

# Pacific Romance

YOUR GUIDE TO WEDDINGS, HONEYMOONS  
AND ROMANCE IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS



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# Lose yourself in love

Very few South Pacific destinations can match the sheer variety of romantic travel options that Fiji has to offer. For couples planning a wedding, honeymoon or romantic getaway, having this vast amount of choice means they can create an experience to match their every desire.

## Tying the knot



The legal age to wed in Fiji is 18 years. An application for a marriage licence must be made in person to the nearest Registrar Office or District Court in Fiji at least three working days prior to the marriage. Please note, weddings may not be performed on Sundays or public holidays.

The wedding couple will need to provide the following:

- Original birth certificates
- Valid passports
- Divorce papers (if applicable)
- Death certificate (if previous spouse is deceased)
- Single Status Certificate or Certificate of
- Certificate of no impediment to marriage



MALOLO ISLAND RESORT

## SWEET DREAMS ARE MADE OF THIS

Think romantic fairytale. Think secluded island, palm trees swaying and white sand beach. With this vision firmly in mind, it's no wonder Fiji draws so many couples in search of a special setting for their wedding, honeymoon or romantic reconnection.

The hard part about picking Fiji as your romantic destination is deciding exactly where in the islands you should go! With this in mind, we've divided the major visitor regions into separate sections, starting with the glorious islands of The Mamanuca Group and finishing at off-the-beaten-track locations for couples that prefer to fly under the radar!

## THE MAMANUCAS

When Fiji's tourism industry took its first steps in the early 1960s, the islands in the Mamanuca Group were among the first locations to be developed. Nearly sixty years on, this stunning group of islands remain a jewel in Fiji's travel crown. They also remain one of Fiji's favourite "go-to" spots for weddings, honeymoons and romantic getaways.

Their sheer beauty provides an undeniable allure. Small green dots, scattered across the bluest of ocean. White sand beaches, palm

trees swaying in the wind. It's your classic picture postcard, and quite honestly, it's about as romantic as you could wish for.

These islands also have a way of making you relax. Indeed couples soon sink into this laid-back island vibe. Any pre-wedding stress will float away in the tropical breeze, and if you've come to honeymoon, any post-wedding fatigue will quickly evaporate too!

Getting out to these beautiful islands is simple. South Sea Cruises have a comprehensive schedule of ferries running each day from Port Denarau. If you'd like to make the island transfer extra special, you can take the aerial route by jumping on-board a seaplane or helicopter. The cost is higher than a ferry option, but for a one-off occasion, it's brilliant. You'll land at your resort in about 15 minutes, plus you'll have a whole new appreciation of the marine environment below.

While chilling out is head of the agenda for most, all resorts will provide guests with a wide variety of activities. Watersports are always on the menu, with non-motorised equipment (kayaks, paddleboards, snorkelling gear etc.) free of charge to use. Some resorts might even have small catamarans and windsurfers to cruise around on.

Many resorts operate diving operations offering everything from introductory courses right through to advanced dives for the scuba pros. Fishing is popular – and an excellent way for a groom and his mates to get away together. And the Mamanucas are also home to some of the best surf breaks in the world. In most cases, the local resorts can organise boat transfers out to the reef.



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## PLACES TO STAY

### Six Senses Fiji

Six Senses is a highly-acclaimed hospitality brand providing thoughtful luxury that is sustainable in every way possible. Eco-conscious couples will love their Fiji locale. Start the day stretching body and calming mind in a hillside yoga pavilion overlooking white sand and sparkling blue ocean. Savour organic cuisine. Choose a blissful spa package or take a wellness check. And recline in the privacy of a five-star villa. Indeed, this resort caters to all the senses.

For a fun dinner date, head over to TeiTei Pizzeria and make fresh, organic oven-baked pizzas. Then dine at the outdoor theatre or take your creation down to the beach and eat curled up on the cooling sand under the moonlight. Bliss!

### Likuliku Lagoon Resort

Likuliku Lagoon Resort is an award-winning haven of barefoot luxury on Malolo Island, where authentic overwater bures line the secluded cove. The hills flourish with greenery and the calm waters sparkle blue. The villas and boardwalks enhance the landscape, providing a unique, natural romantic getaway. There are a variety of wedding and romance packages available to choose from, which can all be tailored to your desires. Why not get married and have your honeymoon here too? There's no place like it.

### Tokoriki Island Resort

Romance is always in the air at Tokoriki Island Resort. Whether couples are here for their honeymoon, renewal of vows, anniversary, marriage, elopement or to pop the question, the resort provides everything you need – and it does so with a personal touch. Here, you'll be on first-name terms with everyone!

If you are tying the knot, you can go barefoot on the beach, traditional in a chapel, or even say your vows from the deck of your Beachfront Pool Villa. Choose from a range of wedding and elopement packages to make your day unforgettably special – as it should be! Why not stay on for your honeymoon? Couples love coming here for the beautiful beachfront scenery, privacy, intimate vibe and exceptional service.

### Castaway Island Resort

Lose yourself in love at Castaway Island Resort, a 174-acre nirvana covered in lush tropical rainforest, and surrounded by white sand beaches and a colourful reef. If you feel a sense of history on arrival, well, that's because it was developed in 1966 – the very first resort in the Mamanuca Islands. While the 2020 version provides a thoroughly modern Fiji experience, the original 'island time' allure has stood the test of time. And couples will do the same when they visit Castaway, through marriage, a honeymoon, or simply spending quality time together. Whatever you are visiting for, the resort staff will help make your time unforgettable.



