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Welcome to happiness

Each time I visit Fiji, I’m reminded that it actually is the place where happiness finds you. Nowhere in the world do you feel more instantly at home and immediately welcomed into the wonderfully friendly Fijian family.

It’s this heartfelt hospitality with bright smiles and echoing ‘bulas’, along with the climate, stunning scenery and proximity that makes Fiji so popular with Kiwi travellers, and it’s very exciting to know there is still so much more of Fiji for Kiwis to discover.

We know Fiji is synonymous with wonderful family holidays with nanny services plus kids and teenager clubs to keep them safe and entertained, allowing parents time to relax. We also know that the numerous resorts provide a perfect place to get away to rekindle the romance. But Fiji also offers a myriad of unique experiences to make your Fiji holiday even more special.

In this guide, we detail these activities and experiences that will help visitors find their own idea of happiness – be it through scuba diving or spear fishing, sampling the fresh local cuisine (or even learning to cook it), mountain biking, surfing, visiting a local village and experiencing the Fijian culture, or of course there’s always sipping a cocktail by the pool with a favourite book.

Travel agents and their clients have told us that the diversity of content in this book was what really stood it apart, so we have added even more variety in this third edition. As well as the relaxing beach experience, we also cover adventure, weddings and romance, corporate incentives and meetings, cultural experiences, dining, shopping, cruising, family holidays, island excursions and many other attractions and activities.

We hope this book assists with planning your trip to Fiji – Where Happiness Finds You.

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The services of Fiji’s longest serving seaplane company, Turtle Airways, extend beyond transfers to its namesake island. Founded in 1979 when the film ‘Blue Lagoon’ required crew and material transportation between Turtle Island and the mainland, Turtle Airways now continues its transfers from Nadi to the Yasawa Islands, and also offers regular, daily flights to all of the Mananuca Islands. Charters and sightseeing excursions make up the rest of Turtle Airways’ business.

Seaplanes take up to around four people with bags, and a minimum of two passengers guarantee a flight, which is roughly 30 minutes to Turtle Island compared to around six hours by boat. Flight schedules to the Yasawas and Mamanucas are designed to minimise layover time in Nadi, varying each day but departing roughly every hour between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

Planning to explore the different islands of Fiji? There are a number of transport options available to ensure you get the full Fiji experience.

South Sea Cruises offers day trips to all the Mamanuca and Yasawa Islands of Fiji. The Yasawa Flyer is a common mode of transfer between different resorts as well as cruising through the Yasawa and Mamanuca Islands.

The Mamanuca Express operates from Port Denarau and provides water taxi services for individuals, couples and groups of up to 30 people to all resorts in the Mamanuca Islands.

Pacific Island Air provides helicopter, seaplane and fixed wing aircraft for resort and island transfers in both the Yasawa and Mamanuca Islands.

Fiji Airways also offers a range of domestic flights between different islands with its domestic carrier, Fiji Link.

Excitor Fiji provides island transfers as well as island tours on their one of a kind speedboat. Another fast boat transfer service available to travellers is SeaFiji, which also offers charter tours around the different islands.

For a full list of transfer operators visit [www.fiji.travel/information/transport](http://www.fiji.travel/information/transport)
Fiji at a glance

~ Fiji consists of 333 islands of volcanic origin, scattered throughout the South Pacific Ocean.

~ Approximately 110 of these islands are inhabited.

~ Fiji’s capital city is Suva, which is found on Fiji’s largest island Viti Levu.

~ With a population of just under 900,000, Fiji is more than just Indians and Fijians but a rich and vibrant melting pot of cultures from the Pacific, Asia, western nations and more.

~ Indians make up 44% of the total population after travelling to the country in 1879 to work on the sugar plantations.

~ When visiting Fiji, you are likely to hear the word ‘Bula’ used everywhere you go. Bula is an informal greeting that literally means life, however it is also used to mean anything from hello to goodbye, welcome and good day.

~ Fijian villages are extremely community orientated. From maintaining crop plantations, to fishing, playing cards, strumming guitars and attending church services, everything is done together and family focused.

~ Tradition is at the core of the Fijian way of life, and most villagers practice traditional arts and crafts as well as dance and music.

~ There are a few quirks in the Fijian language that are helpful for visitors to know. Vowels are pronounced as in the continental language, but there are certain unusually pronounced consonants that can be confusing. Any word with a ‘d’ has an unwritten ‘n’ in front of it – Nadi is pronounced ‘Nandi’ and the seafood dish kokoda, is ‘kokonda’. An ‘m’ is pronounced before the ‘b’ in words like Toberua (Tomberua). Sigatoka is ‘Singatoka’, Naigani is Ninegani’. And a ‘c’ is pronounced ‘th’, as in the Mamanuca Islands, so it is pronounced the Mamanutha Islands).
GETTING AROUND
Get there by air

With regular daily flights plus charter flights, Pacific Island Air covers the whole of Fiji and offers the flexibility that many travellers desire.

‘With seaplanes, helicopters and light aircraft, Pacific Island Air has Fiji covered,’ points out group marketing manager Alison Fleming. ‘Passengers can enjoy a scenic flight to their resort in the quickest possible time.’

Fleming says Pacific Island Air flies to all destinations in Fiji, with regular daily flights to the Mamanuca and Yasawa Islands as well as to the Coral Coast.

‘Charter flights in the Islander fixed wing aircraft are popular to the northern islands as they offer a convenient, hassle free service flying when people want to – not according to a timetable,’ she adds.

‘Daily flights are also offered to Mana, Musket Cove, Plantation and Lomani Resorts in the Islander, an affordable alternative to the boat.’

Pacific Island Air operates two different types of seaplanes – the Otter (seats 10 passengers) and the Beaver (four). It also has two twin Squirrel Helicopters seating six passengers each and a smaller R44 (three).

‘Based at Nadi Airport, Pacific Island Air offers a seamless transfer from international to domestic departures or arrivals. Passengers love being able to depart directly from the airport, including in the seaplanes as they are amphibious, able to take off and land on the runway and ocean, and be at the resort within 15 to 30 minutes,’ says Alison Fleming.

‘A scenic flight is a must when in Fiji. Pacific Island Air offers numerous options including day trip packages to Castaway Island for lunch or, for an extra special treat, a helicopter day trip for two to a private island complete with a bottle of Moét Champagne and a gourmet picnic lunch.’
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Sunflower Aviation Ltd is now offering ‘Marau Scenic Flights’ by fixed wing aircraft as well as scheduled services to a number of destinations around Fiji from Nadi.

Now managed and owned by Joyce Aviation (Fiji) Ltd, the company has a range of aircraft from four seaters (three passenger capacity with a minimum of two), through to 11 seaters.

‘This means we can cater for couples or groups,’ says chief executive officer Tim Joyce. ‘We are the only company in Fiji offering this type of aircraft scenic tours which gives guests a more affordable option to helicopter scenic flights.’

In addition, the company has been granted the license for scheduled aircraft services to Mana Island, Malolo LaiLai (servicing Plantation Island, Musket Cove and Lomani Resort) and to Pacific Harbour.

On the road

Budget Rent a Car’s fleet is continuously upgraded and contains a range of high quality brands.

‘We have replaced 50 vehicles with brand new ones in the month of November 2014 as per our fleet upgrade plan,’ says Sada Prasad, director operations of Budget Rent a Car based in Nadi.

He points out that Jans Rental Cars Fiji Ltd, became a Licensee of Budget Rent a Car International 37 years ago and has a total of 44 years experience in Fiji’s Car Rental Industry.

‘In Fiji, Budget is the largest rental car operator and our network is comprehensive, with 10 outlets strategically positioned throughout the country, including major airport terminals and the exclusive Denarau Island. We provide free delivery anywhere on Denarau Island,’ says Prasad.

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Getting Around

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Perfect positioning

With its position directly across the road from Nadi International Airport, it is little wonder that some 40% of guests at Raffles Gateway Hotel is ‘walk up’ without any warning.

While those guests are welcome, the figure also means there is potential for the travel trade to actually book these travellers in before the head to Fiji – while also giving the clients themselves more security in terms of their first or last night’s accommodation.

There are also opportunities incorporate a stay at Raffles gateway with a trip to ‘sister’ property Plantation Island Resort. ‘Plantation offers a stay even – pay five deal and people can use their two free nights at Raffles gateway and have the other five on the island if that suits the travellers,’ says Ragigia Dawai, group sales and marketing manager, Raffles Group of Hotels & Resorts.

She says the mix of deluxe rooms, executive rooms (with direct access to the swimming pool) and the more recently developed suites gives clients heading onto (or returning from) various locations plenty of options.

‘For example, we find the suites are popular with people who may be going to Lomani or other luxury resorts.’

She says a lot of international corporate travellers find the location ideal and often stay two or more nights, while Raffles Gateway is also popular with Pacific regional travellers heading to Fiji for a meeting.
LUXURY
The opportunity to dine out in exotic locations is one aspect that sets the all-inclusive Namale Resort & Spa apart from other resorts in Fiji.

Guests can enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner on a beachfront deck, in a candlelit cave, at a hilltop bure, or on a deck built into volcanic rock with sweeping views of the Koro Sea at the base of a waterfall.

Sales and marketing manager Margaret Ybarra says many agents and travellers don’t realise just how vast Namale’s all-inclusive offerings are.

All meals – champagne breakfast, three course lunches and five to seven course dinners – are included as are all beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. There are no limitations on beers, spirits, house wines and house Champagne.

Activities such as snorkeling, horseback riding, rainforest hikes, golf, cultural tours and many more are included as well, as are a daily laundry service, wifi connection, daily replenishable mini bar and complimentary access to the hydrotherapy room at the Spa Sanctuary, fitness centre and indoor entertainment centre.

Each of Namale’s 19 bures and villas feature a private bedroom and separate sitting area, a well-appointed bathroom with sliding doors that open to a private deck, and a refreshment centre where tea and coffee can be prepared to enjoy on the deck. Some bures and villas also feature their own plunge pool or wrap around infinity pool. In addition, the accommodations all have full stocked mini-bars, Pure Fiji brand shower amenities, hairdryers, robes, make-up mirrors, CD player, Apple TV and more.

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The resort’s executive chef Ihaka Peri has upheld a vision to maintain and develop the established Likuliku food concept of providing fresh and creative menus. Likuliku’s tropical climate lends itself to a range of fresh local seafood, tropical fruits and gourmet products. Peri can often be found foraging in the resort’s vegetable and herb garden, which he established to add fresh flavour and character to dishes he prepares.

More recently, Peri has established a bee colony. He says the strong hive community will benefit the island environmentally and provide a variety of natural products. ‘Guests can look forward to gorgeous Likuliku honeycomb on their breakfast buffet. We’ll be dreaming up many sweet and savoury epicurean adventures with our newest island ingredient.’

Likuliku Lagoon Resort Group general manager Steve Anstey notes an increase in guests he calls ‘paradise foodies’. ‘Island guests are relishing the magical combination of the resort’s location, overwater bungalows and incredible food,’ he says.

Likuliku Lagoon Resort, located in the Mamanuca archipelago, has Fiji’s first overwater bungalows, plus a luxurious selection of beachfront and deluxe beachfront bures. All bures, including the overwater accommodation, feature traditional architecture and materials using natural elements found in the region. Overwater bungalows include separate bathing pavilions with lagoon views from the bathtub, while deluxe beachfront bures come complete with a personal plunge pool.

