

# ESCAPE TO PARADISE CRUISE - 8 Days / 7 Nights



CHECK-IN: From 1.30pm to 2.30pm at the South Sea Cruises counter at Port Denarau DEPART PORT DENARAU: Fridays at 3.00pm on M.V. Fiji Princess RETURN TO PORT DENARAU: Fridays at 10.00am on M.V. Fiji Princess

#### FRIDAY - 1ST NIGHT: MODRIKI ISLAND

Bula and welcome aboard Blue Lagoon Cruises! Set sail on M.V. Fiji Princess from Port Denarau for the outer Mamanuca Islands. The first overnight anchorage is the secluded Modriki Island, the location for the Tom Hanks movie, Cast Away. After a quick swim or walk at the beach, enjoy a complimentary glass of sparkling wine and canapés as you watch the sunset on the Sky Deck. The à la carte Captain's Welcome Dinner is followed by entertainment from our talented singing, guitar-playing crew.

#### SATURDAY - 2ND NIGHT: SOSO BAY

This morning, weather permitting, there is an opportunity to swim with reef sharks at an ocean reef en route to our next destination. After lunch, see what island village life is like when we visit the chiefly village of Soso followed by afternoon tea on the beach. This evening, we'll feast on a traditional Indian Thali buffet dinner, followed by an extravaganza of Bollywood dancing and movies.

#### SUNDAY - 3RD NIGHT: NAUKACUVU ISLAND

Sunday is a day of rest in Fiji. After breakfast attend a village church service, then enjoy lunch and watch the view as we cruise southward. Head to shore this afternoon for some beach time. Tonight's dinner is a South Pacific themed buffet and after dinner, get to know your fellow cruise passengers and team up for Fijistyle bingo in the Lounge Bar.

# MONDAY - 4TH NIGHT: YALOBI BAY

As M.V. Fiji Princess arrives at the stunning Sacred Islands you'll feel as though you're lost in paradise. The backdrop of the neighbouring Waya Lailai volcanic formations is breathtaking. Enjoy an afternoon on the beach with your packed picnic lunch, swimming, snorkelling, and relaxing. Join the chef this afternoon to learn how to make the Roti in Lolo dish. Watch the sunset and enjoy tonight's à la carte Captain's Welcome Dinner welcoming our 4 night cruise guests on board. After dinner, get ready for our Song Facts quiz night.

#### TUESDAY - 5TH NIGHT: BLUE LAGOON

Our destination today is the famed Blue Lagoon, a superb stretch of water ringed by pretty islands. Blue Lagoon Cruises has its very own private beach here at Nanuya Lailai Island where we anchor close the beach and tie up to a coconut tree. Jump off the back into the turquoise waters or take a tender boat to shore where our full bar awaits you. You'll dine on the beach all day today, including morning and afternoon tea, a buffet-style lunch and a traditional Lovo meal cooked underground for tonight's dinner under the stars. Today's activities include snorkelling, fish feeding, nonmotorised watersports, water aerobics and volleyball, and tonight enjoy a special traditional Meke performance by local villagers.

#### WEDNESDAY - 6TH NIGHT: SAWA-I-LAU

This morning you'll be rewarded with panoramic views of the Blue Lagoon if you join our easy 40-minute guided walk to the other side of the island, to visit Lo's Tea House. Afterwards take a final dip in the Blue Lagoon before we depart the area. Lunch is served on board as M.V. Fiji Princess cruises north for a guided visit to the amazing Sawa-I-Lau Caves. The village of Tamasua welcomes us for a Yaqona (Kava) ceremony, a guided walk around their village and a village-style seafood dinner.

# THURSDAY - 7TH NIGHT: DRAWAQA ISLAND

This morning we take an optional excursion to the local island school before cruising to Drawaqa Island. Here, we'll be joined on board by a marine biologist for a presentation on the local marine life and the volunteer conservation work carried out in the area; during May to October you'll have the opportunity to snorkel with the magnificent manta rays. Dinner this evening is a BBQ on the Sky Deck (weather permitting) served under the stars. Tonight, our last night together, we party Fiji-style!

#### FRIDAY

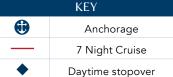
Enjoy breakfast on board as M.V. Fiji Princess cruises back to Port Denarau. Back at port you'll be serenaded with the traditional Isa Lei farewell song by the crew, as your exploration of the beautiful Yasawa Islands comes to an end.

