

Fiji Islands











Northern Fiji Dateline Cruises - Product Summary

Visit places without postcards in the remote Northern Fiji Islands aboard MV Reef Escape. The special seven-night cruise, venturing to the international dateline has been developed after months of research and includes islands rarely visited by commercial vessels. Join the Captain and crew as they guide you through the hundreds of islands and reef; and the unique history, art and culture of the Northern region.

Cruise beyond the Yasawa Island to Levuka on the island of Ovalau. This quiet town with its stately backdrop of 19th Century colonial architecture and waterfront promenades is a time capsule of colonial rule. Swim in the Bourma Waterfall lagoon on Taveuni Island and stand on the 180th Meridian – the arbitrary Dateline between today and tomorrow. Our journey takes you to Savusavu's extinct volcanic crater, hot springs and thriving markets. Explore picture perfect coral cays where the water is so clear the marine life appear like stars on a giant movie screen.

Cruise Inclusions: Every cruise includes Nadi transfers, cruise accommodation, all meals, all on-board facilities, snorkelling equipment, glass bottomed boat excursions, village and island visits, cultural activities, meke and lovo feast, guided island walks, Fijian VAT & HTT.. Prices exclude drinks, personal purchases, any optional tours such as scuba diving and fuel surcharges.

Facilities: Swimming pool, spa, sun deck, sauna; glass bottomed-boat, snorkelling and dive vessels; pool bar, cocktail bar with baby grand, lounge, single-sitting dining saloon and conference room; gift shop, library and videos; guest laundry and 24 hour coffee and tea facilities.

Dining: Dining is a vital ingredient in your Fijian cruise. Whether it is an alfresco luncheon, a casual barbecue or table d'hote dinner, our food is prepared on board from fresh local and imported produce and our on-board entertainment adds a special flavour to the mix

Accommodation

Thursday

60 staterooms and cabins, each with private bathroom ensuite, on/off air-conditioning, hair dryers, 240 volt power, international shaver point, soaps, shampoo & towels serviced daily All Staterooms open onto the outside deck with panoramic floor to ceiling windows (approx 12sq metres). **Tabua Staterooms** are located on the Upper Deck and offer additional comfort. **Staterooms** are located on the Promenade and Upper Decks. **Bunk Bed Cabins** on the Main Deck open to an inside passageway with upper and lower berths.

7-Night Northern Fiji Dateline Discovery Cruise – Selected dates

Departs Denarau Marina 2.00pm Tuesday (Boarding 1.00pm). Disembark 9.00am Tuesday

Sample Itinerary, subject to change

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Wednesday Nanuyakoto - North coast of Viti Levu

Nananu-I-ra - North coast of Viti Levu Levuka (old capital) - Ovalau Island (East of Viti Levu)

Friday Savusavu town - (Vanua Levu)

Savusavu Bay beach

Saturday Bourma Waterfalls – Taveuni Island East

Naselesele Village - Taveuni Island North

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- Sali Sali Island North coast of Viti Levu
- · Mystery Island time permitting

Tuesday: Tivua Island

Welcome aboard Reef Escape with a complimentary fruit punch and welcome salusalu (lei) as we set sail for our Fiji Island adventure. This afternoon visit Captain Cook Cruises own exclusive island "Tivua" where you can enjoy a twilight swim, snorkel or relax on the beach. Tonight enjoy our special Welcome Dinner and crew entertainment.

Wednesday: Nanuyakoto, Nananu-l-ra

Today we venture beyond the Yasawa Islands to the north coast of Viti Levu with fabulous views of the main island, plus two island stopovers for some sun, sand and snorkelling. A fabulous day to relax into your Fiji adventure and to fully explore all the facilities of your own small cruise ship. Meet your fellow passengers and Ship's Officers for pre-dinner cocktails in the Ra Marama Lounge with music on the Baby Grand. In the evening join the fun of our popular shipboard Crab Races.

Thursday: Levuka

This morning we arrive at the port of Levuka on the island Ovalau, situated off the northeast coast of the main island. Levuka was the first European settlement in Fiji and became the centre of British colonial administration and trade. At its peak over 50 hotels catered to the thirst of sailors in port and the town gained a wild reputation. In 1888 the capital was moved to Suva on the main island, and Levuka's notoriety gradually waned. Passengers are invited to join an optional tour of this now quiet historic town with its stately backdrop of 19th Century colonial architecture and waterfront promenades. In the afternoon we visit the children of Marist Convent Primary School.

Friday: Savusavu

This morning we arrive at Savusavu, the second town on the second biggest island in Fiji, Vanua Levu. Savusavu is positioned on an extinct volcanic crater. Choose from a selection of optional tours including a visit to the hot water springs, pearl farm and markets. Later this afternoon we cruise to swimming beach in Savusavu Bay.

Saturday: Bourma Waterfall/Naselesele

This morning we disembark on the western side of Taveuni Island - the "Garden Island" of Fiji. The optional bus tour takes you to the beautiful Bouma Waterfall where you can swim and relax in the beautiful setting The tour then continues to the Naselesele Village where you can visit the local handicraft markets. Tonight enjoy the tastes of Fiji with a traditional 'lovo" (earth oven) feast where we share fresh local seafood, meat succulent tropical fruits. Then dance to the drum of the meke (dance) and kava ceremony.

Sunday: Waiyevo & Dateline

For an experience not to be missed, join the special choral church service at Waiyevo on the western side of Taveuni. Taveuni Island lies on the 180th Meridian, the arbitrary line between today and tomorrow. After the service our crew will take you to the famous Dateline Meridian where you can literally stand with one foot in the past and one foot in the future. Late morning we depart for our scenic cruise along the south west coast of Vanua Levu navigating Bligh Water.

Monday: Sali Sali Island, Mystery Island

Cruising south west from Vanua Levu we arrive at Sali Sali Island on the northern side of Viti Levu for our customary swim, snorkel and beachcombing. A lazy morning to enjoy our last beach visit before we reboard for lunch and our homeward journey, with an afternoon stopover at a mystery island (time permitting). This evening don your sulu (sarong) and join all the celebrations of our Pacific Island Night Finale. Pre-dinner cocktails and appertisers are served in the Ra Marama Lounge before our gala farewell dinner featuring the music and dance of the South Pacific.

Tuesday: Nadi

Enjoy breakfast before we return to Denarau Marina with farewell Isa Lei, disembarking 9.00am

* Itineraries subject to change due to weather and other operational requirement.