

## 11 amazing Fiji experiences Aussies have never heard of



The world's first island beach club, Malamala Beach Club.

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From lunch on an organic spice plantation to hiking in the highlands and visiting a forgotten colonial capital, Australia's favourite holiday destination still packs plenty of surprises.

While most of us can't resist the temptation to flop and drop on Fiji's blissfully isolated shores, there's so much more here to see, do and get under the skin of beyond the headlining allures.

Whether it's your first trip to Fiji or your fiftieth, these unique experiences will leave you with a greater appreciation of this South Pacific island nation and all its dazzling diversity.

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### Discover Fiji's wild south on a sea-kayaking adventure (and snorkel its technicolour reef)

Alternatively, have your aquatic adventure in the wild, unspoiled southern frontier of Kadavu Island. With its coastline of white-sand beaches dotted with small resorts and traditional villages, Kadavu is the largest island in the Kadavu Group – a volcanic archipelago that's all about outdoor adventure and blissful isolation. Kadavu is bordered to its south by the Great Astrolabe Reef, one of the largest barrier reefs in the world and – with coral in every colour of the rainbow – also one of the healthiest.



Dravuni is a volcanic island in the Kadavu Group.

[Tamarillo Active Travel](#) has guided sea-kayak tours of Kadavu's sparsely populated shores that include plenty of opportunities to snorkel within the coral lagoons of the surrounding reef. Its roster of experiences ranges from day trips all the way up to the seven-day [Kadavu Classic](#). The tours can also include visits to traditional Fijian villages and overnight stays, with meals along the way made from fresh and locally sourced ingredients. Tamarillo's guiding team includes indigenous Kadavu islanders who bring a lifetime of local environmental and cultural knowledge to proceedings.



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**Stay:** Accommodation included on tours are in small, close-to-nature resorts and sometimes village home stays.

Bookend your trip with a peaceful stay in a thatched bure at eco-friendly Matava Resort, with ocean views out over the Great Astrolabe Barrier Reef, or within 20 hectares of private beachfront at Oneta Resort on Ono Island, a one-hour boat transfer from Kadavu.

Also part of the Kadavu Group is exclusive resort Kokomo Private Island.

**Getting there:** Kadavu is a 50-minute flight south-east of Nadi.



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