

Beluga Whale Sanctuary

HOME TO THE OCEAN:

Little Grey and Little Whites' Journey to SEA LIFE TRUST Beluga Whale Sanctuary

Beluga Whale Sanctuary, Heimaey Island



Changfeng Ocean World, Shanghai, China







Shanghai, CHINA









Truck, 33 miles

From Chanffeng Ocean World aquarium to Shanghai Pu Dong Airport



Plane, 5,581 miles

Shanghai Pu Dong Airport to Keflavik International Airport Iceland



Truck, 108 miles

Keflauik International Airport to Landeyjahofn ferry terminal



Ferry, 9 miles

Landeyjahofn ferry terminal to Vestmannaeyjar on Heimaey Island

Distance total = 5731 miles

Time: approx 30 hours

Vehicles involved:





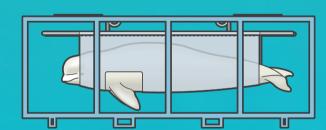






First of a kind

This is the first time a sanctuary of this kind has been created to rehabilitate captive cetaceans such as whales and dolphins. A team of global experts will help coordinate the belugas' journey by land, sea and air to their new home.



Relocation training

Little Grey and Little White will take part in special training programme to best prepare them for the trip where they will learn new skills, behaviours and interact with new objects such as stretchers used in their relocation.

Getting ready for Iceland

The water around Iceland is much colder than the belugas are used to. Ahead of being released into the bay, Little Grey and Little White will gradually be acclimatised to cooler water and their calorie intake will increase to help them put on extra blubber to keep them insulated against the colder conditions.

Building confidence

To help Little Grey and Little White gain confidence, the project team will carefully introduce them to creatures such as crabs and other shellfish as well as plant life and sea kelp found in the local area.







