

CHECKLIST



- Make sure your **passport** has at least 6 months left on it before coming to Tonga otherwise you may be turned back. Also check if there are any Visa requirements for your country of origin.
- Send me your **international and local flight details** at least 1 month prior to your tour. If you haven't booked these yet, now is the time to check your flights and connections to Tonga and make sure you have confirmed your domestic flights to Vava'u.
- It is very important that you have **travel insurance** as Tonga is a place where many things change that can affect your travel arrangements. Travel insurance will cover you for loss of baggage and changes to flights outside your control as well as possible tour cancellations.
- Keep **electronic versions** of your documentation on your phone, laptop, devices or even online so you can access them if needed. But **print your tickets** for Tonga as a backup.
- Have you booked your **accommodation in Vava'u or Tongatapu** before and after your tour? If so, please let me know where you are staying. Check your tour package to see what accommodation is included
<http://swimmingwithgentlegiants.com/tour-dates-prices/>
- Have you got a **wetsuit** (or just a wetsuit/sharkskin top if you prefer - this is purely for buoyancy and warmth if needed) we can provide mask, snorkel, fins and wetsuits on the boat if you need them.

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- Be aware that **Sundays are a day of rest** in Tonga, so nothing is open. Some restaurants are open in the evenings, but you should plan ahead.
- Send us your **dietary requirements** for lunches on the boat each day if you haven't already.
- Do you need advice about purchasing **cameras, lenses, equipment** etc (we can also provide a list of hire places e.g. www.camerahire.com.au)
- Are you looking to go **diving, snorkeling, kayaking** or partake in any other activities on your leisure days or before and after your tours? If so, some activities need to be booked at least 2 weeks in advance.
- Download some **useful Apps** to help you on your travels: Air NZ, Sydney Airport, Google translate, Tripit, Google Maps, Maps.me etc
- If you plan to make phone calls from Tonga to home, we suggest you purchase a local **SIM card** in these places with data, as it works out a lot cheaper than using a roaming service from home. **Note:** internet speeds are very slow in Tonga and are sometimes down for hours or even days.
- Have you signed the **liability waiver** and sent this back to us?
- Bring **seasick tablets** if you feel motion sickness.
- Bring a spray jacket or **wind proof jacket** on the boat with you, as it can get cold when you are in and out of the water several times a day.
- Air temperature is about 25 - 28 degrees Celsius and the water temperature is about 26 degrees Celsius, so pack light clothes, bathing suits, shorts, T-shirts etc
- Check our **FAQ's** for any questions you may need answered:
<http://swimmingwithgentlegiants.com/faqs/>