Get More from your Diving - with Dr Richard Smith

FIJI MARINE LIFE ADVENTURE - 5-15th October 2013

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Fiji is the perfect location for both underwater photographers and budding naturalists. It is famed for stunning reefs adorned with dense soft corals and crystal clear waters. Join Richard to learn more about this unspoilt tropical paradise and get more from your diving on Fiji's Great Astrolabe Reef.

This trip is designed for photographers and non-photographers alike. The skills and information learned will help photographers to get the shots they want, but likewise, will allow non-photographers to better appreciate the different species and behaviours they observe on the reef.

Richard will conduct daily lectures on various aspect of marine biology, from explaining the fascinating behaviours of various fishes and other creatures to tips on finding critters of your very own. Fiji is also rich with terrestrial wildlife and Kadavu is an ideal place to explore and learn. Contact us today to get more from your diving!

Proposed Itinerary

DAY 1 - Meet in Nadi, Fiji for domestic flight to Kadavu and transfer to Matava Resort
Evening Festivities - Lovo Feast & Kava Ceremony
DAY 2 - *Dives*: 2 morning, 1 afternoon
Lecture - The Marine Life of Fiji
DAY 3 - *Dives*: 2 morning
Lecture - Muck & Night Diving: followed by shore dive at Critter Junction
DAY 4 - *Dives*: 2 morning, 1 afternoon
Lecture - Observing & Photographing Behaviour
DAY 5 - *Dives*: 2 morning, 1 afternoon
Lecture - Critter Hunting: How to Find Cryptic Creatures
DAY 6 - *Dives*: 2 morning
Afternoon Lecture & Excursion - Kadavu's Terrestrial Flora & Fauna
DAY 7 - *Dives*: 2 morning, 1 afternoon
Lecture - Mantas & Megafauna
DAY 8 - *Dives*: 2 morning
Afternoon Excursion - The Medicine Man Walk
DAY 9 - *Dives*: 2 morning, 1 afternoon
Lecture - The Private Life of Pygmy Seahorses
DAY 10 - Optional spa visit, sea kayaking or bird watching
Excursion - Village & School visit, Waterfall walk
Evening Festivities - Fun Photo Contest
DAY 11 - Domestic flight from Kadavu to Nadi

Dr Richard Smith is a British born marine biologist and underwater photographer. He has written dozens of articles, published internationally, with a focus on marine life and conservation. In 2011 Richard was awarded the first PhD on the biology of pygmy seahorses. With an undergraduate degree in Zoology and Master's in Marine Ecology he has a broad knowledge of both terrestrial and marine biology.

Matava Dive Resort situated on the Fijian island of Kadavu is remote, isolated and only accessible by boat. Matava is a small boutique eco resort where solar power heats water and powers lights, whilst maintaining an air of luxury. The resort even grows its own organic produce on site. Surrounded by dense forest, much of Fiji's indigenous terrestrial wildlife can be found within the resort's grounds. Abundant marine life can be seen right off shore and many great dives accessed by boat from the resort.

Tour Costs

Diver - USD $2399.00
Non-Diver - USD $1499.00
Single Supplement - USD $800.00
Payment Policy and Deposit
- $200 per person, non-refundable deposit holds a place, with the remaining fee payable in full 70 days prior to departure
Bookings
- for bookings and/or with any questions, please contact Richard or Terri:
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      or Terri@DeepBlueAdventures.com
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Tour Includes
• 10 nights at Matava Resort in a traditional Ocean View Bure
• 21 boat dive package, plus unlimited shore diving at Critter Junction
• All meals, airport transfers, welcome head and neck massage at Bamboo Spa
Tour Excludes
• Beverages
• Domestic flight from Nadi to Kadavu return

Mission Statement: We at Ocean Realm Images are extremely passionate about protecting the marine environment. The focus of our trips will be to observe and photograph marine life in an environmentally friendly way, without harming or stressing animals. We want everyone to enjoy their diving, but not to the detriment of the reef and its inhabitants.

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