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THE OFFICIAL WEDDING & HONEYMOON
NEWSLETTER FROM TOURISM FIJI

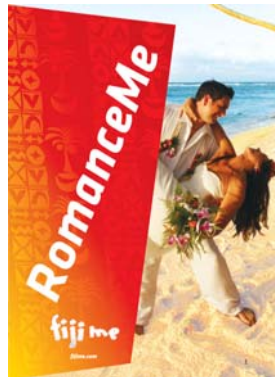


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BULA & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

**WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL FIJI ME ROMANCE ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER.
PRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED BY TOURISM FIJI. THE NEWSLETTER PROVIDES
AN UP-TO-DATE SUMMARY OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN FIJI'S
ROMANCE MARKET ON A QUARTERLY BASIS**

ROMANCE ME BROCHURES TO TARGET GROWING WEDDING MARKET



Recognition of the fact that the romantic travel sector – weddings, honeymoons and vow reaffirmations – is now one of Fiji's biggest sources of business, Tourism Fiji has announced its plans to produce a dedicated 'Romance Me' guide and brochure designed specifically target this key growing market.

The Romance Me brochure is designed to sell Fiji as a dream wedding destination and underline the reasons why Fiji is the perfect destination for that dream wedding. The guide however will contain requirements and wedding packages now available at several participating resorts. Online versions of the booklets will also be posted on the www.fijime.com/romanceme website following their launch.



For further information, please contact Tourism Fiji's Marketing Officer, Ms Inise Mucunabitu on imucunabitu@tourismfiji.com.fj

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USA MATAI WEDDING SPECIALIST HAS A TASTE OF FIJI

Fiji hosted 5 USA Wedding specialist from the 12th – 19th November 2009 to get to experience and feel the unique weddings and honeymoon products that are available and could be tailored to offer for the North American Market.

The ladies who are from New York, Hawaii, California and Chicago were encouraged by the different products offered.

The highlight of the trip was a traditional Fijian lunch set up at the tropical Garden of the Sleeping giant by local company, Viti Eco Tours. The group were escorted through the array of orchids treading on flower petals leading up to a stage wedding set up and lunch area with soft Fijian music .

Faye Barlett of McCoy Travel, Hawaii said "Fantastic presentation – a highlight. The wedding and kava ceremony was a wonderful experience.

For further information, please contact Tourism Fiji' North American Regional Marketing officer, Ms Sera Cawanibuka on sera@bulafiji-americas.com



FIJI TO BE PART OF AUSTRALIAN BRIDAL EXPO IN SYDNEY

Tourism Fiji Australia in cooperation with industry partners will be representing Fiji in the Sydney Bridal Exhibition on the 30th & 31st January 2010.

The Sydney Bridal Exhibition is one of Australia's largest and leading bridal event for any couple planning to get married.

For further information, please contact Tourism Fiji Australia Regional Marketing Officer, Ms Vivienne Valentine on viv@tourismfijioz.com

TOURISM FIJI TO PROMOTE FIJI WEDDINGS IN SEATTLE

Tourism Fiji North American office will be attending the Seattle Wedding show on the 16th & 17th January 2010.

The Seattle Wedding Show is the largest wedding show in the West Coast and Fiji's participation will be a great boost in creating awareness on what Fiji has to offer for the weddings and honeymoon market.

For further information, please contact Tourism Fiji North American Regional Marketing Officer, Ms Sera Cawanibuka on sera@bulafiji-america.com

QAMEA NIGHT OF DECADENCE

A romantic night of Decadence in our spectacular "jungle Spa" starts with a Fijian warrior escort from your bure to your unbelievable private spa experience.

The Qamea Guinot.Paris trained Therapists will greet you with Champagne and a tropical fruit platter, your journey into pure relaxation begins soothing your mind into heavenly island bliss, followed by by a sensual candlelit outdoor shower together in the Jungle spa.

Further relaxation awaits prior to your Fijian warriors escort back to your bure for a romantic, candlelit dinner on your verandah while being serenaded by the Qamea band.

For further information, please contact the resort on reservations@qamea.com



COUPLES ROMANTIC SUMMER SPECIAL AT VATULELE

Fiji's Vatulele Island Resort has won accolades around the world since it opened in 1990. Noted for its attention to detail and extraordinary design 'Sante Fe goes troppo!' the unique boutique island is often hailed as one of the top ten 'barefoot chic' hideaways in the world.

