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By Online Editors
'Incredible,
powerful, pure
magic' - Killer
whales spotted off
the Irish coast.

Photo: Britta Wilkens

The pictures were captured by Nick Massett of the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group.

Britta Wilkens was on the boat with Mr Massett and described the sighting as "magical".

Two killer whales have been spotted swimming off the Blasket Islands in Co Kerry this week.

The two male orcas have been identified as 'John Coe', a well-known killer whale, and 'Aquarius'.

A large group of whale watchers spotted the mammals, who it is believed were hunting seals in the area.

'John Coe' has been seen off the Irish coast on a number of occasions.

"An early morning text message from Nick Massett usually means something exciting is happening on the cetacean front. One of them was instantly recognisable by a large chunk missing out of its dorsal fin - John Coe - a member of the Scottish West Coast Community of Killer Whales and a sometime visitor to our shores.

"Very calm conditions on the water added to the magic of this encounter, with the powerful blows audible in the absence of any wind.

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By C Dillon

Off to MajORCA!

Two orcas have been spotted off the south coast of Majorca heading towards the Mediterranean Sea.

Photo: Britta Wilkens

Britta Wilkens was on the boat with a friend and described the sighting as "magical".

Two orcas have been spotted swimming close to the coast of Majorca, an island that is a tourist hotspot off the east coast of Spain.

Orcas are found in waters all over the world and are one of the most powerful predators to roam the oceans. They are instantly recognisable due to their distinctive black and white pattern.

Talking to Teaching Cave Times about her first trip on a boat, Britta explained, "It was perfect conditions for sailing and for taking pictures. I left the harbour at 1pm and was out at sea all afternoon with my friend. I got amazing shots of dolphins and snapped a loggerhead turtle as it surfaced. I had no idea what I was going to witness next."

Britta, a 23-year-old girl from Dublin, Ireland explained that it was moments after sunset that she heard the blow of a whale, port side of their boat.

"Swiftly, I ran from starboard side and was stunned to see not one, but two dorsal fins of orcas," she told our reporter.

"Fortunately, I still had my camera around my neck and I quickly took a picture. It was one of the most spectacular and magical moments of my life. A holiday to remember," said the photography student.

If you have any breathtaking pictures of marine wildlife, then send an email to cdillon@news.com and you may get a chance to share your experience with the world.

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Newspaper Report

What do you know about the girl who
took the picture?

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What do you know about the location of
the story?

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If you could give the story a new title
what would it be?

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Can you make a list of the positive words
from the story?

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What other information did you learn
from the story?

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Vocabulary – Experience - noun

Definition: An event or occurrence which
leaves an impression on someone.

Vocabulary – Stunned - adjective

Definition: So shocked that one is
temporarily unable to react to a situation.