As baleen whales, humpbacks filter feed on tiny crustaceans (mostly krill), plankton and small fish. Humpback whales can consume up to **1,800 kilograms of food** in a single day, which would weigh more than a car!

Humpbacks migrate thousands of kilometres from their summer feeding grounds in cold, polar waters (like Alaska and Antarctica) to winter breeding grounds in warm, tropical waters near the equator (like Hawaii and Tonga). A humpback's pectoral fins can grow up to **4.5 metres long** - a wingspan that measures almost half the length of a bowling lane!

Among the 78 species of baleen and toothed whales, only a **small handful** are known to produce whale songs, including humpbacks.

Female humpbacks are larger than adult males and reach an average length of almost **17 metres** - as long as a school bus!

