

Kingdom of Tonga | July – October 2019



Darren Jew

Swim with Humpbacks



Join photographers **Jasmine Carey** and **Canon Master Darren Jew** on an unforgettable tour offering unmatched in-water encounters with humpback whales in the Kingdom of Tonga's enchanting Vava'u Group of Islands.

The waters that surround Vava'u are the ideal location to swim with and photograph humpback whales during their winter migration – and at the same time sharing in-water experiences and photography skills with small groups of ocean lovers.

Since 2001 Darren has been travelling to Vava'u, photographing these magnificent creatures as they go about their lives in the warm waters of this South Pacific paradise—as seen on the Netflix series "Tales by Light".



“To look into the eye of a whale and have them look back is like no other wildlife experience on the planet.”

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This is the marine wildlife adventure of a lifetime!

Your 12 day tour gives you quality time in the water, up-close and personal with the magnificent humpback whales, in the clear, warm waters of their Winter breeding grounds.

This is your chance to travel alongside renowned photographers Darren Jew and Jasmine Carey and gain insights into the creative processes that go into capturing their images.

Not only will you experience some of the best whale encounters imaginable, you'll receive expert guidance allowing you to take your photography to the next level of technique and creativity.

In addition to on-water whale time, a mix of optional photography sessions and local activities will be led by Darren and Jasmine during the week to ensure you make the most of the images you capture and your time in Vava'u.

See you in Tonga!



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- ✓ Option for 6 or 8 days on the water
- ✓ Experienced whale swim crews
- ✓ Comfortable accommodation
- ✓ Image processing sessions
- ✓ Quality photography advice
- ✓ Expert briefings
- ✓ Use of neoprene boat overcoats included
- ✓ Great meals - Special diets catered for



The Whales Underwater team

Dedicated to bringing you the best whale swimming experience possible—whether it's the inspiration to jump on board, the fine detail of bookings, the delivery of services on the ground or on the water. The Whales Underwater team all work hard to help make your experience one you'll cherish forever, from the moment you first enquire until your tour concludes and we say our sad goodbyes.

On the water our local Whale Watch Operators are the best in the islands and an integral part of the success of our encounters. On land you'll be treated to great hospitality by our guest house hosts.



Darren Jew Ocean Photographer and Host

Having been inspired to explore a career in nature photography by his father's travels in Antarctica, Australian professional photographer Darren Jew now pursues his passion for capturing and sharing the wonder of the natural world.

Darren hosted his first whale swimming photo tour in 2001 and since then has gained a reputation for not only his own whale photography, but his enthusiasm for sharing the whale encounters with other photographers. Darren is 5-time Australian Professional Science, Wildlife and Wild Places Photographer of the Year; is a Canon Master; holds an Associate Diploma in Applied Photography and; has been a SCUBA diver since age 14.

Darren also features in Series 1, Episode 1 of the series "Tales by Light" streaming on Netflix.

Jasmine Carey Ocean Photographer and Host

Jasmine Carey has been diving since 2005 and has worked as assistant and safety diver to Darren on shoots since 2014. She's been integral to the success of Darren's annual photo event the Foto Frenzy Muster held for the last 5 years on Lady Elliot Island and supported a number of ocean-focused Capture to Print Workshop events.

Jasmine first visited Tonga and did her first whale swim in 2014 and has returned to host Whales Underwater's second boat since 2016.

Jasmine is a trained Rescue Diver and has a background in exercise physiology. An accomplished diver, event manager, group leader and passionate photographer, you can see a selection of her images on her Instagram feed @Pxlexplorer



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Swim with the whales from AUD\$5650 (twin share) **9 days / 8 nights / 6 days on the water**

Tour Code	Available Dates, 8 night tours
WUWT19A	24 July to 1 August 2019 from AUD\$5650
WUWT19C	14 to 22 August 2019 from AUD\$5650
WUWT19E	4 to 12 September 2019 from AUD\$5650
WUWT19G	25 September to 3 October 2019 from AUD\$5650 (**Canon Collective Tour)



