



 RITA KLUGE  
PHOTOGRAPHY

A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE WITH  
**RITA KLUGE TOURS**

**2024**  
**VAVA'U TONGA**



## EXPERIENCE THE TRIP OF YOUR LIFETIME!

### TOUR A ..... 21 AUG-29 AUG 2024

- 12 days / 11 nights
- 6 days on the water with whales
- Maximum of 6 people

**\$5,495 USD (\$8,650 AUS)**

### TOUR B ..... 06-16 SEP 2024

- 11 days / 10 nights
- 6 days on the water with whales
- Maximum of 6 people

**\$5,630 USD (\$8,650 AUS)**

### TOUR C ..... 18-28 SEP 2024

- 10 days / 9 nights
- 7 days on the water with whales
- Maximum of 6 people

**\$5,955 USD (\$9,150 AUS)**





## DAY 1

Arrival and transfers by taxi to our accommodation with water views. Time to settle in at our beautiful place where we can talk about our adventures to come in the following days. There will be a mix of photographers and non-photographers with professional cameras, iphones, GoPros and 360's. Whatever it is, this is the time to set it all up. Rita will be able to give you tips and editing ideas however, this is not a beginners photography course. You have to be able to use your gear and editing programs with confidence. Bring your lap-top or ipad to upload your wonderful photos, so we can all admire our wonderful heart-warming whale encounters.



## DAY 2-9 / 2-10 / 2-11 / 2-12

After breakfast, we will be transferred to our whale charter boat. Spending a day on the water, looking for humpback whales and other marine life. There will be plenty of time to snorkel, explore remote caves and make the most of the tropical Pacific Ocean. A light lunch will be served on the boat, more whale sightings and then we will return to the accommodation for sunset drinks and dinner ala carte.



## DAY 9 OR 10 OR 12

Sadly our last day... After breakfast, return transfers will be arranged to go to the airport.

Sundays are REST days. No one in Tonga is allowed to work unless you're at a private resort / home stay. We will have a day to just do nothing, explore the island. I can highly recommend going to the local church to let the singing vibrate through your body just like the whale songs.



## TOUR PRICES INCLUDE:

- 5 – 7 days on the water with whales
- Exclusive use of chartered whale boat and skipper for the group
- Security whale guide
- Airport transfers on tour start and finish date in Vava'u
- Accommodation (twin share) single rooms available but limited

## TOUR PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights to or from Tonga
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Comprehensive travel insurance
- Covid insurance
- Discretionary tips
- Personal items
- Food (ala carte menu provided at accommodation or in town)



## REVIEWS

In August, I was lucky to be able to join Rita Kluge on her incredible humpback tour in Tonga. Her unparalleled knowledge of the whales and Tongan waters, combined with her attentive care to our group's individual needs, made this once-in-a-lifetime experience even more special. Swimming alongside these majestic creatures was life changing.

***Matt Ferguson Photography***

I had known Rita Kluge for a number of years, and when she mentioned she was organising a trip to Tonga to swim with Whales I jumped at the once in a lifetime opportunity to be with such magnificent creatures. I must say she had organised everything we could want with accommodation, food and even the dive boat which picked us up from the resort we stayed at.

The Whales and the people were unbelievable to be with and made the trip memorable. Rita is extremely caring, scrupulously honest and is a competent health professional as well as an amazing Photographer.

***JP***

### **Once in a lifetime experience**

The professionalism and personal touch provided by (Rita Kluge Tours) is what makes this Tongan whale swim so memorable. Rita ensures that each of her guests are safe, comfortable and happy. Her swims are divided into small groups so that only a few guests are in the water at a time, there is plenty of opportunity to take photos or just soak up the special moment. The skill of the guides and boat captain in finding the whales is uncanny and once found I really appreciated their respect and care for these beautiful creatures.

Rita provided lots of information about what was needed on the trip which really helped with the packing! For me it was one of the most amazing experiences I've ever had, it was truly incredible, to be so close to these gentle intelligent mammals was a real privilege and something I won't ever forget.

