



Tour 1 Itinerary - Arrival of the Humpbacks – 26th July – 4th August 2017

Wed 26	Thurs 27	Fri 28	Sat 29	Sun 30	Mon 31	Tues 1	Wed 2	Thurs 3	Fri 4
Water	Water	Water	Water	Leisure day	Water	Water	Water	Water	Leisure day/Flight

Tour Summary:

As the Humpbacks arrive in the warm tropical waters of Vava'u to breed and give birth, we spend 8 days exploring the northern most group of islands in the Kingdom of Tonga. The tour starts from your resort where we pick you up at 7:00am every day for a day of swimming with the whales. We stop for lunch around coral reefs and stunning caves for some of the best snorkeling in the world.

Daily Itinerary:

Day 1	7:00am	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling.
	Anytime	Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Day 2	7:00am	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling.
	Anytime	Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Day 3	7:00am	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling.
	Anytime	Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Day 4	7:00am	Pickup from your resort for a day of

	Anytime	whale watching & snorkeling. Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Day 5	Leisure Day	Sunday's are a time for rest in Tonga and most places are closed except for the Café's. You can still spend the day exploring the islands, snorkeling near your resort or just relaxing on a beach.
Day 6	7:00am	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling.
	Anytime	Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Day 7	7:00am	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling.
	Anytime	Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Day 8	7:00am	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling.
	Anytime	Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Day 9	Leisure Day	Sunday's are a time for rest in Tonga and most places are closed except for the Café's. You can still spend the day exploring the islands, snorkeling near your resort or just relaxing on a beach.

Tonga Time:

The schedule above is a guide and things change often when you are on an Island in Tonga. The locals are on what we call 'Tonga Time', so don't be disappointed if the skipper is late, or your meals are not served on time, or you don't get exactly what you ask for, just relax and enjoy this tropical paradise.

Activities:

We try to visit some of the most amazing snorkeling spots in Vava'u as we search for the whales, including untouched coral reefs, caves and lagoons. But if you haven't had enough after 7 days on the water there are always lots of other adventures:

- Scuba Diving
- Sailing
- Kayaking
- Deep Sea Fishing
- Land tours
- Hiring a scooter

Preparation Checklist:

-Check your flights and connections to Tonga and make sure you have confirmed your domestic flights to Vava'u.

-Check to make sure that you have booked your accommodation well in advance and that you have booked either side of your tour if you are arriving early or staying longer.

At Swimming with Gentle Giant's we think it is a privilege to snorkel with these amazing creatures and understand they are wild animals that deserve our respect. We are visitors in their environment and our encounters are often determined by the whales.