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7 DAY CHARTER ITINERARY

FIJI ISLANDS



Bula, Welcome!

World-renowned snorkelling and diving paradise, unlimited watersports, enriching cultures and... a land of smiles.

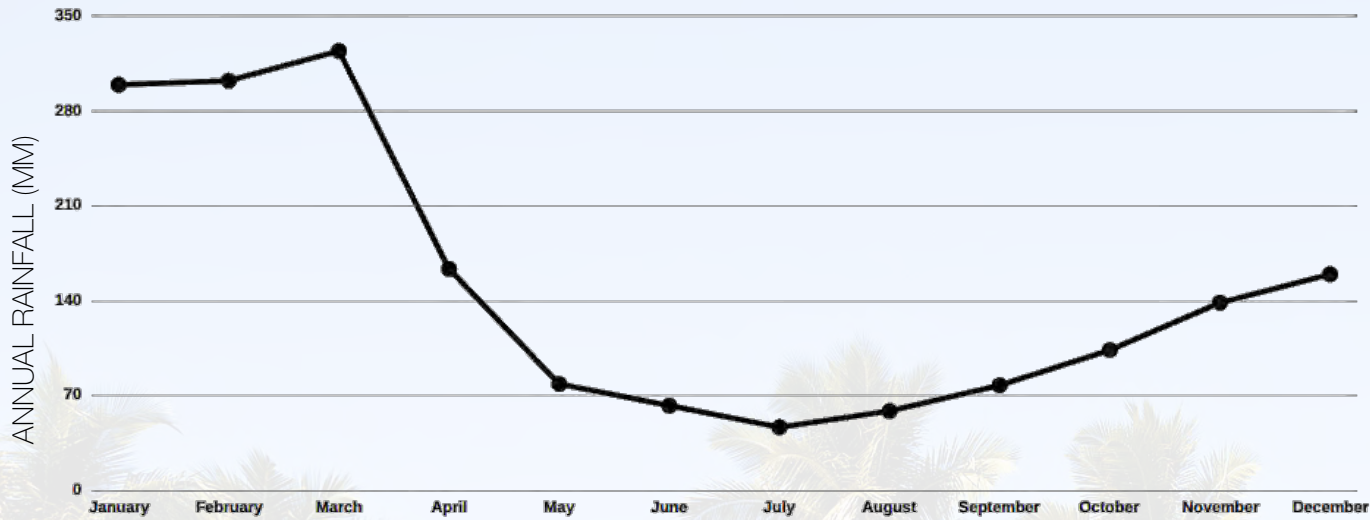
Bula Vinaka is the Fijian phrase for “Hello” but directly translates to “to be alive” and is a way of wishing someone good health and a long life. You will hear this often throughout your stay with us in Fiji and before long you will be saying “bula” to everyone you meet.

Just 20 minutes away from Nadi International airport, board your yacht at the vibrant Port Denarau Marina.

We will cruise the islands West of Vitii Levu, the largest and principal island of the Fijian group. These islands are made up of two main groups, the stunning Mamanucas in the South and the world famous Yasawas in the North.

You will find stunning beaches and lively reefs surrounding the 322 islands in Fiji, many of which remain uninhabited.





The weather in Fiji from June to October has an average high temperature of 28 degrees Celsius and an average low of 20 degrees Celsius. This is the Fijian dry season so there is generally low humidity and it is usually very comfortable in the month of July. The Yasawa and Mamanuca group of Islands are located on the North West side of Fiji and usually have less rainfall than the Eastern side, with slight to moderate rainfalls.

The sea temperature is approximately 25 degrees and the average wind speed is between 6-12 knots. There are approximately 11.5 hours of sunlight per day and this is a beautiful time of the year to cruise Fiji.



Underwater

Fiji is well known for its abundance of Marine life and stunning soft corals. There are some great dives where you can see some of the large pelagic Fish including Hammerheads and other sharks. Fiji is home to one of the world's most exciting shark dives where tiger sharks are hand fed in front of free swimming divers. The best eating fish commonly available are Yellow fin Tuna and deep-water Snapper.

Culture

To dive into local culture, the crew can arrange Meke (Fiji dancing), a Lovo (traditional way to cook meat and local produce with hot rocks), kava ceremonies and local shell and handmade product markets. There are many resorts around to hire jet skis, try parasailing, go shopping or have a cocktail and watch the sun set.

Surfing

Surfing is renowned in Fiji notably around the famous Cloud Break. Because the majority of the surfing occurs in the South in the Mamanuca Island group, which includes the famous 'Cloud Break' and 'Restaurants' surf spots, it is recommended to explore this group for the first few days then make our way North up and through the Yasawas.



DAY ONE

Denarau Marina to the Mamanuca Islands

Total. cruising time approx. 1.5 hours

Step onboard, let the crew introduce you to your new home. After a delightful fresh lunch, we will make our way to your first anchorage in the afternoon.

