

Corporate Fishing Charters

Fishing Monthly

Savusavu Friendly Tournament

Upcoming
Dates:

- 24th - 26th June, Sydney Fishing and 4WD Show
- 30th June - 4th July, Melbourne Boat Show
- 10th July, St Kilda 5 hour fishing trip
- 21st - 24th July, Adelaide Boat Show
- 19th - 26th August, Savusavu Friendly Tournament Fiji

Savusavu is in Fiji's northern group of islands and is an adventurers paradise! It has some amazing highlights including a working copra (coconut) plantation, tropical rainforests, waterfalls, white sandy beaches, traditional villages and Fiji's only Black Pearl Farm. The years have passed on this old trading port and it has remained the same with a few updates and now hosts travellers from all over the world.

This will be the third consecutive year in which Corporate Fishing Charters has run it's annual Friendly Tournament in Savusavu. This friendly and fun tournament is hosted by Tim and Lorna of Hot Springs Hotel and consists of a 3 day tournament, 5 night's accommodation at Hot Springs Hotel with all meals included, international and domestic Fijian airfares, ground transfers while in Fiji, departure taxes and the final night's traditional entertainment all for a cost of \$2995 per person.

This year will be the first year we have conducted a full partners itinerary as an option for wives and partners traveling with their fishermen! This itinerary can be self constructed including as much or as little as you like. We are offering eco tours of the island, pamper packages at the near by Koro Sun Resort or if you prefer we can organize scuba diving expeditions from Jean Michael Cousteau's Resort. The basic non fishing package is \$2250 per person and includes all accommodation & meals, airfares and transfers as the fishing package does.

In addition to the two types of packages we are also offering extended itineraries where instead of flying straight back to Australia, you transfer down to Fiji's Coral Coast and have a holiday to recover from your fishing holiday before returning home. The beauty of this is that we have set packages available but you can also talk to us in regards to putting together your own itinerary and activities.

Savusavu is a beautiful part of Fiji but there is so much more to see! If you are feeling game we can even organize a sky dive for you or a lovely relaxing 3 day cruise through the Mamanuca Islands - the choice is yours!



29.2kg Sailfish caught at last years tournament!

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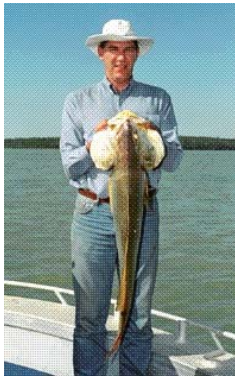
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Fishing Packages, Holidays... We can do the lot!

For many years Corporate Fishing Charters has booked only fishing charters and packages but we are beginning to broaden our horizons! We are affiliated with a fully certified travel agency in Melbourne who now books all our airfares, resort packages and holidays in general.

It all begun with the ladies tour of Flinders Island last November and has now snowballed into a raging success. It seems that the ability to book everything through the one company has made life much easier on our regular clients and we are now seeing more and more new clients popping up who are wanting general holidays with fishing as a minimal part or not included at all as well as our fishing clients.

This is all part of our added service to you, the client, to keep your holidays simple and let the organizing stress become ours so all you need to do is relax and enjoy! We are constantly researching new destinations and locations for you to experience and we are comfortable selling them to you because we have done the trips and we know our operators and we make sure that you are well and truly looked after while you are away. We still maintain that we will put you on the right boat at the right time in the right place to give you a trip you will never forget!



106cm Jewfish caught by Klausch during the tour at Munupi.

Munupi Revisited

It has been a while since I last visited Munupi Wilderness Lodge on Melville Island north of Darwin. Ownership has changed and Michael & David now run this Top End fishing lodge. After a 30 minute plane ride to Melville Island you are met at the airport and 5 minutes later you are at the lodge checking out your air conditioned room. We had three anglers with us and that meant we had a triple share room and boat but with the lodge not running on full capacity, we were able to spread out. As we arrived in the afternoon, we had a bit of practice casting on the lawn before sitting down to our evening meal which, like most nights included mud crab.

