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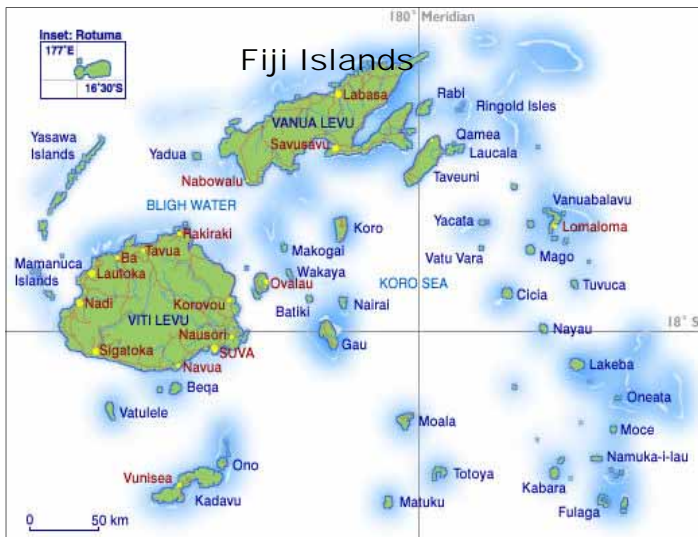
# Dive Adventures Fiji

## Fiji Islands

**The Fijian Islands are renowned for their friendliness. These magical Islands offer some of the best known diving in the South Pacific.**

300 islands, only one-third of which are inhabited, stretch out over thousands of square miles of the Pacific Ocean. The islands enjoy a tropical climate without extremes of hot and cold, but are vulnerable to the occasional tropical cyclone - most likely to occur, in the wet season, December to March.

The reefs surrounding the Fiji Islands abound with a wide variety and diversity of marine life. The world's second largest coral reef is located in these waters. Brightly colored soft corals, yellow and red gorgonian fans, a myriad of small tropical fish, tunnels, caves and spectacular drop-offs await the visiting diver. Dive sites vary from shallow lagoons, suitable for newcomers to the sport, to sheer walls and pinnacles for the more experienced divers.



**Our First Hand Experience Counts:** Dive Adventures highly experienced consultants, have an intimate knowledge of Fiji and will be happy to advise you on the unique culture and best diving available at this fascinating destination.

**History:** Current archaeological evidence suggests that Fiji was first settled around 3,500 years ago. Abel Tasman discovered the islands in 1643. Captain Cook and Captain Bligh also made further explorations in the 18th century. Fiji gained independence from Great Britain in 1970, and was declared a republic in 1987.

**Location:** Located in the Tropic of Capricorn, latitude 15° – 22°, longitude 177° - 178° and scattered over approximately 320,000 square kilometres of the Pacific Ocean, the Fiji Islands are around 3170 kilometres north-east of Sydney.

**Electricity:** Fiji operates on 240 volts / 50 cycles power supply using 3 pin power outlets, identical to those in Australia.



Tropical Island Paradise - Fiji



Pristine beaches, crystal waters and coral



Happy Faces of Fiji



Exotic marine life - Fiji



Great diving - Fiji

**Climate:** Fiji experiences a warm tropical climate. The summer wet season is from December to March (average temperature 30°) with the drier, cooler season being from April to November. (average temperature 26°) Rainfall is variable throughout Fiji, with the Eastern areas experiencing the most rainfall.

**Entry Requirements:** All visitors to Fiji must hold a ticket for onward travel and a passport with at least 3 months validity. Australian passport holders are granted a free tourist visa upon arrival, valid for stays of up to 4 months.

**Religion:** Fiji is a multi-racial and multi-religious country. The primary religions are Christian, Hindu and Islam.

**Currency & Banking:** Local currency is the Fijian dollar. Travelers cheques and principal foreign currencies can also be exchanged at larger stores and hotels. Major credit cards are accepted at most large retail stores, restaurants and hotels. ANZ and Westpac banks operate in Fiji and are open Monday - Friday from 9:30am - 3:00pm.



