



"Whales Tails"

Newsletter January 2003



Hello,

It has been very busy time since I returned from Tonga at the end of the whale season in October, putting my DREAM down on paper and then I made another trip to Tonga in December specially to register my DREAM - our NEW WhaleQuest Foundation!! I am very excited about it! (see WhaleQuest Foundation section below.)

Great times were had by our whale-lovers in Robson Bight Canada with the Orcas from their kayaks and with the hundreds of whales and dolphins in the Maldives.



Our operators in Churchill Canada are continuing to dazzle our whaleswimmers not only with the cute beluga whales, but with their delicious gourmet meals and magical days and nights in the sub-Arctic. They now have a selections of dry-suits available for swimming in 8C water with the belugas!

The 7-nights aboard the 'Wind Dancer' in the Caribbean is a wonderful way to spend a vacation - surrounded by hundreds of North Atlantic Humpbacks whales - my first unforgettable whale-swim was right there on the Silver Bank in 1998 - I highly recommend it!!

Our expeditions in Tonga provided unbelievable underwater encounters for everyone in the clear cobalt blue water - even this years' El Nino weather didn't stop us!!



The Australian TV crew 'The Great Outdoors' travel program joined us, for 3 days. Luckily the weather was kind to us on their last day when presenter Laura Csorstan experienced a magical encounter with a mother and calf we

named, Remora and Solomon. The program went to air on Nov 25 in Australia, which has resulted in much interest in our expeditions for 2003.

Our leisure days were filled with great snorkeling experiences around idyllic uninhabited islands, hiking, diving, great food and the nights full laughter and fun.

Many people around the world are hearing about our amazing Tonga expeditions and this year we have many nationalities joining us there.



This year in Tonga we have four 'Swim with the Whales' expeditions, a special 10-day 'Spirit of the Whales' - a spiritual journey and a 6-day 'Extreme Scuba Dive & Snorkel with the Whales' expedition - all in the idyllic Vava'u islands.

WhaleSwim is growing. Annah

Evington in Byron Bay Australia has joined us as our Aussie representative (she loved our expedition so much she has joined the company!) same with Deb Cornick in the USA - soon to be resident in Hawaii!! See their special messages to you and their life-changing stories below.

I won't waffle on any longer; you can get the full information in the pages that follow.

Remember, I am always available by email to answer any questions you may have and I truly hope that you will join us with the beautiful whales somewhere on our planet this year!

Happy whales tails!



Rae Gill
Tour Director - WhaleSwim
Adventures
Founding Director - The
WhaleQuest Foundation





Hi Everyone. Annah here, the new Byron Bay - Australia based member of the Whaleswim team.

After following my heart and joining one of Rae's tours in September last year, I fell utterly in love with the Humpback Whales of Vava'u, and with the tropical beauty of The Kingdom of Tonga.

Being with the whales was a life changing experience for me, and when I'd explored a little more of Tonga after the Whaleswim tour, I knew that I would be back. I had found an extraordinarily beautiful and untouched tropical aquatic paradise, made incredible contact with some of the most awesome and inspiring creatures on the planet, and, there was so much more to see and do...

I'm am absolutely delighted to be going be back so soon, and to know that I'll be helping others share in the unique and magical experience of being in the water with the magnificent Humpbacks.

I'm also very keen to show some of you the glorious scuba diving opportunities around Vava'u. The warm, cobalt blue waters of the island group are teeming with life, and the incredible clarity of these pristine waters affords some sensational diving.

The glorious Tongan singing, the feasts, the friendly faces, the unique lifestyle, great simple fun (big nights out in the kinda' wild bars optional!), no TV and glorious things to see and do will make it the holiday of a lifetime. If you've got an eye to adventure and the magic in this world - give yourself the experience.

If you are in Australia, I'll gleefully share my stories and answer your questions - give me a call or email.

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Greetings to my WhaleSwim family and all future members.