Vatulele Island Resort has long been a favourite for weddings and honeymoon couples as it provides both an intimate bure experience as well as a romantic island lifestyle.

For many career-minded couples, organising a wedding takes such enormous effort that the idea of 'eloping' can be very attractive, especially when the wedding can take place on the romantic island of Vatulele

For further information, please contact the resort on reservations@vatulele.com or visit their website on www.vatulele.com



BLUE LAGOON'S CLUB WEDDING PACKAGE



Blue Lagoon Cruises is offering a range of wedding, honeymoon and reaffirmation of vows packages to choose from.

Get 30% off wedding bookings made between now and March 2010, for travel between now and March 2011 OR book 6 cabins for a wedding group and get a Club Wedding valued at FJD\$2159 absolutely Free!

For further information, please contact sales@blc.com.fj

ROMANTIC WEDDINGS AT MATANGI



Defined by the captivating island landscape and possessing a beautiful balance of elegance with nature. Matangi Private Island Resort is undoubtedly one of the finest romantic beach resorts in Fiji Specialising in intimate honeymoons, weddings, anniversaries and offering fine dining, spa services, superb snorkelling and premier scuba diving.

At Matangi Private Island Resort, you are treated to the real essence of Fiji. You will uncover the tranquillity of an intimate romantic hideaway on our exclusive privately owned 240-acre unique horseshoe-shaped Fiji island paradise; boasting virgin tropical rainforest, white sand beaches, and volcanic rock faces rising from crystal clear waters and fringing coral reefs where a great diversity of marine life abounds as mentioned in the book "1000 places to see before you die"

For further information, please contact the resort on reservations@matangiisland.com or visit their website on www.matangiisland.com

WEDDINGS AND HONEYMOON'S ARE A SPECIALTY IN PARADISE

It's now even better value to stay in Paradise...

Enjoy free honeymoon extras - valued at FJ470 when you stay at Paradise Taveuni for 7 nights or more. Extras include 1 hour couple honeymoon massage, romantic turndown nightly with Pure Fiji Gift each evening, sparkling wine and fruit platter on arrival and a romantic indulgence 4 course candlelit dinner on the location of your choice.

For further information, please contact the resort on info@ParadiseinFiji.com



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WANANAVU – THE PERFECT COMBINATION FOR WEDDINGS, HONEYMOON & ROMANCE

Wananavu has just completed a refurb of the Honeymoon Bures and other facilities.

A brand new Marina Side Café will open for Christmas giving wedding couples, their guests and honeymooners even more choice on venues and atmosphere within the resort.

At the end of November, Wananavu achieved a 4 Star rating by the internationally recognised AAA. The only 4 Star between Nadi & Suva via Lautoka.

5 Star Service, 4 Star Facilities, 3 Star Prices!

It is still the perfect combination for Weddings, Honeymoons & Romance.

For further information, please contact the General Manager, Mr Ben Plummer on wananavuben@connect.com.fj



AFFORDABLE WEDDINGS TAKE OVER TOBERUA



Toberua is an enchanting place that has been offering couples an exquisite haven away from the regular tourism track for over 40 years. Stepping onto the white sandy beach you will immediately find yourself embarking on a romantic Fijian experience.

If you are dreaming of a perfect place to begin your lives together, peaceful, quiet, romantic yet always plenty to do if you wish, Toberua Island Resort is a perfect choice for couples embarking on their new life together

For further information, please contact the resort on toberua@connect.com.fj or visit their website on www.toberua.com

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PURE FIJI LAUNCHES SIGNATURE CANDLES

Pure Fiji has just launched its new range of signature candles that are perfect for weddings. The candles are made with soy wax and are long lasting as well as being environmentally friendly.

For further information, please contact Pure Fiji on info@purefiji.com



SONAISALI ISLAND RESORT OFFERS FREE WEDDING PACKAGES

For couples wishing to get married between now and 15th June 2010, Sonaisali Island Resort has just released a package where they could get their wedding for FREE!

Guests who book 5 rooms or more, with a minimum 5 night stay, between now and 15th June 2010 will receive a wedding package FREE!