Likuliku’s Tatadara Spa is nestled against the green slopes of the island and offers Fijian style massage and a number of other natural beauty and body treatments.

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Well known for its focus on social and environmental responsibility, the resort has changed all its lighting to LED. As well as this a fresh new design and colour scheme can be found in all the bures, giving them a new yet still authentic ambience.

The upgrades further enhance the multi-award winning eco-resort, which is ideal for couples celebrating something special, and families and intergenerational travellers seeking luxury.

The resort has over 200 Fijian staff to cater to a maximum of 25 couples. Guests will experience creative gourmet cuisine, personalised service, cultural and environmental integrity and the opportunity to explore nature away from the masses.

Surrounded by a marine sanctuary and overlooking the calm waters of Savusavu, Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort is easily accessible via a one hour scenic flight from Nadi or Suva. Complimentary return transfers (approx 20 minutes) are provided from Savusavu Airport to the resort.

The 25 individual bures are nestled among palm trees just steps from the beach and sea. Guests can choose from The Villa, Point Reef, delux two bedroom oceanfront suite, two bedroom oceanfront, oceanfront or garden view accommodations. All bures have a deck or patio and beachfront or garden views.
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A new adults only resort about 15 minutes from Nadi Airport looks set to open in July this year.

Hideaway Vuda will have 20 rooms and bures (made up of beachfront and garden bures, deluxe rooms and a honeymoon bure) and hopes to offer packages with adults only island resorts.

‘People can stay at Hideaway, then we’ll get them to the airport and they can head out to an island without getting into the mainstream,’ says Brad Russell, who handles marketing for Fiji Hideaway Resort & Spa on the Coral Coast as well as the new property at Vuda.

He says Hideaway Vuda will have the ‘Hideaway essence within – embracing the guest and staff relationship’, but it will be a ‘serious four and a half to five star product.’

The resort will have a restaurant and bar, plus a swim up pool bar. It will also have a day spa, gym and a wedding chapel.

‘We offer buyouts for weddings and groups, and obviously then kids are welcome. For larger weddings we can work with adjacent resorts.’

He says one of the features of Hideaway Vuda is a white sandy beach.
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Turtle Island is a romantic retreat for couples – intimate and private, yet many opportunities to meet other guests if they choose to do so.

Director of sales and marketing Matt Buchan says the island welcomes families at certain times of the year, but its main focus is providing a private, romantic experience for couples. The island hosts just 14 couples at any given time – each of whom have their own exclusive butler, called Bure Mama or Bure Papa.

He says the island has beautiful accommodation but it’s not ‘white linen’ – more of a traditional Fijian atmosphere where guests are on a first name basis with the island staff.

‘It’s not unusual to have guests crying when they leave,’ he says.

The island has two new dining locations. The first is Oyster Point, home to Turtle Island’s first infinity pool, and Boat 6 Grill, an indoor Teppanyaki style grill that seats five couples at a time with a private chef to cook their meals right in front of them.

The food has a real ‘farm to table – sea to table’ focus and a five acre garden produces most of the island’s produce needs. Seafood is regularly purchased from local fishermen, thus supporting the local community.

Turtle Island is also fully solar, producing 98% of the island’s energy.

Owner Richard Evanson had a vision of creating a place where the soul is touched by both the people and nature. After the filming of the Blue Lagoon, he wanted to invite everyone who enjoys other cultures, the company of others, relaxing, escaping, and becoming good friends to experience his private island paradise.

While retaining its appeal to the US market, Turtle Island has also branched out and is welcoming more visitors from other parts of the world.
Jean Michel Cousteau Resort, Fiji

A South Pacific gem, this renowned luxury eco-friendly resort offers guests a genuine and interactive experience with authentic Fijian culture and nature. Surrounded by a marine sanctuary and secluded beaches, the resort’s Fijian marine biologist enhances guest’s knowledge and pleasure of the surrounding world famous reefs and pristine environment.

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Westin adds spa rooms

The Westin Denarau Island Resort & Spa has developed its Westin Spa Studios and Suites, with the recent transformation of an existing accommodation block.

Located adjacent to the Heavenly Spa by Westin, the luxuriously designed Spa Studios and Suites cater to the growing spa retreat seeking tourism market. This adults only concept allows guests to escape to a retreat, unwind and enjoy highly personalised service.

The entire Village 700 has become spa studios and suites. Each ground floor studio features a private plunge pool while a private spa bath sits on the balconies of the top floor studios with 36 in total.

‘This is a result of months of planning and research,’ says hotel manager, Ravinder Dhesi.

New look VOMO

VOMO Island Resort, a private island retreat, has had a renovation of the resort’s villas along with amenity upgrades (completed in March 2015).

‘VOMO is committed to delivering the best of luxury hospitality and to remain at the top of our game,’ says Mark Leslie, general manager.

VOMO’s world-renowned culinary experience has received an upgrade as well under the supervision of executive chef Erwin Joven, with his variety of daily-changing a la carte menus. A new open-air show-kitchen debuts at iconic The Rocks Bar, along with a new bar and sitting deck to complement the signature cocktails at this stunning venue located on the sequestered western tip of the island. This culinary theatre emphasises healthy grilling with international influences from Japanese Robata to Tandoori ovens, and a Raw Bar offering local specialties from the Pacific Rim.

The resort has 30 villas and resort amenities include a PADI Dive Centre, Day Spa, gym, boutique, Kid’s Club, watersports and the use of the exclusive island VOMO Lai Lai, where guests can unwind and relive the days of Crusoe with five-star luxury just a radio call away.
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Diving from Qamea is world renowned. The resort has a fully equipped PADI accredited 5 Star dive facility and dive staff can introduce guests to a long remembered underater adventure.

Qamea Island Resort is the first adults only luxury resort in the north of Fiji to offer guests a daily exclusive, guided surfing package. The resort’s surf season runs November to April each year and is the result of Qamea’s partnership with luxury surf pioneers, Tropicsurf. An experienced Tropicsurf resident surf guide is stationed onsite at Qamea throughout the season, providing a guided service to unrivalled and uncrowded surf breaks only 10 to 15 minutes by boat from the resort. Guests can surf every day with the Ticket to Ride surf pass, ideal for surf enthusiasts or for couples wanting to learn the art of surfing.

Guests looking to relax and unwind can take advantage of spa treatments in Qamea’s Jungle Spa, or if they prefer, in the privacy of their bure or villa.

Qamea Spa offers an extensive menu of Fijian body therapies and French facial therapies featuring Guinot products that rejuvenate and revitalize.
Fiji’s safari tent

The addition of an African safari tent has added a touch of ‘glamping’ to Fiji.

Sau Bay Fiji Retreat, off Taveuni, is a boutique resort which also has three studio rooms and a two bedroom deluxe suite. The resort opened nearly two years ago but the tent has only recently been added.

For Carol Douglas (who owns the retreat with husband Nigel), the reason for offering the tent is simple. ‘I am from Africa.’

The property is close to some of Fiji’s best scuba diving, including Rainbow Reef. Guests can also easily reach Kioa Island, a Polynesian island with handicrafts. ‘It’s boutique, private and luxurious, without being expensive,’ says Douglas.

QAMEA RESORT AND SPA

Qamea Resort and Spa is an intimate boutique resort catering to a maximum of 34 adults, with only seventeen luxurious, air conditioned Bures and exquisite Royal Beach Houses with private pools, nestled among swaying coconut palms and tropical gardens. An exclusive destination for discerning travellers seeking an authentic Fijian island resort.

NANUKU AUBERGE RESORT

Luxury, Culture, Adventure...naturally it’s Nanuku, the quintessential Pacific paradise set beachfront on Fiji’s main island. Seventeen Balinese-style suite and villa accommodations offer luxurious amenities. All rooms feature dedicated butler, nanny service, luxury bathrooms and outdoor showers and private pools. A sanctuary for relaxation and discovery with innovative all-inclusive dining, a spa and wellness centre set within lush tropical gardens.

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Contemporary luxury – traditional design

Nanuku Auberge Resort Fiji officially opened in 2014 and the international travel scene has been quick to take notice.

Located on the Pacific Coast, this is the first all-villa boutique resort on Viti Levu and the concept has immediately proved popular. Set in tropical gardens fronting Beqa Lagoon on one of Viti Levu's best sand beaches, the resort delivers what general manager Karen Taylor says ‘melds contemporary luxury with traditional Fijian design.’

The resort offers guests a two-tiered choice of accommodation – the Vunikau Residence perched on a volcanic outcrop overlooking the lagoon, and five Beachfront Residences.

The resort’s all inclusive fine dining offering focuses on locally grown garden produce, fresh local seafood and the finest imported meats. Personalised dining experiences can be arranged in Kanavata Bar & Restaurant at the resort’s Club House, in-villa or in a variety of locations.

Fiji is ideal for couples seeking to marry in Fiji and for a romantic retreat for honeymooners. However, families are well catered for too, with the resort’s Lailai Children's Club combining old fashioned fun with a special environmental and cultural learning programme.

Peace and privacy

A sense of relaxation and peace, with the ability to do what they want in their own time and space, is the key attribute for guests at Yasawa Island Resort & Spa.

An exclusive, romantic retreat on a remote and unspoiled island, the resort has 18 bungalows hidden among the palms a few steps from the beach.

The island has 11 private beaches, so guests can have their own private beach for the day. The same can be said of dining – a table for two can materialise almost anywhere at Yasawa and all meals (including a picnic on the beach) are included in the tariff.

A highlight of Yasawa is its spa, and guests can access the ‘ultimate spa bonus’ to receive one 50 minute spa treatment per person per night during the entire stay for a one off charge. Guests can choose each day between a variety of treatments, including 50 minute body massage, manicures, pedicures, body polish, facials and more. Another memorable aspect of the resort is ‘the Yasawa family’ – staff who are from the local Bukama Village.
ROMANCE

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The resort is situated on picturesque Natadola Beach, voted one of the top 10 beaches in the world, and employs a dedicated team of industry experts and dedicated wedding planners.

Weddings executive Jane Lesavua, points out that brides can expect the personalised and seamless execution necessary for a perfect destination wedding.

The Natadola Wedding Package is the newest addition to an already wide range of wedding options at the resort.

Named after the resort’s white sand beach location, and perfect for a reception for 50 guests, the package includes a comprehensive offering from the pre-wedding appointment right through to the day itself. Special touches for the wedding celebrations include a bottle of Champagne on arrival, a romantic beachside Cabana Dinner for two, Fijian choir or serenaders, bridal warrior escort to the ceremony venue, Elements of Natadola live cooking stations for 50 guests and much more.

Director of sales Hudson Mitchell says that while the new Natadola Wedding Package neatly illustrates the kind of wedding experience offered, InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa has a wide selection of offerings to suit the occasion.

These range from the Vau Vata (Blessed Union) intimate wedding package for two, through to the ‘piece de la resistance’ – the half a million dollar Soqo Lagilagi (Fijian for Chiefly gathering).

