



Tour 4 Itinerary – September Mothers and Calves - 12th - 20th September 2012

		Wed 12th	Thur 13th	Fri 14th	Sat 15th	Sun 16th	Mon 17th	Tue 18th	Wed 19th	Thur 20th
Group 4 (8 day)	Sept 12th- 20th	Water	Water	Water	Water	Leisure day	Water	Water	Water	Water

Tour Summary:

The middle of the season sees lively calves and nurturing mothers lazing their days away in the crystal clear water around the Islands of Vava'u. Curious calves explore their environment and seek out interactions with the new world they have entered. Snorkeling coral reefs and impressive caves adds to the unique natural phenomenon that is Vava'u. Each day brings a new experience.

Daily Itinerary:

Wednesday 12 th	8:30am	Pickup from your resort for your first 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 13 th	8:30am	Pickup from your resort for your first 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 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.
Saturday 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.

Sunday 16 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 17 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 18 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 19 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 20 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.