Once you swim with a Humpback whale you become part of a family connected by this profound experience.

Since my WhaleSwim tour in August of 2002, I've shared my whale moments with everyone. Those

who know me know that once I get talking I bubble over with enthusiasm. Once these magnificent creatures touch your soul, you reevaluate your purpose in life.

I'm excited to be a part of the WhaleSwim team and to have the opportunity to show my gratitude to the Humpback whale. If you haven't taken a WhaleSwim, don't wait and if you have, come do it again - you can never get enough of those whale moments.

See you in Tonga!

Deb
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Tonga 2002



What can I say!! Another successful year in the beautiful islands of Vava'u!

Good old El Nino joined us during late August and early Sept with 'unusual' weather (WET!) - it didn't stop us from being out with the whales and enjoying some incredible encounters with the humpbacks of Tonga.

On our first day out in August, we met a very inquisitive calf - just a few days old, with his Mum and each day thereafter - it was amazing - this little guy certainly had no fear at all about these little 'critters' floating around on the surface!! He seemed to be attracted to the bright flouro-wetsuit being worn by Deb Cornick - even came up to her and gently stroked her arm and then her leg with his pectoral fin. His Mum was also very trusting and didn't seem to mind her calf hanging out with us at all. She was a large female - around 45 ft long and covered in hundreds of remora fish - so we appropriately named her Remora and her little male calf, Solomon. Because they were so friendly, many of the photos and video footage during the season, were of Remora and Solomon. They were both very easy to spot - from their unusual markings. South Pacific Humpback whales are known to have pectoral fins that are black on the topside and white undersides BUT our Solomon had pure white pecs both sides and a memorable fluke (tail) print!! Remora had partially white topside and pure white underside, so they will be easy to recognise in the years to come.

We also snorkeled with other mothers and calves, groups of males on the prowl and listened to their haunting songs.

Our research group had an amazing experience with a large group of humpbacks on their last day. It started out with just a mother and calf and then they were joined by other groups of whales, - young males and another mother and calf - over a period of 5 - 6 hours. Everyone had unbelievable personal experiences that day - I was on another boat that day and missed it BUT I have never seen so many eyes sparkling like diamonds when they returned to the mothership that night.



Snorkeling with a humpback

Snorkeling with the humpback whales of Tonga will surely change your life - I see it in the eyes of many of the courageous people who have gone for their

dream and joined us in Tonga.

It is a scary thought to swim with 45-ton whales in the wild - but it is just a thought - the reality is different. Once you are in the water, watching these gentle giants, you will wonder what you were ever nervous about.

Tonga is a very special place to experience these magnificent and gracious animals in the water. There are few tourists and the Tongan people are so friendly and welcoming to visitors. The weather is a warm 24 - 28C and the water temperature is the same during the season.

Each day was fun. We hiked to the top of the King's island, Eu'akafa, snorkeled pristine reefs, snoozed on white sandy uninhabited islands in the sun and laughed alot. The food is delicious and everyone is on Tonga-time - SLOW!

It is truly paradise!

Most of all everyone has a great time!

Tonga 2003

It seems there is a huge interest in our Tonga expedition for 2003. It is certainly a very safe destination to relax and enjoy the beautiful tropical islands and the magnificent humpbacks.

Due to the demand this year, we have four 'Snorkel with the Whales' expeditions - 2 x Standard staying at excellent 'backpackers accommodation and 2 x Deluxe staying at a 4 Star resort both have 6 and 9- day expeditions. We have also added a 6--day scuba diving expedition - which includes 12 dives over 4 days

(including night dives) and 2 days snorkeling with the humpback whales - the accommodation is at our backpackers lodge.

Our very special 'Spirit of the Whales' 10-day/11-nights expedition is for those on a spiritual journey. Meditation and 'sharing circles' are included.

So we have an expedition for everyone this year in Tonga.

