

Exciting new itineraries Commencing Friday 6th September 2013

Guide to cruising options

3 Day / 3 Night CRUISE

Departs Port Denarau Friday at 3.00pm on 'MV Fiji Princess'
Returns Port Denarau Monday at 3.00pm
(Exclusive Transfer from Fiji Princess to Port Denarau departs 1:45pm)

4 Day / 4 Night CRUISE

Departs Port Denarau Monday at 12.15pm
Exclusive Transfer joins Fiji Princess in Sacred Islands 1:30pm
Returns Port Denarau Friday at 10.00am on 'MV Fiji Princess'

7 Day / 7 Night CRUISE

Departs Port Denarau Friday at 3.00pm on 'MV Fiji Princess'
Returns Port Denarau Friday at 10.00am on 'MV Fiji Princess'

Blue Lagoon is delighted to announce that it is re-introducing connections between all Mamanuca Island Resorts and Blue Lagoon's vessel Fiji Princess. Guests will be able to combine a stay at a Mamanuca Resort with a Blue Lagoon Cruise. Connections between all Resorts and Fiji Princess will be available at the beginning or end of all cruises.

The Monday connection to Fiji Princess is now a dedicated departure with only Blue Lagoon Cruise guests onboard. The trip is just 1 hour 15 mins between the beautiful Sacred Isles and Port Denarau. Guests will receive complimentary drinks and canapés enroute.

Friday

3.00pm Bula! Welcome aboard Blue Lagoon Cruises. Set sail aboard Fiji Princess and enjoy afternoon tea as we head on out from Port Denarau for the outer Mamanucas. The first overnight anchorage is in a gorgeous secluded location at Modriki Island. Seen the Tom Hanks' movie "Castaway"? Tonight that is where you are castaway.

Settle into your cabin then be welcomed aboard with the cruise briefing.

5.30pm On arrival there is time for a swim in the stunning azure waters or go ashore to explore the deserted island.

7.00pm Enjoy cocktails served with canapés on the Sun Deck or is that Sunset Deck as you look out over the tranquil waters between the islands

8.00pm Tonight enjoy the Captain's Welcome dinner, an a-la-carte menu served in the dining saloon and entertainment provided by our talented singing, dancing, guitar playing crew! Don't forget to wander to the upper deck to see the magnificent array of stars in the night sky.

Anchorage **MODRIKI ISLAND**

Saturday

7.00am Coffee is brewing and the breakfast preparation underway. An early morning swim in the azure waters anyone?

7:30am Vessel sets sail for the days exploring the southern Yasawa Islands. At your leisure enjoy a' la carte breakfast, cooked to your liking along with the buffet of fresh tropical fruits, yogurts, cereals, fruit juices, tea and coffee.

9.00am Sea conditions permitting we have a very special stop this morning where the brave will get to "swim with the sharks" at our secret reef location. Of course they are only Reef Sharks but they still make for a great snorkel experience!

10.00am Cruise on to the waters around Naviti and into Soso Bay. En route a presentation about the important work of the Vinaka Fiji Trust and its volunteers assisting the people of the Yasawas to improve their standard of living with Education, Sustainable Communities and Marine Research programmes.

12.30pm Lunch on board.

2.00pm This afternoon a visit to the chiefly village of Soso, one of the local schools that the "Vinaka Fiji Trust" assists with teacher aid programmes is on offer. Or you may prefer to head off snorkelling, diving (optional extra) or kayaking. Perhaps just lazing on the sun deck is more in order.

A sport fishing trip is also on offer at this location to guests interested in trying to

catch the big ones on the outer reef (optional at own cost) with a local charter operator and fishing enthusiast who knows all the good spots!

5.00pm Late afternoon there will be a presentation on the local history and legends giving an insight into early Yasawan life, maybe even from a village elder with tall tales and true of his people's lands.

6.30pm Cocktails served at the Sun Deck, followed by dinner. It is "Thali" buffet dinner tonight - featuring exquisite Indian dishes. Help yourself to the fancy dress box and put on your boogie shoes as it is "Bollywood Dancing" after dinner on the upper deck, complete with Bollywood movies on the big screen.

Anchorage **SOSO BAY**

Sunday

Sunday in Fiji is very genuinely respected as a day of rest so we pretty much follow suit. There is however a very special opportunity to attend a village church service.

7.00am Coffee is brewing and the breakfast underway. An early morning swim anyone? Or a Sunday sleep in?

