

# Tahiti 2023



## Swim with Humpback Whales | Lagoon Snorkeling

Beautiful, Private Villa accom. Views over Lagoon & Ocean, Moorea

### 5 Full Days Swimming with Humpback Whales

**Duration:** 8 days – 7 nights, 6 nights on Moorea

**Tour Leader:** Ron Hunter ([Ron@Questtours.com.au](mailto:Ron@Questtours.com.au))

**Trip Code:** 2FP23 **Max. Group Size:** 8

**Dates:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

**Cost:** \$AU 4,990 plus Airfares



# Marine Life

Humpback Whales Dolphins Turtles

Reef Sharks Stingrays Tropical Fish

Quest Tours: ***“Fulfilling Dreams”***

Swimming with Humpback Whales is the most extraordinary, emotional & humbling experience

Each day with the Humpbacks is different, from a pod of boisterous adolescents to a full-on “heat run” when competing males, charge and roar at each other, for the right to mate with a receptive female, to a mum and her newborn calf, attended by aunties. Each encounter is profound, magical and oh so memorable!

The Humpback calves we swam with 18-years ago, are now the mums; and these habituated girls will now push their precious baby to us, proudly showing us their new off-spring.

This really is the stuff of dreams!

During our 9 days in Moorea, we will also have the opportunity to swim with Spinner dolphins.

During the mornings they can be reliably encountered in the lagoons and passes as they rest from the evening hunt.

In the lagoon, expect up close & personal encounters with Stingrays & Black-Tip Reef Sharks, accustomed to sharing their sandy bed with snorkelers, they can be very inquisitive with swimmers. Fish life here abounds; Parrot Fish, Butterfly Fish, Surgeon Fish, Wrasses, and many others!

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# Daily Itinerary

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☺ Flights are 3.10 to 5.40 hours duration, and are all with Air New Zealand on Boeing 787's

☺ Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Aug: Sydney (SYD) 11:55 – 17:00 Auckland (AKL) 18:10 – 01:05 Papaate (PPT) Tahiti. Transfer from Airport to Hotel (note that we arrive in Tahiti on the SAME DATE as we depart Sydney)

☺ Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Aug: Transfer from Hotel to Papaate dock, board inter-island ferry; depart dock at 10:00 arrive Moorea 10:40. Get rental cars, head to town for supplies, then check-in to our two luxury villas

☺ Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Thru Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Aug:

☺ FIVE full Days (7-hours) - Opportunity to snorkel with Humpback Whales. [Swim with Whales](#)

☺ Snorkel with Rays and Sharks and sometimes Dolphins inside the sheltered Moorea Lagoon

☺ One free morning to explore Moorea, or laze around the pool or lagoon

☺ Thu 31<sup>st</sup> Aug: We will depart our villa around 15:30, return the hire cars and depart onboard the inter-island ferry at 16:45, arrive Papaate at 17:15, transfer to a restaurant near airport Celebrate tonight, reliving the amazing wildlife encounters you've all enjoyed. Last drinks, transfer to the airport

☺ Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Sep: PPT 03:10 – 06:50 AKL 09:10 – 10:40 SYD (Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep)

☺ This itinerary is indicative only, at Moorea we will be chartering a boat for 7-hours each day for 5-days. Depending on sea conditions, we would spend as much time as possible snorkeling with the Humpback Whales, and exploring the lagoon when it suits us, we would aim for a break at lunchtime







# LUXURY VillaS

We will be staying in TWO luxury Villas on Moorea; with only FOUR persons in each Villa  
Both Villas are similar, featuring the following:

One double bedrooms with ensuite. One double bedroom & one twin bedroom, sharing 2<sup>nd</sup> separate shower & separate toilet.

Spacious deck with jacuzzi, overlooking the Lagoon & Ocean.

Luxury kitchen, dining room & lounge room.

The resort has a pool, tennis court and fitness centre as well as a restaurant.

We have the opportunity to self-cater, which will be essential for at least breakfasts.

There are a number of restaurants nearby, and all easily accessed with our hire cars





- Maximum number on this tour 7 + your tour leader Ron.
- Your tour leader/ tour coordinator Ron ([Ron@QuestTours.com.au](mailto:Ron@QuestTours.com.au)) will organize flights, transfers, accommodation and anything else you may need

### Included in this price:

- 😊 Overnight Airport Hotel in Papaate, Tahiti
- 😊 Return transfers from the airport to the ferry dock
- 😊 Return high-speed ferry transfers, Papaate to the island of Moorea, Tahiti
- 😊 Seven-days Hire cars; fuel for seven-days. We will need a “volunteer” to drive the 2<sup>nd</sup> car
- 😊 6-nights in spectacular, self-contained luxury Villas, Moorea
- 😊 5-days swimming with the whales, includes lunches, fruit, snacks and drinks onboard
- 😊 Snorkeling opportunities with massed schools of marine life in the Lagoon
- 😊 Moorea Island self-driving exploration tour
- 😊 Services of your tour leader, throughout your time in Tahiti and prior to your tour.
- 😊 Qualified whale and dive guides