Wide range of great aquatic activities in Fiji

**Eating & Drinking:** Fiji offers a range of Polynesian, Asian and European cuisine, with a heavy emphasis on seafood. Water is safe to drink in all cities, resorts and urban areas.

**Health:** Fiji is free from most tropical diseases and vaccinations are not necessary unless arriving from an infected area. Medical and dental services are available 24 hours a day. Anti-malaria medication is not required.

**Departure Tax:** A departure tax of FJD\$20 is payable upon your departure from Fiji.

## Dive Taveuni

Set like a crown jewel amidst the South Pacific's 300 Fiji islands is Taveuni. A 45 minute flight Northeast from Suva or 60 minutes from Nadi, Taveuni is the site of one of the world's most remarkable dive venues. Enthusiast divers of all ages and levels of skills will marvel at the famous "White Wall" and "Rainbow Reef" located here.

### Garden Island Resort:

Garden Island Resort is an intimate oceanfront hotel situated on the waterfront of Somosomo Straits. There are 30 hotel rooms and 4 share dorms with ensuites, a fine restaurant and swimming pool. All rooms are air-conditioned with private facilities and have commanding views of the Somosomo Strait. The Resort provides a quiet and relaxing lifestyle in tropical surroundings with pleasant, attentive staff and fine international cuisine.

#### Features:

Scuba diving, snorkelling, bushwalking & trekking, bird watching, golf, tennis, bowls, excursions to traditional Fijian Villages, half day tours to waterfalls and beaches.

#### Diving:

Just minutes away from the resort, "Aqua-Trek Taveuni" offers divers a breath taking aquatic wilderness, with diverse diving amongst myriads of multi-hued coral and fish. Taveuni's reefs are virtually untouched, featuring walls descending into great depths, multi-coloured soft and hard coral gardens and tremendous fish life. With dives like the famous "White Wall" carpeted with electric blue soft corals and "The Zoo" – big fish country – sharks, turtles, rays and schooling pelagics, you'll find Taveuni a superb dive destination.



Garden Island Resort - poolside



Snorkelling off Garden Island



Great diving - Taveuni region.

### Matangi Island Resort:

Matangi Island Resort is one of Fiji's most secluded island resorts, situated on Matangi island, just off the coast of Taveuni. The island is fringed by a white sand beach, overlooking a beautiful turquoise lagoon. The island's rainforest interior is a naturalist's delight with numerous mountain hikes, bush walks and caves on offer. Accommodation is in either beachfront or tree house bures with an accent on tranquility and seclusion.

#### Features:

Scuba diving, snorkelling, bushwalking & trekking, bird watching, game & sport fishing, paddle-canoes and windsurfing.

#### Diving:

Surrounded by reefs and lagoons, the Matangi / Taveuni area is classified among the most outstanding dive regions of the world, a reputation supported by the warm waters, great visibility and a profusion of soft coral-clad reefs renowned for their majestic gorgonian fans. Scores of dive locations offer exotic marine life. Most of the dive sites are within 20 minutes of the island by boat.



Matangi Island - aerial view

## Dive Great Astrolabe Reef -Kadavu

In the 1870's Kadavu was considered as a site for the capital of Fiji. However, Suva was chosen instead, leaving Kadavu with it's surrounding virgin reefs left still undisturbed. The south east side of the island is surrounded by the famous "Great Astrolabe Reef" that stretches for 45 kilometers. The island is located directly south from Suva.

### Waisalima Beach Resort

Waisalima Beach Resort located on the north-eastern side of Kadavu offers peace and tranquility in a range of bure styled accommodation from dormitory to standard and deluxe bures. Enjoy the local Fijian cuisine, get active with water-sports or simply laze on the beach. There are no roads on Kadavu Island. The low tide provides beach access from village to village. The people are friendly and always like to share a greeting of a cheery Bula (Hello).

