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Press Release

## **New Lau and Remote North cruises for locals released**

Captain Cook Cruises are celebrating the relaxation of the COVID lockdown by releasing some incredible opportunities for locals to cruise in the next 3 months. Reef Endeavour, with her 100% vaccinated crew, will be departing on selected itineraries each month designed for the local Fijian market. Locals will have the opportunity to explore and experience their beautiful islands, stunning beaches and spectacular coral reefs before international tourism resumes.

Reef Endeavour, the largest cruise ship based in Fiji, will embark on 3 amazing itineraries; a 7 night Lau Islands Cruise, 7 night Remote North Discovery Cruise and Mamanuca and Yasawa Itineraries for 3 or 4 nights.

Selected 3 night weekend cruises to the Mamanuca and Yasawas depart at 5pm on Fridays to suit the local market.

All inclusive itineraries are packed full of activities such as snorkelling over pristine coral reefs, visiting remote tropical beaches, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, village visits and many other extraordinary experiences (see details of itineraries and dates below). The cruises are designed to be as active or relaxed as passengers desire. 5 star PADI Diving is offered from introductory to expert.

Cruises are aboard the purpose built MV Reef Endeavour, a cruise ship offering a warm, highly personalised experience with only 63 cabins, staterooms & suites. Passengers explore magnificent and remote parts of Fiji in the comfort her size provides and participate in a breadth of stunning Fiji experiences impossible to replicate with a single destination holiday. A perfect combination of the facilities of a larger ship with the intimacy and maneuverability of a small vessel.

“Captain Cook Cruises were one of the first to be accredited with the Care Fiji Commitment and we are 100% vaccinated to ensure the safety of our passengers. The ship also offers our passengers large open and sheltered deck space with almost all our well appointed staterooms opening directly to Fiji’s beautiful fresh sea air.” says Allison Haworth-West, Captain Cook Cruises Fiji’s CEO.

Prices offer at least 50% off full fares for locals on all itineraries and three-night cruises start from F\$899 per adult twin share, save F\$1369 per adult twin share; 7 night Remote North cruises from F\$2540 per adult twin share; and 7 night Lau & Kadavu cruises from F\$2870 per adult twin share. They are also offering some great family fares.

All fares include shipboard accommodation, all meals, guided village, school and island tours, snorkelling and glass bottom boat excursions, daily island stopovers and water activities such as kayaking and stand up paddling, hikes, on board entertainment, kids club (5-9 yrs), onboard Wi-Fi, 24-hour self-service tea and coffee bar, and use of the ship's facilities including a freshwater swimming pool, jacuzzi, mini gym, sun deck, cocktail bar and library. There are also reduced child fares for 3 to 17 years and a kids club for 5-9 year olds.

For further information and bookings visit [www.captaincookcruisesfiji.com](http://www.captaincookcruisesfiji.com), phone +679 6701 823 or contact your local travel agent.

## Overview of Captain Cook Fiji Itineraries

Captain Cook Cruises seven night Remote North Discovery Cruise reveals the unique history, art and culture of the Northern Fiji Islands and allows passengers the ultimate experience of 'standing' on the 180th Meridian, the natural dateline. The cruise also visits the recently UNESCO listed old capital of Levuka on the island of Ovalau, Makogai, the old leper colony now marine sanctuary, Taveuni, the garden island and Savusavu, a town of hot springs and Pearl farms.

Scheduled departure dates for the Remote North Cruise for locals is 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Our local's Mamanuca & Yasawa cruises explore the best of these beautiful island groups. The 3 night cruise starts with a short sail from Denarau to the natural Film set of Monuriki where the movie Cast Away was filmed. The coral gardens off Monu will astound passengers and the spectacular beach will have them looking for Wilson or exploring the island by kayak or standup paddle board. Then voyage to the top of the Yasawa islands to Sawa-i-lau to explore the turquoise lagoon and mystical caves. The four night Christmas cruise also visits Sawa-i-lau and includes Tivua Island, Captain Cook Cruises private island and Drawaqa where you could come face to face with a manta ray.

Scheduled departure dates for the 3 night weekend cruises are 15<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> of December for New Year's Eve. The 4 night cruise will depart 24<sup>th</sup> December for Christmas.

The 7 night Lau cruise is a once in a lifetime experience to a pristine part of the Fiji group. Highlights include a visit to Qilaqila known for its crystal clear aqua waters and reefs, amazing caves and mushroom shaped islands and see extinct volcano craters on Fulaga or Totoya Islands. Visit Vuaqava and hike to its central lake to explore and view turtles, snakes and bird life and experiencing a traditional Tongan Meke, Sevusevu and lovo feast with the people of Naikelayaga Village. The school & church visits illustrate the incredible harmonies of the people in this remote group.

Scheduled departure date for the Lau Cruise is 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021

All cruises offer on and underwater world experiences with daily swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, snorkelling and glass bottom boating over amazing coral reefs. The ship is equipped with a hydraulic platform ensuring boarding and disembarking the small boats is easy. Our Marine Biologist provides expert marine habitat knowledge with guided snorkelling, glass bottom boat tours and lectures and our Ocean Ambassador helps educate passengers and locals to reduce our oceans of plastic.

Try mind blowing scuba diving operated by Viti Water Sports, a PADI 5 Star Dive Centre Dive with two dives offered daily and always in different locations.

On-board be pampered at the ship's Day Spa, relax on the sun deck by the jacuzzi or freshwater pool, work out in the mini-gym, play a game in the lounge or grab a cocktail at the pool bar and watch the breathtaking scenery pass by.

Enjoy mouth-watering cuisine including buffet breakfasts, alfresco lunches, casual barbecues and a-la-carte dinners. All food is prepared on board from fresh local and imported produce and served with careful attention to hygiene.

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