



KOKOMO

PRIVATE ISLAND FIJI

FISHING THE GREAT ASTROLABE REEF

A world-class experience

A short distance from Kokomo Private Island are some of the most fertile and untouched waters Fiji has to offer. Located on the north east end of the Kadavu Group of islands, Kokomo is ideally located within close proximity to the unspoilt and thriving, world-class fishing grounds of the Great Astrolabe Reef, offering varied and unrivaled fishing opportunities in the inner and outer reefs.

Even the waters around Kokomo offer a rich variety of both pelagic and demersal species, from Mackerel to Marlin, Wahoo and Sailfish – all of which can be encountered throughout the year, only a 10-minute boat ride from our island. To experience the thrills of big game or sport fishing, you only need venture a little further to the outer reefs, where large schools of Tuna cloud the top of untouched seamounts and Blue Marlin cruise the deep water off the edges, just waiting to be lured by your freshly rigged bait!

Surrounded by an abundance of exclusive fishing locations unfrequented by other resorts, we offer local reef fishing, outer reef fishing, game and sport fishing excursions, liveaboard charters and spearfishing experiences. All of which can be tailored to suit the experience levels of each angler, diver or ocean enthusiast.

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Options for novice and experienced fisherman

With our experienced crew, even the most novice of fisherman can be confident of catching that once in a lifetime fish. Large Mackerel, Wahoo and many other reef species are plentiful within the inner reefs. To date, we have never come away from an excursion empty handed. For the more experienced fisherman, Kadavu's underwater seamounts and deep trenches hold some of the best sport and game fishing action in the world. Extreme and overnight packages can be arranged upon request to explore the full potential of the Fiji game and sport fishing scene.

The Great Astrolabe Reef stretches for over 60 nautical miles, surrounding the Kadavu Group of islands. Due to its remote and untouched location, it is renowned for being home to some of the largest and most powerful fish in the world that will push even the best quality tackle to and beyond its limits. The unique game and sport fishing experience offered by the fourth largest reef in the world needs to be lived to be believed.



Fishing calendar

May to September

Water temperatures range from 23-26 degrees C / 73 – 79 Fahrenheit

During the winter month's anglers can expect to experience line burning action from schooling Wahoo and Sailfish that patrol the edges of the reef along the Astrolabe and Solo reefs, mid-sized Yellowfin Tuna occupy the local reefs and large Walu/ Spanish Mackerel inhabit the waters around the islands.

October to April

Water temperatures range from 26-30 degrees C/ 79 – 86 Fahrenheit

During the warmer month's anglers can expect to experience the strength and power of large Yellowfin Tuna as they congregate around the seamounts, schools of Mahi-Mahi feeding on Flying Fish and large Blue and Black Marlin in the deep waters around the Kadavu islands.

Sport fishing species such as Dogtooth Tuna and Giant Trevally can be targeted and found throughout the year; these fish are territorial and we recommend "catch and release" when applicable.



Sustainable methods

We practice sustainable fishing as not to impact the environment around us. For this reason, as well as line fishing we offer spearfishing as an alternative; the most sustainable method of fishing. By selecting size and species, the impact to the environment is minimal and the spearfisher is able to select his or her target. The thrill of being in the water while on the hunt is much more challenging and rewarding than traditional methods. Please note, experience is essential.



Our equipment

Anglers can rest assured that they have the best chance of securing a once in a lifetime catch while using only top of the line tackle and equipment, all boats are loaded with high quality Shimano rods and reels, sold and serviced by Black Pete Marine Australia. We specialise in light to medium tackle (10- 24kg), with a focus on our anglers taking home a record or two along with an experience they will never forget.



Our fishing fleet

Reel Time

Our locally built 28-foot Islander Center Console is ideal for family or group reef fishing. Powered by reliable 250hp 4 stroke Yamaha engine, Reel Time boasts a large cockpit and forward seating for 5 people, walk around console and t-top. Surveyed for 7 guests with an onboard toilet, fresh and salt water wash downs, stereo, vhf radio and Garmin electronics.

Mako

The name speaks for itself, this 2801cc Mako was built tough. Imported from the US, this model boasts twin 200hp 4 stroke Yamaha engines, matched with the flared bow and deep V for a dry and comfortable ride at high speed. Surveyed for 7 guests with forward and aft seating, t-top sun shade, taco outriggers, fresh and saltwater wash downs, stereo and Garmin electronics.