#### Features:

Waisalima Beach boasts one kilometre of white sandy beach, diving, kayaking, snorkelling, fishing, beachcombing and island trekking. The resort is self sufficient in fruit and vegetables grown in organic gardens.

#### Diving:

Located only minutes from the famed "Great Astrolabe Reef", Waisalima offers one of the most beautiful and unspoiled marine environments in Fiji. There is an abundance of vivid colours and marine life to be discovered, with hard and soft corals, walls, tunnels, drop-offs and pelagic fish life a feature here. Another feature is the close proximity of the dive sites to the resort enabling divers to experience the best of Kadavu from their doorstep. Nitrox and rebreather facilities are available for the more advanced divers.



Walls of soft corals



Dive boat - Waisalima



Waisalima Beach Resort



Your traditional Fijian bure

## Dive Great Astrolabe Reef - Kadavu

### Matava Resort - Kadavu

Matava Resort is located on the south side of Kadavu facing the The Great Astrolabe Reef, the world's third largest fringing reef. All bures (Fijian huts) are constructed from local materials by traditional methods. Accommodation ranges from share dorm to private bures with ensuite facilities. Bures feature polished floor-boards, four-post beds, solar powered lighting, personal sun decks, small furnishings.

#### Features:

Diving, surfing, kayaking, sailboarding, snorkelling, fishing, water-fall and village tours.

#### Diving:

The Great Astrolabe Reef is famous for its soft coral, underwater cliffs and abundance of dolphins, barracuda, whales and sharks. Vertical drop-offs, soft and hard corals, brilliant colours and diverse marine life make this a great dive destination.

At the Nacomoto dive site, you can sight groupings of eagle rays - some spanning up to 3 meters in width. You may also encounter sharks, large schools of barracuda and turtles crossing your path. Matava Resort is one of the best locations with Manta Rays year round.



Overlooking The Great Astrolabe Reef



Manta Rays frequently seen on dives



Bure Accommodation - Matava



Soft corals - The Great Astrolabe Reef

## Dive Mamanuca Islands

The Mamanuca Islands are located off Viti Levu's west coast. A group of island resorts distinguished by pure white sandy beaches, tranquil turquoise waters and coconut palms hanging lazily at the water's edge. These small island resorts offer plenty of fun for visitors of all ages, with diving, fishing, snorkelling, wind surfing, and sailing being just a few of the activities available.

### Plantation Island Resort

Situated on a 110 acre island, Plantation Island Resort is perfect for families, with their comprehensive range of accommodation ranging from hotel rooms to family bures. The resort is an aquatic adventurer's dream, with activities such as parasailing, water skiing, sailing, diving, fishing, windsurfing and snorkelling on offer here. If you're just wanting to relax, the magnificent white sandy beach will be your second home!

#### Features:

2 swimming pools, waterslide, tennis, kids club, games rooms, bars and resort restaurant, bar-fridges, ceiling fans, air conditioning, tea & coffee facilities, shops, IDD phones, 9 hole golf course with complimentary use of many of these facilities.

#### Diving:

Coral reefs teeming with colourful fish and plant life are at your doorstep. Plantation Island has it's own Dive Centre catering to all levels of divers. Double dives run daily, departing at 8:30am, giving you the afternoon free to relax. A great variety of dives are offered here. The Pinnacle, Coral gardens, The Japanese Cavern, Whale Shark Wall and shark encounter dives are just the beginning!



Sandy beaches - Plantation Isl. Resort



Plantation Island Resort - aerial view



Friendly Marine life!

### Castaway Island

Castaway sits on Qalito, a small reef-ringed island in the Mamanuca Group just 20 miles due west of Nadi. It is a 174 acre private resort with lush tropical vegetation, secluded spacious bures, creative island cuisine and much more, which makes the ideal destination for the more discerning traveler. Whether your choice is beach front, oceanview or island setting, all bures feature one queen size bed, two single beds, fridge/ minibar, tea/ coffee making facilities, ceiling fans, iron & ironing board and hairdryer.

