

The marine environment that makes Kaanapali Ocean Adventures tours so memorable is also a resource that requires care and respect. Kaanapali Ocean Adventures follows responsible marine wildlife viewing practices and incorporates environmental stewardship into how tours are conducted. Hawaiian green sea turtles are protected under federal law by the Endangered Species Act and state law. Approaching, touching, or harassing honu is illegal and can result in significant fines. Kaanapali Ocean Adventures briefs guests on appropriate behavior around sea turtles before entering the water. Watching a turtle from a respectful distance of several feet is both legal and produces better viewing than crowding the animal. Humpback whales in Hawaii are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and are within the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. Federal regulations govern how closely vessels and swimmers may approach whales. Kaanapali Ocean Adventures follows NOAA's marine wildlife viewing guidelines from the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary in all whale watching operations.

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Reef-safe [Kaanapali snorkel trips](#) sunscreen is strongly recommended by Kaanapali Ocean Adventures. Conventional sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate have been shown to damage coral reef ecosystems. Hawaii has banned the sale of sunscreens containing these chemicals, and using reef-safe alternatives protects the reefs that make snorkeling in Maui exceptional. Spinner dolphin encounters follow specific approach guidelines that limit interaction time and maintain distances that do not disrupt the dolphins' natural behavior. [Kaanapali Snorkel Tours](#) When spinner dolphins approach the vessel, the crew guides guests to observe in ways that respect the animals' space. The long-term viability of ocean tourism in Maui depends on the health of the marine environment. Kaanapali Ocean Adventures' commitment to responsible viewing practices is both an ethical position and a business investment in the reefs, turtles, and whales that bring guests to Maui year after year. Book your responsible ocean adventure at +1 808-633-3138.