10.00am to 12.00pm You will find an island village church service to be a very moving experience. Generally all in Fijian but still the atmosphere, the singing and the uniqueness of where you are will fix a place in your memories of Fiji.

On board join the Chef for today's Fijian cooking lesson. Help prepare, cook and enjoy some of the dishes being prepared for today's lunch - grilled fish, root crops, Fijian spinach!

12.30pm Lunch served on board as we cruise

3:00pm This afternoon a side excursion is available for those feeling fit and energetic! There is a guided climb conducted by a Fijian from the local village up to the summit of the Yasawas' highest peak. It is quite a climb but taken at a steady pace and the view out over the islands from the top is spectacular! (A good level of fitness and proper footwear is required for this activity.)

For those remaining on board a relaxed afternoon with all the various water options on offer - swim, snorkel, head for the beach

6.00pm Enjoy cocktails served with canapés on the Sunset Deck.

7.00pm An Asian theme buffet is on offer this evening with a range of dishes from the East.

8.30pm Bingo anyone? Held in the dining room with lots of laughs and some good prizes! Or head to the upper deck for a quiet drink or two. Our staff will muster up some gentle tunes to set the mood

Anchorage **off WAYA ISLAND**

Monday

Care to help catch dinner? An early morning fishing trip is on offer with the crew.

7.30am At your leisure enjoy a' la carte breakfast, cooked to your liking along with the buffet of fresh tropical fruits, yogurts, cereals, fruit juices, tea and coffee.

9.00am Depart Waya and cruise to one of the most beautiful and remote island groups seen on your cruise.

10.00am As Fiji Princess winds her way between the reefs into the central lagoon you'll be sure you have got lost in paradise. The Sacred Islands (Vanua Levu & Navadra Island) are our destination - wander the beaches, paddle in the lagoons, just enjoy the feeling of being!

12.00pm Lunch for our 7 day guests today is a picnic lunch for you to take ashore. We'll provide you with a beach umbrella and a cool box with lunch and cool drinks. The rest is all yours - shouldn't be too hard to find a beautiful stretch of beach!

1.15pm Alas after lunch on board our 3 day guests will depart. The high speed catamaran will rendezvous for the private transfer to Port Denarau for Blue Lagoon guests. Vinaka and farewell and a big BULA welcome to our 4-day guests the same vessel who will check in and then enjoy lunch onboard.

3- day guests depart



4- day guests arriving on board

The Sacred Islands provide a breathtaking backdrop. The rest of the day is spent here enjoying these idyllic tropical islands, feeling very special because we are the only ones there!

- 3.00pm Fiji High Tea: learn how to make roti in loaloa and enjoy with lemon tea.
- 5.30pm Onboard it's happy hour at the bar, cocktails, cold beers and wines on the upper deck. Cocktails to be won in the coconut bowls competition!
- 8.00pm Tonight enjoy the Captain's Dinner welcoming our new arrivals into the Blue Lagoon family – an a-la-carte menu served in the dining saloon and entertainment provided by our talented singing, dancing, guitar playing crew!

Anchorage **in the LAGOON of the SACRED ISLANDS**

Tuesday

- 7.30am At your leisure enjoy a' la carte breakfast. Depart for a full mornings cruising past several of the larger islands and their many beautiful bays. Relax on board – check out the library or perhaps a gloriously indulgent visit to the Spa.
- Our destination today is 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 the crystal clear waters.
- 12.00pm And one of those islands is Blue Lagoon Cruises very own private island beach. Watch as the crew position the vessel right up to the beach and tie her off to the coconut trees! Lunch is served on board whilst on shore the private beach club Fiji style awaits. Sun loungers, onshore massage, a bar, beach volleyball.
- Swimming, snorkeling, fish feeding trip, glass bottom boat trip or just wander along to a secluded stretch of beach and top up the tan. On shore a coconut demonstration – how to climb that palm, get the coconut and husk them. Fresh coconut milk straight from the coconut for afternoon tea!
- Diving for both novices and experienced divers can be pre-booked for this location. There are many awesome dive sites within easy reach
- 5.30pm Happy hour on shore in the bar with canapés served
- 7.00pm Tonight is a very special night with a traditional "Lovo" meal. The food is cooked underground in a specially prepared pit. Watch the unearthing of the "Lovo" and be tantalized by the smells. The dining room tonight is on the beach under the coconut palms and the tropical stars.
- Following dinner is a fantastic meke with singing, dancing and story telling by a group of local villagers come to share their fun with Blue Lagoon guests.

