

# Your Itinerary

## 1052A 4-Day WhaleSwim 17 -21 September 2012

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

<b>Monday 17 Sept</b>	9.00 am	Be at Dolphin Pacific Diving jetty on the Marina with your day bag and your luggage. (This allows for guests to arrive in Vava'u on the first flight out of Tonga at 7.55am)
	9.30am <b>OR</b>	Board "Makaira" - leave for the whale nursery
	10.00am	Be on jetty at The Tongan Beach Resort with day bag Board "Makaira" - Boat & How to Swim with the Whales Briefing - out with the whales, lunch & snorkeling
	4.30 pm 7.00pm	Arrive Tongan Beach Resort - check in Dinner
<b>Tuesday 18 Sept</b>	7.30 - 8.45 am	Breakfast
	9.00 am	Board "Makaira" - Boat & How to Swim with the Whales Briefing - out with the whales, lunch & snorkeling
	4.45 pm 7.00pm	Arrive Tongan Beach Resort Dinner
	<b>Wednesday 19 Sept</b>	7.30 - 8.45 am
9.00 am		Board "Makaira" - out with the whales, lunch & snorkeling
4.45 pm 7.00pm		Arrive Tongan Beach Resort Dinner
<b>Thursday 20 Sept</b>		7.30 - 8.45 am
	9.00 am	Board "Makaira" -out with the whales, lunch & snorkeling
	4.45 pm 7.00pm	Arrive Tongan Beach Resort Dinner
	<b>Friday 21 Sept</b>	Breakfast, pack bags , pay bar bills & check out. (Transfers to airport or other accommodation is your responsibility, they are not included in your tour.)

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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 15 - 20 min boat trip to/from The Tongan Beach Resort therefore the boat pick up times have to allow for this.



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 8am on Monday 17 September. Remember there are no flights on Sundays and there are no flights that can get you to Vava'u on Monday morning in time of the tour. The last flight from Tongatapu on Saturdays departs Tongatapu at 6.00 arriving at 6.55pm.**

You will be met by one of our WhaleSwim team in Vava'u transferred to your accommodation in the town of Neiafu or The Tongan Beach Resort.

**During the 4 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 snorkel or kayak, shower and relax before dinner.

**Tour includes:** 4 night's accommodation at the Tongan Beach Resort with breakfast and dinner, 4 boat trips to the whales with lunch, education and guidance in the water, snorkeling pristine reefs and caves, airport to accommodation transfer on arrival and airport to airport transfers in Tongatapu. **(Please note:** At present, Tongan law does not allow whalewatching - or any other activities - on Sundays. Change MAY take place before the 2012 season, but cannot be guaranteed. We will keep your posted!)

**Tour does not include:** International airfares to Tonga and domestic airfares in Tonga, transfers to airport or other accommodation after the tour, travel insurance, snorkeling equipment and wetsuit/vest, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

**Cost:** Twin Share: AUD\$2,280 per person Single: AUD\$2,650 Triple room: AUD\$2,160 per person



**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\$700 for 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 skipper, staff or other group members. No refund will be given.*
- *Days on the water are strictly 8.30 am from Neiafu jetty to 5pm back at Neiafu Jetty .*
- *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*

**Contact the WhaleSwim Team in Neiafu Vava'u**

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