

Humpback whale watching is one of the most extraordinary wildlife experiences available in Hawaii, and Kaanapali Ocean Adventures provides dedicated whale watching tours from Kaanapali Beach during humpback season. The season runs from December 15 through May 15, and whale watching is available on both dedicated tours and as a natural part of the Lanai snorkel crossing during these months. North Pacific [Kaanapali Snorkel Tours](#) humpback whales migrate to the warm shallow waters of Maui Nui, the area between Maui, Lanai, Molokai, and Kahoolawe, to breed and calve during winter months. The concentration of whales in these waters during peak season is among the highest in the world, and sighting rates on dedicated tours are consistently excellent. The Humpback Whale Watch tour operates on Kaanapali Ocean Adventures' eco-friendly vessel, following responsible marine wildlife viewing guidelines. Captain Dan's 45-plus years on West Maui waters means he understands whale behavior and knows where to find them based on conditions and time of season.

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Whale behavior during Maui season offers remarkable viewing opportunities. Breaching, which is the dramatic full-body leap from the water, is the most spectacular display. Pec slaps, tail flukes, and spy-hopping behavior are all frequently observed. Mother-calf pairs, visible in the shallower nearshore waters, are a highlight of the winter season. The Dolphin Search tour, which runs alongside the whale watching schedule, adds the possibility of spinner dolphin encounters to the experience. Pods of spinner dolphins are commonly found in the Maui Nui waters [Kaanapali ocean snorkeling](#) and often approach vessels. For guests visiting Maui between December 15 and May 15, a whale watching excursion with Kaanapali Ocean Adventures is an essential addition to the itinerary. The experience of watching humpback whales in their natural habitat from a small, intimate vessel is something most guests describe as one of the most memorable moments of their Hawaii trip. Book your whale watching tour at +1 808-633-3138.