Our expeditions in Vava'u Tonga 2003

Standard 6-days/7-nights 30 Aug - 6 Sept 2003
Cost per person from AUD\$1,800

Standard 9-days/10-nights 6 - 16 Sept 2003
Cost per person from AUD\$2,095

Deluxe 6-days/7-nights 23 - 30 Aug 2003
Cost per person AUD\$2,750

Deluxe 9-days/10-nights 20 - 30 Sept 2003
Cost per person AUD\$3,395

'Extreme Scuba Dive & Snorkel with the Whales'
20 - 27 Sept 2003 6-day/7-night AUD\$1,995

'Spirit of the Whales' 10-day/11-nights
30 Sept - 11 Oct 2003 AUD\$3,995

Research Expeditions

See WhaleQuest Foundation below for dates and information.

The WhaleQuest Foundation

Since my first visit in Tonga to swim with the whales in 1998, I have been very aware of the lack of resources and funds for conservation of both the whales and marine life of Tonga and most of all, the rumour of the possibility of the Tongan government re-introducing whaling.

Apparently the 'financial carrot' offered by the Japanese (for some years now), is a new fully equipped hospital in exchange for 24 whales per year. This is probably a tempting offer to a cash-strapped, developing country.

Even though the reigning King of Tonga, HRH Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, put a 20-year ban on whaling in 1978, (expired in 1998), we are constantly aware that until 'NO WHALING' or a 'Tonga Whale Sanctuary' is legislated, there is always the 'possibility' of the re-introduction of whaling.

So with this 'possibility' always present and the need for environmental awareness education in Tonga and my DREAM of a whale and marine-life information centre for locals and visitors, The WhaleQuest Humpback Whale & Marine Discovery Centre has taken shape in my heart and mind over the past 4 years and has now begun to become a reality!

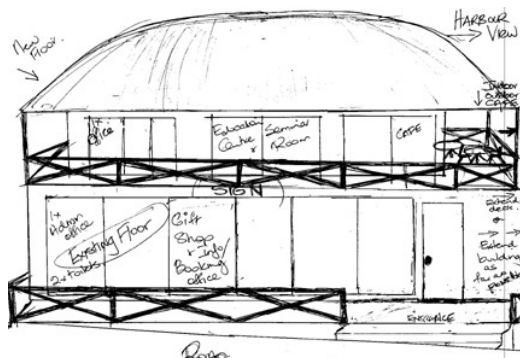
The WhaleQuest Foundation has been registered in Tonga and I am now preparing a Development Application for our centre in Vava'u plus writing the Prospectus to raise the much-needed funds to make this happen. The Board of Trustees is ready and very willing and our 2 Patrons (an international marine environmentalist and a member of the Tongan Royal family) have been approached - we are just waiting for their confirmation.



The purpose for the WhaleQuest Foundation is to protect the Humpback Whales and marine life of Tonga and to educate locals and visitors to be aware of the fragility of the

marine mammals and environment of Tonga and all our oceans. Through working with the schools we would like to see the people of Tonga become passionate about the humpback whales and to become involved in caring for them and their marine environment. To have a strong position to lobby the Tongan Government to legislate ALL Tongan waters to become a Whale Sanctuary and Marine Park.

The WhaleQuest Foundation
Humpback Whale & Marine Discovery Centre
Neiafu, Vava'u Islands, Tonga



(My VERY rough sketch of the Centre - a 2-storey Tongan fale /house)

This Centre will benefit not only the visitors to Vava'u BUT will be a vital part of the education of the people of Tonga. We want to work hand-in-hand with the schools with their marine projects, encouraging the young Tongans to care for their marine environment and the creatures in it and become involved in the Foundation.

Computer terminals will be available not only for Internet access BUT to access Humpback whale

and marine life information and also information on the research projects being done in Tonga.

