

With several beaches to choose from, light tropical rainforest, and reefs teeming with amazing marine life; we invite you to dive in, snorkel, sail or kayak Matangi's clear aquamarine waters. Explore an undersea world full of colourful aquatic life. Play a few competitive sets of island-style volleyball. Soak in our lagoon infinity pool; or simply pull up a sun lounge and give in to the melody of waves meeting the shore.

Snorkelling Excursion

Complimentary

Enjoy our daily morning snorkelling excursion; where you'll explore the undersea world to your hearts' content. Experience exceptional seascapes filled with varied examples of tropical marine life, including soft corals, butterfly fish, angelfish, damselfish, anthias, moray eels, parrotfish, wrasses, sea turtles, sharks, puffers and stingrays. An additional guided snorkelling excursion can be arranged, charges apply.

Bush Hike

Complimentary

With lowland rain forest and beaches right at your doorstep, Matangi's natural splendour is breathtaking. The island's verdant vegetation is home to many native bird species, including the Orange Dove (*Chrysoenas victor*) & Fiji Parrot Finch (*Erythrura pealii*). A natural path will take you up to a classic view of Horseshoe Bay; this trek takes approximately one hour. You can also take a morning saunter along the coastal route to watch the sun spill over the ocean at dawn. Both trails will afford you extraordinary views of vegetation and fauna found on Matangi Island.

Kayaks

Complimentary

Slice through the waters of our lagoon with an easy stroke from your paddle as you glide over untouched fringing reef, abundant with marine life and take in the rugged volcanic beauty of Matangi's landscape.

Sailing

Complimentary

Hop aboard our Calypso Beach Cats, feel the tropical sun on your face and the wind in your hair; let the prevailing South East trade-winds fill your sail and embark on your private nautical adventure.

Kava Session

Complimentary

Matangi invites you to our weekly yaqona session hosted by our Activities Crew. Kava, also known as yaqona, is an infusion prepared from the root of *Piper methysticum*, a type of pepper plant. It is extremely important in Fijian culture - in the time of the 'old religion' it was used ceremonially by chiefs and priests only. Today, kava is part of daily life; not only in Fijian villages but across the many races in Fiji. It is used for welcoming, bonding and for traditional story-telling sessions. Talo mada!

Meke (Traditional Fijian Dance)

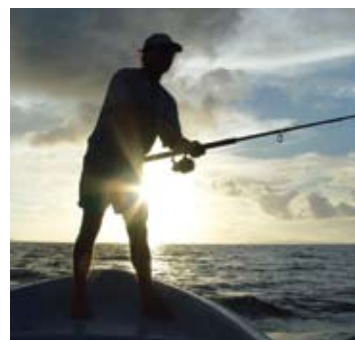
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Matangi regularly hosts a 'meke' evening, where traditional dances enacting local stories and legends is performed by the local villagers from the neighbouring island. The Fijian meke is accompanied by a chorus that usually includes rhythmic clapping, the thumping and stamping of sticks and the beating of traditional drums.

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Village Tour

Complimentary

Visit a Fijian village on the neighbouring island of Qamea and slip into our Fijian way of life. It is customary that a small kava ceremony of welcome is performed upon arrival in the village; so a small contribution from you is required for the customary presentation of kava to the Village Chief. When this is completed, you will visit other areas of the village. Enjoy the warm hospitality of the locals and observe everyday village life. During the school terms, we also visit the village school. Though sometimes shy; the school kids are always curious and are happy to chat with you. Out of respect for Fijian tradition, please dress conservatively.

Village Church Service

Complimentary

The Christian religion was established in Fiji in 1838, within 50 years the entire Fiji Group had converted. Along with the chiefly system, the Church forms a key part of Fiji's social structure. Fijian church services are renowned for their harmonious song. Interested guests are invited to Togo Village on Qamea Island, for either their Catholic or Methodist Services, which are held in the Fijian language. Out of respect for Fijian tradition, please dress conservatively.