### Not included in this price:

- Airfares
- Single supplement (if available) + \$500, early application essential
- Queen bedroom with ensuite (if available) + \$500 per person, early application essential
- Meals & drink other than specified on the itinerary
- Gratuities / souvenirs / alcohol
- PCR or RAT Covid-19 tests if required

**Personal Travel Insurance (compulsory) – we recommend purchasing this as soon as you book**





**Snorkeling:** A good mask, snorkel & fins are essential, even to the point to “make or break” your enjoyment and safety with the whales. **The type of full face mask at left is NOT at all suitable, and can be in fact dangerous.**

**Wetsuits** are also not suitable for whale days; a wet wetsuit on the surface with wind on it will act like a refrigerator, and once it dries you perspire inside it. The very best tops available are **Enth Degree**, Ladies version picture left. They are 5-layered garments that not only breath, they are windproof, with UV50+ sun protection. Sharkskin and other imitators really don’t compare. Contact us for advice on gear, we are all diving & snorkeling instructors / professionals, guiding clients on Whale Tours for decades; we know what will work for you, ensuring you have the best in water time in with the whales.



**Snorkelling: We will be in open-ocean waters with the Whales. It is essential that you are a competent swimmer and snorkeler. We strongly suggest undertaking some OPEN OCEAN snorkeling BEFORE the tour. Your guides are all PADI Dive Masters or Instructors; we can help you with your snorkeling skills. BUT nothing prepares you better than getting into open ocean waters, and practicing before setting off on this adventure.**



**SCUBA: General Diving Rules:** Obviously on all dive tours, safety is our main concern. Tahiti has some of the world’s best coral atoll reef diving, but it is still a remote Pacific Islands. We must dive within our limits & stay safe. The use of a computer, octopus and SMB are mandatory.



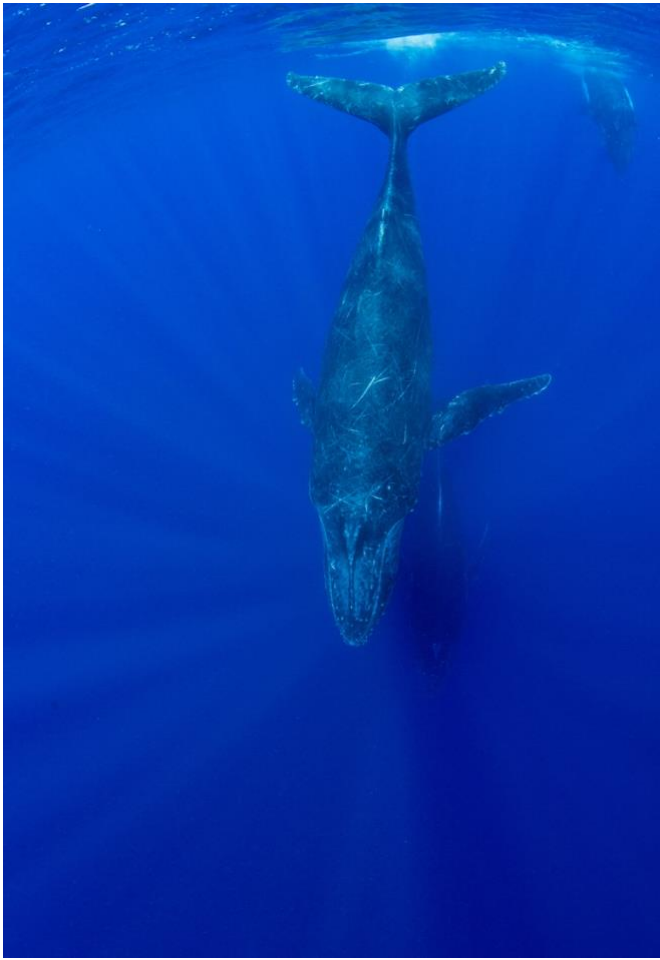
#### **Quest Tours – Forster NSW Australia (Licence number: 2TA 10493)**

We may be flying a different combination of airlines to ensure that our connections all work on all legs of our journey. We will be flying Air New Zealand, unless things change schedule wise.

**Tour costed at \$AUD 1.00 = \$US 0.72 and EU 0.64 (Feb, 2022)**



**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. Ensure that your Travel Insurance includes COVID-19 cover Please note that DAN Insurance do not cover you for things such as flight cancellations, lost baggage or similar. They only cover you for diving related injuries. It is essential you have additional insurance to cover cancellations, airline changes and baggage if you wish to use DAN.



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Single supplement +\$AU 500. Double with ensuite +\$AU 500 PP  
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