## YASAWA ISLANDS

To the north of the Mamanuca Group you'll find the remote, but equally beautiful Yasawa Islands. In the Yasawas, land-based tourism didn't kick off until 1987. For many visitors, this late development has been a blessing, as it's helped the islands maintain a genuine authenticity and an atmosphere of pure escape.

If your idea of romance involves getting away from the mainstream, this is a place to do it. In the Yasawas, local people still lead a very simple life in small remote villages, adhering to traditional customs and doing what they have done for generations. There are no roads, no shops and no banks. Life is very much based around the rich bounty that Mother Nature has provided. And as a visitor, you can immerse yourself in this serene simplicity too.

In many cases, a majority of the region's resort staff will come from a local village. This close connection translates into a sense of ownership and a real pride in that standard of service. Essentially, the staff are welcoming you into their home, and you can feel the difference.

Although the Yasawa Islands are a little further from the mainland than their Mamanuca neighbours, the transfer from Port Denarau is straightforward. If you decide to come by boat, your romantic adventure will begin before you've arrived at your destination. The Yasawa Flyer makes its way to the Yasawas once a day and cruising into these picturesque islands will set the scene for what is to come – beauty and more beauty!

If your budget can stretch, there is always the option of flying by either seaplane or helicopter. In both cases, the flight time is around 15-20 minutes, depending on the resort you are flying to.



YASAWA ISLAND



## GO FOR GOLD!

If you're coming to Fiji for romance, your celebration will surely include liquid refreshments! If that's the case, the friendly folk from Victoria Wines (Port Denarau, Nadi and Suva) are the people to see. Victoria Wines is Fiji's only dedicated wine importer and distributor, offering an extensive selection of wines from Europe, South America, United States, Australia and New Zealand. Along with a long list of beers, cider, spirits and liqueurs.

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## PLACES TO STAY

### Yasawa Island Resort & Spa

Situated on one of the most striking islands of Fiji, this adults-only resort is perfect for romance travellers seeking a quiet getaway or honeymoon destination. The island of Yasawa translates to Heaven – which is fitting. The resort boasts no less than 10 private white sand beaches that front dreamy blue ocean and a colourful reef. The dining experience is also impeccable. And for couples planning to tie the knot, the resort’s staff will help you plan a heavenly, stress-free wedding.

### Paradise Cove Resort

Due to its popularity amongst families and couples alike, Paradise Cove Resort has been cleverly split into two distinct ‘zones’ – a family side and an adults-only side. That way, everyone can enjoy the resort the way they want to. Couples will want to veer on the adults’ side where they find The Cove – a relaxing child-free refuge featuring two pools, and a boat bar with thirst-quenching cocktails and delicious meals. Adult accommodation also sits in and around The Cove, so couples can easily avoid boisterous kids. For unmatched privacy, the resort offers four self-contained two-bedroom Beach Houses across a small channel on a separate island, which is accessed by an on-call boat.



YASAWA ISLAND



There are 15 words in the Fijian language meaning Heaven and ‘Yasawa’ is the first.

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## MANTA RAY MAGIC

The Yasawa Islands are home to “Manta Ray Channel” – a nutrient-rich stretch of water that attracts manta rays between May and October each year. Several resorts run guided tours. Spotters will keep a look for the manta rays, and with the safety briefing done, guides will dive into the clear blue waters, and lead you in the right direction. In a word, the experience is magical. These gentle giants are driven along by wide fins that look more like wings. Being in the water as they slowly “fly” over, under and around you is an experience you’ll never forget.

## SAWA-I-LAU CAVES

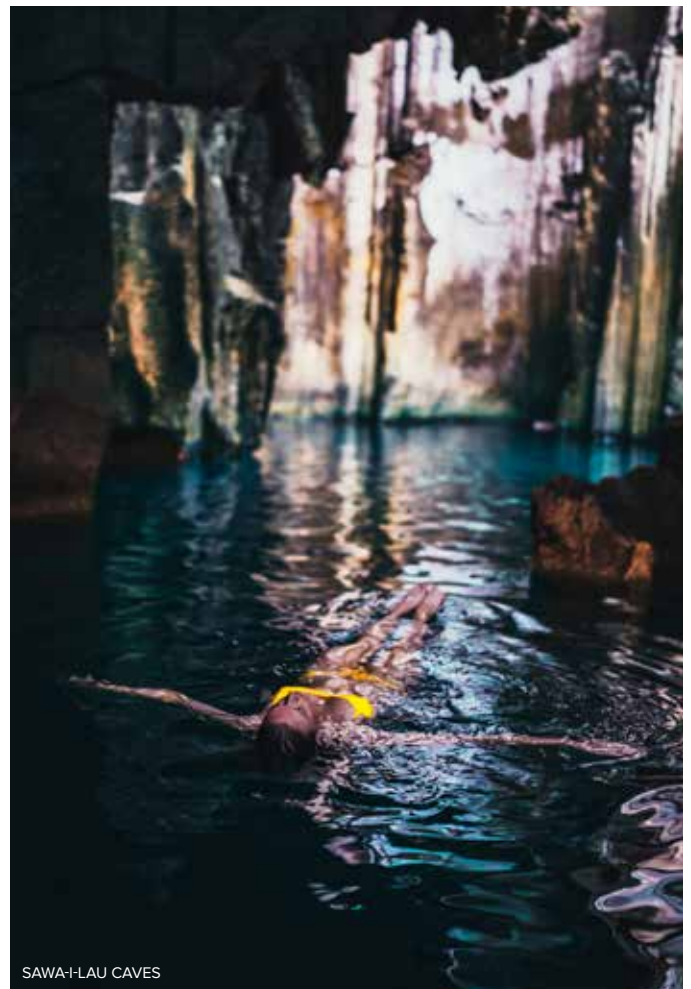
The breathtaking Sawa-I-Lau Caves are a Yasawa must-do for couples. These limestone formations have been slowly carved out over thousands of years of wave action and are hidden away inside a little island. When you’re swimming in the water looking up as the sun rays peek through, the feeling is very cathedral-like – it’s a view few visitors will forget. Several resorts offer this guided tour. Hollywood producers considered these caves the perfect spot to film Brooke Shield’s famous rock scene in the 1980s romantic film, *The Blue Lagoon*, just as you will deem the Yasawas the perfect place for your romantic holiday.