#### Features

Free form 25m fresh water swimming pool with bar, resort restaurant and bar and Sundowner bar with gourmet wood-fired pizza oven. Complimentary windsurfing, sailing (catamarans), paddleboards, spyboards, masks/snorkels/flippers (and beach volleyball, table tennis and tennis. Various motorised watersports are also available for a fee.

#### Diving

Castaway's own PADI 5 star dive centre ensures you are in capable hands. The surrounding reefs offer some of the best diving in the Mamanuca group no matter what level of experience you have. From complimentary pool sessions to a range of drift, pinnacle and deep dives all within 15 minutes from the resort by Fiji's fastest dive boat. This includes the famous Supermarket shark encounter, Gotham city and a number of other famous dive sites.



Great snorkelling - Castaway Island



Aerial view - Castaway Island



Dive boat- Castaway Island



Great dining- Castaway Island

## Dive Coral Coast & Beqa Lagoon

The Coral Coast is situated between Pacific Harbour and Sigatoka and is famous for its pristine reefs and coral formations. Beqa Lagoon is known worldwide for the brilliance and abundance of soft coral gardens and gorgonian forests. Abundant fish and marine life are found in this natural and unspoiled environment.

### Crusoe's Retreat

Your traditional Fijian bure, surrounded by lush tropical gardens and the relaxing atmosphere of Crusoe's swimming pool area, is only metres away from the crystal clear waters of the Pacific Ocean. All bures feature queen-size beds, with private bathroom facilities, tea & coffee making facilities and ceiling fans. Crusoe's Retreat is located next to a traditional Fijian village, offering you a unique cultural experience.

#### Features:

Swimming pool, restaurant, coral viewing from the glass bottom boat, diving, reef walking, horse riding, escorted nature walks, tennis & volleyball as well as sea kayaks, catamarans and snorkelling.

#### Diving :

There are many great dive sites only 2 - 10 minutes away in a custom appointed dive boat. Some of the more popular dive sites include "The Dungeon" - so named for the whips on the wall, "The Way Across" - with up to 10 leopard sharks residing in a swim-through, eagle rays, shovel-nosed rays, schools of barracuda - this is a fantastic big fish dive! Beqa Lagoon trips are also arranged through Dive Crusoe's, you can be diving at this world famous spot in just 25-30 minutes after leaving the resort.



Aerial view - Centra Resort



Relaxing by the pool - Centra Resort



Diving famous Beqa Lagoon



Beachside Crusoe's Retreat



Exotic marine life!



Poolside - Crusoe's Retreat



Exterior of bure - Crusoe's

### Centra Resort - Pacific Harbour

Pacific Harbour is the adventure capital of Fiji and the Centra, is right in the hub of all the activities that you can easily combine with your dive holiday. Activities include; white water rafting, sea and river kayaking, horse riding, sport/game fishing, golf & surfing. The resort is located on a 5 kilometer stretch of beautiful beach, making it an ideal playground for water sports.

The spacious rooms, poolside area and lush tropical grounds create the perfect environment for family fun or peace and quiet.

#### Features:

Horsingriding, windsurfing, diving, tennis, golf, snorkelling and the kid's club is a key feature for families. Rooms have air conditioning, IDD phones, mini-bar and tea & coffee facilities.

#### Diving:

Daily trips to the famous reefs surrounding Beqa and Yanuca Islands (most dive sites are 10 to 30 minutes away by fast boat) have been drawing divers to this area for a long time.

The hard and soft corals of Beqa Lagoon form an intricate, multi-coloured maze teeming with a variety of marine creatures. There is also the world famous "Shark & Big Fish" encounter dive - where bull sharks, grey, white and black tip sharks abound and the occasional oceanic white tip and tiger sharks visiting the area.

## Dive Nadi Region

Overlooking the Mamanuca group of Islands the region offers all the traditional tourist attraction from hotels and resorts, duty free shopping, restaurants and close proximity to Mamanuca and Yasawa Islands. Yet the surrounding waters offer a pristine marine environment and some fascinating diving.

