

## 9 Days | Northern Lau Expedition | Captain Cook Cruises Fiji

Nadi - Fiji

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From **\$4,449** Typically \$8,599 pp twin share

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Uncover historical remnants and engage in the rich traditions of the local village of Makogai

Encounter a majestic summit, diverse ecosystems, and the world's largest land arthropods, the coconut crab at Vatu Vara

Follow in the path of explorer Captain William Bligh who travelled in his 12-foot boat from Tonga through Lomaivit to Vatu-I-ra

Experience the natural beauty of Vatu-i-ra conservation park and witness the vibrant marine life

## Description

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Embark on a captivating voyage brimming with cultural immersions and natural marvels with our Northern Lau Expedition.

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**The SHIP is Filling FAST!**

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Your journey begins with an indulgent night's accommodation before setting sail to explore the enchanting wonders of the Fijian archipelago.

Picture yourself on the pristine shores of Tivua Private Island, where the vibrant coral reefs beckon for exploration. Dive into the rich history and traditions of Makogai, engaging with the locals and uncovering historical remnants that breathe life into the past.

As your expedition unfolds, venture to the majestic summit of Vatu Vara, where diverse ecosystems await, including the famed coconut crab, the largest land arthropod in the world. Immerse yourself in the tranquility of Mago Island, owned by none other than Hollywood luminary Mel Gibson, boasting pristine reefs that make diving an unforgettable experience.

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The Chiefly Village of Lakeba awaits your arrival, inviting you to delve into the heart of Fijian culture on a guided tour of the island. Here lie the resting places of two of Fiji's most prominent leaders, echoing with tales of heritage

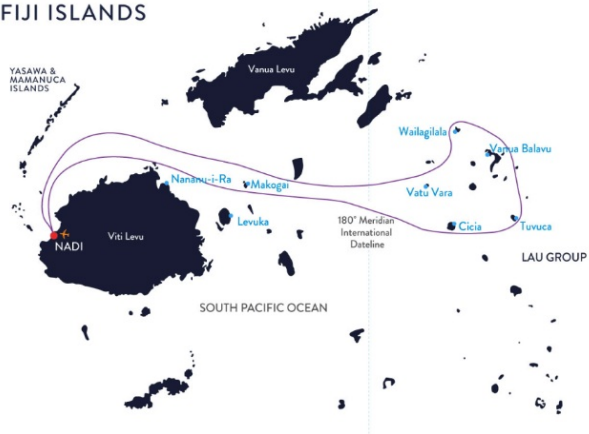
and legacy.

Trace the footsteps of explorer Captain William Bligh as you navigate through the labyrinthine waterways from Tonga to Vatu-I-ra, where the natural beauty of the conservation park unfolds before your eyes. Marvel at the kaleidoscope of marine life that thrives within its depths, a testament to Fiji's commitment to preservation.

As your expedition draws to a close in Lautoka, bid farewell to this enchanting journey with a traditional Fijian send-off, carrying with you memories of cultural depth and natural splendor that will linger long after your return home.

Extend your stay or enhance your experience by inquiring about adding flights or extending your time at any of our captivating destinations. Let the Northern Lau Expedition be more than just a voyage—it's an invitation to immerse yourself in the beauty and diversity of Fiji like never before.

## FIJI ISLANDS



## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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#### Nadi, Fiji

Bula!! Today you will arrive into Fiji! Once you have collected your bags and cleared both customs and immigration, make your way to your hotel and check in. The rest of the day is yours at leisure, to relax by the pool or enjoy the properties services and facilities.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation

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### Day 2

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#### Nadi Port Denarau Tivua Island

Arrive at the Captain Cook Cruises Fiji check-in counter in Port Denarau this morning to check in for your cruise.

Board Caledonian Sky and set sail over a light lunch as we cruise to Tivua Island. Spend the afternoon exploring the coral gardens, coral planting and clam rearing cages or a scenic walk through the island before enjoying a South Pacific sunset back onboard.

**Meals:** All Meals Onboard

**Accommodation:** MS Caledonian Sky

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### Day 3

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#### Makogai Island

Discover a fascinating piece of Pacific history on your locally guided walking tour through the jungle. You'll explore the ruins of a former leper colony and snorkel over giant clam gardens in the island's turtle sanctuary.

Back onshore, you'll have the opportunity to join the island's church service and be entertained by the local villagers and children with their traditional song and dance.

**Meals:** All Meals Onboard

**Accommodation:** MS Caledonian Sky

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## Day 4

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### Vatu Vara

Today you'll explore one of Fiji's most beautiful marine parks at Vatu Vara. This majestic island rises out of the Pacific with a 305-metre-high summit, giving it the nickname 'Hat Island'. The volcanic and limestone island is just three kilometres in diameter and home to both a bird sanctuary and a National Park.

Vatu Vara is also home to the world's largest land arthropods, the coconut crab.

**Meals:** All Meals Onboard

**Accommodation:** MS Caledonian Sky

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## Day 5

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### Wailagi Lala

Today includes a discovery of its seabird nesting colony and marine ecosystem that makes it a nationally significant island. Literally translated as "no water or rain", Wailagi Lala is famous for crystal-clear waters and many say that the tiny atoll is the only true atoll in Fiji.