The latter is the ultimate wedding experience, where up to 110 guests can spend five nights in the luxurious Club Intercontinental – Fiji’s first and only ‘Club’ experience offering discerning travellers the exclusivity of a resort within a resort.

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**TRAVELinc FIJI January 2015**
When it comes to the wedding market, The Warwick Fiji gives new meaning to the term – repeat visitors.

Wedding Manager Aunty Una (Unaisi Letewale) has organised some 3000 weddings over nearly 30 years and has been involved in ceremonies and receptions that have spanned the generations.

‘We have had weddings here where couples who were married here years ago have returned with their children to have them married too,’ says director of sales and marketing, Kushend Kumar. ‘They ask – is Aunty Una still here?’

The Warwick Fiji, on the Coral Coast, averages about 100 weddings a year and 2015 is going to be a big year as the resort already had 110 weddings booked at the beginning of January.

The Fijian people and the Coral Coast location have been the main reasons for them choosing The Warwick Fiji for their special day.

The resort also has some memorable optional touches – like the famous bilibili wedding where the bride arrives on a bamboo raft (bilibili) accompanied by a Fijian warrior then steps out onto the beach and walks to the wedding location.

In terms of actual wedding sites, The Warwick Fiji has plenty of choices – including the new Navau Wedding Deck, the Romantic Bure, the beachside lawn, the Wicked Walu garden to name a few popular venues.

The Warwick Fiji has a few wedding packages to choose from including the popular Wedewed Wedding package which includes the ceremony and wedding reception, four nights’ accommodation and breakfast for the bride and groom plus a couple’s spa treatment.
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Romance
Captain Cook Cruises offers wedding packages on Tivua Island.

As shown or afloat

Captain Cook Cruises, already popular with the wedding and romance market, now offers a Yanuyanu wedding package – a dream wedding on a deserted island or afloat.

The wedding party sails out to Tivua Island with a choice of vessel, the Tall Ship Ra Marama, Spirit of Pacific or sailing catamaran Fiji One. The package includes a dedicated wedding planner to make the day perfect, use of a bure on the island for the bride to prepare, a marriage ceremony performed by a celebrant (with a Fijian singer and guitarist accompaniment), marriage certificate and special touches such as a bride’s teardrop/trailing orchid bouquet, groom’s buttonhole flower, box of petals, a bottle of sparkling wine and a wedding cake.

The package includes a three hour beverage package including house beer, wine and soft drinks (extensions available) and a tropical island buffet meal with tea and coffee.

As a bonus, couples who book their wedding for at least 50 guests can have a three or four night Yasawa Island Cruise.

Sales and events manager Zahid Khan says the company is seeing an increase in renewal of vows as well as demand from people who want to be married on a private tropical island or sailing vessel.

‘We have had a number of major weddings for 100 people plus on Tivua, plus a lot of small weddings.’
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TRAVELinc FIJI January 2015
Romantic spa dinner

The Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa has introduced an exclusive couple’s spa sanctuary dinner – which includes a candlelit dinner in Sofitel So SPA’s garden.

The package includes a 150 minute couple’s massage with a private milk spa Jacuzzi, a bottle of Champagne and a gift from the spa.

The experience continues with hair and make-up for the woman and a classic foot treatment for the man.

There is then a romantic three course dinner from the award winning V Restaurant served in the spa garden.

The Warwick Fiji

From the intimacy of a dinner for two in a beach cabana under the expansive sparkling night sky, or perhaps a large celebration with families and friends in Talanoa Hall, The Warwick Fiji will create the romantic experience of your dream wedding with memories to last you a lifetime.

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Adrenalin Fiji has a boutique wedding package available on its luxury motor catamaran, Bel’Mare.

Director sales and marketing Liza Walsh says the two hour package will include a wedding ceremony on the vessel’s deck, followed by canapés (finger food and Champagne). There will also be an option for a dinner / reception on board.

‘As well as our scheduled day cruises, people can already privately charter Bel’Mare,’ says Walsh. ‘Now we are working with Rosie DMC to theme a dedicated wedding cruise.’She says the experience will involve cruising around Denarau, where the seas will be smooth.

‘We will cater for numbers up to 20, so it is a small niche market but we think there will be demand.’

Freedive Fiji – Pacific Harbour Ocean & Island Excursions has programmes designed for pre-wedding celebrations.

The Bucks N Hens custom charters utilise the company’s high speed 40 passenger catamaran to cross the Beqa Lagoon to the island of Yanuca.

Heather Crossman, one of the founders of the company, says women can spend the first half of their day on the island being pampered (Champagne and massages on offer) while the men head off in search of ‘the ultimate fish’. The groups can then rejoin for a party and activities on Yanuca Island. This can include snorkeling, sea kayaking, paddle boarding, beach volleyball and other fun activities, plus a tasty lovo feast, jungle trekking and a traditional kava ceremony.
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Various locations are suitable for wedding ceremonies and receptions at Radisson Blu Resort Fiji. The intimate and private Vei Domoni Lawn overlooking the ocean is ideal for smaller wedding ceremonies of up to 35 guests. For larger numbers, the Waterfall is a magnificent setting for both the ceremony and the reception.

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Ragigia Dawai, group sales and marketing manager for the Raffles Group of Hotels & Resorts says Plantation has been giving weddings a push in recent times, building on an already strong market.

The resort started 2014 with an offer of a free honeymoon at sister property, the luxurious Lomani Island Resort, when a minimum of 20 rooms for five nights (100 room nights) is booked at Plantation for a wedding. Wedding organisers are encouraged to check with Plantation Island for any current offers.

Packages available can include venue set up and decoration, Fijian warriors to escort the bride (or even to carry the bride on a traditionally decorated chair with a conch blowing professional), a sparkling wine to toast the bride and groom and much more.

A variety of locations are available and arrangements can be made to suit any budget.
SPA & WELLNESS
Located on the highest point of the five star Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort, Bebe Spa Sanctuary commands a sweeping Fijian panorama across the resort to the Pacific Ocean.

Bebe (a Fijian word pronounced Behm-beh), means butterfly and by association, cocoon and sanctuary, one in which the spa’s clients can immerse themselves in the experience of Fijian massage therapy.

In the 2014 Pevonia Awards, Bebe Spa Sanctuary was named Best Destination Spa Resort, while two of its employees, Shivanjani Lata and Praveena Dewan, were named winners of the 2014 Australasian Spa Association’s Spa Therapist of the Year and Spa Manager of the Year, First Runner Up awards respectively.

Bebe has eight open air treatment rooms with four of the treatment rooms containing sunken spa baths which overlook the reef.

Massage treatments include the Bebe Vakaviti Signature Massage which unites traditional Fijian massage with an ancient Hawaiian massage style.

The Fijian Bobo Massage is a Fijian massage technique using fluid strokes from the hands, elbows and forearms, while the Pure Fiji Blissful Facial uses the natural power of coconut.

The Green Coffee Body Wrap is a proven cellulite treatment, using green coffee granules to stimulate detoxification. The Skinfit Mask Treatment, specifically formulated for men, uses rejuvenating caviar with the healing powers of freeze-dried escutox.

The spa has three signature treatments including the three hour Totoka (meaning beautiful) involving a South Pacific massage, coconut scrub, milky flower bath, mini facial and sweet mandarin body oil application. Other signature treatments are the Time Together couples treatment and the Romantic Discovery treatment – exclusive to Bebe.

Wavelengths salon complements the spa’s beauty treatments with hair styling, braiding, head massage and makeup services.

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Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort's multi award winning Bebe (Fijian for butterfly) Spa boasts breathtaking panoramic views over the South Pacific. It features a spa menu that focuses on uniting ancient Fijian therapies and beauty rituals with the Pure Fiji range of products alongside the European luxury brand Pevonia Botanica.

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Tokoriki Island Resort is offering spa pampering over three, four or five days with unlimited head, shoulder, back, hands, feet and traditional Fijian Bobo massages using the purest of oils.

Since ancient times Maramas (women) of the villages have used natural resources for both beautification and medicinal purposes. Fiji’s first and only ‘unlimited massage’ package is available for just FJ$110 a day. The offer is valid until March 2016 with a minimum of three days and appointments can be made only at the resort.

Tokoriki Island Resort’s Spa, managed by Senikai Spas, is often described by Tokoriki guests as ‘simply heaven’. The award winning designed spa features three individual couples’ treatment bures with plantation timber shutters, high pitched traditional Fijian bure ceilings and is surrounded by waterfalls. Each treatment bure also features outdoor showers and a freestanding volcanic rock wall with gentle falling water and ambient music to relax the mind and body.

The spa utilises locally produced ‘Essence of Fiji’ natural skin and body products delivered by trained and certified beauty therapists from the Pacific’s leading spa group Senikai Spas. Luxury 90 minute romantic spa escapes are also available, as well as premium infusion facial therapy and exclusive use of the spa with a couple’s sunrise massage retreat.

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It also provides a new focus for the country’s rejuvenation offerings and makes Fiji an alternative for some aspects of medical tourism, says director Debra Sadranu.

The centre’s emphasis is on rejuvenation and wellness, but there will also be services such as cosmetic dentistry, a physio, cosmetic enhancements, and cosmetic tattooing as well as others.

‘We are bringing spa and wellness tourism to a new level in Fiji, but we certainly see potential for medical tourism. We are using Australasian expertise – our cosmetic dentist is from New Zealand, for example – as well as local practitioners. We can guarantee the safety and professionalism.’

Sadranu says people can have treatments at the centre and recuperate in Fiji. ‘We have links with suitable resorts that people can stay at and have their nurturing continue.’

The centre, a 10 minute drive from Nadi Airport, includes a transit lounge on its top deck and a ‘tourism level’ on the ground floor with everything from a café (catering by Tu’s Place), to a gym, retail shop specialising in Fijian made products, a kids club, tour desk run by ATS Pacific and a massage room with 14 massage tables.

The retail includes Essence of Fiji (the centre’s own product), Coconut Kids (children’s toys and clothing), Taki Mai (flavoured kava drink), Hot Glass Fiji (hand blown glass), and children’s books (Penny Casey).

A relaxation lounge on the ground floor will include a video showing how Essence of Fiji products are made. People can then look through the windows into the working factory for the ‘real thing.’
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Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa has launched spa treatments specifically for kids.

Nestled within the So SPA precinct, the resort has nine exclusive bures, including specially created couples rooms, bures with outdoor garden showers, a private sauna, whirlpool, and juice bar retreat.

The resort also features a Pure Fiji concept store onsite and will use this product to inspire its own Fijian range of So SPA treatments.

Children can choose manicures, pedicures or facials in a number of ‘yummy’ flavours, or try a combination of spa treatments. A number of ‘little treats’ are available, such as princess braids (full head), girl’s single braid or single ‘cool boy’ braid. There is also a little princess make up package.

Spa for kids

Taking a personalised approach to wellness, So SPA’s selection of therapies is categorised in a similar way to a French gourmet restaurant menu, so guests can customise their experience by combining different treatments listed under starters, mains, specials and desserts to suit their specific wellness needs.

Treatments listed under starters last 30 minutes and are designed for busy people seeking rest and relaxation after a full day. Main dishes and desserts last an hour and feature full body massages, facial care and other luxurious treatments.
JUST CRUISING

As seen in New Zealand Wedding Magazine
Cruising captain cook cruises’ voyages of discovery continue to gain popularity and give travellers an opportunity to see places in Fiji that they would otherwise not be able to reach.