***K***

"I had the best holiday ever – I am still buzzing."

***Kate***

"Rita Kluge is unlocking the mysteries of the deep blue sea."

***Daily Telegraph***

"Rita Kluge whispers sweet nothings to whales and dolphins. We don't know what she says but they let her get up close and take the most incredible photographs."

***Love Local Avalon***

"Sydney's very own whale whisperer."

***Courier Mail***



## ABOUT KLUGE TOURS

Rita is half Korean/German, a multi-awarded international photographer living in the Northern Beaches, Sydney. Join one of her incredible underwater adventures to share her passion from the underwater world.

When home from traveling, she looks after her trusted clientele as a Physiotherapist/Osteopath or shares her stories of adventures with exhibitions or lectures.

Her great passion is capturing wildlife and nature.

'*Tears of the Sea*' was self-published by Kluge 2018. A book of 128 pages sailing to Antarctica capturing apex predators and incredible nature from above and under the ice.

Rita enjoys working with charitable organisations foremost to spread awareness and to help keep our oceans clean and protect the life they hold. Being from Germany with no ocean in sight she is over the moon to be able to have found her passion in photographing the ocean and wildlife.

## AWARDS

2019 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHER PEOPLES CHOICE

2019 SEMI FINALIST, WINDLAND SMITH RICE AWARD

2018 EPSON AWARD SILVER 'CRABEATER', ANTARCTICA

2018 EPSON AWARD SILVER 'BUBBLES', NSW AUSTRALIA

2017 EPSON PANO AWARDS GOLD WITH 'FREEDOM', TONGA

2017 CAROLYN MITCHUM AWARD, RUNNER UP, 'FREEDOM', TONGA

2017 PUBLISHED IN THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE  
'TAKE A BOW', TONGA

2016 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PRISTINE SEAS ASSIGNMENT '  
SLEEPING BEAUTY', TONGA

2015 AUSTRALIAN MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY'S AMAZING OCEANS  
PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR RUNNER UP

