

CHANNEL ISLANDS MARINE EXPERTS IDENTIFY DOLPHIN ACCENTS JUST OFF THE COAST OF FRANCE



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London, July 2024 – Regional accents have been identified in the Channel Islands’ dolphin population, according to Jersey marine expert Dr Paul Chambers. This bizarre phenomenon, which has been recorded throughout the world by marine specialists, has now been spotted amongst the archipelago’s 400 bottlenose dolphins, which make different clicks compared to dolphins found throughout the globe.

The Channel Islands’ dolphin population has been seen surging dramatically in recent years, and it is common for locals and visitors alike to spot pods of these graceful marine mammals leaping in and out of the waters surrounding the coast. The most common species are bottlenose dolphins and common dolphins, although harbour porpoises, Risso’s dolphins and Minke whales have also been found nearby. Earlier in 2024, a humpback whale was also spotted by a group of children returning from Sark to Jersey.

Dolphins can simply be spotted on a ferry crossing between the Islands, such as during the short crossings between Guernsey and its sister islands Herm and Sark or during the ferry journey between the UK and Jersey or Guernsey. Those wanting to learn more about these magnificent animals can also embark on a ‘[Herm Explorer Wildlife Voyage](#)’ RIB tour with [Guernsey RIB Voyages](#) or take part in a [kayaking experience around Herm](#) with Outdoor Guernsey.

The picturesque Channel Islands, comprising Guernsey, Jersey, Herm, Sark, Alderney and Lihou, are Anglophone members of the British Islands, just a stone’s throw from the Normandy coast. Travel to the Islands starts at just 30 minutes by plane or three hours by ferry, making them a fantastic place to spot dolphins within easy access of mainland Britain.

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