The excursions include an 11 night Lau and Kadavu Discovery cruise, which in 2015 has three departures (up from two the year before), a seven night Colonial Fiji Discovery Cruise, and seven night Four Cultures Discovery Cruise.

The trips include all meals, daily island stopovers and water activities, snorkeling and glass bottom boat tours and also gets...
passengers into rarely visited villages, towns and other attractions.

The Colonial Fiji trip, for example, includes the old capital Levuka, a world heritage listed site that is seldom included on tourists' itineraries. It also explores Savusavu Hot Springs and markets, and the beautiful island of Taveuni (with the opportunity to swim at Bouma Waterfall).

The four cultures tour allows passengers to discover the cultures of the Ellice (Polynesian), Banabas (Micronesian), Indian and Fijian (Melanesian) people. Another highlight is searching for manta rays in their natural hatchery and snorkeling with them on the Great Sea Reef. Passengers also visit a remote village school, travel by tender up the Labasa River to visit Vanua Levu's largest town and take in a lovo feast, meke and island night in the remote north.

The Lau and Kadavu cruise visits the rugged southern coastline of Taveuni, before heading to the most northern island of Lau – Wailagilala. Other highlights include the pristine reefs of Qilaqila, the village of Ma’afu and its largely Tongan community, exploring uninhabited Vuaqava and its central lake (known for turtles, snakes and amazing bird life), and being welcomed by the people of Naikleyaga Village. In Kadavu, guests meet the traditional turtle callers of Vunisea Village.

Captain Cook Cruises also offers three, four and seven night cruises through the Mamanuca and Yasawa Islands - three weeks out of every month.
The major refurbishment of Fiji Princess last year, plus a new itinerary with more activities, has regenerated both trade and consumer enthusiasm for Blue Lagoon Cruises. The company has also streamlined the ‘turn-around’ time between cruises.

The spruce up for the vessel saw a complete upgrade of the guest cabins, including flooring, wall linings and beds. The majority of cabins (the two decks of Orchid Class) have espresso machines and refrigerators and these can be added to the lower deck Hibiscus Class for charter groups.

The public areas – reception, dining, bar and lounge – have free wifi and are lighter and brighter, with new outdoor furniture encouraging passengers to relax and enjoy the surroundings.

Meantime the turn around time in Port Denarau has been condensed from overnight to just a few hours (10am to 2pm) allowing a larger menu of activity options. The remote Sacred Islands group is the new turn around destination for three and four night cruises and the Captain’s Dinner is now on Friday and Monday nights to cater for both of these itineraries. The Fiji Princess can also work in with connections from Mamanuca resorts – Tokoriki and Matamanoa are close to the Sacred Islands.

Also, the remote Sawa-i-lau Caves have been added to the four and seven night itineraries. Passengers are taken on a guided walk through a limestone outcrop where a natural lagoon surrounded by limestone cliffs is revealed through a narrow entrance.

Activity options on a Blue Lagoon Cruise now extend to learning to cook the traditional Fijian raw fish dish, kokoda. An Indian night at Soso Bay also takes in a cooking lesson (Roti in Lolo) as well as a Bollywood movie.
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Marina with a Fiji feeling

Vuda Marina is looking towards major growth, more than doubling in size and gaining the capacity to service Super Yachts.

‘We will also be adding retail, residential accommodation, private villas and a beach club,’ says Vuda Marina general manager and chief executive officer Adam Wade. ‘We hope to start early next year.’

Wade says Vuda Marina will retain green spaces and an ‘authentic tropical atmosphere’.

The marina is actually Fiji’s first and was opened in 1996 by Wade’s father in law. It is one of three marinas in the Bilo Group, which also includes Copra Shed Marina in Savusavu and Royal Exploring Yacht Club in Lau.

As well as the current capacity for some 150 yachts, the marina has a café, the Boatshed Restaurant, and accommodation units – four cottages and a cabin. They are described as ‘comfortable budget’ with prices ranging from F$50 (the cabin) to F$120. Most of the guests are yachtyies having repairs done to their vessels, preparing to leave Fiji or just wanting solid ground beneath their feet for a few days.

‘We are a working marina, and we are designed to get work done,’ Wade says.

However, there is also a social aspect to the restaurant and bar – which attracts locals and tourists from nearby resorts. The chef at Boatshed was formerly head chef at Shangri-La’s The Fijian Resort’s fine dining restaurant and Wade himself was once director of food and beverage at the property.

He describes the offering at Boatshed as ‘casual, al fresco with fantastic sunsets.’

Sailing adventure

Adventure Sailing Fiji offers the opportunity to discover the natural beauty of remote islands in the vessel Moale, a 47’ Simpson design, ocean going Catamaran.

The vessel was built in Australia near Foster on the NSW coast and has been owned by the Joyce family since soon after it was launched. She is fully equipped for living aboard.

Moale can carry up to eight passengers overnight and 25 for day cruises. Rates cover all crew, including a chef, linen, food, non-alcoholic beverages, taxes, fuel and mooring fees and snorkeling/fishing gear. With four double cabins, sprawling decks and a spacious interior, Moale offers casual exclusivity and a perfect vantage point to explore Fiji’s spectacular islands.
ISLAND ESCAPES

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Castaway Island Fiji
With a white sandy beach known as Navutu (meaning secret) Castaway Island is ideal as an island escape.

The first private island to be developed in the Mamanuca Islands group, Castaway Island has 64 free standing, air conditioned bures set along the beach and among tropical gardens. Their traditional Fijian design features thatched roofs and vaulted ceilings lined with tapa cloth.

Only 10% of the island’s 174 acres is occupied by the resort, allowing guests the freedom to roam and explore its natural beauty.

Castaway Island general manager Steven Andrews says the resort offers an escape from the world and its pressures. ‘I think we represent everything the world today isn’t. People crave that ‘switch off’ and that’s exactly what we deliver,’ he says.

Castaway Island’s premier restaurant, the Asian fusion 1808, was named best restaurant at the AON Fiji Excellence in Tourism Awards. The feet-in-the-sand restaurant was opened in 2013 and showcases the cuisine of executive chef Lance Seeto.

In all, the resort has four restaurants and four bars. There are also two freshwater swimming pools, one for families and another for adults (featuring a swim-up pool bar).

The island has a wide range of water based activities, such as water skiing, parasailing, jet skiing, scuba diving, snorkeling excursions and banana boat rides. The night snorkel is a once in a lifetime experience – a guided torch light snorkel tour of marine life conducted by the resort’s dive team. It visits the nearby House Reef. A daytime guided snorkel tour looks at the best conservation practices on House Reef.

Guests keen on angling can join the hand line fishing expeditions which depart at 5.30pm six days a week.

Also on offer is a 20 minute cruise on the high speed boat Teivuvo, which takes guests to Modriki Island, the location for the Tom Hanks movie Castaway, where they can swim, snorkel, enjoy a seafood and champagne lunch and laze on the beach.
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With only 16 villas, Royal Davui Island Resort is an adults only retreat that provides an exclusive and intimate experience.

This is true for couples looking for a romantic holiday or groups wishing to celebrate a wedding, birthday or other special occasion. The size of the resort makes it easy for groups to have a private island to themselves and to have a personalised experience.

Guests can enjoy a romantic champagne breakfast on a deserted sandbar, a Pure Fiji spa treatment or simply relax.

However, for the more active guest the waters near the resort offer deep sea fishing and some of the Pacific’s most spectacular dive sites.

The new Trader House provides an enhanced sense of arrival at Musket Cove Island Resort & Spa, on Malolo Lailai in the Mamanuca Islands.

One of the most impressive buildings in the islands, Trader House includes an arrival area to provide an enhanced meet and greet experience, where people can check in on arrival (still with a welcome drink and towel) and be shown to their rooms from there.

The new building has a new walk through boutique and gift shop / general store, plus a 60 seat café which will give people another option for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Trader House stays true to the resort’s roots, with historic island décor, yet still provides the conveniences expected by the modern day voyager.

Another recent addition to the resort is the Musket Cove Yacht Club (MCYC) island bar. The cook-your-own barbecues offer a casual dining option and thoughtful touches like sunset lounges and nearby beach cabanas are proving popular with guests.
The Starwood Hotels & Resorts brand has ventured out of mainland Fiji with the Sheraton Resort & Spa, Tokoriki Island, Fiji, formerly an independent resort devastated by 2012 Cyclone Evan.

The resort underwent a A$20 million conversion project and reopened in 2014 to offer a combination of adults only accommodation complemented by family friendly rooms, and meeting and event facilities for up to 140 people. With a total of 101 guest bures, rooms and suites, the resort includes 30 Tokoriki Retreats with private plunge pools, 14 beachfront bures, 14 deluxe bures (garden or mountain views), 18 ocean view rooms, six family suites and 19 garden/mountain view rooms.

‘As the latest member of Fiji’s Sheraton family, our Tokoriki Island property is both high end in price and quality,’ says Paul Yui, director of sales and marketing for Sheraton and Westin Resorts, Fiji.

‘Guests can check in at the Sheraton Fiji Resort in Denarau and if need be, they can make use of a day room there before boarding a boat to begin their Tokoriki experience. This arrangement means they don’t need to kill time at the port or in the lobby if their room is not ready, especially with the increase of early morning and red eye flights.’

Yui says this is just one of the benefits of Sheraton Resort & Spa, Tokoriki Island having a well-established sister resort to pull resources from. ‘Service wise, Sheraton Resort & Spa, Tokoriki will be able to call on the mainland Sheraton for extra staff, food or resources if required,’ he says.

**Pop up dining**

Sheraton Resort & Spa, Tokoriki Island will have a pop up dining concept for guests to enjoy meals in any location they choose. ‘Anywhere across the resort that guests want to eat, the food and beverage team will create a pop-up restaurant just for them. It’s our way of creating a romantic getaway for couples or secluded and private group dining for corporate guests.’
Matangi Private Island Resort in Taveuni provides travellers with a peaceful retreat option in the north-east part of the Fiji group of islands.

Featuring local hardwoods, bamboo, lava rock and coconut palm thatch, the resort’s nine authentic bures and three treehouses are surrounded by tropical gardens, yet situated just steps from a private beach.

The spacious Vale-ni-Kana dining room (about 10 metres from the beach) provides views over the ocean and the landscaped grounds. The cuisine is largely influenced by the tropical surroundings, Fijian heritage and flavours of the South Pacific.

Matangi Private Island Resort has an Ocean Spa, with an over-water deck relaxation area, gift shop and two couples treatment rooms, one with an outdoor lava rock rain shower.

Activities available include snorkeling, scuba diving, sailing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, fishing, hiking and private picnics.

Matangi Island is an adults (age 16 and over) only resort, ideal for couples seeking an exclusive island hideaway.

General manager Christene Douglas says the resort has a strong base of customers from North America and is seeking to spread the message to other markets, including Australia and New Zealand.
At the core of the Sigatoka River Safari and its ‘sister tour’ the Off-Road Cave Safari is the opportunity to experience Fijian history and culture.

‘We say the river safari is all about the village experience – the jetboat is just a fun way to get there,’ says owner Jay Whyte. ‘The same philosophy applies to the cave safari – it’s part of Fiji a lot of people don’t see, the road less travelled.’