For the couple seeking luxury, comfort and the ease of a prime beachfront location just 15 minutes from Nadi Airport, Ramada Suites by Wyndham, Wailoaloa Beach will fit the brief perfectly. The spacious self-catering suites all come with expansive views across the calm waters of Nadi Bay. Couples will also enjoy a full range of quality facilities – including a world-class spa and a magnificent rooftop restaurant.

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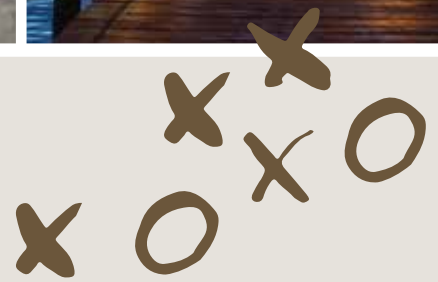
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# Musket Cove Island Resort and Marina



For many couples the lure of an island wedding is the seclusion, warmth and beauty of a tropical location. The bonus – an extended celebration in a stunning, relaxed environment with family and friends, or an intimate couple-only wedding combined with a honeymoon to remember. Both mean you can truly savour the celebration of your commitment to each other.

Musket Cove Island Resort and Marina, in Fiji's Mamanuca Islands, offers all of this and more with an impressive array of accommodation and facilities to choose from in an uncrowded, island hideaway. Best of all, they have a team committed to creating the ultimate wedding and holiday especially for you.

With 400 acres of tropical gardens, secluded walking trails and palm-fringed beaches, the resort's spacious environment allows you to breathe out, and be truly present with the excitement and relaxation you deserve on your very special occasion.

The happy couple and their guests will have no trouble choosing the perfect accommodation option from the 55 air-conditioned villas and bures on offer. Tucked in among coconut palms and tropical gardens, or along the lagoon and beachfront, the rooms have a deep sense of privacy and tranquility and offer a range of options for varied budgets.

Your island holiday home will be a launching point for unforgettable activities. There's something on offer for the whole wedding party - including fishing, scuba diving, surfing, marine excursions and water sports as well as more relaxing pastimes - such as lying poolside or being pampered at the Makare spa.

Creating a holiday to remember will be easy here with pre-wedding celebrations available for you and your group - imagine a pre-wedding group cocktail celebration in your bure with a mixologist serving tropical drinks, or boarding a cruise together to soak up the beauty of the neighbouring island. Envision a relaxing round of golf with chilled beverages in hand, or booking the entire Makare spa for the ultimate group pampering session with champagne. Just tell the Musket Cove team your vision and they'll work with you to make it happen.

Whether you are out on the water or sunbathing poolside, you will work up an appetite and Musket Cove has you covered with relaxed dining options that celebrate the fresh cuisine and culinary traditions of Fiji. There are sumptuous buffets and brasserie style meals at Dick's Place Bar & Bistro, lighter fare at the marina-side Trader Café and the unique cook your own BBQ at the world famous MCYC island bar. The Resort's head Chef Gareth and the culinary team will happily style menus for your wedding feast with a range of special and unique locations and menu options available. Private group picnics with friends or family can also be arranged including a Fiji family style feast at Coral Cay Island or BBQ at the MCYC Island Bar. For honeymooners, Musket Cove offers a variety of private dining options - think private champagne picnic on a secluded palm fringed beach at sunset or a romantic candlelit dinner on the resort's private jetty. Heaven.

Whether you are a group of two or 30, Musket Cove offers wedding packages to suit you. The Fiji's Dreams Inclusive Wedding Package includes luxury accommodation for the bride and groom with benefits and inclusions, and a full banquet style wedding for 30 family and friends. The 'Two of Us' package is designed for those who dream of a tropical island wedding but prefer a more intimate affair. Whatever your requirements, the Musket Cove team are on hand to help you decide what the best option is for you. One thing is for sure though - for those wanting a tropical wedding and honeymoon in a spacious, uncrowded and serene environment - Musket Cove can deliver the wedding of your dreams.

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## DENARAU ISLAND

If you're thinking Fiji romance, the resort enclave on Denarau Island has everything you could ask for. And it comes with the added convenience of being an easy 20 minute drive from Nadi International Airport. With so many resorts sitting side-by-side, there is always a buzz of people, so if you like busy, and lots going on, this is the place to be. The side-by-side layout also means you can sample the numerous dining and bar options from any of the other resorts – it's just a matter of going for a stroll or doing the rounds on the open-air Bula Bus which is always fun.

Sure, you won't experience the same sense of adventure or classic white sands you'll get on an outer island, but that's not the point. Couples love Denarau because it's so vibrant.

Couples also enjoy easy access to the lively hub of Port Denarau. (It's just five minutes away from the resorts). There are plenty of dining options – Lulus, Rhum-Ba, Hard Rock Café, Cardos, Amalfi Italian, to name just a few. For the ladies, you can get your nails and hair done, or have a massage or treatment at one of the day spas. There are shops too, including duty-free like the famous Jacks of Fiji.

And of course, Port Denarau is the hub for all-day trips and transfers to the islands. This makes it easy to take an island day trip – always an excellent option for a post-wedding get-together.

