

Beyond The Bligh Trip Information

Embarkation: Volivoli Beach Resort, Viti Levu

Disembarkation: Volivoli Beach Resort, Viti Levu

Arrival Airport: Nadi International Airport, Viti Levu (NAN)

Departure Airport: Nadi International Airport, Viti Levu (NAN)

Flights, Hotels, Transfers and Excursions

Travelling within Fiji can be made exceptionally easy when you book with Siren Fleet. We offer a range of domestic flights, hotels, transfers and short excursions that can be arranged before or after your trip.

Advice on your international flights

Please book your international flight to fly into and out of Nadi Airport, Viti Levu. We recommend that you arrive in Fiji 1 day before cruise departure so you're well rested before the start of the cruise. Alternatively please book your international flight to arrive into Fiji by 9:00am to transfer to the Volivoli Beach Resort by 12 noon on the day of cruise departure. The transfer from airport to resort is approximately 2.5 hours and this time should be taken into account to ensure you arrive in good time for boarding. Disembarkation at the end of the cruise will be just before 10am. If you are not remaining in Fiji for additional nights after your cruise, please allow plenty of time for the transfer to the airport and for check-in.

Optional Fiji Package

On arrival into Nadi you will be met by a Siren Fleet representative and escorted to the Volivoli Beach Resort where you will spend the night. The next day at around 1pm you will meet our yacht crew and be escorted to the S/Y Fiji Siren at 2pm. After the cruise disembark at the Volivoli Beach Resort where you will spend the night. Transfer to the Nadi airport the following day. Package includes:

All transfers within Fiji

2 nights at the Volivoli Beach Resort, full board.

Example Excursions

Bega Lagoon Diving day Trip

Arising early to depart Volivoli Beach Resort at 4.30am, we transfer to the Aqua Trek Diving Centre for our Bega Lagoon 2 dive experience. The shark dives are well organized and group sizes can be limited. After the two dives you enjoy lunch at Club Oceanus, situated on the river, and go for spot of souvenir shopping at the Pacific Harbour Arts Centre. Your journey back to the resort follows a scenic route through the island. Arrive back at the resort approximately 6pm in time for dinner.

Malake Village Cultural Tour

The Malake Village is situated on the island just across the channel from the Volivoli Beach Resort, our guide accompanies you in a small boat and will tell you about the local area and the ways of village life. On arrival at the village, you'll be greeted with a traditional Kava ceremony which involves sharing a bowl or two of Kava with the village leaders. You'll then be taken to see the church and meet the children at the local primary school, followed by a visit to the local handicrafts market, which is run by the village women. Moderate dress is appropriate for village visits and hats and sunglasses should also be removed.

These are just some of the many domestic travel options to choose from when you book with Siren Fleet. Prices for these add-ons vary dependent on the time of booking. Please contact our reservations team at info@sirenfleet.com or ask your agent for more information.

Insurance

Siren Fleet strongly recommend that all guests carry full travel and cancellation insurance as we cannot be held liable for delays which occur during the cruise, nor any delays or cancellations of the flights, accommodation, tours & transfers we organise on your behalf.

Siren Fleet works in partnership with DiveAssure and can offer you a selection of competitively priced dive and travel insurance policies, including short term and multiple trip policies. These policies can also be purchased with a 'Liveaboard Rider' that covers you in the event of missing your liveaboard departure due to missed connection, lost

diving days due to a number of reasons (including accident to another passenger) requiring the boat to abort diving, mechanical breakdown, air supply failure, changes or cancellations due to weather and more. Please see our webpage at www.sirenfleet.com/insurance.html or contact our reservations team at info@sirenfleet.com for more information.

General Information

Visa and Passports

Passport holders of most Western and Asian countries will be issued with a visa on arrival into Fiji that allows for stays of up to 4 months. However we always advise our guests to check for updates and changes at <http://www.fiji.gov.fj/>. Please make sure that your passport has validity of at least 6 months beyond the period you intend to stay in Fiji. If you are travelling with medication please ensure to bring your physician's prescription with you.