The Sigatoka River Safari is a half day adventure that cruises up the magnificent Sigatoka River. The jet boat driver helps bring the journey to life, introducing guests to the rich culture of the people of Fiji and sharing the history, customs and legends of the area. Passengers visit authentic villages and experience a day in the life of the real ‘kaiviti’ (Fijian).

The Off-Road Cave Safari has been so successful that the company has regularly added new vehicles to meet demand. Whyte says the key to the journey is the experience of going into the Naihehe Cave and hearing about its history. ‘People see it as it was 140 years ago, just as it was when the Fijians used it as a fortress. They see it close up and personal and really engage with the culture.’
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Great Sights adds Discover Suva

The latest Great Sights Fiji programme has a new Nadi to Suva return tour, offered through Coral Sun Express and is described by the company as ‘Fiji’s most affordable day trip.’

Brad Rutherford, group general manager Fiji for parent company AOT Group, says Coral Sun Express is five star public transport with a 2 x 2 seat configuration and 49 seats in total.

‘Seventy percent of the business is non-tourist – business people, locals, commuter etc. So this tour is a mechanism to get tourists on the coach and also to offer an affordable day trip option.’

The new Discover Suva incudes a one hour walking tour in the capital, lunch at Tapu city, and two hours of free time before returning back towards Nadi.

Art at the Essence

Local Fijian artist Apimeleki (Api) Vakarau has created a selection of art exclusively for the packaging of Essence of Fiji products.

An unfortunate rugby incident left Vakarau as a quadriplegic and he spent many years just lying on the floor.

Now he spends time lying on the floor and sketching in ink on cardboard, producing beautiful cultural masterpieces.

Royalties from Essence of Fiji sales go to Vakarau for his wellbeing and promote this special artist to the world.
Guests get to know the staff (and each other), visit the neighbouring village and really enjoy the slower pace of life.

Crusoe’s has 28 accommodation units in four categories – the premium product seaside deluxe bures (six), seaside bures, seaview deluxe and seaview (duplex) bures.

While the key markets are Australia and New Zealand, the remaining 20 to 25% is a wide mix of people, from Europeans travelling extensively in Asia and Pacific and taking a Fiji break, American honeymooners, a Canadian woman spending 23 days at the resort (and going diving most days), and many more.

The resort operates ‘small scale’ activities during the days and evening for people who want to participate. These range from Fiji cooking demonstrations and garden walks to crab and frog races.

Diving is a sector that Crusoe’s sees considerable potential in. ‘We now have a contract with South Pacific Adventure Dives. They have a dive centre here as well as at the Warwick, and other local resorts will access the diving through here.'
A visit to the Nakabuta Pottery Village is a highlight of the Coral Coast Faces & Places tour offered by Pacific Destinations Fiji.

The art of pottery has persisted in the Fiji Islands for about 3000 years, since a group of highly mobile ocean-going foragers arrived in the country from the West. They brought with them a distinctive pottery tradition called Lapita. A visit to Nakabuta allows travellers to learn more about this history and craft, where traditional pottery making techniques are used to create bowls, jewellery and animal figurines.

The half day tour (10am to 3pm) also includes a scenic ride from Coral Coast hotels to Kula Eco Park, the environmental showcase of the South Pacific and Fiji’s centre for the captive breeding of endangered species.

The tour concludes with a lunch at Koko’s Cafe in Sigatoka and the opportunity for shopping.

The Coral Coast was one of the first areas in Fiji to be developed for tourism. It is located on the south-western side of Viti Levu and is easily accessed from the coastal Queen’s Highway that runs between Nadi and Suva.
FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Malalo Island Resort’s kids’ club programme gives children the opportunity to live like locals, for a day or two or for a week during their holiday.

Named Yanu Yanu (Fijian for island), the programme is free for children aged four to 12 years and immerses kids in island life in a fun and culturally interactive way.

Yanu Yanu is a seven day programme with each day focusing on a different theme. Marine Environment Day teaches kids about coral reef care with snorkeling lessons, fish identification and fish feeding, while the Coconut Tree Day teaches kids to husk and scrape coconuts and build and race traditional Niu boats.

Other activities include Fijian food preparation, traditional arts and crafts, herbal medicine and endangered species tours, traditional costume making and face painting and Fijian language lessons. Visits to the local island primary school and neighbouring islands are also organised.

In putting the programme together, Malolo resort consulted with the Mamanuca Environmental Society (MES) to ensure the accuracy, relevancy and importantly, the correct educational content of the environmental and ecological based activities.

Children keep a daily pictorial and written diary of their activities for ‘show and tell’ back home. There are also daily winners of competitions, with prizes and certificates of participation for everyone.

In addition to the Yanu Yanu programme, Malolo has a new Teenage Retreat. Filled with bean bags, music, table tennis and entertainment, it’s a place where older kids can hang out away from the crowd and meet new friends.
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Kids’ stuff, Castaway style

Coconut toffee making or a beach bonfire anyone? These are just two of the activities offered at the Castaway Kids Club.

The club has complimentary access from 9am to 4.30pm and 6.30pm to 10pm for children aged three years and over. A supervised children’s dinner is served from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

‘The Fijians’ love of children is legendary and the staff of Castaway Kids Club continue this tradition,’ says Castaway Island general manager Steven Andrews.

Castaway’s programme for smaller children includes a coconut hunt, sandcastle making, three legged races, Fijian dancing, broom making, tug of war and (in the evening) a torch lighting ceremony, nature walk and the beach bonfire.

The programme for teenagers includes beach volleyball and cricket, dolphin safari, underwater treasure hunt and guided snorkeling, an iron man race, a guided paddle to the Secret Beach, a guided paddle around the island and touch footy, as well as night activities which include the island’s famous frog race.

First Landing's new kids club

First Landing Beach Resort and Villas has added a new dedicated kids club.

Resort manager Amanda Braddock says the resort has always operated kids’ activities (known as Nalamu Nippers and named after the bay First Landing is on) but the new area gives them somewhere new to call home.

It is situated at the front of the resort and includes a canoe, big trees with shade, and playground equipment.

‘We have a huge variety of guests, our demographic is a really mixed bag. So we didn’t put the kids club right next to the pool, where it may not be appreciated by some other guests,’ says Braddock.
THE NAVIJI RESORT

Nestled along the famous Coral Coast within vibrant gardens, boarded by an azure lagoon and a tropical beach, The Naviti Resort is renowned for its affordable all inclusive package providing the opportunity and convenience for an all-inclusive holiday which is the ultimate ideal getaway for flocking family holidays or a perfect romantic retreat.

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CASTAWAY ISLAND

Castaway Island Fiji provides a safe, relaxing and entertaining environment for families. Castaway Kids Club offers complimentary access for children three years and over with a supervised dinner from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. A program for teenagers includes a dolphin safari, underwater treasure hunt, snorkeling, a guided paddle around the island and night activities that include the island’s famous frog race.

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Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort this year celebrates the fifth anniversary of its affordable MeiMei nanny service which has more than doubled in size since its inception due to an ever increasing demand from guests.

There are now more than 30 MeiMei nannies offering this service which evolved from the friendliness and love which Fijians hold for children.

It allows parents to relax in Fiji while giving their children a genuine Fijian experience.

MeiMei is a local word describing someone who helps care for children and this service provides daily personalised care and entertainment as part of a package which gives kids aged six months to 12 years four consecutive days of care for up to eight hours per day.

The service is provided as one-on-one care for children aged six months to two years and two children per nanny for children three years and over.

The service is not only fun but also educational, with the children participating in traditional Fijian arts and crafts, fishing and basic language lessons. The MeiMei Service is also supported by two Outrigger kids clubs, the Little Riggers for three to seven year olds and the Beach Riggers for eight to 12 year olds. These offer three sessions a day and provide fun, age appropriate activities and cultural experiences.

Little Riggers activities include Kula Eco park excursions, face painting, Fijian language lessons, movies and sculpture lessons while Beach Riggers go on an underwater treasure hunt, play balloon water polo, compete in a mini triathlon, play pool volleyball and watch giant crab races.
Blobbing out

The creators of Sigatoka River Safari and Off Road Cave Safari have brought Fiji another first with the launch of the Water Blob. Guests can jump, fly and play in the Fijian way.

Fiji’s original Water Blob is good, safe fun says owner Jay Whyte. ‘We were trying to think of what Fiji didn’t have that would be great fun and add to any holiday maker’s experience. I saw the Water Blob on a YouTube clip and said to myself ‘that’s fun’. I thought it would be awesome to do something like that in Fiji, something for both visitors and Fijians to enjoy.’

The Water Blob is a 35ft vinyl inflatable tube, designed for kids and adults of all ages to jump on and fly off.

There is a stringent safety policy in place with all guests undergoing a safety briefing prior to the beginning of the activity and all guests on the Water Blob must wear a life jacket. There is a lifeguard on duty to supervise jumpers and ensure everyone is obeying the rules.

There are two, three hour water blob sessions operating daily with a complimentary return shuttle taking guests to the Water Blob on the Sigatoka River. The shuttle departs at 10am or 2pm from the Sigatoka River Safari office in Sigatoka Town.

The high thrills, big splash Water Blob experience is for anyone 10 years and over.

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Access to IKA is complimentary (though cost applies for additions such as hair braiding, henna art, spa treatments etc) and reserved for children aged three to 12 years old. Nannying and babysitting services can be arranged as well.

Kids and teens spa treatments range from a fruity facial or rub a dub massage to teen manicures and pedicures.

Meantime, depending on the day, some of the fun activities offered include limbo dancing, talent shows, cupcake making, sulu tying, throwing contests and balloon volleyball.

If children are at the club for the pirate themed day they will take part in anything from a pirate ship invasion and treasure hunt to ship building and racing, and a three legged race.

A different activity schedule each day, a mix of education and fun and the opportunity for children to be pampered with a spa treatment are all part of the appeal at IKA Kids Club in the Fiji Beach Resort & Spa Managed by Hilton.
Adventure
For those travellers with activities and action on the agenda for a Fiji holiday, Pacific Harbour is the place to be.

The coast still has the resort life many visitors to Fiji are after, so relaxing by the pool or on a stunning stretch of beach is never a problem. But the area also offers everything from ziplining to diving, high speed glass bottom boat excursions to four wheel drive action, and river rafting and kayaking to golf.

Pacific Harbour’s setting is the key to its diverse offerings – with lush jungle clad hills on one side and a fringing reef that drops into the deep blue of the South Pacific Ocean on the other.

‘In Pacific Harbour a traveller can do a different activity every day for a week and still would not have exhausted all the options,’ says David Voss, president of the Pacific Harbour Tourism Association. ‘With everything it has to offer, Pacific Harbour is truly the Adventure Capital of Fiji.’

Voss says that while Pacific Harbour’s attributes are obvious to anyone who visits, the challenge is to create more awareness of the region as a destination. That’s one reason why the operators in the area have banded together to produce a dedicated regional brochure.

‘I took the brochure to one travel agent and he didn’t even know about Pacific Harbour. So there is this perception to overcome, we are encouraging both agents and travellers to look beyond the west coast and build Pacific Harbour into holiday plans.’

