



Tour 5 Itinerary – Humpbacks in Spring time – 24th to 3rd October 2012

		Mon 24th	Tue 25th	Wed 26th	Thur 27th	Fri 28th	Sat 29th	Sun 30th	Mon 1st	Tue 2nd	Wed 3rd
Group 5 (8 day)	Sept 24th- Oct 3rd	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:

Monday 24 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.
Tuesday 25 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 26 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 27 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.
Friday 28 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 29 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 30 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 1 st	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 2 nd	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 3 rd	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.