Our 'virtual' Gift Shop will begin as soon as we have some products produced. T-shirts, sarongs and caps, Humpback Whale videos by Marnie Harrison of Wild Focus Films (available now - see below), posters and postcards by wildlife photographers Darren Jew, Mark Spencer and Scott Portelli, beautiful shell jewellery and Tongan crafts.

We will let you know as soon as it is available on-line.

Our (yet-to-be-named) Cafe will offer healthy salads, gourmet paninis & frittatas and refreshing drinks such as freshly squeezed fruit juice and smoothies, fresh frozen fruit ice-cream, scrummy cakes and great espresso, lattes and cappuccinos - all with the best view in Neiafu!

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE APPRECIATED!
If you, your company or business wish to make a donation to help to get the Centre open by July this year and our whalewatching vessel built, please contact Rae on info@whalequest.com

WhaleQuest Research Expeditions 2003 POSTPONED!!!

Our researcher will be investigating humpback whale behaviour and songs. As a field assistant, you'll have daily opportunities to learn about humpback whales by observing and recording:

- *The size and composition of the pod
- * Distances within and between pods
- *Population density
- *Pod location (using GPS)
- *Surface behaviour
- *Subsurface interactions

Expeditioners will also assist by collecting skin samples from the water for DNA analysis, and by photographing individual whales' uniquely shaped and patterned tail flukes. The haunting songs of the humpback whales will also be recorded, then to be compared to the previous years song and to those of other humpback populations. The researcher will also conduct both formal and informal information sessions about their work to ensure you get the most from your WhaleQuest expedition.

- Dates:
- 6-days/7-nights 30 August - 6 Sept 2003
 - 9-days/10-nights 6 - 16 September 2003
 - 13-days/14-nights 20 Sept - 4 October 2003

THESE TOURS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL 2004



All profits from the Centre and the Research expeditions go to the WhaleQuest Foundation.

Bliss.....

by Annah Evington

Serendipity led me to meeting the Humpback whales of Tonga, and to her gentle graces, I give my eternal thanks.

On taking a chance and sharing a long held but seldom shared dream about swimming with whales with the underwater film-making friend of a friend, I discovered that my dream could come true, and that it could in fact happen within weeks.

A quick search in cyberspace and following of intuition and there it was - the opportunity to be in the water, swimming with whales almost daily over ten days, and be adventuring in a tropical paradise to boot.

I dithered for two weeks, plagued by indecision as the end of the whale-watching season neared. Serendipity nudged fate and an unexpected but had-it before discussion with Mum about accepting my limitations pushed my rusting rebel buttons and prodded me into action, and a flurry of last minute late night emailing to Tonga. One particular tour really appealed, the company's web-site seemed to be actually painting my dream, and I sent that inquiry off accompanied by a heartfelt plea to the powers that are.

They must have heard because the first delivery in the e-mailbox in the morning was an offer for the last place on the right tour on the last trip of the season. Beginning in 10 days.

My workmates, bless their little paper socks, understood the calling and supported a quick departure, the money I needed happened and cheap plane fares dropped into my lap. A week and a half later I'd met with a wonderful



assortment of fellow whale-swimming adventurers and we were winging our way over the unbelievably blue waters and picture perfect tropical atolls and islands of The Kingdom of Tonga.

Just twenty-four hours after arriving on Vava'u, (one of the northern-most island groups of the tropical kingdom, and the main whale watching destination) I was trying to be poised at the back of a boat that was bobbing about in some of the deepest waters in the world, and about to slide into the water with a 40 ton mother whale and her calf.

We had spotted them only 30 minutes out from the mainland, playing about near the shore of one of the islands. They seemed at ease with the boat as we approached and didn't move off when we stopped about 50 metres away from them. Most

of us had not seen a whale from a boat before

and all of us were entranced. They were so big but gentle and seemingly so curious. After diving, surfacing and moving around us for some minutes, the whales moved closer and the calf began to spy-hop, popping it's head up to look at us, initially from about 30 metres away, but then slipping back underwater and coming up closer by degrees. We were an excited but strangely hushed and whispering bunch, in awe of these most of magnificent creatures.

