



ESCAPE TO PARADISE CRUISE - 7 NIGHTS

The ultimate Blue Lagoon Cruising experience... In the magical Fiji islands

Check-in and Departure Information

Check-in: From 1.30pm to 2.30pm at the South Sea Cruises counter at Port Denarau

Departs from Port Denarau: Friday at 3.00pm on *M.V. Fiji Princess*

Returns to Port Denarau: Friday at 10.00am on *M.V. Fiji Princess*

FRIDAY - 1st night: Modriki Island

Bula and welcome aboard Blue Lagoon Cruises. We set sail on *M.V. Fiji Princess* from Port Denarau for the outer Mamanucas. The first overnight anchorage is Modriki Island - seen the Tom Hanks movie 'Cast Away'. Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine & canapés as you sit back and watch the sunset. Tonight is the Captain's Welcome dinner - an à la carte menu served in the dining saloon with entertainment provided by our talented singing, dancing, guitar-playing crew.

Anchorage: MODRIKI ISLAND

SATURDAY - 2nd night: Soso Bay

Today there is time to step ashore and enjoy a swim or wander along the beach before or after breakfast. Sea conditions permitting, there is an opportunity to swim with the sharks at a secret reef location enroute to our next destination. After lunch, we make a visit to the chiefly village of Soso - an exceptional example of a current day Fijian island village. Tonight we enjoy a traditional *Thali* Indian buffet dinner which features exquisite Indian dishes using local Fijian produce. This evening may turn into an extravaganza of Bollywood dancing complete with Bollywood movies.

Anchorage: SOSO BAY

SUNDAY - 3rd night: Naukacuvu Island

Sunday is a day of rest in Fiji. After breakfast we have the opportunity to attend a village church service. We then cruise south to the beautiful Naukacuvu and Narara Islands as you enjoy a traditional Sunday roast lunch. Join the Chef for today's Fijian cooking lesson and make the traditional dish 'Kokoda'. Tonight's buffet has a range of dishes from Fiji along with a choice of European dishes. There is Bingo 'Fiji style' after dinner with lots of laughs and some good prizes, or you can enjoy a quiet nightcap at the bar.

Anchorage: NAUKACUVU ISLAND

MONDAY - 4th night: Yalobi Bay

As *M.V. Fiji Princess* arrives at the stunning Sacred Isles, you'll be sure you are lost in paradise. The backdrop of the neighbouring Waya Lailai volcanic formations is breathtaking. Spend the remainder of the day swimming, snorkelling or just relaxing. Fiji style high tea is served following a cooking lesson on how to make 'Roti in Lolo'. Watch the sunset and enjoy the Captain's Welcome Dinner welcoming onboard our new 4 day cruise guest arrivals.

Anchorage: YALOBİ BAY

TUESDAY - 5th night: Blue Lagoon

Our destination: the famed Blue Lagoon. This superb stretch of water is ringed by islands and Blue Lagoon Cruises' very own private island peninsula is located here. Watch as the crew position the vessel right up to the beach and tie her off to the coconut trees. Enjoy happy hour on shore with canapés. A very special night enjoying a traditional Lovo meal cooked underground, you'll dine under the coconut palms and the tropical stars. There will be Fijian meke: singing, dancing and story telling by local villagers.

Anchorage: BLUE LAGOON

WEDNESDAY - 6th night: Sawa-I-Lau Island

A guided island walk across the island is offered this morning to visit an island style cake shop and browse the shell market. This offers stunning panoramic views of the surrounding Islands, or choose to laze in the sun or try your hand at basket weaving. A guided snorkelling safari is also on offer today. Lunch is served on board as *M.V. Fiji Princess* cruises north for a private guided visit to the amazing Sawa-I-Lau caves. The village of Tamasua welcomes us to a yaqona ceremony, a guided walk around the village and a village style 'feast' prepared and cooked by the village women. You will be Fijian for the night, sitting on the mats, eating Fijian village food. The villagers will share their culture and home with us for the evening.

Anchorage: SAWA-I-LAU ISLAND

THURSDAY - 7th night: 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. During May to October you will have the opportunity to snorkel with the magnificent Manta rays. Also on offer today is an excursion to the local island school to view the work of the Vinaka Fiji Volunteers. Dinner this evening is a barbecue served under the stars. Tonight we party night Fiji style.

Anchorage: DRAWAQA ISLAND

FRIDAY

Enjoy breakfast onboard as *M.V. Fiji Princess* cruises back toward Port Denarau. Along the way you will be serenaded with a traditional Isa Lei farewell song by the crew, as your exploration of the beautiful Yasawa Islands comes to an end.

7 Night Cruise Route

The actual route sailed is weather dependant and will be determined by the Captain to ensure the best cruise experience.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The remote and stunningly beautiful Sacred Islands
- Swim with manta rays (in season)
- Visit remote Fijian villages
- Beach picnic
- Massage bure*
- Dine on delicious traditional Fijian and international cuisine
- Blue Lagoon's very own private island beach on Nanuya Lailai
- Movies under the stars
- 'Meke' performance of traditional song and dance by the villagers
- Fijian cooking lessons
- Diving*, snorkelling, glass bottom boat explorations of the tropical coral reefs
- Visit the sacred Sawa-I-Lau Caves

*Optional activity at own cost