Anchorage **BLUELAGOON**

Wednesday

- The azure waters will tempt you to an early morning swim. Dive off the boat, head ashore to the beach or paddle a kayak in the surrounding tranquil waters.
- 7.30am At your leisure enjoy a' la carte breakfast, cooked to your liking along with the buffet of fresh tropical fruits, yogurts, cereals, fruit juices, tea and coffee.
- 8.30am onwards Most of the day is at leisure here at the island, laze around or take part in any of these great Fijian experience activities. All of the islands activities are on offer again today plus a few extra special ones:
- An easy guided walk along the beach and up over the hill to the other side of the island is offered this morning. The views out across the Blue Lagoon make it well worthwhile. You'll see village gardens, local island residences and arrive at the "very local" Lo's Tea Shop on the beach! Enjoy Lo's famous cakes and browse the shell market. A water taxi whisks you back to the vessel.
 - Basket weaving – make your own or perhaps a hat!
 - A Fijian woodcarver will show you how to carve your own kava bowl.
 - Diving for the experienced and first time divers. A guided "Reef Safari"

snorkeling trip is on offer today visiting four sites in the lagoon – each of them featuring different and unique corals. Don't miss the giant cabbage!

- 12.00pm A delicious buffet lunch is served in the dining bure on shore.
- 2.00pm Fiji Princess heads North to our next destination, the mystical island of Sawa-I-Lau. Afternoon tea is served on board
- 3.30pm On arrival we set off on a private guided visit to the Sawa-I-Lau caves just close by. Steps rise from the shore up to the first cave. You can view it from the stairs or take to the water. A short swim through an underwater passage takes you into the second of these stunning limestone caves.
- 5.30pm A very special evening visit to the village of Tamasua. A yaqona ceremony, a guided walk around the village and a Fiji village style "feast" prepared and cooked by the village women. This is not a feast tailored for visitors but one exactly as the village would hold themselves for special occasions. Served outside if the weather is good you will be Fijian for the night, sitting on the mats, eating Fijian village food. The village will share their culture, their home with us for the evening.
- 8.30 – 9.00pm Return to Fiji Princess for a movie night. Pull up a chair or a sun Lounger on our upper theatre deck, get a cold drink in hand and enjoy the one movie that just has to be shown on a Blue Lagoon Cruise – the classic "Blue Lagoon" starring Brooke Shields.

Anchorage **just off SAWA-I-LAU ISLAND**

Thursday

- 7.00am Fiji Princess heads on out of the bay bound for Drawaqa Island.
- 7.30am At your leisure enjoy a' la carte breakfast, cooked to your liking.
- 10.30am On arrival at our next beautiful anchorage our Marine Biologist joins us to tell you all about the local fish, marine life and the conservation work the Vinaka Fiji Volunteer team are doing in this area.
- If you are lucky enough to be here during the period May to October then an introduction to the magnificent Manta Rays, whose feeding ground is just nearby, will be included. Conditions permitting you will have the opportunity to snorkel with these magnificent creatures in small escorted groups.
- From October to April a guided "Reef Safari" snorkelling tour is conducted to see the prolific corals, clams and marine life in this area. This is also a superb dive area and optional dives under expert instruction – perhaps your very first scuba dive can be booked. Certified divers well catered for as well!
- If getting wet is not your thing then also on board today, a basket weaving demonstration with the opportunity to make one or join the Chef in a cooking lesson and make the delicious dish "kokoda".
- 7.00pm Dinner this evening is a barbecue served on the upper deck of the vessel – dining under the stars! A special feast and party night Fiji style to celebrate your time in the Yasawas. The bar is open and our resident DJ "Fiji Afro Jack" spins the tunes on the upper deck. If you haven't already learnt the Bula Bula dance you soon will.

Anchorage **DRAWAQA ISLAND**

Friday

- 6.00am An early start for the crew as unfortunately it is time to cruise for home and return to Port Denarau. Enjoy breakfast onboard as Fiji Princess cruises back toward home port.
- 9.00am All guest luggage needs to be outside the cabin doors for porters to collect.
- 10.00am As we cruise back into Port Denarau you will be farewelled with a traditional Iselei from the crew, as your exploration of the beautiful Yasawa Islands comes to an end. Vinaka vaka levu and we hope to see you again.