In terms of accommodation and dining, Pacific Harbour has options for everyone and offerings to suit various budgets. Backpackers (and flashpackers), independent travellers, families, honeymooners and even corporate groups looking for something different, are all well catered for.
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Some things are meant to be – and the way Sea Fiji Reefs started does indicate that somehow the company was destined to come into being.

Cyndee Butcher says her husband Wayne and (now) fellow business partner Alex Wienczugow were talking things over with a beer at one of the local resorts. ‘They both had the same idea at the same time. Then they Googled glass bottom boats and they came up with the same boat.’

The result is Sea Venture – the only glass bottom hydro-plane in the Southern Hemisphere. Combining speed with superb opportunities to view reef and sea life, the vessel operates from Pacific Harbour out to Beqa Lagoon.

Butcher says Sea Venture represents a ‘quantum leap from your average glass bottom boat’ and reaches the first reef in 20 minutes (the trip would usually take 45).

‘It is the most fun you can have under water without getting wet.’

Sea Fiji Reefs is focusing on the family market as well as general leisure travellers and cruise ship guests.

‘Kids love the thrilling ride and families enjoy the activity together.’

The experience is ideal for ‘time poor’ visitors to Fiji who don’t have the time (or possibly the inclination) to dive or snorkel.

‘Two hours is plenty of time. People can see two different sites and go right into Beqa Lagoon.’
UPRISING BEACH RESORT

Set in the heart of Fiji's adventure capital, Pacific Harbour, Uprising Beach Resort is the ideal location for an authentic Fiji experience – mixing rest and relaxation with some daring adventure. On four kilometres of beach, Uprising's accommodation options range from three and a half star beachfront villas and bures through to shared arrangements and a fun treehouse grand bure.

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Also on offer are dedicated snorkeling excursions on Beqa Lagoon and island trips out to Yanuca Island, where guests can enjoy snorkeling, sea kayaking, a lovo feast and a traditional kava ceremony (along with some other quirky, fun island activities).

The company was started in 2011, when the focus was mainly on spear fishing, and has been diversifying and developing product out of Pacific Harbour (the Adventure Capital of Fiji) since then.

**Take the controls**

Visitors to Fiji can now have a stint behind the controls of a helicopter or Cessna 172 with a training instructor.

Tim Joyce, chief executive officer of Heli-Tours Fiji and Skydive Fiji says the company offers the opportunity to people, even if they have had no previous flying experience.

‘Now tourists can do this without having an official student pilot licence. As long as they are with an instructor they can fly it themselves. We offer flights of about 40 minutes and they can fly around the islands or the Nadi area.’

Joyce says the experience includes a briefing and a video on the principals of flight.
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Two ziplines, two totally different experiences – that's the promise of Zip Fiji, which has operations in both Wainadoi (just out of Pacific Harbour) and Momi Bay (35 minutes drive from Nadi).

‘Pacific Harbour is 100% canopy, in amongst the tropical trees, with orchids, giant ferns and waterfalls,’ says Daniel Metcalf, director of Zip Fiji. ‘It is all about water and greenery.’

He points out that the Momi Bay zipline has large trees too, but it is more of an exploration of canyons and caves.

‘We really offer three tours out of Nadi, the zipline tour, abseil tour and cave tour – but if you do the first two they include the cave experience.’

He says the cave tour is offered as an alternative for people who are more interested in a trek than in the adrenalin of a zipline.

Zip Fiji’s Pacific Harbour experience is the original zipline in Fiji and was built in 2007. It has eight ziplines, covering two kilometres of lush jungle, and 10 platforms.

Momi Bay has 16 zipline crossings and 27 platforms, while the abseiling adventure there takes guests 100 metres into a large and spectacular cave.

Metcalf says there are a number of amazing caves in the area. ‘But the main cave is what everyone wants to see. You have no idea how big it is until you get in it.’
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Excitor Fiji, operating out of Denarau Marina, is now in its second year of operation and is ideal for visitors wanting to see and do a lot with limited time available.

Excitor Fiji has a daily schedule visiting Bounty, Treasure and Mana Islands as well as Cloud 9 – Fiji’s Ibeza style floating pavilion.

Managing director Mike Wood points out that passengers will find plenty of activities on offer – from swimming to snorkelling to accessing various water sports. Lunch packages can also be arranged and anyone seeking to just chill out and ‘top up the tan’ can obviously do that too.

The 55 seat smooth riding vessel cruises at 60kph offering a point of difference for transfers.

The vessel is also available for private and corporate charters and special events.

River ‘thrill ride’ in Fiji

Sigatoka River Safari, Fiji has added a River Jets trip, with emphasis on the thrills and spills of a jet boat ride.

‘The river safari is all about the village experience and the jet boat is a bonus,’ says founder and chief executive officer Jay Whyte. ‘But we get a lot of people saying they just want to do the river boat component.’

As a result the company has a new jet boat, offering a 45 minute experience with ‘gentle manoeuvres’, running on the hour between 10am and 5pm. It costs F$99 for adults, F$59 for children and will carry 11 passengers. (Prices subject to change.)

‘It’s a thrill ride,’ says Whyte.
New Mango Bay

A favourite with the game fishing market, Mango Bay has undergone a significant upgrade in recent times – and more is yet to come.

Monika Pal, sales and marketing manager at Mango Bay Resort, says many guests return time and again to chase the big catch and other resorts also utilise Mango Bay's fishing charters. ‘People keep coming back for fishing.’

That said, Mango Bay also caters for families, weddings and independent travellers both young and young at heart. Pal says the upgrades to the entrance way and foyer as well as the bures is adding to the wide appeal.

‘The concept has changed from a flashpacker – backpacker offering to a more upmarket budget accommodation. We want it to be known as the new Mango Bay.’

At the heart of adventure

Cloud 9, Fiji’s only two level floating platform in the heart of the ocean, has introduced water sports tours to its extensive range of activities.

Visitors can now take up jet ski and parasailing adventures taking in the uninhabited Modriki island made famous by movie Castaway with Tom Hanks, famous surf spot Cloudbreak, and the crystal clear waters and reefs of surrounding Fiji islands.

Cloud 9 is just a 40-minute boat ride from Port Denarau Marina or travellers can catch a ride over on the fastest speedboat of its size in the South Pacific, Excitor. Musket Cove Resort, Lomani Resort and Plantation Resort are all only a 10-minute speedboat ride away. Private transfers can also be arranged.

Decked out with a full surround sound system, hanging chairs and day beds, Cloud 9 also features a fully stocked international bar, and a new Italian wood fire pizza oven catering for non-vegetarian, vegetarian and gluten free guests.

The floating venue can also be hired out for functions and weddings. Cloud 9 can accommodate up to 100 people at any one time.
Bountiful watersports

Bounty Island Resort is fast becoming the Mamanuca group of islands’ activity hub with a wide range of water sports offered by Tropical Watersports Fiji.

Tropical Watersports’ world first Seaview Reef Viewer semi-submersible carries up to 42 passengers and heads out twice a day in calm weather, with a marine biologist providing commentary on the marine life seen on Bounty Reef.

Based at Bounty, the 18 metre long, four metre wide Seaview Reef Viewer is available for events with the seats able to be removed to accommodate 61 guests.

Tropical Watersports also offers FlyBoarding at Bounty – described by some as the ultimate water sport for adrenalin junkies. The sport is surprisingly easy to master and is suitable for just about anyone who can keep their balance.

It is also safe, as the FlyBoard has positive buoyancy and floats, there is no speed involved and FlyBoarders are well equipped with life vests and helmets with certified instructors close by and in control at all times.

FlyBoarders are strapped onto a board which is attached to jet ski via a 65 foot hose which then propels water out of the FlyBoard causing it to raise into the air, up to 30 feet.

There is also plenty of fun to be had in the shallows at Bounty with snorkeling and a water trampoline.
Fresh offerings at Volivoli

The resort is well known for its diving opportunities and its popularity with the youth market, though the appeal has broadened considerably in recent years.

Managing director Nick Darling points out that Volivoli has a more upmarket slant to it while still retaining its fun and relaxed atmosphere.

A new reception area, introduced a year ago, has met with a positive response and includes a boutique and a complete meet and greet service. A new day spa, offering traditional Fijian Massage and Pure Fiji product is also attracting couples and professionals looking for relaxation.

Another major development for Volivoli is the availability of its yacht SY Fiji Siren, operational from Volivoli since September 2013. Opened in partnership with Worldwide Sail and Dive, she is the fifth boat in the fleet and the only Siren in Fiji.

Darling says the live-aboard dive vessel has generated huge interest.

The eight cabin Fiji Siren has a teak interior, large dive deck, sun lounges, alfresco dining and more. It has a crew of 12 and offers seven and 10 night safaris.

Dive itineraries combine Bligh Waters, Taveuni and Lomaiviti Islands. (Shark diving at Beqa Lagoon is available as a day trip from Volivoli Beach Resort.)
Into the sea

Captain Cook Cruises offers dive opportunities for both certified and beginner divers, with dive excursions available through the PADI dive operator Viti Water Sports.

They are available at additional cost during Tivua Island day cruises as well as from Reef Endeavour.

With a number of sites around Tivua Island, guests can experience beautiful coral gardens, bommies and gently sloping reefs. Tivua has enough to enthuse beginners and ‘reinvigorate’ the occasional diver, while also fascinating advanced divers. The average dive duration is 40 minutes.

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Wananavu Beach Resort is located on the most northern point of Fiji’s main island, Viti Levu. It is two and a quarter hours drive from Nadi Airport offering the convenience of the mainland with the isolation of an island retreat.

While in no way restricted to the dive market – and offering activities that include tennis, petanque, ‘Wananavu frisbee golf’, plus cultural and educational experiences – the resort is well known for its diving opportunities. Custom built boats and an experienced dive team will take guests to sites that include Mellow Yellow, Purple Haze, Black Magic Mountain, Instant Replay, E6, Mount Mutiny and many others.

The resort lays claim to being the only land based dive operation in Fiji able to offer dive guests onsite, on demand nitrox.

Accommodation styles vary from garden view, ocean view, beachfront and honeymoon bures with their own plunge pools; there is something for everyone. The tropical gardens offer time out in nature or guests can spend the afternoon snorkeling, kayaking, or languishing in the hammocks on the beachfront. There are no TVs or radios in the bures to distract people from unwinding or enjoying what Wananavu has to offer. Guests can finish a day of activity or relaxation with a cocktail from the bar before a delicious meal. The Wananavu chef uses local produce mixed with flare and creativity.

At Wananavu, the attention to detail is evident in flowers on the beds on arrival, to the chilled fruit juice served as guests enter reception on arrival; to the deep fried coconut with sweet chili sauce served at sundown as people watch the nightly ritual of the torch-lighting.
Sports & Events

NATADOLA BAY
CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSE
FIJI
Tournament’s return keeps course in spotlight

The successful staging of the Fiji International last year and confirmation that the event will return from October 15 to 18 in 2015 further reinforces Natadola Bay’s reputation as a world class golfing destination. The event is a co-sanctioned PGA Tour of Australasia and One Asia Tournament.

