

Niue, 2027



Swim with Humpback Whales & Spinner Dolphins



**A Pacific Island Paradise like no other
Planet Ocean's Clearest Waters**

One of our Ocean's Greatest Wildlife Encounters



HIGHLIGHTS: Five days Snorkelling with Humpback Whales and their Calves in Niue. Interacting with large pods of Spinner Dolphins. Warm, clear water, tropical rainforests and limestone caves!



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Duration: 10 days **Maximum number on Tour:** Eleven + Tour Leader

Trip Codes: NU27A and NU27B

Dates: 23rd July – 31st July, 2027 and 30th July – 7th August, 2027

Includes: 5 Days with the Whales and Spinner Dolphins of Niue

International airfares to **AU \$1,400**, accommodation, Breakfasts, Transfers & Tours

Tour Leader: Ron Hunter

Cost: \$AU 5,490 ex Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne. other ports POA



Join Quest Tours' Whale and Dolphin experts and enjoy some of Nature's greatest interactive Wildlife experiences.

The privilege of Swimming with these gentle, intelligent mammals is truly life altering. To have a mother Humpback Whale, weighing 50 tonnes, nudge her precious baby towards us, showing off her newly born calf, is beyond belief, let alone description.

This experience is guaranteed to be remarkable and unique. 2027 will be our 25th season escorting our valued travelers to Swim with the Humpback Whales in South Pacific Island Paradises



2027 Itinerary



Departure Date ex Australia 2027

Tour 1: Friday 23rd July – Saturday 31st July Tour 2: Friday 30th July – Saturday 7th August

Friday: Depart Australia. Flight times on next page; all flights ex OZ require AKL o'night hotel with breakfast incl Sydney to Auckland Flight duration 3hr 5m – NZ is 2 hours ahead of SYD

Saturday: Depart Auckland (AKL) 08:25 Arrive Niue (IUE) at 12:50 on **Friday YES 6-hours BEFORE you left SYD** Auckland to Niue Flight duration 3 hours 25 mins – NIUE is 24hrs ahead of AKL time

Saturday: Today we have our first Whale Day! 4 Hours with the whales, with the option to come back and do more snorkeling with the Spinner Dolphins or explore the incredible limestone caves

Sunday: Day off: Sunday is considered to be a day of rest and worship, and visitors are to be considerate of the local Sunday observances.

This day can be spent checking out the surrounding rainforests, snorkel and walk the stunning limestone caves, dine in a variety of Polynesian and European cafes and restaurants that are open on this day.

There will be many opportunities for snorkeling over tropical coral reefs, caves, coves & chasms in warm crystal-clear water. The likelihood of someone disturbing you is next to nil! It all adds up to being the best days out on, or in the water imaginable.

Monday – Thursday: For everyone: Enjoy four more morning or afternoons or mornings of Whale Watching, maybe spot Spinner Dolphins along the way, around the beautiful Niue coast. These days are four more opportunities to enjoy the privilege of snorkeling with the Humpback Whales

Friday: Today we bid a fond farewell to the island of Niue. We have the morning to dry out our gear and take in the beautiful island one last time before our flight, departing Niue at 14:00

Saturday: Arrive 16:50 AKL (lose a day on way home) AKL 20:05 > 21:50 SYD, AKL 19:20 > 21:35 MEL

Sunday Depart AKL in morning for OOL, BNE, ADL Auckland (O'night Hotel Breakfast incl)

(Flight times are as at December, 2025 and subject to change at the whim of the airlines).

Tour Return Dates to SYDNEY Australia, Saturday 30th July or 6th August: .



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The Whales of Niue 2027

The Humpback Whales of Niue

What to expect while on tour...

Humpback Whales come to Niue to breed and raise their calves every year between July and October and we run trips to interact with these gentle giants.

Every interaction is different, but snorkellers have spent up to half an hour floating just 20 metres away from the Whales while they rest and play- others prefer to watch from the boat, witnessing impressive breaches, playful spy hops and fin slaps.

The trips start with a classroom presentation about the Whales, learning about their behaviours and migratory patterns. We then head out on the ocean for a coastal tour and hopefully will spot some Whales and maybe Dolphins along the way.

What makes our Whale trips unique is the new Hydrophone system that is a first for Niue. Gone are the days of one person on the headphones at a time- now everyone can experience this at the same time through speakers.

We will be with operators in Niue that allow all guests on board to listen to the beautiful Whale songs through our speaker system. Interact and experience the majestic Whales even when not in the water. It has to be heard to be believed.



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Niue Pacific Island Paradise



WARMTH

With an average water temperature of 23 degrees Celsius, a typical tropical climate and kind, caring people, you will feel the warmth year-round.

CRYSTAL CLEAR WATER

Whether you're diving, snorkeling, or simply gazing at the ocean while enjoying a cool drink, the water clarity will amaze you. And Niue's abundant supply of fresh water is drinkable.

CORAL REEF ON YOUR DOORSTEP

The reef shelf is narrow and falls off into deep ocean very quickly, so fishing, diving or whale watching can take place just hundreds of metres from shore.

BREATHTAKINGLY UNIQUE

Swim with dolphins, see whales close up, relax at an honesty bar, visit the biggest little yacht club in the world, catch an uga [coconut crab], or snorkel in warm, safe rock pools teeming with colourful fish. Niue will take your breath away with its unique geology, landscape & marine life.

AVOID THE CROWDS

With a land area of 260sq. kms there is space for you here. When out exploring you often feel like you are the first one to discover the many secluded coves, caves and pools.

WELCOME

Niueans are welcoming and genuine people. You can find yourself immersed in a vibrant culture, sharing and enjoying celebrations and the everyday lives of our locals in a manner that is hard to find elsewhere.

