



# CASTAWAY ISLAND, FIJI

## DIVING 2011



**Castaway Island, Fiji** provides a unique South Pacific experience - a great place to relax, unwind and enjoy life's simple pleasures. Fiji's most popular island resort has guests returning year after year to experience the magic that is "Castaway".

The island's 174 acres are covered with lush tropical vegetation, surrounded by white sand beaches and vibrant coral reefs. Dive the warm, clear waters surrounding and adjacent to the island. Be enthralled by spectacular walls, reefs and pinnacles, hard and soft corals, moray eel and shark encounters, swim throughs and the colours of abundant tropical fish life...all within minutes of Castaway on board 'Sokia'.

The 'Sokia' (Angel Fish in Fijian) is a purpose built, 30 ft aluminium monohull dive boat, powered by twin 200hp outboard engines, making her one of the fastest and most stable dive platforms in Fiji. The 'Sokia' is fully surveyed, safety equipped and comfortably accommodates 14 divers speeding them to a host of spectacular dive sites.

Castaway Diving, our award winning PADI Five Star Gold Palm dive centre, offers a full range of PADI courses from introductory programs through to Divemaster certification. Our equipment for hire has been selected from the Mares Sea Lovers line, exemplifying the highest standard in quality dive gear today. The Castaway Dive team is one of Fiji's finest and most professional teams, delivering a first class and truly relaxing dive experience.

Our warm and welcoming family of staff invite you to experience island hospitality, Castaway style.

Castaway is the heart and soul of the Fiji Islands and we are bound to steal yours!



Image: NASA Living Earth

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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What do I need to bring?

We have Mares BCDs and regulators, (serviced regularly by our qualified staff). Aladin dive computers, Apollo diver propulsion vehicles and point and shoot digital cameras all for hire through the Dive Centre. You may choose to bring your own gear, however our rental gear will meet your highest expectations.

#### Do you dive all year round?

Yes, you can come and dive with us anytime. The water temperature changes, peaking out during summer at approximately 31C/90F and dropping to 26C/78F during the wintertime. Wetsuits are therefore optional!

#### How long does it take to get to the sites?

You can expect to be at the site and ready to enter the water within twenty minutes of leaving Castaway's beach aboard "Sokia", sometimes less! Our dive sites are so local and accessible that we are probably the most ideally suited dive operation in the Mamanuca Island region.

#### What type of dive sites can we expect?

We have a wide variety of dive sites available, featuring rolling hills of hard corals and swimthroughs on the outside of the barrier reef with the opportunity to see pelagics, rays and turtles with visibility in excess of 30m - 100ft. The lagoon offers various atolls and coral heads, providing excellent wall diving and the chance to experience a colourful array of coral and reef fish as well as cruising sharks and blue water species. The soft corals, large moray eels and batfish are more than eager to pose for the camera at "Gotham City". The "Supermarket" is home to Fiji's famous shark encounter.

#### How often do you go out diving?

We run three single tank trips daily, due to the proximity of our dive sites, departing Castaway at 8.30am, 11.00am and 2.00pm. We also offer night dives by prior arrangement. All excursions have a round trip time of approximately one and a half hours and all diving is subject to weather conditions.

DIVE RATES	RENTAL	OWN
1 Dive	\$155	\$135
4 Tank package	\$530	\$450
6 Tank package	\$765	\$645
Unlimited Package	\$970	\$870
Night Dive	\$225	\$185

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### BUBBLEMAKER

A scuba experience for children in the pool with lots of fun games to play and an emphasis on safety. Min. age 8 yrs - Cost F\$125

### DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING

An easy and enjoyable way to experience the beauty of the underwater world for the first time. This short half day program will allow you to continue diving throughout your vacation. Min. age 10 yrs - Cost F\$285

### SCUBA DIVER

A two day course including two dives, giving you a permanent internationally recognized certificate to dive under the supervision of a divemaster to 12m/40ft. Ideal for the holiday diver! Min. age 10 yrs - Cost F\$665

### OPEN WATER DIVER

Become a qualified diver and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for safe and enjoyable diving. Minimum course duration 4 days. Includes theory, pool work, four dives, certificate and log book. Min. age 10 yrs - Cost F\$970 for personal course tuition or F\$920 pp in group lesson.

### OPEN WATER REFERRAL

Conduct all your class and pool training at your local PADI dive school or online at www.padi.com and finish your open water training on the beautiful reefs that surround Castaway Island. Cost F\$675

### SCUBA TUNE UP (REFRESHER COURSE)

If you have not been diving for a while, refresh your knowledge and skills with this half day program including a pool session and one dive. Cost F\$255

### ADVANCED OPEN WATER DIVER

Increase your confidence, experience and enjoyment of diving with this course that includes five different theme dives. Cost F\$660

### RESCUE DIVER

Become a more competent and confident diver with this course that allows you to recognize and deal with stress or problems in the water. A current First-Aid Certificate is mandatory to commence this course, which may be arranged on island. Cost F\$820

### DIVEMASTER COURSE

For the experienced diver who wishes to extend his training into the professional realm. This course will give you the skills necessary and the ability to assist the instructor in the training and supervision of student and novice divers. Cost F\$2000

### SPECIALTY DIVE COURSES

A variety of short courses are available to gain experience in many diving environments. Cost from F\$385

\*Note: Prices are expressed in Fiji dollars and include Fiji Government taxes, currently at 20% .All prices and information subject to change.