

Fiji's remote North 7 Night 4 Cultures Discovery Cruise Fact sheet, Itinerary, Map & Deck plan



The beauty of Fiji lies in its diversity - over 330 islands waiting to be explored. Discovery cruises are designed to offer you an authentic and personal experience of the South Pacific. Circumnavigate Vanua Levu – Fiji's second's largest island – and explore the islands, rivers and rainforests of the remote north. On the way discover the four different cultures of the Ellice (Polynesian), Banabas (Micronesian), Indian and Fiji (Melanesian) people. Go in search of gentle manta rays in their natural hatchery and snorkel on the Great Sea Reef. Visit a remote village school, travel by tender up the Labasa River to visit Vanua Levu's largest town. A lovo feast, Meke and island night completes an amazing journey to the remote north.

#### Departure dates—2nd May 2017, 5th September 2017 and 2nd January 2018

#### **CRUISE INCLUSIONS:**

\*All meals \*Marine Biologist & Cultural Talks \*Daily island stopovers & water activities \*Guided island, village & school tours \*Snorkelling & glass bottom boat tours \*Use of snorkelling equipment & mini gym \*Tropical island lovo feast & kava ceremony \*Kids Club including early dinner (under 5-9yrs) \*24 hour self-service tea & coffee bar \*Entertainment \*Transfers at the end of your cruise

\*\*FARES EXCLUDE: Transfers to the ship, drinks, optional tours, scuba diving & spa services.

#### **BONUS FEATURES:**

\*Swimming pool, a top deck spa pool & sauna \*Massage & beauty services (optional) \*Scuba diving - certified & introductory (optional) \*Mini-gym & meeting room \*Easy access small boat launching platform \*Choice of 3 accommodation levels \*Friendly Fijian crew with a wealth of local knowledge \*Mix of both male & female crew \*WIFI located in the Tabua Suites, Yasawa Lounge, Pool Deck and on the sundeck.

Dining is a vital ingredient in your Fijian cruise. Whether it is an alfresco luncheon, a casual BBQ 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.

**CONDITIONS:** Valid for travel 01Apr17 to 31Mar18. All rates are inclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT) of 9%, Hotel Turnover Tax (HTT) of 10% and 6% Environmental levy and subject to Fiji Government change. EBS fares are capacity controlled with limited space on each sailing. Prices may be subject to change due to fuel price & currency fluctuations. Flights to the Nadi, Fiji are additional. Infants under 4yrs are not accepted. Conditions apply.

### Tuesday: Tivua Island

Welcome aboard 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: Kioa Island

Kioa Islands are freehold islands populated by South Sea Islanders. In 2005 Fiji granted them full citizenship. Kioa Island was settled by the people of Tuvalua Island (also called Ellice Island) after they were displaced by rising sea levels. Be met by these colourful people in their traditional way and see their vibrant cultural presentation. Snorkel their pristine reefs and dive among the soft coral gardens.

### Thursday: Rabi Island

Rabi Island is the home of the Banabas people from Ocean Island in the Pacific. Meet the people and enjoy an introduction to the different culture and lifestyles of the Ellice and Banabas Islanders. Enjoy beach activities and perfect your Snorkelling at Albert Cove.

## Friday: Kia Island and Great Sea Reef 180<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Crossing the North-eastern tip of Vanua Levu we cruise west to idyllic Druadrua Island and visit the local school. We then snorkel and dive the world's third longest barrier reef. The Great Sea Reef's prolific marine life include extensive varieties of soft corals and fish. Take to the glass bottom boat, snorkel or join the Dive Master for an unforgettable experience. Tonight discover the traditional Fijian culture, with a village sevusevu ceremony, meke and lovo feast at Kia Island.

### Saturday: Malau/Labasa, Vanua Levu

Labasa is the largest town on Vanua Levu and lies on a delta formed by three rivers; the Wailevu, the Labasa and the Qawa. Sugar cane is the main industry in this agricultural town. Travel by local bus past the hard wood depot, sugar cane mill. Visit the Hindi Snake temple and see the growing rock up close. Experience the thriving market of spices, fish, poultry, goat and local products. Retreat to the local hotel and enjoy morning tea while being entertained by a Bollywood style dance troop (Indian).

### Sunday: Galoa Island, Yaqaqa Island

Before rounding the western coast of Vanua Levu we spend a day enjoying the beach and marine beauty of Galoa and Nanuku Islands and the surrounding cays and reefs. Today is yours to do as much or as little as you like. Swim, snorkel, beachcomb or laze on the beach. Take a glass bottom boat tour or enjoy a cocktail by the pool. There will also be the opportunity to experience a local church service and the wonderful harmonies of a Fijian choir.

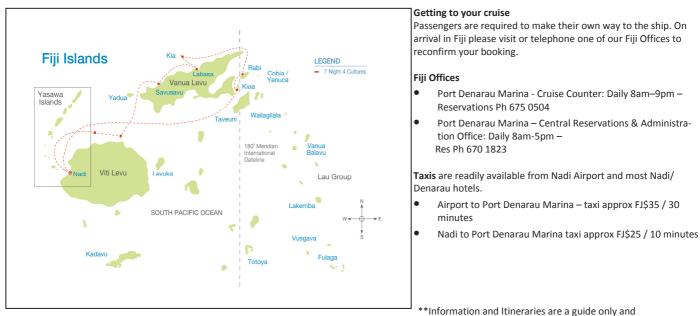
### Monday: Nanunu-i-ra Island / Manava Cay

As we complete our circumnavigation, we bid farewell to Vanua Levu and make the journey across Bligh Water. This body of water is named after Captain Bligh of Mutiny in the Bounty fame. Bligh, through courage and excellent seamanship - and arguable a return of his good character and leadership qualities - successfully managed to navigate from Tofua, through the Fiji Islands to the Dutch East Indies on a small 7 metre open launch. A harrowing journey over 47 days. Our final destination is Nananu-i-ra off the north coast of Viti Levu for our customary swim, snorkel and beach activities. A hike to the lookout offers amazing views of the Bligh Water. This evening wear your sulu (sarong) and join all the celebrations of our Pacific Island Night Finale. Pre-dinner cocktails and appetisers are served in the lounge before our gala farewell dinner featuring the music and dance of the South Pacific.

### Tuesday: Nadi

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

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



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# **Reef Endeavour Ship Layout**

Accommodation: The MV Reef Endeavour has approximately 65 suites, staterooms & cabins..

Every cabin type features a private bathroom ensuite, internal telephone, on/off air-conditioning, hair dryer, 240 volt power, international shaver point, soaps, shampoo & towels serviced daily. Each cabin is approximately 14sqm. Tabua Suites are approximately 28sqm. Staterooms and Suites open onto the outside deck and have two windows.

**Tabua Suites (4)** feature a bedroom (twin/double) with ensuite bathroom, plus a separate day room with, chair, settee, desk, TV & DVD player, refrigerator, tea & coffee facilities and second bathroom.

"B" Ocean Stateroom (29) and Connecting Family Staterooms (2) are located on the upper or main decks (twin/double).

"C" Ocean Staterooms (8) and Connecting Family Ocean Staterooms (4) are located on "C" deck (twin/double).

"D" Porthole Cabins (11) with portholes, open onto an inside passageway (twin/double/bunk triple/bunk quad).