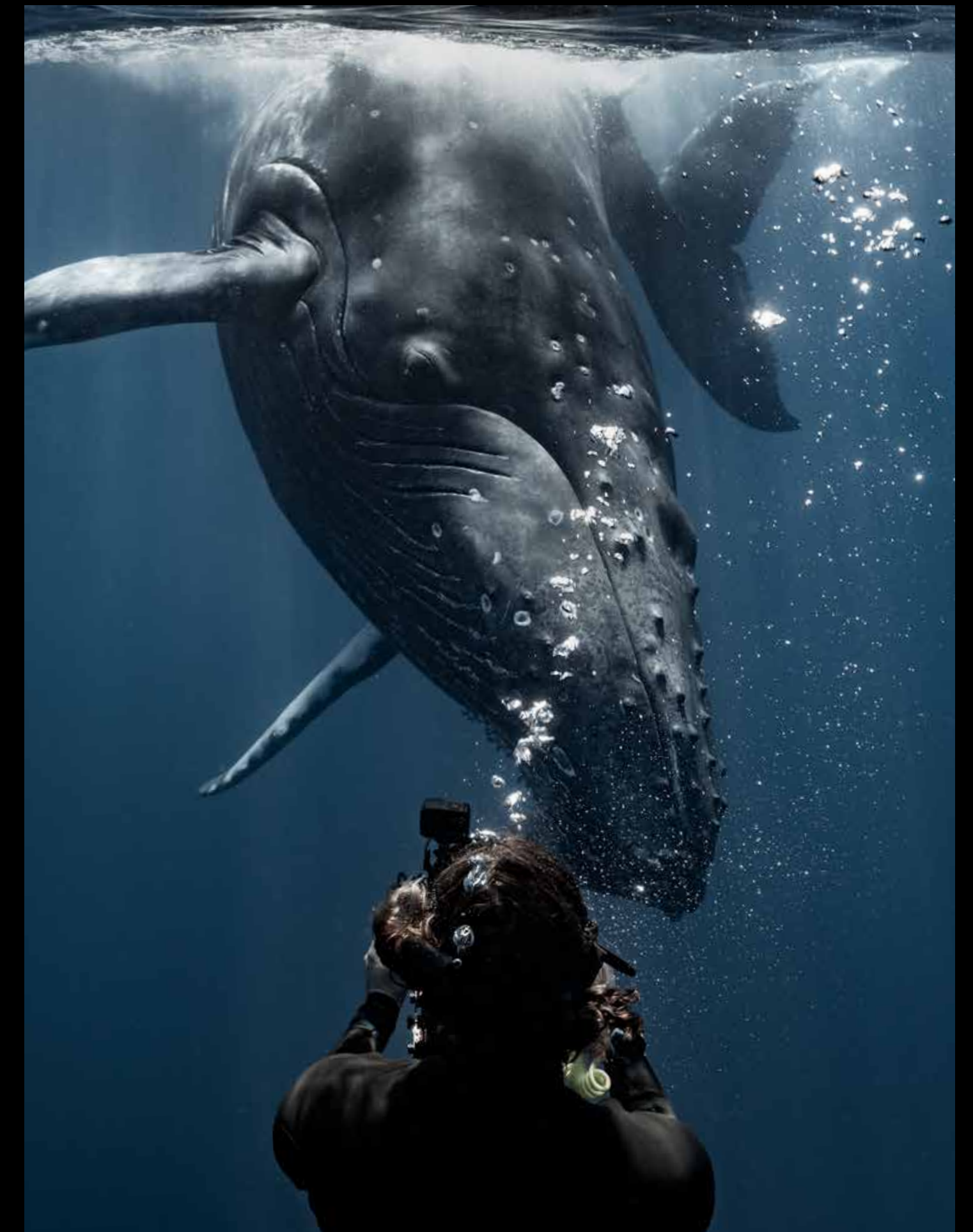
## FEATURED WORK

THE HUFFINGTON POST, THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN, HEART OF THE NATION,  
THE GUARDIAN, THE WASHINGTON POST, MYMODERNMET.COM, THE DAILY  
TELEGRAPH, THE MORNING SHOW CHANNEL 7, THE DAILY EDITION CHANNEL 7,  
WEEKEND TODAY SHOW CHANNEL 9, FUBIZ.COM, HERALD SUN