Blending world class golf architecture with dramatic landscapes, rolling pastures and absolute beachfront, the 6,566 metre, par 72 championship course provides an enjoyable challenge to players of all skill levels. Keeping their concentration may be the biggest of these challenges, with a sparkling backdrop of the Pacific Ocean setting the scene on 15 of the 18 holes.

Ensuring time off the course is as good as time on it, the InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa provides the accommodation needed to complete a perfect golf break, and is the only five star resort positioned on idyllic Natadola Bay. Recently recognised by the World Travel Awards (held in Dubai last year) as Australasia’s Best Golf Resort, the resort offers contemporary island living, world-class dining, a luxury spa, four swimming pools, kids club, and authentic Fijian hospitality and experiences combined to create one of the best golf retreats in the South Pacific.
Sports & events calendar gives opportunities

Fiji’s events calendar is packed with festivals and celebrations to inspire travellers, encourage repeat visits to the destination and give travel agents an opportunity to ‘upsell’ a Fiji experience.

Cultural festivals are held throughout the year, many of which are Hindu festivals put on by the Fijian-Indian community.

Visitors can experience the week long carnival type festivals in Nadi, Suva and Lautoka, or head to Savusavu or Levuka for something even more cultural.

The Fijian calendar has 12 public holidays, some of which feature traditional dance and other public displays. Yachting regattas and music festivals are also popular and there are regular rugby, golf and surfing tournaments. Whether people are into music, culture or sport they will easily find a suitable event or festival.

Here is a snapshot of just some of the events in Fiji in 2015.

- May 23 – 29: Sunny West Bowling Carnival 2015, Nadi
- June 5 – 7: Fiji International Triathlon, starting point Denarau
- June 6 – 13: Painting Paradise with Elena Parashko, Daku Resort, Savusavu
- June 20 – 27: Gospel Acappella with Tony Backhouse, Daku Resort, Savusavu
- June 20 – 27: Lautoka’s Farmers Carnival, Lautoka
- June 26 – July 4: Fiji Showcase 2015, Suva
- July 18 – 25: Bula Festival 2015, Nadi
- August 2 – 7: Sheraton Denarau Women’s Golf Classic, Denarau
- August 15 – 22: Vodafone Hibiscus Festival, Suva
- September 11 – 16: Musket Cove Fiji Regatta Week, Musket Cove Malolo Lailai
- October 15 – 18 Fiji International Golf, Natadola Bay
- October 29 – 31: Coral Coast Rugby 7s, Coral Coast

UPrising BEACH RESORT

In the heart of Pacific Harbour, Fiji’s adventure capital, Uprising Beach Resort offers two miles of sandy beach, authentic, Fijian-themed accommodation and an annual calendar of events that includes a music festival, full moon parties and a rugby tournament. Add a wide range of activities, and guests can fill their days with as much or as little activity and adventure as they please.

NATADOLA BAY CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSE

More than just a world class golf course, Natadola Bay is a journey through stunning Fijian landscapes and challenging golf holes – most with uninterrupted views of the Pacific Ocean. Further cementing the area’s reputation as a leading golf destination the superb Natadola Bay Championship Golf Course hosts the Fiji International, a PGA Tour of Australasia and One Asia Tournament.

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From fairly small beginnings, the Uprising Festival of Music, Dance and Lights has grown to become one of Fiji’s most significant cultural events.

James Pridgeon, general manager of Uprising Beach Resort, says last year the event recorded a 25% growth compared to 2013, with about 1000 people attending.

The 12 hour non-stop music and performing arts marathon is presented by co-hosts The Uprising Beach Resort and Pacific Coast Events & Promotions (PCEP). It has also become firmly entrenched on the Tourism Fiji events calendar and is sponsored by both that organisation and Fiji Airways.

The music on offer ranges from modern jazz, blues and soft country rock through to blues rock, funk, rhythm and blues, acoustic styles, avant garde and reggae.

Between bands, dance troupes take to the stage, fusing elements of the Pacific Islands with contemporary styles of the region.

Seni Buliatoga, sales and marketing manager at Uprising Beach Resort, says this year’s festival will be held on November 7 and is expected to grow again.

‘At Uprising we are totally committed to the event and we have the capacity to grow even bigger,’ she says.
LET'S GET TOGETHER
Meetings, incentives and events are a prime focus of attention for Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa in 2015 and beyond. As a result the hotel will be coming up with new ideas for conference packages and offsite functions, working closely with Rosie Holidays’ events division.

Michael Bell, director of sales & marketing Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa, says this focus follows a strong 2014 that included record months.

‘We are seeing huge demand from Australia and a lot from New Zealand as well. There are increases from America too, although the groups tend to be smaller.’

The resort is also seeing more business coming out of Suva – government meetings, corporate retreats, Christmas and other special occasion get-aways etc.

‘These events often bring other people into Fiji because many of them are inter-island meetings.’

Bell says the hotel had a conference group of 300 stay a week in October – an example of some of the big business the hotel is doing in this sector.

He says while conferences and groups at the hotel are core business, Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa is happy to work with other venues and operators around the Denarau and Nadi area.

‘We are lucky to be close to the Sheraton (and Denarau Island Convention Centre). When bigger conferences come to the destination they often need more than one hotel for accommodation, or even more meeting space. We are pleased to be part of that mix.’

Bell adds that Sofitel is happy to recommend the Denarau Marina, nearby mud pools and island experiences to groups looking to do more while they are in Fiji.
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Working together with other great Fiji operators and product is the key to providing innovative and memorable incentives and other group experiences, says Chris Green of Rosie Holidays’ events division.

‘For example, we can do discover Nadi tours with all sorts of enhancements along the way – Senikai Spa foot massages, serenaders at certain spots, lunch in a kabana at the Garden of the Sleeping Giant, zipline in the forest, that sort of thing.

‘We also incorporate an ocean to the jungle concept, where groups can enjoy an island in the day and have a function in the jungle at night.’

Green says the same can be said of offsite functions, when it is important to find something fresh and exciting for groups.

‘We have had some fantastic functions at Sleeping Giant Zipline Fiji. It is a different side of Nadi from what a lot of people have seen and it is easy to access as an offsite dining option.’

He says partnerships again come into play. ‘We recently used Taste Fiji up there for catering, Staging Connections for lighting and local bands and DJs for entertainment. It was a three hour event with substantial cocktails and it worked really well. That group had been to Fiji before but had seen nothing like what we did there.

‘We often have people tell us that they have been to Fiji last year and had a fantastic time. They want to do it again but they are looking for something different. That’s always a welcome challenge for us.’
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Shangri-La’s Fijian Resort and Spa has a range of meeting options that incorporate outdoor and community options and a chance to make a difference with community work.

Sunglasses at Work – Meet by Design offers clients options that take them out of boardrooms and meeting rooms.

‘Our resort is known for being authentically Fijian and being involved in our surrounding community so it made sense to put together a number of options that reflects this,’ says director of sales and marketing, Jennifer Grayson.

‘Our location on a large private island gives our clients options that will allow them to be more creative and look outdoors rather than being stuck indoors in a meeting room,’ Grayson says.

Some of the more unusual activities offered include a Touch Tank Discovery at the award-winning Shangri-La Marine Education Centre, mangrove restoration work, building a fish house to be placed in the marine protected area or a beach cleanup.

Fitness enthusiasts can opt for the Yanuca Island Challenge, Island-style mini olympics or a mangrove kayak tour. Clients may also embrace community work and opt to participate in a community activity at one of the resort’s project ‘Embrace’ schools.

Grayson says that while the idea of incorporating community work is not new to the events offering at Shangri-La’s Fijian Resort and Spa, Sunglasses at Work is a more holistic approach incorporating green and sustainable activities that enable clients to experience Fiji on a much deeper level. ‘Community has always been at the heart of what we do as a company and it was only logical for us to share this with our clients and give them an opportunity to make a difference where it matters.’
A photobooth can add fun and help ‘break the ice’ at a conference or corporate function.

Fun with photos

Having a photobooth at a corporate event (or wedding, birthday, reunion etc) in Fiji can help as an ‘ice-breaker’ as well as reinforce memories and messages after the occasion.

With a friendly host and fun props provided, delegates get into the swing of things quickly and can have some fun. Social media sharing and emailing of photos means the event will quickly gain a high profile within and beyond the participants themselves.

The photobooth can be operated in an open environment against a desired backdrop or enclosed (with a curtain).

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Other services provided by the bureau include distributing business leads to the industry, assisting with education about the meetings, incentive, conference and events industry, and facilitating product development.

‘There are over 500 convention bureau around the world, as most destination marketing organisations have realised the importance of this industry,’ says Tourism Fiji’s director of events Sally Cooper.

Significant investment is already underway in Fiji, making the country more attractive to international conferences and events. The development of Nadi International Airport, improved roading infrastructure and completion of the Denarau Island Convention Centre all help give international conference organisers confidence in Fiji’s ability to compete globally.
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Alice Hill runs the workshop and gallery on the Sunset Strip in Korotoga, Coral Coast.

‘I have had a lot of interest in my glassblowing demonstrations and experiences from the conference market and incentive groups,’ she says. ‘The experience is not only new and original for Fiji, but also represents the beautiful surroundings we live in. Our glass is designed to capture the essence of Fiji.’

The glass blowing demonstration and hot glass experience is available for groups of 10 to 30 people and the programme runs from 90 minutes to two hours (depending on the number of participants).

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All went well except that it rained and the hall leaked.

On the way back to the resort general manager Peter Hopgood thought it would be a good idea to build a new hall for the school – and that led onto Outrigger’s biggest single community project to date.

Kini Sarai, guest activities manager at the resort, says Outrigger has long been involved in projects but this one involves participation from guests and gets them immersed, not only in the building but also in the local community and culture.

‘We like to say it is a win, win win, for the resort, the guests and community as whole,’ says Sapari, who runs tours to the Conua District School twice a week.

‘The guests can bring their own children to play with the local kids and the adults
work on the hall for about an hour – maybe shifting dirt, digging or other labouring. But they also interact with the teachers, get to know the people in the community and ask questions and also partake in a kava ceremony.’

The money guests pay for the tour goes towards the community hall (with some also helping to preserve the Tavuni Hill Fort that the tour visits as well).

Sarai says that the tour runs Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am to about 2.30pm (sometimes a little longer).

‘This a raw Fiji experience, what you see is what you get,’ he adds. ‘It’s got a spontaneous nature to it – I might just pull up so the guests can watch ladies dive in the river for fresh water mussels, or there might be a local horse race on so I will divert and go there. It’s not a show, it’s the real thing.

‘Most of these people are subsistence farmers and some sell a bit of their produce.’

Sarai says that guests enjoy the luxury of the resort, but getting out to the community adds real value to their Fiji holiday.

‘Not only do they help us build the hall, but they mix with the real local community and not many people get to do that.’

The Tavuni Hill Fort is an interesting, and regular diversion. The community tour stops there for lunch and gives guests time to look at the fort and the small museum on site. Tavuni, first established as a Tongan stronghold, remains a good example of hill forts along the valley’s edge.

‘We have some amazing sights, that are easy to get to but a lot of visitors don’t even know they are here.’

The resort also offers a variety of meeting rooms, break-out rooms and AV. Another corporate activity on offer is the Outrigger Amazing Race.
To the theme

Fiji Beach Resort & Spa Managed by Hilton, is seeing increasing demand for themed functions on the beach, poolside or in other parts of the property.