Time Zone

The local time is 12 hours ahead of UTC (GMT).

Money Matters

The local currency is the Fijian Dollar (FJD). The vast majority of all hotels, resorts, shops and restaurants will accept a wide range of credit and debit cards. Please note that in some cases you may be asked to pay a service charge for credit card handling. This can range from 3.5 – 6.0%.

Airport Terminal Fee

Passengers travelling within Fiji are not required to pay additional airport terminal fees or departure tax, all costs are included within your flight ticket.

Health

There are numerous hospitals, nursing stations and health centres throughout Fiji and all major towns have hospitals and doctors available. Whilst the standard of health care is considered good the facilities are by no means sophisticated. We advise all guests to

ensure that general vaccinations such as for diphtheria, polio and tetanus are up to date prior to travel whilst vaccinations are recommended for hepatitis A, hepatitis B and typhoid fever. If you have been in a country affected by yellow fever within six days of arriving in Fiji, you will need an International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever to be allowed entry into the country. Dengue fever does occur in wet areas during the wet season. Visitors should exercise caution when travelling inland – cover up and use repellent sprays or cream.

We recommend that travelers follow normal precautions with food in order to prevent stomach upsets and be sure to drink either boiled or bottled water only whilst on land. On board the S/Y Fiji Siren we produce our own purified water and recommend the use of electrolyte powders daily to ensure adequate hydration.

Language and Religion

The primary language is Fijian (Vosa Vakaviti) but the majority of the local people speak English, which is now the primary language used in all schools across the nation. The Fijian population follows a mix of religions, with more than half being Christians, 52.9%, whilst Hindus make up 38%, Islam and Sikhism are also practiced and throughout Fiji visitors will see numerous churches, temples, and mosques.

Climate and Weather

Fiji is a tropical country with a maritime climate and the weather is fairly even all year round. The year is roughly divided into two seasons; 'wet' and 'dry'. The wet season, characterized by heavy brief local showers, generally begins in November and can extend through to April. Typically rainfall is lower in the coastal regions and on the smaller islands. Cyclones do occur in Fiji, with an average of 12 per decade and they are usually confined to the wet season. The dry season, which runs from May to November, has cooler temperatures and slight to moderate winds.

Daytime temperatures range from an average of 25°C (77°F) during the dry season, up to 31°C (88°F) in the wetter months whilst evenings are marginally cooler and can drop to just 21°C (70°F).

Water Temperature and Exposure Suits

Water temperatures are broadly similar throughout the region; the coolest waters are usually to be found in July to October with an average of approximately 26°C (78°F). Warmer waters are common in February - June with averages of approximately 28°C (82°F). Most guests find that a 3mm shorty, and possibly a rash vest, is suitable for the water temperature in the warmer months, and 3mm - 5mm long for the rest of the year. However, for guests who feel the cold easily, especially with repeated diving, we recommend to bring an extra vest / hood. In short bring what you feel most comfortable in! Guests are reminded a 3mm shorty suit is available for rental on board free of charge and may be used in conjunction with your own exposure equipment.

Life On Board

Food and Drink

All Siren Fleet yachts provide guests with a choice of International and Asian cuisine served buffet style in the outdoor dining area. We cater to special dietary requirements; please simply inform our reservations team prior to your trip to ensure we have plenty of dishes to suit your needs. A range of carbonated soft drinks, fruit juices, black, green and herbal teas are commonly available as well as instant and fresh brewed coffee. A selection of fresh fruit is readily available, as well as some "naughty" treats should you feel hunger in between meal times. Local lager (beer) is provided free of charge but guests may also select wine or spirits from our cocktail bar for an additional fee.