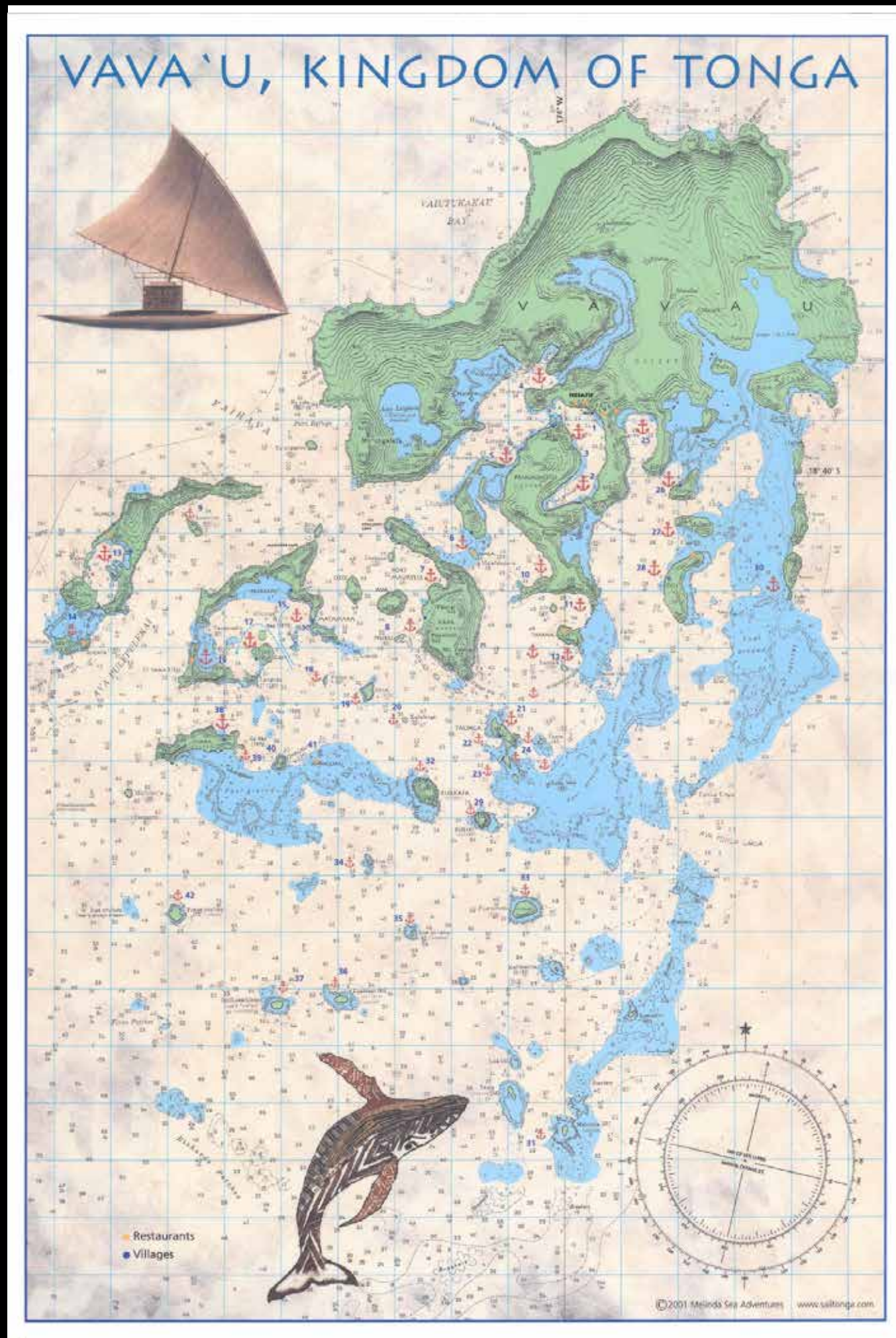
20 IMAGES DISPLAYED IN PARIS, SAINT-DENIS, FRANCE, EUROPEANS LARGEST  
LED SCREEN 12M X 8M IN 2017

2016/17 NATIONAL TV CH 7 AND CH 9, MORNING SHOW

2015 AUSTRALIAN MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY'S AMAZING OCEANS  
PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION







## RESERVATIONS

### GROUP SIZE

Minimum of 5 guests per group required. Max. of 6 guests per group.

### PAYMENT TERMS

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 USD is required to secure your booking. The remainder is due 6 months before departure. For bookings made within 30 days, a full payment within 48 hours of booking is required.

### BOOKING TERMS

A non-refundable USD1000 / AUD1500 deposit is required at time of booking.

Balance payable 120 days prior to your first tour date.

## TERMS

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is required that all guests obtain travel insurance, including a cancellation policy and emergency medical care.

### CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

Cancellation or changes are permitted up to 180 days prior to scheduled tour.

No refund provided due to flight cancellations or delays. We strongly recommend to have Travel Insurance. Changes are subject to availability.

No show – All cost of activity will be charged in full.

Guests agree that all information given for the booking is true and correct.

## FLIGHTS

### ONLY BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS AFTER BEING RECONFIRMED.

Flights over Nadi, Fiji then to Tonga, Vava'u. You may have to have a stopover in Nadi. The airport hotel across or near by has free airport shuttles. Please be at the airport 3h prior your flight. If you arrive earlier to your booked tour please be aware that accommodation is additional booked in Tonga as they do get booked out.



