



**Tour 5 Itinerary – Humpbacks in Spring time – 4<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Mon 4	Tues 5	Wed 6	Thurs 7	Fri 8	Sat 9	Sun 10	Mon 11	Tues 12	Wed 13
Water	Water	Water	Leisure day	Water	Water	Leisure day	Water	Water	Water

**Tour Summary:**

These gentle giants of the sea give birth in the tropical waters of Vava'u to ensure the safety of their new born calves. You will be witness to the bond between mother and calf and the unique behaviour that can only be experience by observing these amazing creatures in their natural environment. Your day is filled with excitement and admiration only stopping to explore the coral gardens and abundant marine life that inhabits Tonga.

**Daily Itinerary:**

Day 1	7:00am Anytime 3:30-4:30pm	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling. Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day. Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Day 2	7:00am Anytime 3:30-4:30pm	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling. Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day. Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Day 3	7:00am Anytime 3:30-4:30pm	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling. Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day. Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Day 4	<b>Leisure Day</b>	Spend the day exploring the islands, snorkeling, diving, Quad bike riding or just relaxing on a beach. There are plenty of activities to keep you entertained.

Day 5	7:00am Anytime 3:30-4:30pm	Pickup from your resort for your first day of whale watching & snorkeling. Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day. Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Day 6	7:00am Anytime 3:30-4:30pm	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling. Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day. Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
<b>Day 7</b>	Leisure Day	<b>Sunday's</b> are a time for rest in Tonga and most places are closed except for the Caf��s. You can still spend the day exploring the islands, snorkeling near your resort or just relaxing on a beach.
Day 8	7:00am Anytime 3:30-4:30pm	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling. Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day. Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Day 9	7:00am Anytime 3:30-4:30pm	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling. Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day. Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Day 10	7:00am Anytime 3:30-4:30pm	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling. Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day. Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.

### **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 8 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.*