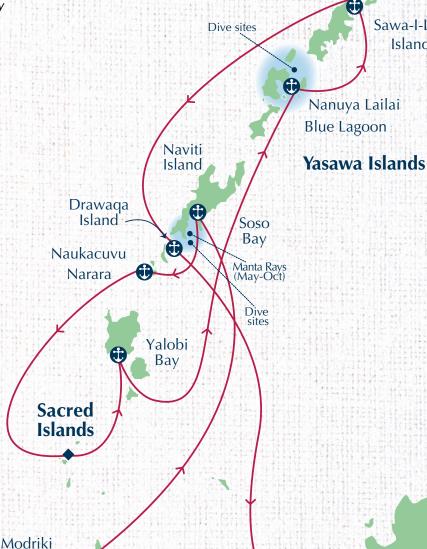


#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit the film locations of Cast Away and The Blue Lagoon
- Swim with reef sharks and manta rays (May to October)
- Snorkel or dive\* around superb tropical reefs
- Dine on delicious traditional Fijian meals as well as a range of international cuisine
- Visit remote Fijian villages
- Take part in a traditional Kava ceremony Islands
- Fijian cooking demonstration
- Dine under the stars at our private beach Nanuya Lailai
- Onboard spa and beach massage bure'
- Private Meke traditional performance by local villagers
- Visit the sacred Sawa-I-Lau Caves







Malamala Beach Club

**Departs** 

Port Denarau

Tamasua

Sawa-I-Lau

Island

**KEY** 

Island

**Mamanuca Islands** 



Nadi

You're on your way to a holiday in paradise! Holidaying with Blue Lagoon Cruises is a carefree and delightful way to experience Fiji. Most importantly, don't forget to relax and enjoy this beautiful part of the world. Below are a few handy hints for your trip.

#### **GREETINGS**

Our crew are all Fijian, and although they all speak fantastic English, it'll make their day if you know a few Fijian words:

- Bula hello (accompanied by an ear-to-ear Fiji grin)
- Moce (pronounced 'mothy') goodbye
- Yadra (pronounced 'yandra') good morning
- Vinaka thank you
- Sega na lega (pronounced "senga na lenga") no worries

# WHAT TO BRING

- A digital/printed copy of your booking confirmation/ reference number for check-in purposes
- Casual and informal clothing, with an emphasis on casual resort wear
- Swimwear, sun hat, sunglasses and a rash shirt/T-shirt for snorkelling
- · Sunscreen and insect repellent
- A light jacket/sweater for cooler evenings
- If you wish to take up the optional diving excursions, you will need to ensure you bring your relevant dive certification. To arrange a dive during your trip, please email our reservations team with your booking details so they will add this to your booking.
- We do have a large selection of snorkels, masks, and flippers
  on board for you to use however if you feel more comfortable
  bringing your own please feel free to do so. Should you choose to
  use our onboard equipment we will also have new mouthpieces
  available for purchase for FJD\$10.00 per piece adult and
  youth sizes (note all our equipment is well sanitised prior to
  being given to you to use for the duration of your cruise).
- Many of our guests fall in love with the friendly nature of
  Fijian's and are especially taken with the wide-eyed curiosity
  of the children. The villagers do not expect gifts from our
  guests, but many of our guests ask us what items they can bring
  to give away to village children. School supplies (pens, pencils,
  crayons, drawing/colouring books, notepads and the like) are
  always most welcome, as are sports items such as rugby and
  soccer balls. Items of clothing are also well received.

We do not suggest school learning books as the importation of relevant educational material is subject to Ministry of Education approval.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is essential that all Blue Lagoon Cruises passengers have valid travel insurance. Please bring details of your insurance policy with you.

#### **MONEY**

#### **CASH**

For your convenience we operate a cashless system. You may use your Cruise Account for onboard drinks and some optional shore excursions such as diving. All purchases on board are charged to your account for settlement at the end of the cruise. We accept all major credit cards. Your Cruise Account must be settled prior to disembarkation. Limited foreign currency, cash or credit cards (Visa, Master Card, and American Express) will be accepted for payment of your account. An administration fee of 2.5% applies to all Visa and Master Card transactions and 3% applies to American Express transactions.

You should however, have some cash with you in case you want to buy some souvenirs during the village visits. Please note there are no banks or ATM machines in the Yasawa Islands. Cash machines are located in Nadi and at most resorts in Denarau as well as at Port Denarau.

#### **TIPPING**

Gratuities are not required. However, if you wish to offer a gratuity as a gesture of thanks for services rendered, please leave it with our Guest Services Manager.

## **GIVING BACK TO FIJIAN COMMUNITIES**

Rather than a gratuity payment, Blue Lagoon Cruises invites you to join us in supporting Vinaka Fiji (a charitable organisation that works towards improving the provision of basic needs and amenities in the Yasawa Islands) by allowing the donation that will be added to your account at the end of your stay, remain. You will have the chance to decline or alter the amount. The standard donation amounts are FJ\$100 per cabin for 3 and 4 night itineraries and FJ\$150 per cabin for 7 night itineraries.



