

Your Itinerary

1040A Peter Brent's Group

6 - 14 August 2010

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

Friday 6 August	Arrive Vava'u Airport transfer to Mystic Sands Beach Bungalows
	5.45pm Pick up for Welcome dinner
	6.15pm Welcome & Briefing
	7.00 Dinner
	Transfer back to Mystic Sands
Saturday 7 August	8.00 – 9.00 Breakfast
	9.00 am Be on Mystic Sands jetty. Board "Makaira" and depart to the whales. 'How to swim with the whales' and boat briefing. Lunch onboard & snorkeling
	4.30pm Arrive Mystic Sands
	5.45pm Pick up for Craft Fair/Traditional Dancing/Tonga Feast and Kava ceremony. (Please remember to bring lots of T\$1 & T\$2 notes for the kids education fund)
	8.30 – 9.00 Transfer back to Mystic Sands
Sunday 8 August	8.00 – 9.00 Breakfast
	9.00 am Board "Makaira" and depart to the whales. Lunch onboard & snorkeling
	4.30pm Arrive Mystic Sands
	Free evening – list of recommended restaurants will be given to you on arrival.
Monday 9 August	8.00 – 9.00 am Breakfast, pack bags & check out
	9.00am Board "Makaira" - out with the whales. Lunch & snorkeling.
	3.45pm Arrive Treasure Island Eu'eiki Eco Resort – check in
	7.00 pm Dinner
Tuesday 10 August	9.am – 10.30 am Breakfast
	Day at leisure
	7.00 pm Dinner
Wednesday 11 August	8.30 – 9.30 am Breakfast
	9.30 am Board "Makaira" - out with the whales. Lunch & snorkeling.
	4.00pm Arrive Treasure Island Eu'eiki Eco Resort
	7.00 pm Dinner
Thursday 12 August	8.30 – 9.30 am Breakfast
	9.30am Board "Makaira" - out with the whales. Lunch & snorkeling.
	4.00pm Arrive Treasure Island Eu'eiki Eco Resort
	7.00 pm Dinner
Friday 13 August	8.30 – 9.45 am Breakfast
	10 am Board "Makaira" - out with the whales. Lunch & snorkeling.
	4.00pm Arrive Treasure Island Eu'eiki Eco Resort
	7.00 pm Farewell Dinner

Saturday 14 August

8.30 – 9.30 am Breakfast Completion of tour.

Arrange boat transfer back to Neiafu with Mark & Veronica

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 boat trip to/from Treasure Island Eu'eiki 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 your overnight accommodation you have booked with us and back to the airport for your domestic flight to Vava'u.

On arrival in Vava'u the WhaleSwim team will greet you and transfer you to the town of Neiafu and to Mystic Sands Beach Bungalows on Utu'gnake Island. 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 a relax before dinner.

Tour includes: 8 night's accommodation, Welcome Dinner, Tongan Feast, all meals at Treasure Island Eu'eiki Eco Resort (out in the whale nursery) & breakfasts at Mystic Sands Beach Bungalows on Utu'gnake Island, 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: Breakfast on day of arrival in Vava'u, one evening meal while at Mystic Sands, International & domestic airfares to Vava'u, travel insurance, snorkeling equipment and wetsuit/vest, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, activities on leisure days.

To print your Flight and Extra Accommodation go into your online booking – Click EDIT and then 'Summary' at the end of the top menu.



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\$600 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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