

MO'OREA 2024

Sept 30th - Oct 8th

9 DAYS (7 DAYS WHALE WATCHING) + ACCOMODATION + PHOTOGRAPHY

An underwater photograph of three humpback whales swimming in clear blue water. The whales are seen from a side profile, moving towards the left. The whale in the foreground is the largest and most prominent, showing its characteristic dark back and white belly with numerous dark spots. The other two whales are positioned behind it, one slightly higher and further back, and another below it. The water is a deep, clear blue, and the lighting is natural, highlighting the texture of the whales' skin and the depth of the ocean.

A UNIQUE ADVENTURE WITH
MEKAN POTOGRAPHY

WHALES - SHARKS & RAYS - PELAGICS

THE TRIP

When

- From the 30th September to 8th October 2024

Where

- Mo'orea, French Polynesia

Trip price

- 3500 USD

Duration

- 9 days, 8 nights, (7 days of whale watching, 8 hours / day)

Group Size

- Small Group 7 + Trip leader (Mekan)

Experience Required

- Good swimmer / Snorkeler *Freediving experience recommended



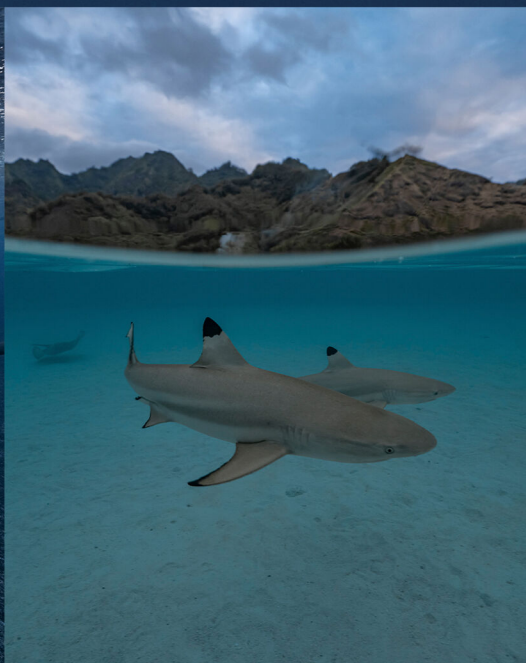
INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Taxi from the Moorea ferry to the house (first day) - House to Moorea ferry (Last day)
- 8 Nights in shared rooms Accommodation
- 7 Days 8h Private Whale Watching boat
- Breakfast and Lunch on the Tour days

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to and from Tahiti
- Two nights in Tahiti (for the plane)
- Ferries, Tahiti to Moorea – Moorea to Tahiti
- Dinners
- Meals on arrival/departure day
- Transportation on Moorea (You can rent a car or a motorbike)



DESCRIPTION OF THE TRIP

- The idea of this trip is to have an experience among friends, photographers, and nature lovers with an adventurous spirit at an affordable price, with one of the best and most experienced companies on the island, on a private boat, in which we always try to find our own animals (without boats who may have up to 30 people in the water)
- Most whale operators include trips of 4 hours a day, with sometimes up to 20 passengers on board, where you jump into the water to see whales with along with other boats around the same characteristics, sometimes ending up with more than 60 people in the water. We want aim to avoid these typical encounters. At no time do I want to say that this is done in a disrespectful or illegal way, most companies respect whale watching regulations. I just want to clarify that this trip is designed differently, to have the maximum possibilities of having incredible and magical encounters in the ocean.
- I will share my experience photographing whales and pelagic, give you advice both in the water and when editing photographs and videos, and I will also take and share with you photographs and short videos of the entire adventure.
- You will stay in a shared house in which, you will have to be comfortable with sharing a room and the entire house with other guests. The two reasons for this are to minimize the costs of luxurious homes or expensive hotels in French Polynesia, and promote a week of coexistence and interaction between people who love the sea, nature, marine wildlife and photography.

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- Each person will book their plane tickets to Tahiti and boat tickets to Moorea, where the taxi will pick you up and will take you to the house that you will share during the experience. On the last day, the taxi will take you back to the Moorea ferry.

*(Normally, you have to add one night in Tahiti on the way in and another on the way back, depending on the schedule of the planes and the ferry)

- The day will begin around 06:00 with breakfast, available at the accommodation or which I will bring in the morning. We will prepare ourselves for a day at sea, with our sunglasses, coral-friendly sunscreen, and a coat for wind or rain in case.



- Then we will continue our adventure at sea. At 8:00 in the morning the boat will pick us up and we will spend the day looking for whales and pelagic animals until 16:00 where the boat will drop us off at the house again. Lunch will be on the boat every day.

- Some days, depending on the energy of each one, we can go kayaking at sunset to the lagoon with the sharks and rays, to capture incredible images of these local inhabitants.

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- Afterwards, everyone will have time to shower, rest and look at the photos and videos of the day.
- At 7:00 p.m. we can cook dinner together at home. There is a small supermarket about 10-15 minutes walking from the accommodation, where everyone can buy both pre-cooked meals and food to cook as well, at an affordable price.
- There are also some restaurants about 20 minutes walking from the accommodation. Last night we can all go together to eat pizza and have a beer while we discuss the experience.
- You also have the possibility to rent a car, bike or motorbike in the island. There's taxi services as well (None included in the price).
- The last day will be a rest day, to let the equipment dry and leave for the ferry in Moorea that will take you back to Tahiti.



CONSIDERATIONS

- This is a trip designed for adventurers, people willing to push themselves mentally and physically to experience the best encounters with marine wild life.
- People who are willing to live together for a week with other people, sharing space on the boat and in the accommodation, willing to share a room.
- Whale watching is not 100% guaranteed.
- Based on my experience, in a 7-day expedition the possibilities of having encounters with whales and other animals are very high.
- Furthermore, I have chosen these dates, since the whale calves have grown, and the mothers are more trusting, letting the whale calves play with humans, the best atmosphere to photograph these beings
- I highly recommend bringing your own fins, mask and wetsuit. Still, there is rental equipment available.
- Cold clothing for the boat, hat, sunglasses and environmentally friendly sunscreen

BOOK YOUR TRIP

- **Email:** mekanphotography@gmail.com
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- 50% Deposit before 10 January
- Rest of the payment 90 days before the trip

Deposits can be sent via bank transfer. If you are ready to embark on this adventure please contact me today to sign up for the trip and get your deposit sent. Limited spaces are available on a first come first serve basis.

See you in Moorea!

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