## PLACES TO STAY

### Hilton Fiji Beach Resort & Spa

Ideally located oceanfront on Denarau Island, Hilton Fiji Beach Resort and Spa provides couples with a relaxing retreat. You will want to spend countless hours at the stunning beachfront pool, surrounded by palms, sun, sand and sea. The rooms are stylish and spacious, each offering romantic views from a private terrace or balcony. And the dining experience is truly unforgettable; indulging in fresh, local seafood as the wine glass and ocean shimmers with the glow of the setting sun.

### Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa

French romance and Fijian beauty blend seamlessly at Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa. Do you dream of an intimate wedding or a massive celebration (up to 400 people)? Whatever you desire, the resort's dedicated wedding planner will execute it with ease.

Couples can get married in front of various picturesque backdrops around the resort. However, the charming beachside chapel is a favourite. There are plenty of wedding packages and a seemingly endless list of options so that you can create a unique, romantic experience.

### Sheraton Fiji Resort

One of the most romantic places to get hitched on Denarau Island has to be Sheraton Fiji Resort's beachside chapel. Couples can't go wrong with its stunning interior and windows, like framed canvases, painting gorgeous ocean views. If you get married at sunset, orange light will pour through and fill the room like red wine. It's intoxicating.

There are plenty of other wedding options to tickle your fancy. You can have a relaxed wedding on the beach, barefoot and all. Or go classic suit and tie formal and get married in the ballroom. Because of the resort's size, the size of your guest list will not be a problem – unless you decide to invite the whole of Fiji!





SHERATON  
Fiji Resort

## Gathered On This Day

Stunningly situated on picturesque Denarau Island, Sheraton Fiji Resort offers a range of spaces to choose from including the largest convention space in Fiji, waterfront views on Sandy Point, lush tropical gardens and dedicated ocean-side wedding chapel.

As part of an integrated complex, the resort offers activities galore including 18-hole golf course, Heavenly Spa and variety of watersports. There are 12 restaurants to choose from for private dining events and beach venues have the capacity to cater for over 800 people.

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## THE CORAL COAST

Some resorts provide such a wide range of eating and entertainment options, it's easy for romance travellers to arrive and then stay within the resort grounds until it's time to go back home! On Fiji's Coral Coast, an hour and a half south of Nadi, numerous properties fit this description – such as the Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort, The Warwick Fiji, Shangri-La's Fijian Resort and Spa and the InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort and Spa. Each one is well-versed in the art of planning weddings and providing the all-important honeymoon. But as a region, the Coral Coast has so much more to offer couples, wedding parties and honeymooners.

The Sigatoka Sand Dunes, Sigatoka River Safari and Tavuni Hill Fort are Coral Coast highlights. And visitors also have the chance to soak up the real Fiji at any number of villages along this 80 kilometre stretch of coast.

If a couple were to choose one town to visit it's Sigatoka Town. The bustling centre is always full of activity, and it's fun browsing the shops and food stalls alongside the friendly locals. Sigatoka also hosts Fiji's premier domestic rugby sevens tournament the Coral Coast Sevens. The athletic talent on show is quite astounding, and even if you're not sports fans, it's hard not to get caught up in the lively atmosphere as the local crowd cheer on their favourite team.



INTERCONTINENTAL FIJI GOLF RESORT & SPA

### PLAY A ROUND

Looking for the perfect pre or post-wedding activity? A groom and his mates can drop into Natadola Bay Golf Course and play 18 holes on this highly acclaimed par 72 championship golf course. The course snakes its way through rolling hills and along a picture-postcard coastline and its Pacific blue backdrop. The course has excellent facilities to match with a Pacific inspired clubhouse, bar, a pro-shop that has everything you'll need for a round and a driving range to get some practice on before you start!



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## PLACES TO STAY

### Crusoe's Retreat

Transformed into an adults-only (18+ years) resort in 2019, Crusoe's Retreat is the kind of place where couples will find romantic bliss at an easygoing pace. The resort is home to just 28 bures, all sitting on a secluded, palm-fringed sandy beach – peace and tranquillity is guaranteed. The only sound you'll hear is the palm trees gently swaying in the breeze! Wedding couples can choose to exchange their vows from several beautiful settings around the resort – barefoot on the beach, hidden garden or in front of the magnificent hills (which offer stunning panoramic views of the reef and turquoise lagoon).

Honeymooners are also in for a treat, enjoying simple romantic touches, from candlelit dinners on the beach through to couple's massages, jungle tours or afternoon picnics.

### InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa

InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort and Spa is located on Natadola Beach, considered by many to be the finest stretch of sand on the Fiji mainland. Needless to say, couples will want to spend hours swimming in its glassy waters and lazing under the palms that line the shoreline. There's even a small surf break directly in front of the resort.

The resort itself is modelled off traditional Fijian villages, where 'chiefs' command an elevated position overlooking the rest of the village. You'd hardly describe the luxurious facilities and accommodation on

the 'lower' beach level as common, however, Club InterContinental 'up top' does offer discerning couples extra privacy, privileges and a jaw-dropping view of the bay.

Club InterContinental offers 50 rooms, including the Natadola Suite, a 218 square metre, two-bedroom haven that comes with a private pool, tropical courtyard and a spacious outdoor entertainment area.

### Fiji Hideaway Resort & Spa

Aptly named, Fiji Hideaway Resort & Spa is the perfect place for couples to sneak away to from the stresses of modern life. This Coral Coast resort goes above and beyond crafting dream weddings for couples in love. Get married in a dedicated wedding bure for an authentic Fijian experience and pick from a variety of carefully designed wedding packages. It's an excellent spot for family and friends to join you in celebration.