Clothing and Footwear

Dress on board our yachts is very casual and most guests feel comfortable in little more than swim wear, shorts and t-shirts. A sweater is advised for cooler nights, particularly after multiple dives. Each yacht is also equipped with laundry facilities and your housekeeper is more than happy to launder your clothes during the trip. A nominal fee of 0.50 Euro is charged per item irrespective of size/weight. We do request that guests respect the wishes of others by donning clothing for meal times. Most guests prefer bare feet on board the yacht; however island visits may require sturdy sandals or cross-trainers.

Electricity

On board our yacht we have both 220V and 110V with 2 round pin sockets, European style. There are universal adapters available however we do advise guests to bring their own to ensure you have the amount necessary.

Smoking

Smoking on board is permitted in designated (outdoor) areas. Guests are kindly requested to refrain from smoking in the outdoor dining areas during meal times.

Safety On Board

Emergency Management

All Siren Fleet crew members undergo rigorous training in emergency management procedures. A thorough yacht safety briefing will be provided by your cruise director at the start of your trip during which all guests will be requested to participate in a life jacket drill. Further practice scenarios may be performed during your cruise to assist our crew in keeping their skills sharp.

Emergency Equipment

Each yacht is equipped with modern safety features such as automated life rafts, EPIRB, satellite communication and emergency pumps. Each guest will be offered the optional rental of a Nautilus Lifeline, which can be used to communicate your location to the yacht or coast guard, in the unlikely event you find yourself drifted away from your liveaboard.

First Aid

Siren Fleet liveaboards are equipped with a fully stocked medical first aid kit for treating minor injuries and ailments as well as for assisting trained medical professionals in remote locations. Each yacht has a full complement of medical grade oxygen which can be administered to divers through DAN kits or unit specific attachments. You will also find on board an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) which has been proven to greatly increase the survival rate in the eventuality of cardiac fibrillation.

Our dive teams are all qualified emergency responders. Should you feel unwell at any point during your cruise, please seek the advice of your cruise director who will be able to assist you.

Staying Connected

We regret that we are unable to provide an internet service on board Siren Fleet yachts. Many of our trips are in remote locations and internet service is intermittent at best. Most cell or mobile phones which have 'roaming' will function during your cruise, however service signal strength can be very weak and some areas of your cruise may not be covered at all. The cost of calls made is determined by your service provider.

We do have satellite phone communication which can be used by guests in the event of an emergency. Our out of office contact numbers can be found below, should your family need to contact you during the cruise, however this number is reserved for emergencies only.

Payments On board

Marine Park and Port Fees

The marine park and port fees are dependent on trip duration and must be paid on-board:

7 nights Beyond the Bligh – 150 Euro per person

10 nights Beyond the Bligh – 200 Euro per person

Optional Extras

Siren Fleet yachts offer a range of services to make your stay on board even more enjoyable. We offer the use of kayaks and land excursions throughout your cruise free of charge. The following services are also available for an additional fee:

1 Hour Thai style or Oil Relaxation Massage

Wine (750ml bottle)

Selection of Spirits and Cocktails

Laundry

Dive Courses

Torch & Dive Computer Rental

Siren Fleet Merchandise

All prices are given on board in Euros however we accept payment in GBP, USD, AUD and the local currency of your destination. We are pleased to accept payment by credit card for which there is a 4% surcharge.

In addition to park and port fees, guests are advised to bring from 200 - 300 Euro (or equivalent currency), for any optional extras.

Tipping

At Siren Fleet we believe that tipping is a matter of personal choice. Should you feel that your crew has made your holiday extra special then a tip is always appreciated. An envelope will be provided for your convenience by your cruise director and gratuities then divided equally amongst all the crew, including the captain and dive guides.

Diving Information

Guests' Level of Diving

Siren Fleet welcomes everyone from non-divers to seasoned divers. Each destination has different diving conditions based on the season and time of the trip. Whilst all of our trips are suitable for each and every experience level, there may be some dives offered that are not suitable for beginners. Your cruise director will be able to advise you whilst on board however if you have concerns regarding the conditions of the destination you wish to visit then please contact your agent or the Siren Fleet reservations team.