I had been a winner in the pick the time we see the first whale¹ competition and was in the first group of four to get in the water with the guide. We had stumbled past our nerves to get snorkeling gear on, and were propped against the sides of the boat in our rubber suits, ducks feet on, nervously clutching our masks and waiting for the word to go.



The group been soundly briefed on whale swimming etiquette: no chasing after them, don't splash when in the water, no diving down, even if they do come up close to you - do not touch them, follow the guide and obey his directions without question and generally be respectful and gentle in the water. We were all dead keen. We were finally there and so were the whales. We were all incredibly nervous.

The whales quietly disappeared and, mysteriously, the call to get in was made. Just trust and go¹ was the directive.

I asked my pounding heart to still and slipped into the silky, warm cobalt blue. The water was welcoming but my heart was trying to leap from my chest and a moment of panic jittered through. Breathing into the deep limbic fear and concentrating on following the guide out into the water, while silently chanting 'right here, right now¹ helped.

Then, as my vision began to clear, I saw her. Her huge form gradually took shape, my mind allowed it to be so, and there she was. Below - and to the left of me. The mother was stopped at an angle, head toward the surface, resting in the embrace of the ocean and just 20 metres or so away. She was huge, probably 15m long, prehistoric and unimaginably beautiful. My heart and breath stopped, and the world shifted. Overwhelmed by a sense of

deepest calm I saw the truth of the most ancient wisdoms. This staunchly un-poetic soul saw the miraculous connection of all and was carried away on a wave of absolute bliss. God, I wanted that moment to go on forever.

Suspended in this sudden wordless understanding by the presence of the mother, I didn't see the calf until he came up underneath and surfaced beside me. He was curious and had

been swimming closer to the boat but had decided to check out the other things in the water.

He opened his eye and looked straight at me as he swam slowly past. Still enveloped in a cocoon of utter peace and trust I could do nothing but gaze back in wonder.

The water surging as his tail propelled him by brought me back to standard senses, and I became dimly aware of strange little almost post-organic person sounds coming from somewhere close by, and of people calling.

It was me whimpering, and the crew calling me back. Shaking off an intense desire to abandon the boat, to never leave this place and to swim off and follow the divine, I made my way back.

Day one, with seven more whale days to go. I was in love.

Annah Evington



My Whale Moment

by Deb Cornick

Up ahead, we spotted a mother Humpback whale and her calf floating on the surface of the water. Our boat, the Makaira slowly approached to the safe 100 meter distance. Geared up in

snorkel and fins, I sat on the dive platform and waited for my turn to enter the water.

It was hard to contain my excitement, I felt like a racehorse at the starting gate. Now my moment had come. I slid into Vava'u's warm tropical waters and swam towards a much-anticipated moment. I no more knew that this moment would transcend belief but it would also inspire all future moments.

While swimming in the direction of the mother whale, I searched the deep-blue waters for any glimpse of her. Anticipation swelled up inside of me. Suddenly like magic, she appeared out of the blue, floating motionlessly just 20 feet in front of me. She was enormous - at least 50 feet long and as broad as a barn. I was astonished.

What I had seen of her back and dorsal fin from the surface was just the tip of the iceberg and gave no indication as to her size beneath the water. A wave of uneasiness raced through me. Common sense told me to hold my distance, but I felt compelled to swim closer to her. Cautiously, I swam nearer and I sensed her studying me. My eyes were drawn to her eye, small yet penetrating. Instantly, any fear I had vanished and was quickly replaced with trust. I felt engulfed in an over whelming calmness. I knew I was safe and secure within the mother Humpback's all-embracing, nurturing presence. I floated about 8 feet from her and we gazed into each other's eyes.

