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# Beyond the Bligh, Fiji

## Trip Information

**Embarkation:** Volivoli Beach Resort, Rakiraki, Viti Levu

**Disembarkation:** Volivoli Beach Resort, Rakiraki, Viti Levu

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

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

## Flights, Hotels, Transfers and Excursions

Traveling 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. Prices for these add-ons vary; please ask our reservations team or your agent for further assistance, details and prices.

### Advice on your international flights

Please book your international flight to fly into and out of Nadi Airport, Viti Levu. We recommend arriving on Fiji at least 1 day before the cruise departs, so you are well rested prior to the start of the cruise. Alternatively, please book your international flight to arrive into Fiji by 7.30 am to transfer to the Volivoli Beach Resort by no later than 12 noon on the day of cruise departure. The transfer from airport, after clearing immigration and customs, 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 10.00 am. 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 check-in.

### Optional Fiji Package

To extend your luxury feeling and pamper you a little extra, we can offer you the following package. When you arrive at Nadi airport, you will be transferred to the Volivoli Beach Resort to spend the night. The next day, you can board the Fiji Siren at 1.00 pm; please have your luggage ready to be loaded onto the Fiji Siren by 12 noon. After the cruise, you disembark at the Volivoli Beach Resort where you spend the night. We will also organise your transfer to the Nadi airport the following day. This package includes:

- All transfers within Fiji
- 2 nights at the Volivoli Beach Resort - full board.

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Of course, the offer can be tailored to your needs; please contact our reservations team at: [info@sirenfleet.com](mailto:info@sirenfleet.com).

### Excursion Examples

#### Beqa Lagoon Diving Day Trip

Arising early to depart from Volivoli Beach Resort at 4.30 am, we leave for the Aqua Trek Diving Centre for our Beqa Lagoon 2 dive experience. The shark dives are well organised and the group size is limited. After the two dives, you will have lunch at Club Oceanus Resort, situated on the river. For souvenir shopping, check out the Pacific Harbour Arts Centre. Your journey back to the resort follows a scenic route through the island. You will arrive back at Volivoli Beach Resort at approximately 6pm, in time for dinner.

#### Jewel of Fiji

The full day journey starts at Pacific Harbour where you will take a canoe up the Navua River, past villages, tropical rainforest and several cascading waterfalls. You will be welcomed by the Fijians in a village with the traditional Kava ceremony. They will show you around in their village and let you experience Fijian entertainment: art, dance handicraft work. A special 'lovo' lunch will be prepared for you, which means: cooked underground. There will be time for swimming at the largest waterfalls of the Navua River and your transportation back will be a traditional bamboo raft called Bilibili.

These are just a few of the many domestic travel options to choose from when you book with Siren Fleet. For more information about our possible excursions and costs, please contact our reservations team at [info@sirenfleet.com](mailto:info@sirenfleet.com) or consult your agent.

### Travel and Diving Insurance

Siren Fleet strongly recommend that all guests carry full travel and cancellation insurance, as we cannot be held liable for delays occurring during the cruise, any delays or cancellations of the flights, accommodations, or tours and transfers we organise on your behalf.

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

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. We recommend the comprehensive insurance plan Dive & Travel Plus; which has been specifically developed for diving liveaboard holidays. This insurance covers your trip expenses in the event of missing your liveaboard departure due to (flight) delays. Moreover, it provides coverage for lost diving days if for any reason the boat is required to abort the cruise; for instance, due to a guest injury, mechanical breakdown of the vessels, gas supply failure, weather conditions, etc. Please consult our



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## General Information

### Visa and Passports

Passport holders of most Western and Asian countries will be issued a visa for Fiji on arrival with a maximum stay of 4 months. However, we always advise our guests to check for updates and changes of visa procedures at <http://www.fiji.gov.fj/> or with your nearest embassy/consulate. Please make sure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond the period you intend to stay in Fiji. If you are traveling 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 a service charge for credit card handling may apply. These can range from 3.5 – 6.0%. Most small or local operators and shops only accept Fijian dollars.

### Airport Terminal Fee

Passengers traveling to, from and within Fiji are not required to pay additional airport terminal fees or departure tax; all costs are included in 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 for the tropics, such as for diphtheria, polio and tetanus are up to date prior to travel. Moreover, 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 to enter the country. Dengue fever does occur in wet areas during the wet season. Visitors should exercise caution when traveling inland – cover exposed skin to prevent mosquito bites and use repellent sprays or cream.

On land, we recommend that travelers take regular precautions regarding food and drink purified/bottled water only. On board the Fiji Siren we produce our own purified water and recommend the use of electrolyte powders daily to ensure adequate hydration.



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### Language and Religion

The primary language is Fijian (Vosa Vakaviti) but the majority of the local people speak English, which is now the official language used in all schools across the nation. The Fijian population adheres to a mix of religions, 52.9% Christians, 38% Hindus. 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, characterised 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 trade 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 23°C (73°F). Warmer waters are common in February - June with averages of approximately 30°C (86°F). Most guests find that a 3mm shorty, and possibly a rash vest, is suitable for the water temperature in the warmer months, and a 5 mm - 7 mm full wetsuit for the rest of the year. However, for guests who feel cold quickly, especially after multiple dives per day, we recommend to bring an extra vest / hood. Please note that onboard any Siren Fleet yacht, a 3mm shorty is always available to rent free of charge for all our guests.

