

Your Itinerary

1050B 4-Day WhaleSwim B (Mystic Sands Beach Bungalows) 16 – 20 August 2010

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

Monday 16 August

Be at Dolphin Pacific Diving Jetty in Neiafu at 8.15am – get directions from your accommodation – ready to have a great day on the water! Bring your luggage and we will drop it off the Mystic Sands jetty on the way out to the whales – they will put it in your room ready for your return in the afternoon.

8.15am Be at Dolphin Pacific Diving jetty in Neiafu
8.30 am Board "Makaira" and depart to the whales. 'How to swim with the whales' and boat briefing. Lunch onboard & snorkeling
4.45pm Arrive Mystic Sands jetty
[Free evening – cafes, restaurant, feasts info on arrival](#)

Tuesday 17 August

7.30 – 8.30 am Breakfast
8.45 am Pick up from Mystic Sands jetty
Board "Makaira" and depart to the whales - lunch onboard & snorkeling
4.45pm Arrive Mystic Sands jetty
[Free evening – cafes, restaurant, feasts info on arrival](#)

Wednesday 18 August

7.30 – 8.30 am Breakfast
8.45 am Pick up from Mystic Sands jetty
Board "Makaira" and depart to the whales - lunch onboard & snorkeling
4.45pm Arrive Mystic Sands jetty
[Free evening – cafes, restaurant, feasts info on arrival](#)

Friday 19 August

7.30 – 8.30 am Breakfast
8.45 am Pick up from Mystic Sands jetty
Board "Makaira" and depart to the whales - lunch onboard & snorkeling
4.45pm Arrive Mystic Sands jetty
[Free evening – cafes, restaurant, feasts info on arrival](#)

Saturday 20 August

7.30 – 8.15 am Breakfast - completion of 3-day WhaleSwim tour
Check out by 10am

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, therefore the boat must be back at the Dolphin jetty at 5pm.

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.

While staying at Mystic Sands bungalows, breakfast will be cooked and served in the garden. The bungalows have a kitchen with fridge and cooking facilities. You may want to bring a thermos for hot coffee onboard – there is fresh coffee and a plunger in your unit!

Your lunches and some snacks on the boat are provided by WhaleSwim Adventures.

Your evenings are free for you to choose from the variety of cafes and restaurants in Neiafu or the Traditional Tongan Feast? On Thursday nights – this information will be given to you on the first day of the tour.

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 may 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 deliver you back to Mystic Sands jetty by 4.45pm.

Tour includes: 4 night's accommodation and breakfast at Mystic Sands Beach Bungalows, 4 boat trips to the whales with lunch, education and guidance in the water, snorkeling pristine reefs and caves,

Tour does not include: Evening meals during the tour (this allows you a choice of different restaurants in Neiafu or the traditional Tongan Feast). International & domestic airfares to Vava'u, airport transfers, travel insurance, snorkeling equipment, wetsuit/vest, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and accommodation/activities booking service.

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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