



Tour 1 Itinerary - Arrival of the Humpbacks – 8th - 16th August 2012

		Wed 8th	Thur 9th	Fri 10th	Sat 11th	Sun 12th	Mon 13th	Tues 14th	Wed 15th	Thur 16th
Group 1 (8 Day)	Aug 8th - 16th	Water	Water	Water	Water	Leisure	Water	Water	Water	Water

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 8:30am 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:

Wednesday 8 th	8:30am	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.
Thursday 9 th	8:30am	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.
Friday 10 th	8:30am	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.
Saturday 11 th	8:30am	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.

Sunday 12 th	Leisure Day	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.
Monday 13 th	8:30am	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.
Tuesday 14 th	8:30am	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.
Wednesday 15 th	8:30am	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.
Thursday 16 th	8:30am	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.

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.