### Yatule Resort & Spa

Sitting a few hundred metres along the beach from the InterContinental Fiji, Yatule Resort and Spa is a mellow 36-bure property that promises a relaxed, intimate experience. With Natadola Beach on your doorstep, you have the freedom to simply marvel in its beauty or dive right in. And the soft, paper-white sand, with a golden sunset shimmering off the ocean, makes for a dream wedding ceremony backdrop.

The Yatule staff are well-versed in wedding coordination, and they'll take care of every detail to make the day special. Add in elegant surroundings, delicious cuisine and a host of entertainment, and what you have is the perfect recipe for romance.

# CRUSOE'S RETREAT

If your romantic brief includes 'the real Fiji', Crusoe's Retreat could well be the place you're looking for!

Couples will immediately enjoy the peace and quiet. The resort's adults-only policy ensures there will be no interruptions from noisy children when it comes time to tie the knot.

The resident wedding experts also take the stress out of wedding planning, allowing couples to celebrate their love in true Fijian style – think soft ukulele strumming, floral headpieces, fire dancing and delicious lovo meals.

Plus, Coco's Day Spa is in full swing too! Located right on the beach (with soft flowing drapes for privacy and a team of experienced therapists), the spa offers beautiful couple's massages and speciality beauty treatments. It's the perfect treat to indulge in before or after the big day.

Crusoe's Retreat is Fiji's very first resort and shares close ties with the local village, which means guests feel part of the local community. Tucked away in its own private paradise (about 45 minutes' drive past the town of Sigatoka) this resort is a real toes-in-the-sand escape. It's 100% stress-free, laid-back and authentic.

Once the wedding is done, Crusoe's is a great place to stay on for the honeymoon, too. The resort's rustic beach bures are a beautiful place to call home after days spent exploring the island's sun-drenched shores, scuba diving, snorkelling or reading under palm trees with your loved one.

On top of all that, Crusoe's has a partnership with Fiji Airways underway, so couples will soon be able to book their flights and accommodation at the same time.



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## ROMANCE FURTHER AFIELD

If you take the time to look outside the most popular parts of Fiji, there are some exceptional places to celebrate your special occasion. Here are a few of our top picks to get you started.

### Qamea Resort & Spa

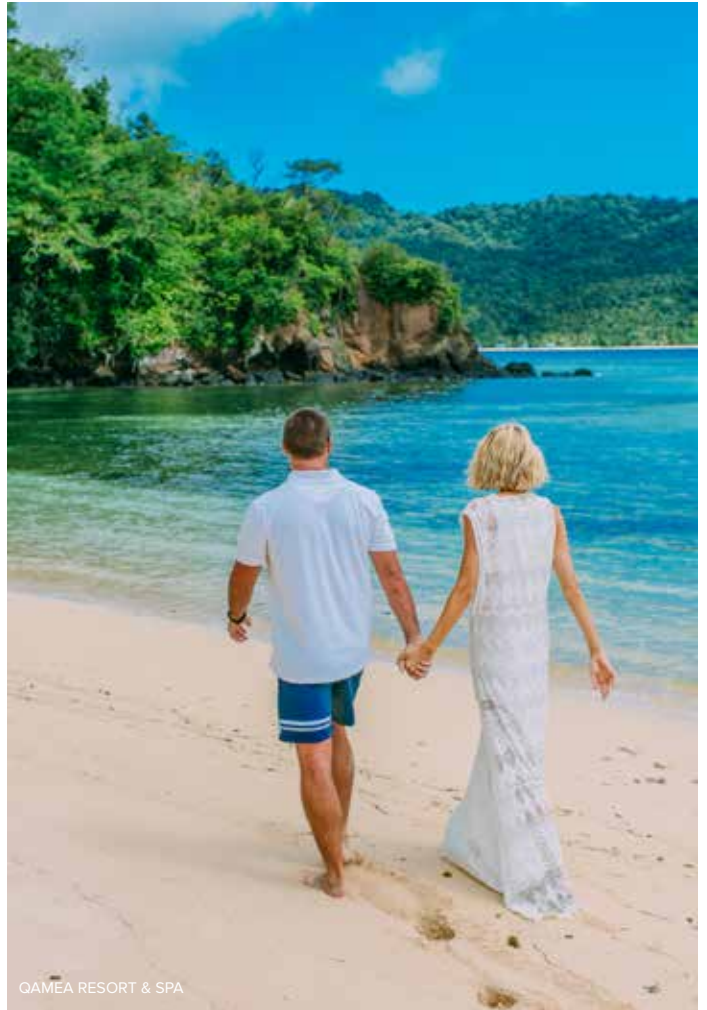
Want to run away to paradise? Qamea Resort and Spa is a romantic refuge for couples needing quality time away from the hustle and bustle of the nine-to-five. To get there, you will need to catch a connecting flight from Nadi to Taveuni Island, then take a ride to a remote beach, before hopping on a boat that takes you directly to the resort (within 10 minutes).

The resort has 17 luxurious beachfront villas and bures where you can submerge yourself in the stunning surroundings, falling into a state of bliss. There are three wedding packages to choose from, each encompassing the beauty of the island. This is the perfect spot to celebrate your honeymoon or anniversary – the resort will make it extra special with their bonus offers, including a couple’s massage and romantic beachfront dinners.

### Koro Sun Resort & Rainforest Spa

On the gorgeous island of Vanua Levu lies Koro Sun Resort and Rainforest Spa, a 160-acre sanctuary where the people and vibes are as warm as the sun. Surreal crystal blue water is mere steps away, no matter where you are on the island. The spacious villas, with their overwater balconies, provide the perfect spot for couples to sip cocktails and champagne as the sun descends.