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# **USEFUL TIPS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY**

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# **CHECK-IN / DISEMBARKATION**

#### **CHECK-IN LOCATION**

Blue Lagoon Cruises desk, Port Denarau, Nadi, Fiji.

### TRANSFERS PRE/POST CRUISE

Complimentary seat-in-coach transfers to & from Port Denarau are available from most Nadi/Denarau hotels as well as Nadi Airport on the day of your cruise departure & return – please ensure these are requested at time of booking. Private transfers can also be provided for an additional charge.

#### **CHECK-IN TIME**

Check-in is generally available from 1.5 hours prior to your cruise departure. Please check your cruise itinerary for your scheduled check-in time.

#### **LUGGAGE**

Luggage is limited to what you can stow in your cabins, so you would be advised not to over-pack. All bags must be clearly labelled with your name. Bags are handled by our crew and we would appreciate a weight limit of 25kg per person.

#### **DISEMBARKATION**

On the final day of your cruise please leave your luggage outside your cabin before 9am (it will be taken ashore by our crew) and return your key to reception. All Cruise Accounts must be settled at reception between 6am and 8am. Our crew will give you a special farewell before disembarkation.

# **ONBOARD**

Our reception is manned from 7am onwards, however please feel free to approach our Guest Services Manager at any time should you have a query.

# **ONBOARD AMENITIES**

# ACCOMMODATION (M.V. Fiji Princess)

32 cabins across three decks, all of which open to an inside passageway and have porthole windows. Each room is serviced daily and has a yacht-style en suite, individually controlled air-conditioning, hair dryers, 240-volt power with 110-volt converters available if required, international shaver points, toiletries and towels. Each evening while you are dining, there is a turndown service for your room, during which you'll receive a copy of the following day's itinerary.

# AIR CONDITIONING

Cabins have individual air-conditioning units with a simple on/ off switch and temperature gauge. If you wish to leave your cabin door open, please switch off the air conditioning.

#### **FACILITIES**

Swimming / splash pool, spa, sun deck, cocktail bar, open-air dining lounge, small guest library and movies (available on hard drives on request); self-service guest laundry and 24-hour coffee and tea facilities (available in the dining room & lounge).

## **GAMES / BOOKS**

A small selection of games and books are located in the bar/ lounge area. Please return after use. Kindly return or swap books with any you have brought so that others can enjoy them.

#### **LAUNDRY**

The complimentary self-service passenger laundry contains a washing machine, tumble dryer, ironing board, iron and washing tub. Washing powder is available from reception. For line-drying clothes, your cabin has a small clothesline in the bathroom plus there are drying racks on the outer decks.

#### **MEDICAL**

There is no pharmacy onboard, but we do carry first aid kits and a defibrillator. Please ensure you bring adequate supplies of any prescription medicines you may require. If you have a pre-existing medical condition, we request that you inform us before joining your cruise. The ship's crew does not include a doctor; however, our Officers are trained in first aid for the administration of basic emergency medication. In case of medical emergencies, evacuation from the ship is possible by seaplane, helicopter or fast speedboat. Make sure you have travel insurance as this can be expensive.

#### **SMOKING**

Smoking is only permitted in very limited areas of the ship. Smoking is not permitted in cabins.

# STORAGE

Any valuables can be given to the Guest Services Manager who will store and log them for security purposes.

# SPA

Our onboard spa is on the ship's aft deck. We offer a range of spa treatments, beauty therapy and massage at an additional cost.

# **TOWELS**

Beach towels for use ashore are available from reception. We kindly ask you to use one beach towel for the duration of the day. New towels will be issued each morning.

# WIFI

M.V. Fiji Princess has an onboard satellite phone and radio. Throughout much of the Yasawa and most of the Mamanuca Islands you will be able to get mobile phone reception. We offer free satellite Wi-fi on-board, which has good connection throughout the islands.





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# **FOOD AND DRINK**

Dining is a vital part of the Blue Lagoon Cruises experience and will range from al fresco lunches and gourmet barbecues to traditional lovos or the a la carte Captain's Welcome Dinner. Our food is prepared on board using fresh local and imported produce and our onboard entertainment adds a special flavour to the mix. Breakfast is served from 7am - 9am; lunch is at 12pm or 12.30pm; and dinner is from 7pm - 8pm or as otherwise advised. There is one sitting for meals. Table seating for all meals is unassigned.