## Life on Board

### Food and Drinks

All Siren Fleet yachts provide their guests with a choice of international and Asian cuisine served either buffet, or a la carte style in the outdoor dining area. We are happy to cater to special dietary requirements; please inform our reservations team about your requirements well in advance of your trip to ensure that we have plenty of dishes to suit your needs. A well-selected range of carbonated soft drinks, fruit juices, black, green and herbal teas are available at all times, as well as instant and fresh brewed coffee. Moreover, a selection of fresh fruit and some tasty treats are readily available, should you feel peckish in between meal times. Local lager (beer) is provided free of charge; however, guests may also select wine or spirits from our cocktail bar for an additional fee.



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### Clothing and Footwear

Dress onboard 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 Siren Fleet yacht is 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 walking bare feet onboard the yacht; however island visits may require sturdy sandals or cross-trainers.

### Electricity

Both 220V and 110V with 2 round pin sockets, European style, are available and we have some universal adapters onboard. Nevertheless, we do advise guests to bring their own to ensure you have the amount necessary.

### Smoking

Smoking onboard is permitted in designated (outdoor) areas. Guests are kindly requested to refrain from smoking in the outdoor dining areas.

## Safety on Board

### Emergency Management

All Siren Fleet crew members have been extensively trained in emergency management procedures. A thorough boat 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 and First Aid

Each yacht is equipped with modern safety features such as automated life rafts, EPIRB, satellite communication and emergency pumps.

Siren Fleet yachts 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 onboard 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 internet/wifi service on board the Fiji Siren. Many of our trips are in remote locations and internet service is intermittent at best. Most cell or mobile phones that 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. As previously mentioned 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 the duration of the cruise and must be paid onboard. Payment can be made by a range of currencies or by Visa or Mastercard (credit card fees apply).

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 luxury 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
- Exclusive Siren Fleet Merchandise; T-shirts, polo shirts, rash guards, caps, nudi pointer, cargo shorts, etc.



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All prices on board are quoted in Euros, however, we accept payment in GBP, USD, AUD, NZD and the local currency of your destination as well. We are also able to accept payment by credit card; Visa and Mastercard, for which a 4% surcharge is applicable.

In addition to park and port fees, guests are advised to bring around 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, they would certainly appreciate a tip. Please note we are only able to accept tips in cash. For this purpose, you can use the envelope provided by the cruise director. He/she will make sure the tips are divided equally amongst all crew members, including the captain and dive guides. Please note that we are only able to accept tips in cash, thank you.

## Diving Information

### Guests' Level of Diving

Siren Fleet welcomes everyone on board; 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 any questions or concerns regarding the conditions of the destination you are planning to visit; please contact your agent or the Siren Fleet reservations team directly.

### Diving Equipment

Since some of the domestic airline carriers in the regions we operate in have strict check-in luggage limits, all Siren Fleet liveaboard yachts provide most rental equipment free of charge. Please pre-book rental equipment upon booking your cruise, as it is subject to availability. All trips include the following rental gear:

- 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 upon special request and depending on availability)



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- Weight belt and weights
- SMB

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

- Underwater torch/flashlight
- 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.

### Underwater Photography and Videography

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

- Indoor work stations for the preparation and maintenance of cameras.
- Individual storage drawers for cameras and related items.
- Large rinsing tanks with fresh water changed frequently.
- Our crews are thoroughly trained in properly handling 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 24 hours after multiple days with repetitive diving before flying. Please keep this in mind before you book your onward international or domestic flights.

### Diving Insurance

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





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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 of a dive accident, there is a hyperbaric facility at the Colonial War Memorial hospital situated in Suva, south Viti Levu. They operate a 24-hour emergency line and a helicopter service, providing emergency evacuation if necessary. We strongly encourage all guests to dive well within their recognised limits, follow Dive Guides' advice, and of course, purchase specific dive insurance before their trips.

### FAQ's

If you have any additional questions, please visit our website at [www.sirenfleet.com/about-us/faqs](http://www.sirenfleet.com/about-us/faqs) or email us at [info@sirenfleet.com](mailto:info@sirenfleet.com) and our team will be happy to assist you.

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## What to Bring

Below you will find a check list of items we ask our guests to bring along on their cruise on a Siren Fleet Liveaboard yacht:

### **Passport**

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

### **Travel Documents**

Flight tickets- International & Domestic; hotel bookings; excursions

### **Cash & Credit Card for emergencies**

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

Airport Departure Tax in local currency - if applicable

### **Diving Certification & Logbook**

Including Nitrox Card if certified & intending to use Nitrox

### **Travel and Diving Insurance Documents**

To include in case of emergency medical evacuation

### **Essential Diving Items**

Dive computer with full batteries

### **Toiletries & Medications**

Including sunscreen & insect repellent

Inform booking team of pre-existing medical conditions

### **Essential Clothing Items**

Swim wear, hat and lightweight jacket

*Guests are strongly advised to carry essential items in their hand luggage in case of lost or delayed luggage through international or domestic flights.*