

Your Itinerary

1010A Whales in Paradise A

20 – 28 August 2010

Get ready for a great time with the WhaleSwim™ Adventures Team
and the South Pacific Humpback Whales of Tonga!!!!

Friday 20 August	12.30pm	Welcome Lunch in Neiafu, Vava'u & Briefing
	2.30pm	Transfer to Eu'eiki Island Eco Resort
	3.45pm	Arrive Eu'eiki Island Eco Resort - check in
	7.00pm	Dinner
Saturday 21 August	8.30 – 9.30	Breakfast
	10.00 am	Board "Makaira" and depart to the whales. 'How to swim with the whales' and boat briefing. Lunch onboard & snorkeling
	3.30pm	Arrive Eu'eiki Island Eco Resort
	7.00pm	Dinner
Sunday 22 August	8.30 – 9.30	Breakfast
	10.00 am	Board "Makaira" and depart to the whales. Lunch onboard & snorkeling
	3.30pm	Arrive Eu'eiki Island Eco Resort
	7.00pm	Dinner
Monday 23 August	9.00 – 10.00	Breakfast Day at leisure
	7.00pm	Dinner
Tuesday 24 August	8.30 – 9.30 am	Breakfast, pack bags & check out
	10.00 am	Board "Makaira" with the whales. Lunch & snorkeling
	4.00pm	Arrive Reef Resort - check in
	7.00 pm	Dinner
Wednesday 25 August	8.00 – 9.00 am	Breakfast
	9.15 am	Board "Makaira" with the whales. Lunch & snorkeling
	4.00pm	Arrive Reef Resort
	7.00 pm	Dinner
Thursday 26 August	8.00 – 9.00 am	Breakfast
	9.15 am	Board "Makaira" with the whales. Lunch & snorkeling
	4.00pm	Arrive Reef Resort
	7.00 pm	Dinner
Friday 27 August	8.00 – 9.00 am	Breakfast
	9.15 am	Board "Makaira" with the whales. Lunch & snorkeling
	4.00pm	Arrive Reef Resort
	7.00 pm	Farewell Dinner
Saturday 28 August	.30 – 9.30 am	Breakfast Completion of tour. Arrange boat/land transfer back to Neiafu with Whaleswim and Reef

We do our best to keep to this time-table, however this can sometimes be difficult in Tonga! Our boat and skipper are chartered from 8.30am – 5pm each day. It is a 1 hour 15min boat trip to/from Eu'eiki Island Eco Resort therefore the boat pick up times have to allow for this.

If we have a 'late' afternoon whale encounter and the group agrees to a later return time, TOP\$100 per hour or part of each hour is to be paid (approx \$8 per person) to WhaleSwim Adventures, over and above your tour price.



On your arrival in Tongatapu (Nuku'alofa) you will be met by our driver Edward (photo on left) and transferred to either the domestic terminal or your overnight accommodation you have booked with us and back to the airport for your domestic flight to Vava'u.

You need to be in Vava'u before Lunch time on Friday 20 August, so if you are traveling from Australia with Pacific Blue on Thursday – you will need to book the first domestic flight to Vava'u which departs at 8am – it is a 50min flight to Vava'u. If arriving from Fiji, Auckland, or LAX, you will need to be in Vava'u, prior to Friday 20 August. You will be met by one of our WhaleSwim team in Vava'u transferred to the town of Neiafu. You are free to have breakfast, explore the town, visit the local market, shop and check out the special WhaleSwim t-shirts available at Cindy's Tropical Tease shop. At 12.30pm we meet for a Welcome Lunch and briefing for the rest of your time with us and the whales. Around 2.30pm you will be transferred to the jetty and board our island transfer boat to Eu'eiki Island Eco Resort in plenty of time to check-in and have an snorkel their beautiful lagoon – right off the beach in front of the resort

During the 6 days on the water, we have a break for lunch and there will be opportunities for you to snorkel reefs and caves and on some days we have the opportunity to beach comb and explore beautiful uninhabited islands situated in the humpback whale nursery. You will also have the opportunity to snorkel through Mariners Cave and experience the wonders of Swallows Cave. We are flexible on the time we take for lunch. We aim to get you back to your resort with plenty of time for a shower and relax before dinner.

Tour includes: Welcome Lunch, 8 night's accommodation, all meals at Reef Resort & Eu'eiki Island Eco Resort, 6 boat trips to the whales with lunch, education and guidance in the water, snorkeling pristine reefs and caves, 1 day at leisure, boat transfers, airport transfers in Vava'u and airport transfers between international & domestic terminals in Tongatapu.

Tour does not include: International & domestic airfares to Vava'u, travel insurance, snorkeling equipment and wetsuit/vest, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, activities on leisure day.



Rae and the WhaleSwim Team look forward to sharing your expedition with the whales!!

WhaleSwim Adventures is an eco-tourism operator dedicated to the protection of the Tongan environment and the continued recovery and population growth of the Southern Pacific Humpback whale and the conservation of the environment and the culture in Tonga.

Terms & Conditions of Booking a WhaleSwim™ Adventures Tour

- *Online Book your Tour reservations will be held for 14 days. The non-refundable deposit of AUD\$1500 for 7 & 9-day and AUD\$650 for 3 & 4 day tours is required within 14 days to confirm a reservation.*
- *Payment (Australian Dollars only) in full is required 70 days prior to your WhaleSwim™ adventure and is non-refundable.*
- *Re-scheduling and substitution of guests is permitted with approval of WhaleSwim™ Adventures.*
- *A Liability Waiver must be signed by each guest & the original posted to our office, within 14 days of booking your WhaleSwim™ Adventures tour.*
- *Travel Insurance - which includes Trip, Airfare Cancellation and Accident - is mandatory, otherwise a No Liability Insurance Waiver must be signed.*
- *All rates and conditions are subject to change. If payments are not received at the designated times, WhaleSwim™ Adventures, reserves the right to sell those spaces in question with forfeiture of all monies to date.*
- *The booking is binding and all payments are non-refundable.*
- *Prices may change due to currency fluctuation, schedule changes or circumstances beyond the control of WhaleSwim™ Adventures*
- *All tours are paid for in Australian dollars only.*
- *These are ecological holidays, Whaleswim™ Adventures reserves the right to ask any participants to leave the group should he/she behave in a way that is insensitive to the whales, the environment, local people, our staff or other group members. No refund will be given.*
- *Should bad weather prevent our whale watching vessel NOT to go out on a scheduled 'whale watching' day, no refunds or an extra day whale watching will be offered by Whaleswim™ Adventures.*
- *Children under 13 years old are not accepted on our tours*
- *If the minimum bookings of 8 people on our 12-guest tours and 6 people on our 8-guest tours are not reached 10 weeks prior to departure of each expedition, then WhaleSwim™ has the right to cancel the expedition and refund any monies paid to them or transfer guests to another expedition. Any airfares booked and paid for by the guest should be covered by their own travel insurance.*
- *WhaleSwim™ tours can only be referred through travel agents, and can only be booked directly with WhaleSwim™ Adventures*

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