A connecting flight from Nadi will get you there. And Honeymooners will be welcomed with a complimentary room upgrade (depending on availability at check-in) and a champagne breakfast in bed on the first morning. The Romance Packages include massages and private beach picnics, making your honeymoon that much more special.



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### Kokomo Private Island, Kadavu Group

Take a 45 minute seaplane or helicopter ride southeast of Nadi, and you'll come to the Kadavu Group. Sitting on a small, perfectly formed island at the northern tip of the group, you'll discover Kokomo – a private island resort that delivers premium luxury, privacy, comfort and relaxation.

Guests can choose from the beachfront luxury residence, one of four luxury hilltop residences, sitting among tropical rainforest with striking views of the lagoon, or opt for one of the 21 exclusive beachfront villas. Yes, this luxury comes at a price, but for couples who do have the budget, this indulgent barefoot experience will make for a lifetime of memories.

### Nanuku Auberge Resort Fiji, Pacific Harbour

Nanuku Auberge Resort provides the magical combination that many couples are looking for – romance, luxury and seclusion. The perfect venue for a romantic escape, an unforgettable honeymoon or a magical wedding experience, Nanuku offers intimate venues and a dash of international flavour.

The beachside is idyllic. Picture this – vows at sunset on a pristine white sand beach, or maybe poolside by the light of flickering lanterns, or how about surrounded by frangipanis in the resort's lush tropical gardens. For couples who want to be in a world of their own, Nanuku provides private island weddings.

The ceremonies are staged on the resort's private Nanuku Island, which is a short 20 minute boat ride away. Needless to say, the resort's dedicated team of wedding planners are always on hand, making sure romantic guests don't have to lift a finger. And once the wedding day is done, what better place to stay for a honeymoon. 🌺



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## The Cake Makers

### Meet Lee and Louise Acreman Taste Fiji

#### How long has Taste Fiji been making cakes?

Lee Acreman, head chef, owner and operator of Taste Fiji has been making cakes since 2009, when he first started the business from his home in Nadi. He had a passion for showcasing local ingredients rather than “pre mixes” and he’s kept that philosophy, utilising in-season local ingredients. For example, they use delicious Adi Chocolate made from cocoa beans grown in Savusavu (the northern island of Vanua Levu).

#### There are so many cake options. How would you advise a couple to narrow down their choice?

Let your imagination run wild! Essentially we can create any cake that a couple desire. We prefer it that way to be honest! We understand that sometimes people just choose from our brochure, as that design ticks all their boxes. However, we enjoy custom designing cakes that tell a story about a couple.

One bride had a ‘dream’ and drew an image of her and her husband as figurines, sitting on the edge of the second tier of the cake with sand around them and waves coming up from the first tier. We created her cake as per her drawing and they just adored it.

#### What are your most popular wedding cakes?

Trends come and go, but we’ve probably done more ruffle cakes than any other. Favourite flavours are passionfruit (or mango in season), white chocolate, and our chocolate and coconut (gluten free) option.

#### What are some of your most unusual requests?

A 5-tier black wedding cake with neon splashes that glowed in the dark! A dinosaur with laser eyes burning into a cloud “We were married on Cloud 9”. A Lego cake with mini Lego chefs.

#### Can you cater to specific dietary requirements?

Most definitely. We don’t use pre mixes at all, so we can make a cake gluten free, eggless, vegan, nut free etc.

#### How do you create a cake with X-factor?

We feel that a cake should taste as good as it looks. Unless there are dietary requirements our cakes are made using free range eggs, butter (not margarine), and real chocolate. The cakes are also made fresh – as close to the wedding as possible. Because we customise most cakes, couples know their cake is one-of-a-kind – there isn’t anything more X factor than knowing that!

#### Are there any other factors that a couple need to consider?

If you want multiple flavours, keep in mind that you have different ‘tastes’ to consider in your guests. Placement of the cake table in floor plans is important too. Keep out of direct sunlight or wind and also dancing/high traffic areas. Plus the surface needs to be level, i.e. cake tables in sand. Sand and any icing do not mix well! And if the table is wonky, the cake will be wonky.

#### Is the tropical heat a factor?

Always. We take the heat and humidity into account through every stage – icing, flowers details, storage before delivery, delivery handling, storage until set up and presentation and also where it is to be placed.



*Lee, Louise and family*



#### What is the price range of your cakes?

Our ‘brochure’ cakes start at FJD\$100 for a standard white iced 4” with fresh flowers, and go all the way up to \$1200 for a three tier creation.

#### How do couples enlist your services?

We work closely with resorts and wedding planners like Bula Bride, but couples usually contact us direct – through our website, Facebook or Instagram.

Taste Fiji – [www.tastefiji.com](http://www.tastefiji.com)

# Totoka brings style and beauty to Fiji

Under the professional eye of Leanne Goff, Derarau-based Totoka Hair & Make Up have earned a reputation as one of Fiji's premier beauty, hair and makeup stylists.

At last count, Leanne estimated they'd racked up more than 1000 wedding bookings since operations began in November 2019. As Totoka reputation has flourished, Leanne has handpicked an experienced team of stylists and salon staff. Each member committed to the same exceptional standard of service.

Totoka continues to offer a mobile service, visiting brides and their party at resort or wedding locations. They also have a salon, a short drive from Denarau Island. Plus they have a new salon, located at the Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort on the Coral Coast. Needless to say, Leanne and her team will have you looking at your very best!

