

HUMPBACK WHALES OF TONGA

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Picture this. Two humpback whales glide beneath you in a synchronous ballet amid shafts of sunlight. Their probing eyes staring into you as they twist their massive pectoral fins to glide and tumble for several precious minutes before a single pulse of their flukes propel them beyond your vision. The experience of swimming with a whale is so profound and the memories and images brought back from an in-water encounter are so exciting that



it can change the way you see nature, understand it and, in turn, care for it. NAI'A's 9-day trips begin in Tonga's capital "city" of Nuku'alofa and extend north into the coral atoll of the Ha'apai Group, where the

Starting price \$6500

- ◆ Per person, double occupancy.
- ◆ Does not include airfare, hotel stays, alcohol, gratuities, port fees and fuel surcharges.

Return guests receive \$200 discount off charter price.

greatest number of humpback whale pods are found. Sailing throughout this maze of islands and reefs, the location and activity of the whales largely determines the precise course of each new day. These are wild animals and this is no zoo! However, their experience has proven the mornings to be the best time for whale spotting and swimming encounters. Later in the afternoon NAI'A finds a safe anchorage near a dive site. They plan to do at least one and sometimes more dives each day, but, the primary focus is

the whales. From the sight of the first breach at dawn, to the silhouette of whales resting at sundown, these expeditions are a special and rare kind of ocean adventure in a particularly picturesque part of the world. We enjoy the humpbacks in a variety of ways: from the high and comfortable deck of NAI'A, from the skiffs and on snorkel at the surface. Join us for this exciting adventure to see the Humpback Whales up close and personal.

- A \$2000 non-refundable deposit saves your spot. Please see contract for details. There are no refunds after the full payment unless you find someone to take your spot.
- **This is winter time in Tonga and the water can be rough. Understand that snorkeling in rough waters can be physically demanding. And you will be climbing in and out of inflatable skiffs. Make sure that you are physically up to the challenge.**



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