Scuba Equipment

Since some of the domestic airline carriers in the regions we operate have strict check-in luggage limits, all Siren Fleet liveaboards provide most rental equipment free of charge. All trips include:

Aqua Lung Wave BCD – not weight-integrated

Aqua Lung Calypso Regulator - complete with alternate air source and depth/pressure gauge console

Wetsuits - 3mm shorty

Mask

Fins - full foot or open heel and boots depending on destination

12 litre tanks (15 litre tanks by special request and depending on availability)

Weight belt and weights

Equipment Rental

The following equipment is available for rental at an extra charge of 5€ per day.

Underwater torch

Dive computer*

* Please note that the use of a dive computer is compulsory on our yachts. For your safety, Siren Fleet asks all guests to always dive within the limits of their dive computer and make a safety stop at the end of each dive.

Re-breather Diving

Each of the Siren Fleet yachts is equipped for the re-breather diver. Booster pumps are installed to ensure your tanks can be filled to 135bars/2000psi and we have stage tanks available for your use. We can also facilitate the purchase of sofno-lime scrubber though there are additional charges for both this and O2. Charges are dependent on quantity used.

Pre-booking of any re-breather supplies are essential to guarantee availability for you. Please contact our reservations team to place your order and for up-to-date prices.

Underwater Photography and Videography

Our yachts offer specialised features for underwater photographers and videographers. These include:

Indoor and outdoor work stations for the preparation and maintenance of cameras

Individual storage drawers for cameras and peripheral items

Large rinsing tanks with fresh water changed frequently

Our crews are thoroughly trained in the handling of delicate camera equipment and will bring your cameras to/from the tenders for you.

Diving Health

Flying After Diving

Current studies show that you should wait at least 18 hours after multiple repetitive dives before you fly. Please have this in mind before you book your onwards international or domestic flights.

Diving Insurance

Diving insurance is mandatory aboard all Siren Fleet yachts, irrespective of destination. Your insurance must cover all of your scuba diving and snorkeling activities, including the costs for recompression chamber treatment and emergency air evacuation.

Whilst many general travel insurance companies will cover scuba diving activities they often fall short on recompression treatment or evacuation. Siren Fleet strongly recommends purchasing diving-specific insurance and is working with Dive Assure to offer policies that cover everything our guests need. You can find more details at the following link on our website:

www.sirenfleet.com/insurance.html

Siren Fleet can offer short-term diving insurance coverage (1-4 weeks) though we advise that requests must be made to our reservations team at least 1 week prior to your cruise departure date to ensure adequate time for arrangements.

Diving Emergencies

In the unlikely event a dive accident occurs, there are hyperbaric facilities at the Colonial War Memorial hospital, situated in Suva, south Viti Levu. They operate a 24hour emergency line and there is a helicopter service which provides emergency evacuation should distance require. We strongly urge that all guests dive well within recognised limits, follow Dive Guides' advice and of course purchase specific dive insurance before their trips.

FAQ's

If there are any questions that have not been answered then please visit our website at www.sirenfleet.com/about-us/faqs or email us at info@sirenfleet.com and our team will assist you.

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What to Bring

The following is a check list of items that you should ensure to bring with you for your trip aboard a Siren Fleet Liveaboard.

Passport

6 month validity & at least 2 empty pages for visa stickers and stamps

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Travel Documents

Flight tickets- International & Domestic; hotel booking; excursions

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Cash & Credit Card for emergencies

Recommended amount (additional to park & port fees) – 200-300Euro

Airport Departure Tax in local currency

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Diving Certification & Logbook

Including Nitrox Card if certified & intending to use Nitrox

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Travel and Diving Insurance Documents

To include emergency medical evacuation

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Essential Diving Items

Dive computer with full battery

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Toiletries & Medications

Including sunscreen & insect repellent

Inform booking team of medical conditions

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Essential Clothing Items

Swim wear, hat and lightweight jacket

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Guests are strongly advised to carry essential items in hand luggage in case of lost or delayed luggage through International or Domestic Flights.



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