## Leanne hot tips - Hairstyles that work well in humidity

- High bun/low bun
- Braided headband
- Fishtail braid
- Messy (or tidy) pony
- Headband and messy bun
- Half up braid or twist



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# TAKING ROMANCE TO SEA

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To celebrate the 70th anniversary of operation Blue Lagoon have created a special offer for couples who are celebrating their own anniversary. If couples book a 4- or 7-night cruise over their wedding anniversary, they'll receive several complimentary inclusions, such as a candlelit dinner for two at Blue Lagoon's private beach on Nanuya Lailai. Plus they'll receive a celebration cake, as well as commemorative champagne flutes and a bottle of sparkling French wine!

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## Elegant weddings with a hint of Fijian style

Discover your own tropical paradise at Fiji Marriott Resort Momi Bay, the only property on Fiji's mainland to offer over-water villas.

Located just 45 minutes from Nadi International Airport, Fiji Marriott Resort offers a stunning beachfront setting for wedding ceremonies and receptions. The accommodation is ideal for a romantic honeymoon, or intimate wedding, with room for all your wedding guests to stay overnight and continue the celebrations.

Whether you are looking for a traditional wedding or a one-of-a-kind celebration, the resort will exceed every expectation. The wedding team at Fiji Marriott Resort Momi Bay is well versed in keeping weddings simple and authentically elegant, adding a hint of Fijian style to match the resort's design and architecture. With tailored service, attention to detail and exquisite cuisine, combined with the beauty and serenity of Momi Bay, Fiji Marriott Resort is the perfect choice for your special day.

Each wedding package comes with your choice of menu, inspiring spaces and a dedicated wedding specialist to take care of all the stressful organising, so you can really enjoy your big day.

The location offers over 3000 square metres of indoor and outdoor event space, making your wedding a truly unique experience.

With different types of venues to choose from, we will make your dream tropical wedding come true, beyond what the eyes can see at Fiji Marriott Resort. Take advantage of our beachfront location by extending your wedding beyond the Grand Saloon Ballroom to one of the beautiful outdoor spaces.

North Point, located at the far end of the resort, is a great spot for a tropical garden wedding ceremony under the swaying palm trees. Say "I do" at this dreamy wedding location with panoramic ocean and lagoon views.

Vonu Beach plays host to the ultimate island wedding experience with room for more than 500 people. The lure of a sand beach, turquoise lagoon, sunny skies and relaxed island vibe is hard to beat. Alternatively, Fish Bar Restaurant is ideal for your intimate celebration, where guests can witness one of Fiji's famous sunsets, accompanied by the spectacular ocean view.

Thoughtfully designed to take full advantage of its picture-perfect setting, Fiji Marriott Resort Momi Bay offers beautiful accommodation options to impress you and your guests. The resort features 136 contemporary Deluxe Rooms and 114 luxurious Bure Villas, including 22 Over-Water Bure Villas with direct lagoon access. All the rooms and Bure Villas have a private balcony or terrace and extensive views of the pool, lagoon or ocean.

You can choose from three restaurants offering distinctive local and international cuisines. At Goji Kitchen & Bar you can engage with the chefs and savour the inventive Fijian, Asian and international dishes made to order at the open-kitchen cooking stations.

At Fish Bar, enjoy a bounty of fresh seafood while you look out over a panorama of the Pacific Ocean. For those looking for a more relaxed setting, Lagoon House & Bar offers simple yet delicious Mediterranean fare using the highest quality produce. Fiji Baking Company, the resort's bakery and delicatessen, offers freshly made pastries, sandwiches and salads, with baristas to serve your favourite coffee in a casual café setting.

Escape to Quan Spa for an indulgent array of spa services and spoil yourself with luxurious facials, body treatments and manicures. Quan Spa's special treatment rooms for couples include a plunge pool to delight and relax your body, mind and soul in equal measure.

Soak up the sun at one of the swimming pools, including the adults-only infinity pool, relax at the swim-up bar and indulge in amazing signature cocktails at Lagoon Lounge, or enjoy the resort's extensive watersport activities.

From the spectacular surroundings, complemented with bespoke service anticipating your every whim, let us create your dream wedding at Fiji Marriott Resort Momi Bay.

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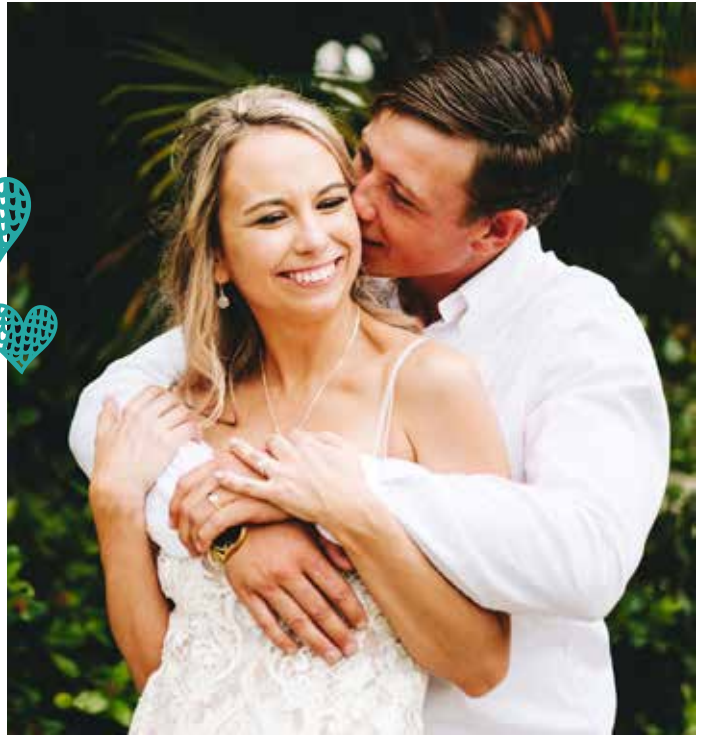
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## Alex Pollard and Lauren Stone

Sofitel Fiji Resort and Spa



### What inspired you to have a Pacific Island wedding?

I'd travelled to Fiji many times and it has always been a special place to be with my family. Two of my cousins have been married in Fiji before and their weddings were amazing. When my husband asked me to marry him, I suggested Fiji as a location and he loved the sound of it!