Dominated by a 1909 cast iron lighthouse (now abandoned and reaching some 29 metres in height) the sand island is surrounded by spectacular lagoon and coral reefs. Feel chalky white sand between your toes as you explore paradise.

**Meals:** All Meals Onboard

**Accommodation:** MS Caledonian Sky

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## Day 6

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### Qila Qila Island and Mango Island

On today's visit you'll encounter hot springs and have a chance to swim in crystal-clear waters amidst a labyrinth of mushroom-shaped rock formations and islets. Spot an endemic Fijian free-tailed bat as you explore and swim through the easily accessible caves.

Enjoy lunch onboard as we steam towards Mago Island. On today's visit you'll have the opportunity to visit the cult village, Namalata. The reefs around Mago Island are diverse and pristine, making diving a must-do.

**Meals:** All Meals Onboard

**Accommodation:** MS Caledonian Sky

## Day 7

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### Lakeba

Discover interesting historical sites and Chiefly Village on a guided tour. Key figures in Fiji's political history including Ratu Sukuna and Ratu Mara are buried here as are the remains of the Tongan King and conqueror of much of the Lau, Ma'afu.

Next follow the path of explorer Captain William Bligh who travelled in his 12-foot boat from Tonga through Lomaivit to Vatu-I-ra.

**Meals:** All Meals Onboard

**Accommodation:** MS Caledonian Sky

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## Day 8

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### Vatu-i-ra Island and Nananu-i-ra

Natural beauty surrounds you in this large conservation park where you'll enjoy Vatu-i-ra island as well as explore the large surrounding barrier reef. The island is a haven for breeding seabirds, earning it the nickname "Bird Island". Dolphins, whales, sea turtles and more than 100 species of fish populate the diverse marine ecosystems surrounding the island.

Today we'll visit the northern coast of Fiji's largest island Viti Levu for our customary swim, snorkel, beachcombing or possibly take a hike. After lunch we go ashore before we begin our homeward journey. Don your favourite island attire and join all the celebrations of our Pacific Island Night Finale.

**Meals:** All Meals Onboard

**Accommodation:** MS Caledonian Sky

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## Day 9

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### Lautoka

Enjoy breakfast onboard as we return to Lautoka for a 9AM disembarkation.

Our crew bid you farewell in song including their traditional Fijian 'Isa Lei' as they say 'sototale' or 'see you again'. Transfers will be available to the Airport, Port Denarau hotels and the Port Denarau Marina.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

- 1 Night Pre Accommodation in Nadi on a Twin Share Basis (This is based on a 4 star option and is confirmed at time of booking)
- Transfer from your Hotel to the Port
- 7 Night All Inclusive Cruise on Captain Cook Cruises Fiji 'MS Caledonian Sky' in a Standard Suite Forward (Upgrades Available on Check out)
- Maximum Suite capacity is strictly 2 passengers
- All meals, nightly cocktail canapes and coffee and tea 24/7. Complimentary house beer, wine, juice and soft drinks are served during lunch and dinner service
- Exclusive shoreside experiences such as a traditional Fijian Feast (Lovo) and cultural performances (Meke) at local villages, visit to local schools, communities and markets
- Explore the pristine waters of Fiji each day with the included coral-viewing kayaks, standup paddleboards and snorkel equipment
- Transfer on arrival back to the port to your hotel or airport

### ALL SUITES FEATURE

- Sitting area with coffee table, armchairs
- En-suite bathroom with walk-in shower and/or corner bath tub
- Heated towel rail, shaver outlet and hairdryer
- Individually controlled air-conditioning
- Bottled water replenished daily
- Mini-fridge, cabin-to-cabin telephone and safe
- Flat screen television (DVDs available from reception)
- Dressing gowns and slippers
- Molton Brown toiletries

### Disclaimer

*The itinerary is indicative of the destinations we visit. To enhance your expedition cruise experience, the Captain and onboard team may make necessary changes based on seasonal variations, weather, tidal conditions and any other event that may affect the operation of the vessel or experience.*

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### Exclusions

- Flights ( Please contact us to package this deal with flights)
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tours and activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- Laundry
- Personal shopping such as souvenirs

**Child Policy:** Children are welcome on this deal. Please ask our friendly Customer Service Team for a quote.

**Solo supplement:** Please contact us about a quote on a Single Supplement for this deal as it may vary

depending on your departure date.

**Travel Insurance:** We highly suggest that all guests on this itinerary have full comprehensive travel insurance. We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To get a quote and book, please click [HERE](#).

## **About your Ship the '*MS Caledonian Sky*'!**

MS Caledonian Sky brings with her a new era in high end cruise experiences never before seen in Fiji and the South Pacific. Caledonian Sky is tailor made for the adventurous sophisticated traveller offering spacious boutique comfort with a capacity of only 114 passengers across 57 ocean view suites.

Her 10 zodiacs and 70 crew are at the ready to create unforgettable uniquely Fijian cruise experiences and offer exclusive access to the otherwise unexplorable islands in the Lau group, Tonga and Samoa.

Dining is a vital ingredient of your Fiji cruise. All menus are prepared onboard from fresh, local, and imported produce. You can choose to dine al fresco on the deck as you watch the beautiful views pass by or in the ship's Dining Room for a more formal setting. All meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert are included and freshly prepared, daily, onboard.