"The whale not only looks at you she sees you,"

remarked a veteran whale swimmer on the Makaira. And for me the mother Humpback not only saw straight through into my soul, she touched my soul. I was completely consumed in the moment and time did not exist. The mother Humpback whale exuded eons of wisdom. She intuitively communicated with ease, filling my mind with thoughts and feelings. I felt humbled in her presence and at the same time privileged to be cradled in her motherly love. Our shared moment passed as she gently turned away and carefully maneuvered her long, pectoral fin and her wide, powerful fluke around and about me as I floated close by.



I watched the mother humpback swim away, disappearing into the deep-blue waters. I yearned for her return. I shall always be grateful to the mother Humpback for our shared moment.

Deb Cornick

Whale Fact's

Humpback Whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae* - Family: *balenopteridae*).

They belong to the rorqual (groove throated) family and in place of teeth, they have baleen plates hanging from their upper jaw which is used to sieve their 'food' from the huge mouthfuls of water. The full grown males measure 12.2-14.6m (40-48 ft), and the females slightly larger at 13.7-15.2m (45-50 ft). They weigh 25-40 tons.

Big Travellers!

The South Pacific Humpback whales swim 8,000 kms (5,000 miles) from the Antarctic (March/April) to the islands of Vava'u 16,000 kms (10,000 miles) round-trip!) to mate and give birth each year from July - Oct. On migration, humpbacks may not feed for as much as 8 months of the year.

They return to the Antarctic and from December - March they eat around 1-1.5 tons of plankton,



small krill and other schooling fish per day, sieving the food through 270-400 baleen plates, made up of fine black keratin, around 30 inches (76cm) in length. They stack on large amounts of blubber to see them through the big 'swim' and the breeding season.

It is now thought that many female humpbacks, those who are not engaged in breeding activities in a given year, probably remain somewhere in the Southern Ocean to feed, build up their fat reserves for the following seasons migration and mating.

Humpback Calves

A Humpback Whale calf drinks around 40 litres of milk every day - the fat content of about 45-60% (human milk is approx. 2% fat) for up to ten or eleven months until gradually weaned onto solid food. Calves stay with their mothers for about a year, sometimes two. This is thought to be due to the necessity of learning complex foraging skills, such as bubble-netting. They weigh 5 - 6 tons and are about 3 - 4 m (12- 13ft) long when born.



Male Humpback Singing Kelvin Aibani

Whale Song

Singing has been reported only in males, with one exception, where a female was heard to sing. Long complex songs are unique to each population, with each song made up of distinct themes lasting for 10-or even 30 minutes and repeated continuously for hours, changing gradually each season. Song is

generally heard during the breeding season, although it has also been reported on migrations and during the spring, autumn and even midsummer on feeding grounds. It has been observed that the song sung by humpbacks from eastern Australia will be sung the following breeding season in Tonga. (Maybe they learn that years 'latest hit' in the feeding grounds of Antarctica!)

'Wild Whales' Video's



above and below the water and the beautiful islands of Vava'u.

From this amazing footage, Marnie has put together an extraordinary 30-min video. It is now available for purchase for AUD\$40.00 plus postage. Contact Rae on rae@whaleswim.com

Tonga is a very safe Destination to enjoy your holiday!

While USA and Britain are preparing for war on the other side of the planet, life in the Pacific Islands goes on as usual.

Tonga is small kingdom in the South Pacific, ruled by King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV and as they do not get involved in the international politics of the day, Tonga is definitely not a threat to Iraq or Osama bin Ladin. They probably do not even know where Tonga is!

Travel Tips

Getting to Tonga takes a little more effort than flying to an international city in the Pacific rim, BUT it is certainly worth the extra time!

Many of our US whale-swimmers have found it a challenge to find a travel agent in the US who can book the airfares to Vava'u, so I have done a little research and have come up with the following agents that may be able to assist you.