Guests who book 10 rooms or more, with a minimum 10 night stay, between now and 15th June 2010 will receive the Standard Deluxe Wedding Package FREE

Sonaisali Island's Managing Director, Mr Aaron McGrath says "This is a new and exciting initiative that we rolling out in all markets. There isn't a better place in the world to get married than at Sonaisali Island Resort, and this amazing offer as our way of making it possible for everyone to have the opportunity to do so"



For further information, please contact the Sales & Marketing Manager, Ms Karyn Blenkiron on sales@sonaisali.com

SENIKAI SPAS NOW ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Senikai Spas Fiji is now socialising and interacting live on Facebook and Twitter. With exclusive promotions, health and beauty advice, and industry and consumer updates, it's a great way to share and continue the Senikai spa experience.

For further information, please contact Weddings, Events, Sales & Marketing Manager, Ms Chantal Waddington on Chantal@senikaispas.com.fj

A.T.S PACIFIC TARGETS WEDDING MARKET

Although well established in the Conference and Incentive market, A.T.S Pacific had not actively pursued the wedding market until 2008 when demand for their services from clients required that they employ dedicated Wedding organizers.



To ensure the quality of services, A.T.S Pacific brought in staffs that were experienced florists as well as event coordinators. This simply means that they offer comprehensive in house services and can control the time a bouquet is delivered to the bride and the flowers are set out at the reception.

2009 has included diverse weddings that have taken couples to the highest mountains or undersea to exchange their vows as well as beautiful beach weddings at sunset.



The A.T.S Pacific wedding team work within the Conference and Incentive department have come from strong creative backgrounds and excel in the finer details of flower arranging and in house graphic design menus, invites, thank you cards and table place name cards.

For further information, please contact the DMC Manager, Ms Sally Cooper on sallyc@atspacific.com.fj

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START YOUR MARRIED LIFE IN 'HEAVEN'



Taunovo Bay Resort and Spa is a unique destination for your romantic wedding where you will experience luxury, privacy and beauty together.

For all weddings, large and small, Taunovo Bay Resort & Spa offers personalised service and will assist you in dreaming, creating and enjoying the most memorable day of your lives.



'Heaven', the newest edition to the Taunovo wedding venue portfolio, offers unsurpassed cliff edge ocean views. This is the ultimate location for a sunrise or sunset wedding, a place where sea and sky are an ever-changing palette which inspires the soul. Heaven is truly a special place to celebrate your union and dream your future together.

For further information, please contact the resort on reservations@taunovobay.com

ROMANCE AT THE PEARL SOUTH PACIFIC RESORT

Whether celebrating a honeymoon, anniversary or just some quality time together, The Pearl South Pacific Resort will ensure your holiday leaves you with special memories to last a lifetime. A boutique 4 star resort located on Fiji's longest sandy beach & overlooking beautiful Beqa Lagoon, couples will be spoilt for choice. Relax poolside with a cocktail, challenge each other to a round of golf on the 18-hole championship course or pamper yourselves with a massage at The Pearl Spa.

Book a romance package including a bottle of sparkling wine & black pearl necklace on arrival, a his & hers 30 minute back massage and a private 3 course candlelit dinner under the stars for two for FJ\$389 per couple.



For further information, please contact stay@thepearlsouthpacific.com

WARWICK STILL BIG ON WEDDINGS



The Warwick Fiji Resort & Spa continued to be a favorite for weddings in 2009. Averaging 4 weddings a week, the 4.5 Star Warwick Fiji Resort & Spa played host to weddings whose sizes ranged anywhere from 2 to 250 pax. Couples came from all corners of the globe, including Canada, the UK, Australia, New Zealand and even the Bermuda Islands.

Amongst the various exotic ways in which one could get married at the Warwick, the Resorts signature 'bilibili' bridal entrance however was the most favoured means of getting to the altar. Such a setting would see the bride being escorted across the calm lagoon on a topically decorated bamboo raft known as the 'bilibili'.

For more information on weddings at the Warwick, please contact weddings coordinator, Ms Una Letewale on weddingswkfj@warwickhotels.com

If you have any newsworthy items, which you would like to be communicated via this newsletter on a complimentary basis, please forward to Inise Mucunabitu on imucunabitu@tourismfiji.com.fj

For more information on weddings and honeymoon in Fiji, visit www.fijime.com/romanceme