



Itinerary

10 Day Tonga Humpback Whale Encounter

DAY 1: Arrive in Tonga

Upon arrival in the Kingdom of Tonga we'll meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at your own leisure.

MEALS: None

OVERNIGHT: Tongatapu Hotel

DAY 2: Tongatapu ~ Ha

After breakfast you will be transferred to the domestic terminal for your scenic flight to the beautiful and remote islands of Ha'apai. The Resort team will be waiting at the Ha'apai airport to transfer you 1.3km to your beachfront fale, home for the next 7 nights. As flights to Ha'apai tend to leave early in the morning, breakfast is not included in your hotel, but after you arrive in Ha'apai instead.

The rest of the day is free to settle in, explore, try some snorkelling off the beach and attend an informative whale briefing in preparation for your excursion tomorrow. In the evening, watch the sunset from the Ocean view restaurant and bar, just meters from the sand.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ha'apai Beach Resort

DAY 3: Swim with the Humpback whales

After breakfast we board our traditional Tongan fishing vessel at 9am for a 6-hour trip on the water. Your professional guides are eager to introduce the majestic Tongan Humpback whales. Our aim is to take you into the water for memories that will last a lifetime. Lunch is served onboard and all equipment is provided. Arriving back at around 2.30pm allows time to relax and look at your photos, take a walk along the beach and enjoy a cold drink from the bar. BBQ dinner served just after sunset.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ha'apai Beach Resort

DAY 4: Day of rest and reflection in Tonga

King George Tupou I pledged The Kingdom of Tonga and its people to heaven making Sunday a strict day of rest in the kingdom. It is actually illegal to work on the Sabbath. You can chose to begin your day by visiting a local church to hear the angelic voices of the choir or simply enjoy a day of your choice. The resort is open all day and swimming, snorkeling, cycling, kayaking, eating and drinking are all options for

this restful day in Tonga.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ha'apai Beach Resort

DAY 5: Swim with the Humpback whales

After breakfast we head out for our second day into the crystal clear waters of Ha'apai to join the Humpback whales for further adventures and memories of a lifetime. Excellent food is provided in our ocean front restaurant as we share our experiences of the day.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ha'apai Beach Resort

DAY 6: Swim with the Humpback whales

After breakfast we head out for our final day into the crystal clear waters of Ha'apai to join the Humpback whales for further adventures and memories of a lifetime.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ha'apai Beach Resort

DAY 7: Ha

Your day is free today to relax at the resort. We keep this free in case any of your earlier whale swims need rescheduling due to weather issues. If all has gone to plan, then your day is free and you could ride a bike, hire a car and explore the island's resorts, other snorkeling spots, beaches or the local cafe. Or you may simply relax at the resort - scuba diving, sea kayaks or snorkel the reef in front of the resort are options. An additional whale swimming trip may also be booked with the resort (subject to existing bookings and space on the boat). An optional guided tour around the island is also available (subject to guide availability). During this tour you can learn the whole truth about coconuts and their uses; hear the local history of the island including Captain Cook, Mutiny on the Bounty and the Port of Prince; and visit various historical and special spots around the island.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ha'apai Beach Resort

DAY 8: Ha

Your day is again free today to relax on the beach, go cycling or kayaking, scuba diving or snorkelling. We also keep today free in case poor weather or other reasons have meant we need to reschedule one of our earlier whale safaris. You can also book additional safaris while at the resort if you wish. Excellent food is provided in the resort's ocean front restaurant and a farewell bonfire is lit as the Milky Way falls across the night sky.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ha'apai Beach Resort

DAY 9: Ha

This morning we fly back to the main island of Tongatapu and transfer to our hotel near the airport. Options are available through your hotel to book a half day island tour. Here you can learn more about Tongan lifestyle, culture, heritage and traditions, see demonstrations and learn about the customs and stories of the old times and visit the busy Tongan Market where the locals throng to purchase and sell their produce. The market provides a great opportunity to purchase handicrafts, local fruit and take photos. Tours also visit the Royal Tombs where the late King George IV is laid to rest, along with the Royal Palace, and the Eastern Side of Tonga with Captain Cook's Landing, the Ancient Burial Tomb's and the Ha'amonga Trilithon, a stone arch which was said to have been built 1200AD, an impressive movement of 80 tonnes of stone and a story of a warrior king. In the evening you could visit the Ohelei Beach Resort for a Tongan feast, cultural show and live music to make you feel right at home in with the Tongan culture and history.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Scenic Hotel, Tongatapu

DAY 10: Departure

Free time until transferring to the airport for your international departure flight. You may wish to revisit the main Tongatapu market today, as Saturday tends to be the busiest time of the whole week, a great chance for a final taste of Tonga and some souvenirs. We hope you've had a magical time on our Humpback whale encounter in beautiful Tonga.

MEALS: Breakfast