Island-Style Volleyball

Complimentary

Looking to do something with a little more physical activity? Join our Activities Crew and "spike" up your afternoon with a rousing game of island-style volleyball. Whether you are a sports enthusiast or sideline fan, you are sure to have a "net" gain of fun!

Coconut Show

Complimentary

Once a week our Activities Crew hosts a unique Coconut Show. For at least 4,000 years, the Coconut tree and its fronds have been a useful and an important staple for Pacific Cultures. This special tree is known to have many uses, from its roots to its tips (leaves), from culinary to non-culinary. In fact, in the South Pacific, it is considered as the "Tree of Life"!

Cocktail Challenge

Complimentary

Once a week our Bar Crew hosts the Taki Mada Cocktail Challenge. The challenge for two creative amateur volunteer mixologists, is to concoct an original, but delicious brew which will be judged by an audience.

Guided Island Trek

Complimentary

Join us on our weekly guided nature trek on Qamea Island. This exciting trek combines breathtaking scenery with a fascinating insight into the culture of the Fijian people. Your guide will point out areas of interest and explain many aspects of the Fijian culture. You will wander through the lush rainforest, working plantations and local settlements, where you can view indigenous flora, bird life, enjoy scenic lookouts and stunning natural scenery. Remember to dress accordingly as you will be hiking in tropical conditions; while not being a hazardous hike, some level of fitness is required for you to enjoy this quest.

paid activities

Horseshoe Bay Picnic

FJD150 per couple

There isn't quite anything like a romantic picnic in paradise. Breathtaking Horseshoe Bay, listed in "1,000 Places to See Before You Die" by Patricia Schultz, is situated on the untouched western coast of Matangi Island and only accessible by boat. Picnic in your Day Bure built right on the edge of the beach, surrounded by lush tropical foliage and the most picturesque turquoise ocean views. This is an experience you will treasure for a lifetime!

Scuba Diving

Matangi offers some of the most exciting dive sites in Fiji. The area is blessed with excellent underwater visibility, warm water temperatures and an abundance of marine life. Each site possesses a unique character with colourful marine life and pristine coral reefs that appeal to both beginners and seasoned divers. We have an impressive range of treasures to be found from soft corals to dramatic drop-off wall sites like Noel's Wall and Yellow Wall to drift dives and underwater caves.

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Scuba diving is arranged daily from our Activities Centre. Divers are required to produce a dive certification card prior to diving with us. Our dive boat departs Matangi Island daily after breakfast and returns to the island for lunch. To ensure the best dive experience, dive sites are selected according to daily tidal movements and prevailing weather conditions. Matangi Private Island Resort is proud to be a member of the PADI International Resort Association. Our daily 2-tank dive rate is FJD275 per diver. Gear hire is available, charge applies.

Somosomo Strait Dive Day Trip

Remotely situated 20 miles (32km) west of Matangi; along the southeast coast of Vanua Levu, The Rainbow Reef, in the Somosomo Strait represents spectacular tropical diving. This barrier reef structure stretching over 3 miles (4.8km) is continually fed by micro-organisms washed in by the currents. The Somosomo Strait almost single-handedly earns Fiji its title as the "Soft Coral Capital of the World".

Minimum of 6 divers

Weather & tide permitting

Normal daily 2-tank rate FJD275 per diver applies plus surcharge FJD150 per diver. Optional 3rd tank is available free of charge.

"I got certified at Matangi, Fiji"!

Matangi has been offering underwater instruction and experiences to hundreds of scuba and diving enthusiasts seeking adventure and beauty whilst in paradise. Discover excitement and adventure, freedom and serenity, as nothing compares to the "weightless" exhilaration of breathing underwater!

We have available the following scuba programmes and these are booked directly with us.

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| PADI Discover Scuba Diving Experience | USD110 per person |
| PADI Open Water Dive Course | USD480 per person |
| Referral Course for PADI Open Water Dive Course | USD330 per person |
| PADI Advance Open Water Dive Course | USD370 per person |

All rates quoted do not include course materials.