Kahala

The pride of our fishing fleet, Kahala is a well-equipped Riviera 4000 express, specifically designed for our weather conditions. With a custom built tower and all the amenities of a luxury fishing boat. Kahala has a state of the art galley, refrigeration and overnight accommodation for up to 4 guests, the cockpit is fitted out with an 80lb Relax game chair to maximize fishing space, complete with Relax outriggers, shotgun pole and tuna tubes. Kahala is a well-equipped vessel, made for the serious game fishing scene.

Fishing experiences

Reef Fishing (on Reel Time)

Kokomo's reef fishing experience involves a short boat ride on board Reel Time to one of the surrounding coral reefs. Guests can try their hand at local reef fishing while using the latest gear and tackle or get involved in the local tradition of hand lining fishing. Coral Trout, Snapper, Cod, Sea bream and many more reef species are found in the local reefs.

Deep Dropping (on Reel Time)

Beyond the reef and over the drop-off, guests can target some of Fiji's most prized table fish in depths of up to 400m using the latest electric reel technology. Target species include Gold Band Snapper, Ruby Snapper, Bedford, Paka Paka, and many more creatures of the deep.

Sport Fishing (on Mako)

Kokomo is home to the Great Astrolabe Reef, spanning over 60 nautical miles of untouched pristine waters. This action packed sport fishing adventure will take you right along the deep edges of the reef, casting poppers into the surf zone targeting Giant Trevally, jigging for the mighty Dogtooth Tuna and live baiting for oversized Spanish Mackerel and Sailfish.



Game Fishing (on Kahala)

Travelling in comfort and style on board our luxury Riviera 4000 Express, the surrounding waters of the Kadavu Group of islands hold numerous seamounts, deep trenches and FAD's that create a haven for big Bluewater gamefish, such as, Yellowfin Tuna, large Wahoo, Mahi-Mahi, Sailfish, Blue and Black Marlin and Short Bill Spearfish. Please note that we practice tag and release on all billfish species.

Customised and overnight charters

To experience the full potential of Fiji's game and sport fishing scene, let Kokomo's experienced team guide you on an overnight fishing adventure to remote locations that most can only dream of!



Jaga Crossingham

Fishing expert

Drawn to the ocean from an early age, Jaga's passion for fishing was inevitable with the enthusiasm and knowledge of the sport passed down through generations of his family. His grandfather acting as a direct influence and instructor.

Hailing from the mid north coast of NSW, Australia, Jaga spent the majority of his youth exploring the waters in small boats, chasing mackerel and marlin at any chance he could get. He arduously studied the local area to determine the local hotspots, where he mastered various fishing techniques and gained years of valuable experience.

His desire to develop his expertise and forge a career out of his lifelong passion for fishing, lead him to venture overseas. Formerly a construction worker, Jaga decided to relocate to Fiji 15 years ago and it wasn't long until he landed his dream job, as a fishing and diving instructor. For the past 9 years, Jaga and his wife Heather have run the hugely successful Freedive Fiji charters, specialising in long range, game, sport and spearfishing charters.

A qualified Master Mariner Class 5 Captain, Jaga is globally recognised for his expertise in the field. He is sponsored by numerous brands including Hatch custom spear guns and B.C. Lures Australia and is a brand ambassador for the HECS wetsuit and apparel company. His global recognition in the field has enabled him to write for multiple publications such as Bluewater Boats and Sport fishing magazine, International Spearfishing and Freediving News, along with scheduled blogging reports and interviews for the Fijian islands.

Jaga has been working with Kokomo for the previous two and a half years, and dedicates many of the successful catches to the prime location and close proximity to thriving reefs. An exclusivity offered to guests due to our unique and secluded location.



Q: Who has been your inspiration in this field/ is there anyone you would like to collaborate with?

A: My grandfather taught me how to fish, basically before I could walk. I have met many great skippers and fisherman along the way and they all inspire me to grow and to get better in this field.

Q: What is the most memorable moment of your career at Kokomo to date?

A: One of our guests, Scott. He landed a 120lb Dogtooth Tuna, one of the most challenging fish to capture. It was caught only minutes from the resort, early morning, first bait to hit the water, a real explosive surface strike.



Q: What are you most excited about showcasing and sharing with guests at Kokomo in 2018? What are you most proud of sharing?

A: I'm excited to take our fishing above and beyond, venturing out further to chase those record species that are just below the surface. Exploring untouched grounds on overnight trips and having the opportunity to showcase our new 40-foot custom fit out game fishing vessel which will hail top of the line Shimano gear that will allow our guests to target any species or fishing technique they prefer in hopes of catching that fish of a lifetime!

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