

The overlap between Kaanapali Ocean Adventures' snorkel season and humpback whale season [Visit the website](#) creates an extraordinary opportunity for guests visiting Maui between December 15 and May 15. During these months, it is possible to encounter both the reef marine life of a snorkel tour and the spectacular surface behavior of humpback whales on a single outing. The Lanai snorkel crossing during whale season passes through some of the highest whale density waters in Maui Nui. Whale spouts on the horizon, surface behavior visible from the boat, and occasional close passes by curious whales are all possible during the crossing. While the Lanai snorkel tour is not a dedicated whale watch, winter and spring departures regularly produce whale sightings that guests describe as unexpected bonuses. Dedicated whale watching tours are available during the December 15 through May 15 window. The Humpback Whale Watch and the Whale Watching and Dolphin Search are specifically designed to maximize whale encounter potential using Captain Dan's 45 years of experience locating whale activity in the Maui Nui basin.

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Humpback whale behavior during Maui season is particularly active because the whales are breeding and calving. Males compete for females through elaborate singing and physical competition. Females with calves are visible in shallower nearshore areas. Breaching activity is highest during the early part of the season as competition among males intensifies. For guests with limited time in Maui who want to experience both snorkeling and whale watching, the Lanai snorkel tour during whale season provides the best opportunity to encounter both worlds in a single four-hour morning. For guests who want to dedicate specific time to whale watching with maximum sighting probability, a dedicated whale watch tour with Kaanapali Ocean Adventures is the right choice. To book either option during whale season, call +1 808-633-3138 well in advance as these tours sell out.