



LAUCALA ISLAND

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Laucala Island has been heralded as the modern Garden of Eden. Its truly is one the most magnificent places to visit. Laucala is one of the islands in the South Pacific that make up the archipelago of Fiji.

The trip begins with a private plane ride from Nandi to Laucala Island. Once you step onto the plane you are greeted with the most delicious fruit juice concoction and a cool towel, which sets the tone of the trip; cold refreshing towels and fruit drinks seem to await you all over Laucala Island wondrously. And once you've made it onto the island, a gorgeous welcome awaits you with a Fijian musician playing.

This island is both beautiful and extremely exclusive. In fact, you have to be invited or approved to vacation on Laucala. The rule was bought a few years back by the innovative and interesting owner of the Red Bull energy drink line, Dietrich Mateshitz, who has poured hundreds of millions of dollars into the renovation and design of this impeccable island dream and intends to protect it. But with 25 enchanting Fijian villas that each include private gardens, infinity pool, areas for outdoor entertaining, yoga platforms and a buggy to explore the scenery, who could blame him.

It most definitely is where all of your five star dreams of being lost on a deserted island will come true. You will enjoy quite a fabulous array of first class activities; anything from early morning or sunset horseback rides, scuba diving with dive masters and equipment the state-of-the-art dive center, or meditation and yoga on the jetty or yoga platform at your villa with the island breeze and magnificent surroundings. Go on a champagne cruise or jet ski around the island. And if golf is your pleasure then you will appreciate the 18-hole golf course, which is beyond beautiful. Set at the edge of shore going into the side of the mountain, it truly is breathtaking and also is quite a challenging course. It's great for the avid golfer ready for a memorable round of golf.

Visiting the spa is a treat. A one of a kind, dreamlike oasis on the island, set amongst the overgrown trees

and a quiet meditative pond filled with water lilies, the spa also has its own magical garden of flowers and herbs that come to use for treatments. All of the products that are in the rooms and the spa are created on the island. The spa garden produces those flowers and herbs that are then made into the numerous handcrafted oils, lotions, creams and bath salts.

The Fijian people are beautiful, full of grace, and they make you feel immediately at home and like family. Being able to experience the ancient culture of the Fijian people is an incredible aspect of this island. From dining at the delicious welcome dinner, taking part in an ancient Kava ceremony and enjoying the Fijian culture of dance and music, the culture is a great part of the vacation.

The culinary experience on its own could be the most amazing part of Laucala Island. Laucala Island is 80% sustainable, so the island boasts a full working farm with livestock. The exciting dishes and dining experiences that are offered at the many restaurants will delight even the savviest culinary connoisseur. The food on Laucala Island is simply excellent. It offers a dining experience that will truly amaze you.

Every part of your trip on Laucala is handcrafted to the needs and likes of the guest. Attention to detail and arrangements to make the traveler feel welcomed and cared for, is the staff's number one priority. An Amuse-Bouche gets delivered to the villa each afternoon along with fresh squeezed exotic juices. It's a little pick-me-up after you have enjoyed the numerous activities the island has to offer. And, each night, a delightful note is placed on your pillow as if to safely tuck you into dreams of paradise. The level of service is top-notch.

Once you visit Laucala you truly will not find another place that can compare. Visit Laucala Island for an unforgettable and life changing experience of relaxation and revitalization.