### Seashell Cove Resort

Just 40 minutes from Nadi International Airport, Seashell Cove Resort is located on the coast overlooking Mamanuca Islands and the Great Navula Barrier Reef. The Resort offers a range of accommodation ranging from self catering bures for families and couples, honeymoon suites overlooking the water, private lodge rooms to share dormitory accommodation for the budget conscious traveller.

#### Features:

Swimming pool with a large sun deck area, restaurant, tennis, volleyball, horse riding, walking, shell collecting, surfing, snorkelling and diving.

#### Diving

Scuba Bula the resident dive operation offers some spectacular diving at the nearby "Navula Barrier Reef". Dive sites are generally around 15 minutes from the Resort and can suit every level of experience. Gentle lagoon dives for the beginners to exhilarating drift and wall dives for the more experienced divers. The area is renowned for its big animal encounters and prolific fish life.



Seashell Cove Resort - aerial view.



Seashell Cove Resort - Inside a bure.



Diving the "Navula Barrier Reef".

# Raki Raki

The endless miles of untouched reef surrounding the white sandy beaches of Nananu-i-Ra Island contain an abundance of marine life. The channel is a natural conduit for nutrients that emanate from the Tonga Trench, passing by Taveuni. The area contains more than 50 dive sites consisting of big fish action, many different species of sharks and gigantic walls of multi-coloured corals. The starting point for your dive adventure is the mainland township of Raki Raki.

## Wananavu Beach Resort

Located only 2 hours by car from Nadi, the Wananavu Beach Resort is situated on the waterfront near Raki Raki overlooking a magnificent lagoon. There are 15 deluxe bures built on the hillside, all with private facilities and fantastic views of the ocean and outer islands. All bures have ceiling fans, bar-fridge and tea & coffee making facilities. The resort has a wonderful a-la-carte restaurant with bar, offering great blend of Fijian and international cuisine.

### Features:

Tropical waterfall swimming pool, tennis, volleyball court, gym, restaurant, bar, windsurfing and first class diving.



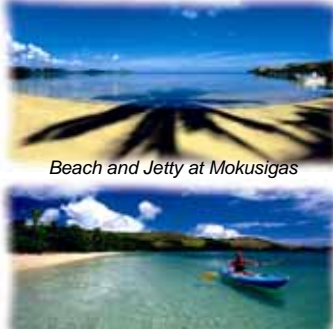
Overlooking Wananavu Resort



Swimming pool - Wananavu



Mokuisigas - aerial view



Kayaking off Mokuisigas

## Mokusigas Island Resort

A 15 minute boat ride from Raki Raki and you are in paradise. 24 beautiful and spacious traditional bures are scattered over the hilltop and beachfront, featuring great ocean views, stunning sunsets and sunrises. All rooms come with their own sundeck, ceiling fan, tea & coffee facilities, hairdryers and fridge. You have two private beaches to choose from and the resort features "Bligh's" restaurant, overlooking the ocean complete with an inviting cocktail bar.

### Features:

Restaurant, bar, live entertainment, gym, windsurfing, sailing, canoeing, tennis, snorkelling, diving, village and forest treks.

## Diving:

Ra Divers is located on Nananu-Ra Island, just across from Raki Raki and conduct the diving for Wananavu Beach Resort and Mokusigas Island Resort. Their operation offers first class diving facilities and staff. The diving in these waters is superb, with schools of Barracuda, Spanish Mackerel, and Trevally frequently sighted roaming the coral heads with the resident sharks. Black coral trees, multi-coloured soft and hard corals, sea whips and prolific tropical fish make these dives a photographers paradise. Dives such as Breathtaker - a deep reef where schools of big fish and many sharks are found will leave you as the name suggests!

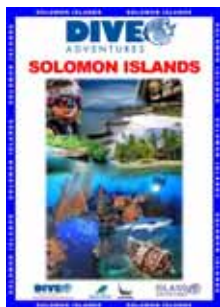


Soft corals abound in these waters



Colourful locals

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