As a result, the resort is expanding the choices which already include options such as Morroccan Nights, Spanish themed dinners, seafood evenings and Taste of Fiji functions to name a few.

By setting cabanas up around the pool or on the beach, the resort can effectively create additional dining spaces.

Making Suva grand again

Corporate, government and diplomatic business is a key target for the restored and reopened Grand Pacific Hotel in Suva.

General manager Eugen Diethelm says business tourism facilities include the 600 sqm Britannia ballroom, which can be divided into three, and the 300 sqm Matua function room (sub dividable into two).

There is also a boardroom, pre function area and a number of business friendly features – free wifi, a business centre, valet service etc.

A feature of the ‘grand old lady’ is the back story, and the aspiration that the hotel will become the Raffles (Singapore) of the Pacific.

The Grand Pacific Hotel was built in 1914 and hailed as a masterpiece of colonial architecture – counting among its guests Somerset Maugham, James A Michener and a young Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh making their celebrated first visit to the colony of Fiji in 1953.

It has 113 rooms, including 10 suites, most with ocean views and some with a garden view. The hotel also has an all day dining restaurant, fine dining restaurant and lobby bar, plus a pool restaurant and bar.
As well as offering exciting leisure activities, Heli-Tours Fiji and Skydive Fiji are seeing an increase in interest from business groups seeking team building or just something different.

Tim Joyce, chief executive officer, says the company is doing more and more on the outer islands and out of Pacific Harbour for conferences, corporate groups, weddings, movies and other events.

‘We recently did skydiving stunts for a high profile Chinese movie filmed out of Taveuni, which illustrates that we can really do anything, anywhere in Fiji.’

Joyce says a group of 340 are seeking to include ‘back to back jumps’ as part of their incentive programme during their conference in 2015. There are also some business events interested in skydiving both for the delegates and as an entertaining display. Skydive Fiji Instructors can tow giant flags with company names or slogans printed on them and perform novelty display jumps such as one a few years ago where the skydiver carried an esky full of gourmet icecreams on his chest and immediately began handing them out to delegates when he landed on the beach.

‘We have done a few groups out of Natadola Beach, where guests have chosen to jump out of helicopters.’ Joyce has a lot of experience in coordinating stunts and special effects for the TV and film industry.

Skydive Fiji is the only company in Fiji offering tandem skydiving over the country's spectacular islands and coral reefs. With an excellent 10 year track record, the company has earned a reputation as one of the most exciting activities in Fiji.

The experience includes an easy 10 minute instructional video and briefing, a 10 to 30 minute scenic airplane flight, 15 to 70 seconds of freefall time, up to eight minutes parachute ride and a professional and international team of instructors.
Meetings

The resort recently showcased what it can do for this sector during a three day ‘famil’, flying in a selection of hand-picked professional conference organisers to the Fiji Islands.

The exciting itinerary included visiting primary schools in the Natadola Bay community, discovering Natadola Bay Championship Golf Course – home of the PGA sanctioned Fiji International, themed dinners, a kokoda cooking class, guided tour of Batiri Village with traditional kava ceremony, and a special guest appearance by 11-time ASP World Tour Champion Kelly Slater.

‘The InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa is an ideal destination for delegates, with our unbeatable location on one of the best beaches in the world, award-winning conferencing facilities, luxurious Spa InterContinental, championship golf course, and ‘In the Know’ cultural experiences,’ says David Pearson, director of meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions at InterContinental Fiji.

Pearson says a highlight of programmes is being able to showcase Fiji’s enriching culture. ‘The PCOs’ closing night dinner at our signature restaurant, Navo, was complemented by a spectacular traditional fire show, and appearance by guest speaker Kelly Slater.’

Feedback from famil participants has been overwhelmingly positive, with special mention of the warm, gentle nature of the Fijian people.

InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa overlooks the Natadola Beach and is spread across 35 acres of tropical gardens.
Dining
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Radisson adds Thai – revamps welcome

Radisson Blu Resort Fiji in Denarau has a whole new lobby-entrance area, including changes to its lobby bar and adjacent restaurant.

The bar, Orchid Lounge, has been extended and has a more welcoming atmosphere and comfortable seating.

The restaurant has become Chantara, a Thai restaurant replacing the pan-Asian Water Court. And the lobby itself has new stone flooring and a more Fijian touch.

‘Chantara has a purpose built kitchen, which enhances the service and gives us more capacity,’ says general manager Gerard Knight. ‘There are no other designated Thai restaurants on Denarau Island.’

Chantara also serves traditional a la carte breakfasts. ‘It will complement Blu (the buffet breakfast restaurant) and will have an adult atmosphere,’ says Knight.

Lunch will be Asian fusion – with noodles, sushi, Asian sandwiches etc – and dinner will be authentic Thai.

Knight says the new bar is a big improvement. ‘It is a purpose built bar – previously it was a bar added on to a lobby.’
Meaning ‘in the water’ Lomani Wai is the only in the water dining on Denarau. Tall tables and chairs are set up in a lagoon pool where guests wade into the pool knee high to enjoy a three course BBQ menu, prepared poolside, while dangling their feet in the water and listening to serenades.

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New menu poolside

InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa has rolled out a new contemporary menu at poolside restaurant, Toba Bar & Grill.

The new menu features local ingredients prepared with an American and Italian twist, in a relaxed setting overlooking the waters of Natadola Bay. The share concept menu encourages guests to interact more.

Nicolas de Visch, executive chef at the InterContinental Fiji says the delicious menu features ‘fresh produce at its best’ and includes new dishes to keep the resort’s talented chefs challenged.

‘Eight of our chefs recently competed in the national Moffat Culinaire Competition and cemented our status as one of the best culinary offerings in Fiji,’ he says.

He adds that signature dishes include meatball spaghetti ‘with an element of surprise’, chicken parmigiano, and calzone bianca pizza – a traditional folded pizza that is bursting with flavours.

‘No menu is complete without dessert,’ says chef de Visch. ‘We’re introducing new cheesecakes to the menu – my favourite is the mango key lime cheesecake, where the smooth texture of cream cheese just melts heavenly in your mouth.’
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Bulaccino café has opened in Denarau, at the street entrance of Sheraton Fiji Resort & Spa. The family run business headed by Eileen Rodenburg has cafes in Namaka (between Nadi and the airport) and the Garden City complex in Suva.

All food is prepared in-house, including bread – San Francisco sour dough, ciabatta, bagels, English muffins – and the chicken and meat patties. Honey, fruit, vegetables and herbs come from the family’s 30 acre farm.

The cafés focus on ‘Fijian food with an international feel,’ says Rodenburg. ‘Our first choice is Fijian ingredients that are absolutely fresh.

‘We serve our customers what we ourselves like to eat,’ she explains. ‘It must be healthy, for example pure fruit products. However, if we can’t source a quality local product then we will import it.’

Bulaccino’s customers include tourists and locals: ‘People who appreciate real food and real coffee made by real Fijian chefs,’ says Rodenberg.
Southern USA meets South Pacific at Baka Blues Café in Pacific Harbour.

The innovative menu, combining cajun and creole flavours with fresh, local produce fits well with the region – noted for its sense of adventure.

From N’Awlins barbecue shrimp with creole tartare sauce to mahi mahi po’ boys, cajun chili crab, or chicken enchilada soup, the restaurant provides dishes with a real point of difference in Fiji.

Owner Stella Lawrence says the café is a family affair – her daughter Tandra sings with the band on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday and son Cameron designed the menus and the Baka Blues T-Shirts. Both ‘muck-in’ when needed. Husband Paul is also involved in the business.

‘The Fijian team here are also like family and make things happen six days a week.’

Call into Koko’s

Blending Fijian hospitality with a bar and home style food has put Koko’s Bar on the map after a year of operation. Run by Lola Traill, the bar’s motto is ‘hot food, cold drinks, warm welcome.’

Jay Whyte, co-owner of the bar, says, ‘We are right on the sunset strip on the Coral Coast, so there are great views.’

Whyte says a complimentary shuttle service operates from as far as Shangri-La in the west or Warwick / Naviti in the east. For visitors staying further away there is a nominal surcharge if transport is needed.

‘If people take the shuttle they can have a couple of drinks without worrying about being on the road. Koko’s has been extremely popular – it provides an alternative for people staying at one of the resorts.’
Innovations with a Fiji touch have added variety to the meal offerings at Tropica Island Resort Fiji.

A tapas and antipasto menu is now available at the resort’s Sunset Bar. While dishes such as traditional antipasto, cheese platters and a chilled prawn wrap are available, there are also true Fijian tapas. These include waci poki – spinach balls made from taro leaves and prawn poached in spicy coconut cream. Also available (among other things) is the marinated fish walu in a kokoda tapas style.

‘The theory is to use traditional sources from the Mamanucas,’ says Scott Walton, chief operating officer at Tropica Island Resort. ‘These include lumi (edible seaweed), nama (sea grapes), miti (bush fern) and ota (a coconut dressing).’

Walton says the executive chef, local Kevin Sinclair, is tasked with introducing one additional Fijian tapa a month.

Meantime, Tropica Island Resort has also shifted the concept of a traditional lovo dinner to an a la carte dining experience. Obviously local flavours again abound. Examples of dishes include the tavolea salad – seared beef with lumi jelly, ota and miti and a taste of kokoda. Mains include a lovo pork with kumala, palusami, dalo and either apple sauce or spicy fruit sauce.
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Teppanyaki time

Treasure Island’s Teppanyaki Bure opened in 2014 and has proven extremely popular.

It has two sittings a night and two menu options – Menu one is included in the meal plan that guests can purchase. Upgraded menus are available with a surcharge.

It’s located down by the waters edge, so is a wonderful spot for guests to enjoy dinner and sunset. Seating is for a maximum of eight guests and pre bookings are necessary.

Meantime, Treasure Island has a new executive chef – Trevor Furner. The ‘Scottish Australian’ has been a chef for 24 years. He did his culinary training at La Cordon Bleu in Paris and from there went to work with famous chefs such as Gordon Ramsey and Marco Pierre White. He has worked in diverse destinations – including Spain, Australia, Scotland and China.

‘My cuisine is fusion orientated. I take a lot of flavours from many different countries and blend them into my cuisine,’ he says.

Furner adds that his opportunity to work at Treasure Island and in Fiji came out of the blue. ‘The general manager sent me an email asking whether I would be interested in coming to Fiji and I thought it would be an interesting opportunity.’

Finding flavour

The cooking school Flavours of Fiji in Denarau is gaining popularity through inbound operators, tour desks and hotel recommendations.

‘We teach tourists and locals alike a little bit about local cooking and ingredients. All of our menus a based on what’s in season so our day starts with a trip to the market and we source what we can there,’ says Alana McElrath, a co-director of the company along with Malisa Raffe.

The school puts on a Kaiwiti Magiti Menu for its guests, divided into a Fijian selection (which is cooked and eaten first) and then the Indian selection (which takes up the second half of the three hour school session).

McElrath says that on arrivals guests receive a chilled bu (coconut) juice and then get an explanation on the ingredients, food and culture by a hostess. As well as regular tourists, the school has had interest from corporate groups who partake in a ‘master chef’ team building type exercise.
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