Day 1 Arrival in Vava'u, Tonga.
Transfer to Accommodation Settle in, equipment preparation and whale swim briefing.
Dinner

Day 2-4 On the water
Board your vessel for full days with the whales, snorkelling, islands
+/- 3pm Return to Guest House
Edit time in the lab up until dinner.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 No-work Sunday
Day at leisure around the village or at local resort.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6-8 On the water
Board your vessel for full days with the whales, snorkelling, islands
+/- 3pm Return to Guest House
Edit time in the lab up until dinner.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 Goodbyes :(
Check out, transfer to Airport for onward flights (or extend your stay)
Breakfast



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Swim with the whales from AUD\$7580 (twin share)

12 days / 11 nights / 8 days on the water

Tour Code Available Dates, 8 night tours

WUWT19B 2 to 13 August 2019 from AUD \$7580 (twin share)
WUWT19D 12 August to 3 September 2019 from AUD \$7580 (twin share)
WUWT19F 13 to 24 September 2019 from AUD\$7580 (twin share) (*AusGeo Society Tour)
WUWT19H 4 to 15 October 2019 from AUD\$7580 (twin share) (**Canon Collective Tour)

Day 1 Arrival in Vava'u, Tonga.
Transfer to Accommodation Settle in, equipment preparation and whale swim briefing.
Dinner

Day 2 On the water
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+/- 3pm Return to Guest House
Edit time in the lab up until dinner.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 No-work Sunday. Day at leisure around the village or at local resort.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4-9 On the water
Board your vessel for full days with the whales, snorkelling, islands
+/- 3pm Return to Guest House
Edit time in the lab up until dinner.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 No-work Sunday. Day at leisure around the village or at local resort.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 On the water
Board your vessel for full days with the whales, snorkelling, islands
+/- 3pm Return to Guest House
Edit time in the lab up until dinner.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 Goodbyes :(Check out, transfer to Airport for onward flights
Breakfast



Your Whales Underwater tour includes:

- All on-water and off-water activities, boat trips etc as specified in the itinerary
- Expert and personalised photography, tuition and education
- Workshops and Supervised Creative Lab time
- Airport transfers in Vava'u (on tour start and end dates only)
- Twin share or double accommodation as per itinerary
- Meals from dinner on arrival day to breakfast on departure day with Sundays an exception, breakfast and dinner only
- 6 days (9 day tours) or 8 days (12 day tours) on the water with the whales

Tour Price does not include:

- Flights
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Snacks
- Discretionary tips
- Items of a personal nature
- Personal snorkelling equipment

Canon Collective

** No Underwater camera?

No worries! Why not consider our two special **Canon Collective** departures, we're joined by a Canon Collective Ambassador and each guest receives use of Canon cameras and lenses as well as underwater housings!

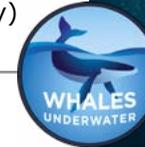
See our separate Canon Collective Tour Brochure, or enquire for full details. (Tour Codes WUWT19G and WUWT19H only)



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* We're proud to be partnering with the Australian Geographic Society again in 2019!

Join us for this unique departure accompanied by a Special Guest host and support the work of the Australian Geographic Society at the same time. (Tour Code WUWT19F only, host to be confirmed)



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Tour Prices: 8 Night / 9 day Tours from AUD\$5650 | 11 Night / 12 day Tours from AUD\$7580

Contact Jackie! All booking enquiries should be directed to our reservations specialist Jackie Low at Whales Underwater.

Twin or double share. A limited number of single supplements may be available, please enquire. We will endeavour to match up solo travellers with a same gender roommate, however should this not be possible the single supplement may be payable. Please enquire for details.

As well as handling your tour booking, our reservations specialist Jackie Low (a Licensed Travel Agent) can assist with booking the ideal and recommended flights to and from Vava'u; additional accommodation and; appropriate travel insurance. Secure your booking now with a deposit of AUD\$1500 by contacting Jackie.

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