Depending on our departure time we will cruise a short 1.5 hour South West to the **Mamanuca Islands**. We will aim to anchor in the lee of **Tavarua Island**, which is located in the centre of the surfing capital of Fiji and includes the 'Cloud' and 'Restaurant' breaks. Renowned as the "heart-shaped island", this is your first postcard-perfect experience. For guests without the surf interest, these islands are stunning and are a great start to the trip for all onboard.

If the weather does not suit this anchorage, a short 1 hour trip will take us to the **Malolo Island lagoon**, home to the famous **Muscat Cove Resort and Marina**, where we can explore the surf breaks by tender.



DAY TWO

Malolo and Tavarua Islands

Total. cruising time approx. 1 hours

Spend the day exploring **Malolo and Tavarua islands**: activities can include surfing, swimming, snorkeling and diving, shopping and sightseeing. You can relax in the cool waters at the sand bar.

The snorkeling is excellent here with an amazing variety of fish both around the coral and around the sand bar, and it is also a great place for watersports.

We will be spending the night anchored off **Malolo Lailai Island** close to the beautiful and famous **Musket Cove Resort** and an evening walk ashore around the resort might be nice idea before dinner alfresco on the aft deck.



DAY THREE

Navadra and Vanua Islands

Total. cruising time approx. 3 hours

After breakfast and maybe a morning swim or surf, we will sail 3 hours to the North West towards **Navadra and Vanua Islands**.

These vibrant islands have beautiful beaches and great snorkeling around the life-filled corals, aptly nicknamed the '**Garden Reefs**' by the locals. You can actually try your hand at coral gardening: coral seeds are grown in a nursery then replanted on the reef to aid the conservation project.

If weather permits, we will anchor here for the night or sail a quick 1 hour to the **North for South Waya Island**, and anchor at **Yalobi Bay** which is more protected.

There may also be an opportunity to visit the local village where you will receive a warm welcome from the local villagers, who will happily give you a tour of their home and local school.



DAY FOUR

Naviti Island

Total. cruising time approx. 1.5 hours

Waking up at **Navadra Island** or the protected waters of **Yalobi Bay** is a beautiful way to start your day.

After a refreshing swim and breakfast we will make our way North for 1.5 hours to **Cuvu Bay**, on the Southern end of **Naviti Island**. This is a fantastic place to snorkel and a rare opportunity to swim with manta rays. Graceful and elegant to watch as they glide through the water, slowly flapping their enormous wings, the manta rays are a spectacle to behold as you swim alongside these majestic creatures. As many as thirteen manta rays have been recorded in the channel at one time. We will fish along the way and hope to catch something tasty for lunch.

Anchoring in the area is lovely, or the option is to continue 2 hours North to the **Blue Lagoon** near the **Nanuya Levu** and **Matacawa Islands**.



DAY FIVE

The Blue Lagoon

Total. cruising time approx. 2 hours

Blue Lagoon was the location of the 1980's movie "The Blue Lagoon" starring Brooke Shields. This is a beautiful place to spend the day and an unbiased place for a hike should you wish to stretch your legs.

The snorkeling, as you can imagine, is breathtaking and the beaches are picture perfect. We can anchor here for the night or move to nearby **Sawa-i-lau Island**.

Sawa-i-lau is famous for its underwater scenery. Here the locals will help you through a small underwater tunnel, and when you resurface you will be surrounded by these exquisite caves. The lagoon can be explored with scuba or by kayak or paddle board. Ashore are some shell markets which are definitely worth a visit.



DAY SIX

Yasawa Island and Champagne Beach

Total. cruising time approx. 2 hours

After our usual morning swim and breakfast, we will relocate 2 hours North to **Yasawa-i-Ra**, which has one of Fiji's most pristine beaches aptly named **Champagne Beach**.

Thanks to the dramatic mountain backdrops, the snorkeling is terrific! **Yasawa-i-Ra** offers both hard and soft corals and abundant marine life with turtles, reef sharks and eagle rays. After the exploration, it is an ideal spot for a beach BBQ.

In the evening you can go ashore to watch a Meke, a traditional Fijian dance and take part in the kava ceremony, where it is customary to present a gift of Yaqona (Kava root) to the head of the village.



DAY SEVEN

Heading South

Total. cruising time approx. 3 hours

For the last two days of the trip we will make our way South to eventually return to **Denarau Marina**.

Depending on your experience and impressions, you can revisit a favourite spot, explore new coves and bays such as the beautiful **Somosomo Bay** on North **Naviti Island**, or **Paradise Cove** in the South. Both locations are located within approximately 3 hours of cruising.

There may also be a chance to do some more surfing but that will depend on how adventurous everyone feels at the time. Regardless of where we stop in the last few days, we will take every opportunity possible to explore the best of the Fijian islands.



BON VOYAGE!


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