Scuba Gear Hire

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| Regulator | FJD25 per diver/day |
| BCD | FJD25 per diver/day |
| Wetsuit | FJD15 per diver/day |
| Flashlight (batteries included) | FJD15 per diver/day |
| Gear Hire full set | FJD60 per diver/day |

Fishing

Owing to the topography of the sea bed off Matangi and neighbouring islands; remarkable fighting fish like Giant Trevally, Yellow fin, Dogtooth, Skipjack, and Wahoo are plentiful. Light tackle sport fishing and trawling charters is available. Our crew is experienced in a wide range of fishing techniques and will organize all the equipment setup and baiting. All that's left for you to do is land Dinner!

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| Lady Christene | FJD250 per hour |
| Tui Matangi | FJD180 per hour |

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Tavoro Waterfall Tour – Taveuni Island

Entrance fee

Minimum of 4 people

FJD95 per person

FJD15 per person

For adventurous nature enthusiasts, the Tavoro Waterfall Tour is an ideal expedition. Located in Taveuni Island's 15,000 hectare Bouma National Heritage Park, which was established in 1990 to protect much of Taveuni Island's virgin rainforest; the Park is characterized by steep forest covered hillsides and deep streams. This beautiful guided 3-hour return hike starts out with a ten minute walk to the first waterfall and then continues up a series of switchbacks past gorgeous panoramic views to the second falls; swimming in these pristine surroundings is simply epic! After your hike enjoy a packed lunch beneath an open canyon amid different species of Fijian flora and fauna.

180° Meridian & Waitavala Waterslide Tour – Taveuni Island

Price on application

One of Taveuni Island's most unique and long standing attractions is that it is dissected by the 180° Meridian because of this, Taveuni is one of only five places in the world where you live your two days in one! The International Dateline was adapted to keep the isles within one time zone. Nearby is the Waitavala Water Slide, a cascading series of small natural waterslides that the Taveuni locals like to use. The Waitavala Waterslide is a natural slippery dip ride over large polished rocks, where the lava has been smoothed by the water and with a slight covering of moss, which allows you to slalom down quite easily. The waterslide is located in a rainforest setting that is picturesque as well as thrilling.

Lavena Coastal Walk – Taveuni Island

Price on application

If you're looking for a bit of adventure that's definitely off the beaten track, then look no further! This tour is a 4- hour return walk down the scenic Lavena coastline, along a well maintained trail, ending with two incredible waterfalls. Along the way you can enjoy the various coastal habitats, sand beaches, rocky shores, and estuarine mangroves. There are no roads that go to where the coastal trail leads; in fact the only other way to explore the far south eastern side of Taveuni is by boat!

Peckham Pearl Farm Tour – Taveuni Island

Price on application

Join us for a one-of-a-kind tour that will acquaint you with Taveuni Island's only saltwater black pearl farm. Peckham Pearl Farm is located in the azure waters of Naselesele Lagoon, off the island of Taveuni. Taveuni Island pearls are from cultured Black-lipped oysters (*Pinctada margaritifera*); grown in an environment that is unique for aquaculture. Snorkelling is also offered in the lagoon and coral reserve where the black pearls are grown. Loose black pearls and black pearl jewellery are available for sale from the Pearl Farm as well as our Gift Shop.

Waitabu Marine Park – Taveuni Island

Price on application

Located on Taveuni Island, Waitabu Marine Reserve was established by seven Taveuni village communities in 1998. This was done to protect their coral reefs for future generations; a 'tabu' or no-take reserve was set up to replenish marine life and fish stocks, as well as introduce snorkel tourism and environmental education. The Park offers two 2-hour guided tours; the Cultural Experience Tour which is a guided snorkelling excursion on a 'bilibili' or traditional bamboo raft, with refreshments and local entertainment or the Backpackers Tour, which is a guided snorkelling trip on a powered skiff.

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