



# Boutique Journeys for Solo Travellers

## Fiji

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Fully escorted small group tour with a maximum of 12 passengers  
7 September to 15 September 2023 – 9 days

NZ\$5,459

TWIN PER PERSON

NZ\$7,599

SINGLE PER PERSON

UPGRADE TO AN ORCHID CABIN | \$398 PER PERSON TWIN | \$645 PER PERSON SINGLE

Come along with us on a journey through paradise, cruising the Mamanuca and Yasawa Islands of Fiji on a Blue Lagoon cruise. These idyllic islands lie off the western coast of Vitu Levu, and have some of the most beautiful and striking scenery in the South Pacific. Discover a unique blend of warm tropical ambiance, fascinating traditional culture, remote villages, palm fringed lagoons, pristine beaches and coral reefs.

Our tours are exclusively for solo travellers 50+ so come and share the joy of travel with people just like you.





## Tour inclusions:

- Return economy class airfares from Auckland on Air New Zealand (The Works)
- All taxes and levies
- 5 star accommodation in Denarau
- 7 night Blue Lagoon Cruise on MV Fiji Princess
- Transportation
- Sightseeing as specified
- Breakfast Daily
- 7 Lunches
- 7 Dinners including a Fijian Lovo Dinner with Meke Performance
- 7 Morning and Afternoon Teas
- Premium stocked minibar on the cruise including: beer, soft drinks, wine, chocolate, gourmet snacks and mineral water
- F\$100 Blue Lagoon Beverage Credit (per cabin)
- Sulu and Drink Bottle
- Use of snorkelling and non-motorised sporting equipment on the cruise
- Captains complimentary champagne cocktail and canapes
- Services of a Tour Leader



### Tracey Burfield-Mills, your Tour Manager

Tracey has been creating holidays for clients for over 30 years and is a full member of the New Zealand Institute of Travel and Tourism (MNZITT). She is the owner of Boutique Journeys and puts together all the itineraries for our tours based on years of travelling experience. "Being part of a small group provides a wonderful intimate experience where it is like travelling with a group of friends. I am there to make sure all goes to plan and take care of all the details so you can sit back and enjoy. My aim is to provide a holiday that you will remember for a lifetime and come home wishing for more".



Hibiscus Cabin



Orchid Cabin





## Itinerary

### Thursday 7 September

After checking in at Auckland International Airport enjoy some relaxing time at the Emperors Lounge. Today we depart Auckland at 9.45am and fly to Nadi. On arrival at 12.45pm we will be transferred to our hotel. One night Hilton Denarau Resort (Beachfront Room), ideally located on the beachfront in Denarau. Rest of the day at leisure

### Friday 8 September

#### Modriki Island

This morning is at leisure to enjoy the hotel and all that it offers. Early this afternoon we are transferred to Denarau Port to board Fiji Princess (Hibiscus cabin\*) where we will set sail for the outer Mamanucas. The first overnight anchorage is in a gorgeous secluded location at Modriki Island, scene of the Tom Hanks' movie "Castaway". Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and canapés as you watch the sunset, followed by the Captain's Welcome Dinner - an a la carte menu served in the dining saloon with entertainment by a talented singing, dancing, guitar playing crew. \* upgrade available

### Saturday 9 September

#### Soso Bay

This morning there is time to step ashore and enjoy a swim or wander along the beach before or after breakfast. Sea conditions permitting, there is a very special stop this morning where the brave will get to "swim with the sharks" at a secret reef location. Of course they are only Reef Sharks but they still make for a great snorkel experience! After lunch we visit the chiefly village of Soso – an exceptional example of a current day Fijian island village. Enjoy a traditional thali dinner which features

traditional Indian dishes. This evening may turn into an extravaganza of Bollywood dancing complete with Bollywood movies.

### Sunday 10 September

#### Naukacuvu Island

Sunday is a day of rest in Fiji. After breakfast attend a village church service. We cruise south to the beautiful Naukacuvu and Narara Islands as you enjoy a traditional Sunday roast. Join the Chef for today's Fijian cooking lesson and make the traditional dish Kokoda. Tonight's buffet has a range of dishes from Fiji along with a choice of European dishes. There is Bingo "Fiji Style" after dinner with lots of laughs and some good prizes or you can enjoy a quiet nightcap at the bar.

### Monday 11 September

#### Yalobi Bay

As Fiji Princess arrives at the stunning Sacred Isles, you'll be sure you are lost in paradise. The backdrop of the neighbouring Waya Lailai volcanic formations is breathtaking. Spend the remainder of the day swimming, snorkelling, relaxing. Fiji style High Tea is served following a cooking lesson on how to make Roti in Lolo. Watch the sunset and enjoy the Captains Dinner, welcoming new guest arrivals.

### Tuesday 12 September

#### Blue Lagoon

Our destination: the famed Blue Lagoon. This superb stretch of water is ringed by islands creating the lagoon that is filled with fascinating coral reefs seen easily from above through crystal clear waters. One of those islands is Blue Lagoon Cruises very own private island. Watch as the crew position right up to the beach and tie her up to the coconut trees. Enjoy Happy Hour on shore with canapés. A very special night enjoying a traditional lovo meal cooked

underground, where you'll dine under the coconut palms and the tropical stars. There will be a Fijian Meke – singing, dancing and story telling by local villagers.

### Wednesday 13 September

#### Sawa – I – Lau

This morning enjoy an easy guided island walk with panoramic views to visit an island style cake shop and browse the shell market. Laze in the sun or try your hand at basket weaving. A guided snorkelling safari is on offer today. Lunch is served onboard as Fiji Princess cruises north for a private guided visit to the amazing Sawa-I-Lau caves. The village of Tamasua welcomes us to a yaqona ceremony, a guided walk around the village and a village style feast prepared and cooked by the village women. You will be Fijian for the night sitting on mats eating Fijian village food. The villagers will share their culture and home with us for the evening.

### Thursday 14 September

#### Drawaqa Island

Today we cruise to Drawaqa Island where we will be joined by a marine biologist for a presentation about the local marine life and the volunteer conservation work carried out in the area. If you wish, you will have the opportunity to snorkel with magnificent mantra rays. Also on offer today is an optional excursion to a local island school to view the work of the Vinaka Fiji volunteers. Dinner this evening is a barbecue served under the stars. Tonight we party Fiji style.

### Friday 15 September

This morning we bid a sad farewell to our wonderful crew and are transferred to the airport for our homeward flight, departing Nadi at 2.00pm. Arrive Auckland 5.10pm

All prices are in New Zealand dollars. Prices are based on payment by cash, eftpos, cheque or direct deposit only. A surcharge of 2% applies for payment by Visa or Mastercard. If you would prefer to share a room we will endeavour to match you up with someone of the same gender. If we cannot, you would be required to pay the single price. A non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 per person is due at time of booking. Balance due 5 June 2023. Costs are based on a group of 12 passengers. If the group falls below this number Boutique Journeys reserves the right to cancel the tour in which case a full refund would be given. This would be known at least 3 months prior to departure. Once paid the full amount is non-refundable.

Please note: A reasonable level of fitness is required for this tour.