

# Fiji - Escape to Paradise Cruise

**10 days, departs Oct 12**

## Tour Highlights

- Fully escorted from Melbourne
- Fiji Princess boutique cruise ship
- 7 nights cruising the beautiful Yasawa Islands
- All meals and select beverages throughout the cruise
- All tours and select activities as stated on the cruise itinerary
- The stunningly remote Sacred Islands
- Traditional Fijian Villages
- Delicious traditional Fiji and International cuisine
- "Meke" performances of traditional song and dance



Blue Lagoon Cruise

### Day 1 (L,D) HOME, NADI, PORT DENARAU

Our adventure begins as we fly to Nadi on Viti Levu, gateway to Fiji and her islands. On arrival we transfer to the Port Denarau Marina and our hotel, The Palms, Denarau. Some time to relax at the resort before dinner.

### Day 2 (B,L,D) MODRIKI ISLAND

A leisurely morning to explore the Marina before we board the Fiji Princess, departing for the Yasawa Islands. The first overnight anchorage is in a gorgeous secluded location at Modriki Island. Drinks and nibbles as we enjoy the sunset followed by the Captain's Welcome dinner, entertainment provided by the talented crew!

### Day 3 (B,L,D) SOSO BAY

There is time to step ashore and enjoy a swim or wander along the beach in the morning. 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 exquisite Indian dishes.

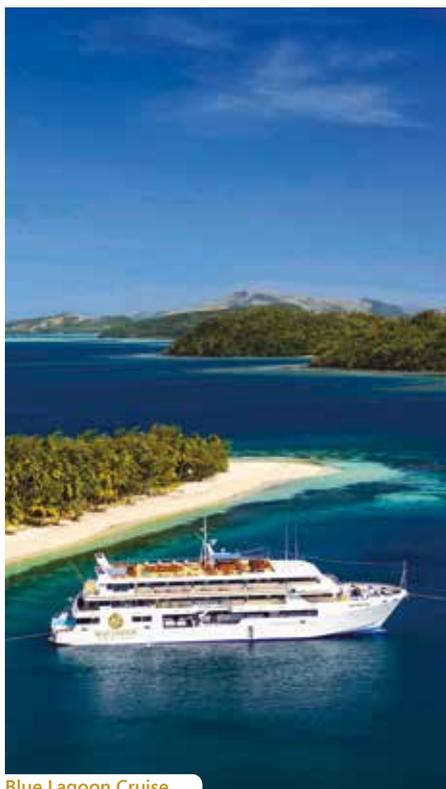
### Day 4 (B,L,D) NAUKACUVU ISLAND

Sunday is a day of rest in Fiji. After breakfast there is a special opportunity to attend a village church service. We cruise south to the beautiful Naukacuvu and Narara Islands as you enjoy a traditional Sunday roast lunch. This afternoon if

you wish, join a Fijian cooking lesson with the Chef. Dinner is a range of Fijian and European dishes. Bingo 'Fiji style' is offered after dinner.

### Day 5 (B,L,D) SACRED ISLANDS

We wind our way between the reefs into the central lagoon, surrounded by The Sacred Islands (Vanua Levu and Navadra Island). The scenery is breathtaking. Spend the remainder of the day relaxing. Fiji style high tea (dinner) is served following a cooking lesson on how to make 'Roti in Lolo'.



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This ultimate Fiji Islands cruising experience is fully escorted by a Young at Heart representative who will look after you every step of the way. Blue Lagoon's Fiji Princess boutique cruise ship has a capacity of just 68 guests. Its smaller size allows exploration of tranquil bays and islands impossible to reach in a larger ship and the ship is often anchored so close to shore it is tied to a coconut tree! The itinerary is relaxing, you will adapt to "Fiji" time easily! Join as much or as little as you wish. The air conditioned cabins are well appointed they have private ensuite and walk in showers and the large external windows have magnificent ocean views. All levels are easily accessible (some areas do require stair access). All meals are included and offer a variety of traditional Fijian meals and international cuisines.



"Meke" performances

All meals / most morning and afternoon teas

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Modriki Island



Lovo Meal Cooked Underground

### Day 6 (B,L,D) BLUE LAGOON

Our destination is the famed Blue Lagoon. This superb stretch of water is ringed by islands and on one of those islands is Blue Lagoon Cruises very own private island peninsula. Check out the stunning azure water. Watch as the crew position the vessel right up to the beach and tie her off to the coconut trees! A very special night enjoying a traditional Lovo meal cooked underground. Dine on the beach under the coconut palms and the tropical stars. The evening will continue with Fijian meke, singing, dancing and storytelling by local villagers.

### Day 7 (B,L,D) SAWA-I-LAU ISLAND

Join an easy guided island walk with panoramic views and visit an island style cake shop. Time to browse the shell market, perhaps try your hand at basket weaving. Lunch is served on board as we cruise north into the amazing Sawa-i-Lau caves. The village of Tamasua welcomes us to a Yaqona ceremony, and enjoy a village style "feast" prepared and cooked by the local women.

### Day 8 (B,L,D) DRAWAQA ISLAND

Cruise to Drawaqa Island where our Marine Biologist joins us for a presentation about the local marine life and the volunteer conservation work carried out in the area. You have the opportunity to snorkel with the magnificent manta rays, if you wish. Alternatively visit the local island school to

view the work of the Vinaka Fiji Volunteers. Dinner this evening is a barbecue served under the stars!

### Day 9 (B,L,D) PORT DENARAU

Enjoy breakfast as we cruise back toward Port Denarau. Along the way you will be serenaded with a traditional Isa Lei farewell song by the crew, as our exploration of these gorgeous islands comes to an end. We return to The Palms Denarau and enjoy our final night together in beautiful Fiji.

### Day 10 (B,L) PORT DENARAU, HOME

Departing our hotel we enjoy an early lunch at the Marina prior to returning to Nadi Airport for our flights home completing a magical holiday to one of the South Pacific's most beautiful tropical locations.



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All prices are per person twin share

Tour Price*	\$5,275
Adelaide**	\$6,625
Brisbane	\$6,175
Canberra	\$6,175
Hobart/Launceston**	\$6,625
Melbourne	\$6,175
Perth**	\$6,825
Sydney	\$6,175
Single supplement	\$ 595

\*Tour commences and ends in Nadi.

\*\*Pre-tour overnight Melbourne, includes airport transfers, dinner & breakfast.

Deposit of \$600 due within 7 days of booking, plus any additional deposit needed for non-refundable airfares.

Balance due 90 days prior to departure.

Prices from other cities available on application.