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Orca Project: A Meeting of Nations

Encounter orca whales close up. These giant dolphins are the only dominant species on earth that does not make war. Though much smaller, females govern orca societies, the most stable known.

Why do the Makaw whalers of Puget Sound say that the orca is "one step above God"? The coastal cultures of the Pacific Northwest speak as one: "They never attacked us until we attacked them; then they attacked us back but only the culprits who had attacked them; and, we have had peace ever since."

Learn from Dr. Randall Eaton whose Orca Project volunteers befriended wild orcas in B.C. in 1985. Internationally recognized for his work in animal behavior and wildlife conservation, Dr. Eaton has been studying orcas since 1976. He discovered a new race/culture of orcas in Costa Rica in 2005.

Author/editor of 15 books, two of which received national awards, Eaton wrote *The Orca Project: A Meeting of Nations*. His TV production, "Orca: the Sacred Whale" received first place among natural history broadcasts in 2000. Volunteers will help Eaton study and film orcas. They also will help him conduct interviews of native elders about their tribes' fascinating history Of interaction with orcas.

Nine 6-day expeditions are scheduled for July 10, 17, and 24, August 1, 8, 15 and 22, and September 1 and 8. Volunteers will be able to snorkel, scuba dive, fish and kayak.

Cost is \$775/person exclusive of travel. Volunteers meet at Orcas Island ferry dock or airport. Families are welcome.

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