ENJOY WHAT NIUE DOES NOT HAVE

No crowds, no queues, no traffic lights, and a pace of life many yearn for.

Accommodation

Scenic Matavai Resort Niue

\$AU 5,490 Whale Snorkeler

Single supplement + \$AU 1,050 for each person, subject to availability

Scenic Matavai Niue Resort is located on Niue's South West coastline and is set amongst the beautiful local flora and fauna of Niue.

The Garden Rooms Include tropical continental Breakfast for 2 guests. Each Garden Room offers your own balcony or patio nestled looking into the tropical gardens looking out to the Pacific Ocean. All Garden Rooms boast a super king bed, which can be split into two king singles, with luxury mattress toppers for extra comfort.



What to Expect from Quest Tours prior to Departure...

We will book your international airfares, and organize your accommodation, transfers & Whale days

Expect a detailed packing list & travel updates in the weeks leading up to your departure date.

Included:

- International airfares ex Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, plus Gold Coast & Adelaide +\$)
- 1 night's twin share accommodation in Auckland, New Zealand incl airport transfers
- 7 nights' twin share accommodation in Niue
- Daily Tropical Breakfasts on Niue and on Whale days light Snacks when onboard
- 5 days (3.45 hours) Swimming with Humpbacks + possible Spinner Dolphin encounters
- 1 Day (3-hours) Ocean snorkelling or SCUBA diving (Extra \$\$s)
- Services of your Tour Leader, throughout your time in Niue and prior to the tour
- Qualified Whale Guides
- Access to hire cars
- Airport to hotel transfers throughout tour

Not included:

- Meals & drink other than specified on the itinerary
- Gratuities/ souvenirs/ alcohol
- **Personal Travel Insurance (compulsory) – we recommend purchasing this as soon as you book. Consider paying part of the tour cost with your credit card, if it has Travel Insurance linked to it**



Flight Options & Details

Flight Options: Depart Friday & Return to most Australian Cities, Saturday

AKL to Niue IUE Return Flights: AKL 08:25 > 12:50 IUE (Mon) 14:00 > 16:50 AKL (Saturday)

Outbound: **SYD 11:55 > 16:55 AKL** Inbound: **AKL 20:05 > 21:50 SYD** Included

Outbound: **MEL 12:10 > 17:45 AKL**, Inbound: **AKL 19:20 > 21:35 MEL** included

Outbound: **OOL (Gold Coast) 11:55 > 17:00 AKL**, Inbound: **AKL + o'night AKL**

Outbound: **BNE 12:15 > 17:20 AKL**, Inbound: **AKL 19:30 > 21:20 BNE** Included

Outbound: **ADL 12:05 > 18:55 AKL**, Inbound: **AKL 08:25 > 10:45 ADL + \$330**

Outbound: **LAX (Thu) 22:10 > 06:00 AKL** Inbound: **AKL 20:15 > 13:20 LAX**

Outbound: **SFO (Thu) 23:00 > 07:10 AKL**, Inbound: **AKL 19:50 > 12:55 SFO**

Flights are available from other ports, please ask for details

Air NZ (includes seat back, T.V, music,. Each flight ex Australia on this trip is between 3 – 3.5 hours. 23kg baggage, Full meals, alcoholic drinks, movies are included

Flight times and prices are as at February for July 2026, and are subject to change for 2027



It is important to note that for international departures check in is no later than two hours prior to departure. Please ensure that all departure / arrival timings indicated are correct, as these are subject to change without notice.

Your passport must have a minimum of 6 months validity from day of departure

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Costs and flights are as at February 2026 and are subject to fluctuations in exchange rate - **\$AU 1.00 = \$NZ 1.20**

Quest Tours – General Diving and Snorkelling Rules

Obviously on all dive and Snorkelling tours, safety is our main concern. The quality of diving is guaranteed. Niue has incredible reef diving, however, it is relatively remote compared to much of the developed world. The following guidelines will help you enjoy your tour and stay safe on your holiday

For snorkelers / Free Divers

Swimming with whales is a surface Snorkelling activity only. Lead weights are not required. Should you need them they are available to hire.

Good quality, well fitting Snorkelling fins (not kick fins) are essential. A well-fitted mask that has been treated so it does not fog will keep you comfortable, and we strongly recommend a high-quality snorkel with a splashguard and a purge valve.

Please ask us for advice regarding all of this equipment. We have packages exclusively available for our tour participants at \$119.

Your guide on the tour is trained for in-water rescues and emergency first aid.

It is **ESSENTIAL** that you practice your snorkelling skills in open ocean **BEFORE** you depart as much as possible.

Quest Tours – Forster NSW Australia (Licence number: 2TA 10493)

Bookings:

To book onto the tour you will need to supply a completed booking form, together with a copy of your passport and a \$2000 non-refundable deposit.

We have booked the whale watch and diving operation for the height of the whale watch season, early bookings are essential and will ensure your spot on the tour. Before booking please read thoroughly the **BOOKING CONDITIONS** as published on our websites.

Late bookings will likely incur more expensive, above the \$AU1,400, flights

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory on all of our tours. We strongly recommend taking out travel insurance at the same time as paying your deposit. Sure Save, our recommended insurance provider, will cover you at the time of taking out your policy and until your tour's return date..

We suggest carefully checking conditions of any other travel insurance you may be considering.

Please note that DAN Insurance does not cover you for things such as flight cancellations, lost baggage or similar. They only cover you for diving related injuries. We recommend and insist on additional, comprehensive insurance to cover cancellations, airline changes and baggage in conjunction with DAN.





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