Brendan Tours
15137 Califa St. Van Nuys CA 91411
Tel: (800) 421-8446 or (818) 785-9696

Jetset Vacations
5120 West Goldleaf Circle #310
Los Angeles CA 90056-1268
Tel: (800) 453-8738 or (213) 290-5800
Email: jetset@tours.com

J & O Holidays
3131 Camino del Rio North, Suite #1080
San Diego CA 92108
Tel: (800) 377-1080 or (619) 282-3131
Email: sales@jot.com

Sunspots International
1918 NE 181st Ave. Portland OR 97230
Tel: (800) 334-5623 or (503) 666-3893

Other WhaleSwim Expeditions with Whales & Dolphins

Kayak with the ORCAS in Canada

These 3 & 6 day expeditions with the Orcas around the waterways of Johnstone Strait, Vancouver Island are breath-takingly beautiful! Words do not even come close to describe it, so I won't even attempt it! The food is fantastic, the guides are fun and the great thing is that you do not have to had experience in a kayak to participate. Older children are welcome on these expeditions and can paddle the kayak with a parent.

www.whaleswim.com/en/canada-occas.html

Swim with cute Beluga whales in Hudson Bay Canada

These 3, 6 & 8 day expedition at Seal River, just a short flight, north-west of Churchill, Manitoba, (the polar bear capital of the world) gives you the rare opportunity to swim with very cute white beluga whales. Mike, your host and guide, has dry-suits available for you to make your venture into the water with the hundreds of curious and playful belugas that congregate near the entrance to Seal River each year - comfortable. The photo above was taken of one of our brave client Lea Geiger - swimming with the belugas in a 2mm wetsuit!! For her story and for the expedition details go to www.whaleswim.com

Cruise with whales & dolphins around the Idyllic islands of the Maldives

This year we have a new boat and a 12-day cruise 'Dolphins of the Northern Atolls' from 12 - 26 April. This is a wonderful time of the year to be in the Maldives - especially great if you live in the northern hemisphere - a great way to a warm tropical holiday to recover from the cold months of winter.

I love this cruise - always lots of dolphins and whales every day and the visits to the villages on the northern atolls with their shy and happy people, will always stay in my memory. The diving and snorkeling is unforgettable in the clear turquoise water around the white sandy atolls.

Food is great too! Best of all is the knowledge shared by Chas Anderson, a marine biologist who has spent 20 years in the Maldives studying the marine life. Sue, his wife is a great hostess and the crew certainly takes care of you. www.whaleswim.com/en/tours/maldives.html

Swim with Humpback Whales in the Caribbean

The 2003 season on the Silver Banks is beginning - the humpback numbers are increasing rapidly, which means more encounters each day. I love this 7-day expedition - the Wind Dancer is a fantastic live-aboard and the encounters with the whales are unforgettable. This is where I first swam with humpback whales so it is very special for me. As this expeditions are getting booked up for 2004, however there are just a few spaces left for this 2003 season so I recommend that you book now. Each expedition leaves every Saturday and returns every Friday from Feb - April each year.

www.whaleswim.com/en/tours/caribbean.html

In Summary. . . .

Interested in joining us with the Whales somewhere on the Planet?

Have a look at our Schedules & Prices at www.whaleswim.com/en/tonga/schedule.html for our Tonga Tours and our Schedules & Prices at www.whaleswim.com/en/tours/schedule.html for our tours to Canada, Maldives and the Caribbean - see which Tour fits best with your plans.

Read letters from some of our Whale- swimmers!

For lots of fun photos, comments and personal stories

<http://www.whaleswim.com/en/information/testimonials.html> and for our photo gallery <http://www.whaleswim.com/en/information/gallery.html>

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Whaleswim Adventures is now in our 5th successful year of expeditions.

We are the most professional and we work with the most experienced operators and guides in all of our whale and dolphin locations around the world.

We are committed to continually striving to improve our product and service to you.

The WhaleSwim Team look forward to sharing our extraordinary expeditions with you in 2002!

Rae, Annah and Deb.



**WhaleSwim
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