITH WHALES
Responsible whale watching is about respect, safety and quality.

Please read the full guidelines document linked here: https://www.visittromso.no/en/guidelines-whalewatching

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