### **ALCOHOL**

We regret that Fijian licensing laws do not permit passengers to bring their own alcohol on board M.V. Fiji Princess. Receipted storage facilities are available.

#### **BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL OCCASIONS**

You may like to order a cake, champagne or make some other celebratory arrangement for a special occasion. Please contact our reservations team by email and allow two weeks' notice before sailing.

#### **DIETARY NEEDS**

Passengers with dietary requirements or requiring special meals should advise Blue Lagoon Cruises in writing at least two weeks prior to sailing and discuss with the Guest Services Manager on boarding. Most special diets can be catered for.

#### WATER

We have installed filtered water stations throughout the vessel and all guests are provided with a reusable stainless steel drink bottle on arrival as we are a single use plastic free vessel.

# **TEA & COFFEE**

24-hour complimentary tea and coffee is available. There are two self-service tea/coffee stations on the vessel, one located in the lounge area and one in the dining room.



# **EXCURSIONS**

During every Blue Lagoon Cruises itinerary, we offer a number of included shore excursions. As a courtesy to your fellow passengers, please be prompt to gather at reception with any items you may need including sunglasses, sunscreen, hat, swimwear, towel and reef shoes (for wet landings) or walking shoes (details will be provided in your daily onboard itinerary). Remember to cover your shoulders and knees and remove hats and sunglasses when visiting villages.

# **SNORKELLING**

Fins, masks and snorkels are available free of charge for every guest. Please return them before disembarkation.

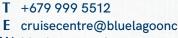
If you feel more comfortable bringing your own please feel free to do so.

Should you choose to use our onboard equipment we will also have new mouthpieces available for purchase for FJD\$10.00 per piece adult and youth sizes (note all our equipment is well sanitised prior to being given to you to use for the duration of your cruise).





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# **OPTIONAL ADD-ONS**

#### **DIVING**

Dive opportunities are at an additional cost for both certified and intro divers. All certified divers must present an internationally recognised Open Water Dive Certificate to the dive instructor to participate in certified dives. Introductory (or beginner) divers are not required to have a certification card, however they will need to complete a medical and waiver form.

To avoid disappointment, passengers with any health issues or taking any medication, should visit their doctor to obtain a fitness to dive certificate prior to embarkation (not available in Fiji). Divers should register your interest with our Reservations department when booking your cruise. Up to one intro or certified dive per day can be pre-booked. Additional dives may be available subject to conditions – these can be booked on board with the Guest Services Manager.

## **COMPLIMENTARY INCLUSIONS**

#### MALAMALA BEACH CLUB

All our guests receive a complimentary Day Pass to Malamala Beach Club with a FJ\$50 per adult Food & Beverage voucher.

Guests on the 3 and 7-night itineraries are invited to book our 'Moments at Malamala' add-on which sees guests check in their luggage at Port Denarau before transferring to Malamala Beach Club at 10am, 25 minutes away, with just a day pack. After a leisurely day making the most of the beach club's many facilities a tender boat will transfer guests to M.V. Fiji Princess where their luggage will be waiting in their cabin. See the website for more information and pricing.

Guests on our 4 Night itinerary can book their Malamala Day Pass on day that suits them either pre or post their cruise. This includes coach & vessel return transfers from most resorts and the FJ\$50 per adult F&B voucher to use on the island.

**Bubbles for Breakfast** sparkling wine offered with breakfast daily.

**Guided shore excursions** such as village visits, school visit, meke performance with lovo, entrance fees, and activities as shown as included in each of the cruise itineraries.

"Sunset Hour" offering discounted drinks (25% discount) and complimentary canapes served between 6:00 - 7:00 pm (on the sky deck weather permitting, otherwise served in the lounge) offered Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Saturday & Sunday.

Twice weekly complimentary "Captain's Welcome" (Friday and Monday) - Complimentary sparkling wine and local beers with canapes served on the sky deck (weather permitting) from 6:00 - 7:00 pm, followed by the a-la-carte Captain's Dinner accompanied by a selection of complimentary house wines and local beers during the meal service (approximately 2 hours).

ALL cabins (both Orchid Deck and Hibiscus Deck) come with a **premium stocked mini-bar** (on day of departure only) that includes;

 Two brands of local beer, a selection of soft drinks, a bottle of French sparkling wine, premium Fijian chocolate, local gourmet snacks, and artesian mineral water.
 (Note that alcoholic beverages can be exchanged for nonalcoholic options if requested at the time of booking).

A Blue Lagoon Cruises branded gift of a stylish beach tote, a high-quality sulu (sarong), and a reusable drink bottle for each person.

In-cabin bathroom amenities & bathrobes.





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