### What made you pick this specific resort?

I found it hard to choose a venue, so I spoke to Mandi from Viva Destination Weddings. With her help I was able to narrow down the venue to the Sofitel Fiji Resort and Spa. I decided on this resort because it was accessible for my guests, they have a number of venues to choose from for ceremony and reception; and my guests didn't have to stay at the resort if they attended my wedding. They had the option to stay at other resorts.

### Did you use a wedding planner?

Yes, Mandi from Viva Destination Weddings. It was so great having her to speak to. She could offer advice using her years of experience planning weddings in Fiji. She has worked with the resorts in Fiji and the vendors many times before, which gave me peace of mind. When I was worried about how things would be, she calmed me down and told me everything would be perfect – which it was!

### What was involved in researching and organising your wedding?

There was quite a bit of research in the beginning but once I started using Mandi's service at Viva Destination Weddings everything was a lot easier. With her list of recommended vendors I was able to narrow down which vendors I wanted to use. I also researched a lot using Facebook groups and Bula Bride website.

### What's your advice for a bride planning a Fiji wedding?

My advice would be to trust the people and trust the process. They really know what they're doing. My wedding went perfectly. I wish I hadn't stressed so much in the lead up. I would also suggest using a wedding destination expert like Mandi. It doesn't cost anything extra and the advice is invaluable. They were on top of everything.

### What was the highlight of your day?

There were so many! Walking down the aisle to my husband was a very special moment. My daughter was ahead of me, and ran to him when she saw him. He was crying, I was crying everyone was crying. The whole ceremony was so emotional and beautiful!



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## Making dreams come true

### Meet Gloria Osborne, Wedding Planner Musket Cove Island Resort and Marina

#### How long have you had this role?

I had this role for 21 years!

#### How many weddings do you organise each month?

Weddings tend to be seasonal. But to ensure each wedding is special we restrict the number of weddings on any given week. Five or six is ideal.

#### What are some of the unique things you can offer?

Something unique that we offer, are choices, bundled together in a relaxed Fiji island experience. Because of who we are, and our location, bridal couples have so many choices. Choice of pre and post ceremony, choice of reception, choice of dining, menus and activities. We have introduced several theme choices too – Tropical Garden, Beach, Fiji Banquet or Classic.

#### What are the main benefits of getting married at your resort?

A stress-free experience, so the bride and groom can enjoy their day as much as their friends and family. Value for money is crucial – at Musket we have no hidden charges.

#### What do you enjoy most about your job?

Fulfilling dreams and being a part of the beginning of a couple's life together. Putting smiles on people's faces is very rewarding.

#### What are the top three things a planner needs to find out from a couple?

1. Their expectations are key.
2. Who are the main contacts and who is the final decision maker.
3. The number of guests.

#### What are some of ways you can personalise a wedding?

Every wedding is personalised. We offer a range of accessories, locations, décor and theme colours, bespoke menus and entertainment. The list is endless. It really comes down to their desire and budget.

#### What's the best advice you would give a couple?

Don't be persuaded or pressured by others. You know whose opinion you trust, stick to them. You are choosing a tropical destination for your wedding. Keep everything relaxed and casual.

#### What's your key tip to avoiding wedding day stress?

Champagne. Make sure you have a clear head the afternoon before the event. Then on the day leave everything to the professionals.

#### Do you have any memorable or unique wedding stories you can share?

We always know the phrase "it's all about the bride" but this wedding, the bride wanted to surprise the groom who was a Bond fan. He did a special entrance in a speedboat and we had the James Bond theme song on. The groom was so happy that he was in tears and never thought his bride would organise something special for him that he will treasure for rest of his life. Even when they checked out the groom kept talking about it with his wedding guests.



Gloria Osborne



## Capturing the moment

### Leezett Birch-Majstorovic

#### How long have you been a wedding photographer?

I shot my first wedding in 2010, so 10 years. We shoot weddings in Fiji and we also shoot weddings in New Zealand during summer and autumn.

#### What made you decide to specialise in wedding photography?

I just wanted to be a photographer and I touched base with a friend who gave me a day of one-on-one mentoring. Shortly after this my sister's friend was getting married and asked if I could shoot her wedding day. It was my first wedding shoot and I was hooked!

#### What are the key questions a couple should ask their photographer?

Before they ask any questions, couples need to fall in love with a photographer's style of work. Do not hire a photographer unless you are 100% in love with the work they create! Also make sure they regularly shoot weddings. Weddings require specialist skills and not every photographer can cope with the pressures of the day. Once you find the photographer you love, the only question needed is are they available. They will do what they do best to create the same level of beautiful art on your wedding day.

#### Can you provide any tips to help them prepare for the shoot?

Be yourselves, don't worry about what your best side or best angle is, go in with an attitude to have fun, and trust the photographer to guide you in that moment when it's needed.

#### How do you get everyone to relax for the candid shots?

If time permits, we encourage bridal couples to hang out with their bridal party with a few drinks to help them relax and get into a fun, chilled spirit.

#### What is your typical turnaround time?

4–8 weeks depending on whether it's peak season or not.

#### Anything else you would like to add?

Consider a wedding album. With so much social media, it's easy to upload images and share, but there is nothing quite like the story of your day displayed in a beautiful quality album that will last a lifetime. Talk to your photographer about one!!

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*Leezett and family*