The fishing was done in a purpose built boat over 6 meters in length that had ample room for the three of us plus the guide. Day one we were given the choice of blue water or Barra fishing. The boys were keen on the Barra but the weather said blue water so off we went to the right and headed to some of the many reefs out in the blue water. This took just under an hour and soon we were landing Golden Snapper, GT's and Spanish Mackerel. With schools of fish following up those caught on bait we through in some plastic lures on our bait casters. The Barra Loomis Rod does well on GT & Spanish Mackerel and we had some fun on light gear! Our other 4 days of fishing we majored on estuary fishing for Barramundi and our first day saw fish jumping all over our lures before Jim caught and landed his first 73cm Barra. The smile was big and I don't think he has stopped talking about it since! Smithy landed his first Barra and although not as big as Jim's, his smile was close. The joy of anglers catching their first Barra certainly makes my job very memorable! Added to this, 3 days of great Barra fishing mixed in with some Jewfish chasing that resulted in Jewfish caught up to 1.06 meters and a number of sharks, the trip was every anglers dream holiday!

"This special would ideally suit any couples heading to Fiji with us in August for the Savusavu Friendly Tournament. You could extend your trip to include 3, 4 or 7 nights aboard the luxurious MV Reef Escape!"

35 Years in the business and 20% off!

Captain Cook Cruises is moving into the second half of its 35th year of business and as part of the celebrations, they are offering some great specials on all their cruises. The company has small ship adventures in Sydney, South Australia, the Great Barrier Reef and the Fijian Islands and caters to some fantastic day charters as well. As you would all know I recently returned from Fiji and experienced, first hand, the incredible operation they have going on and in addition to the spectacular service offered, you can access it cheap as well! What more could any holiday maker want! This 20% discount applies to all cruises in the Fijian Islands including the Northern Dateline Cruise which is a 7 night trip and this is a special for Australian Residents only.

These prices are only on sale until the 31st August and are valid for travel until the 31st March 2006 which would ideally suit any couples heading over to Fiji with us for the Savusavu Friendly Tournament in August of this year. What a perfect extension package to be able to head to Denarau Marina and relax on a 3, 4 or 7 night cruise through the Mamanuca and Yasawa Islands! The other bonus offered for our clients traveling on this great special is that children aged up to 18 years of age will be able to travel on a child's rate, which is only usually applicable to children aged 3-15yrs. These are some great specials and I would advise anyone really wanting to relax to take the opportunity!



Hurling through the Fijian sky at 200 kilometers an hour!

The International Thrill Seekers Club

Once upon a time the word adventure meant that you would climb up your next door neighbours tree or go on a mission through the scrub of the local nature reserve. But as we grow so does our courage until it is at a level when you are perfectly willing to risk your life for an adrenalin rush. Given, this is not something that suits everyone's idea of a good time but to the growing international backpacker clan and the younger generation of today it is perfectly acceptable. So being the dedicated researchers we are here at Corporate Fishing Charters, we thought we would give it a go!

Skydive Fiji is one of the growing providers of adventure sports and offer the sky diving experience of a lifetime to all that are game. Each Tandem Master has done over 3,000 sky dives and have the experience to make you feel as comfortable as possible while doing the potentially most dangerous thing in your life. Now to most people sky diving is an absolutely insane activity to undertake, but surprisingly once you have done it and think back on all of your fears before the jump, it is actually not as terrifying as you initially thought. Sure the whole idea of jumping out of a perfectly good aircraft is terrifying but at the same time, you have some of the best scenic views you could ever imagine and I can now say from experience that Skydive Fiji definitely enriches your whole experience of Fiji as a whole!

Pacific Harbour - Fiji

Pacific Harbour is in the southern part of Fiji's main island Vanua Levu and is a great stepping off point to some of Fiji's best Marlin and game fishing grounds. It is in Pacific Harbour that Fiji hosts it's International Game Fishing Tournament. Located close to the Coral Coast for those holiday makers wishing to fish on top quality game boats, Pacific Harbour is the place to head.

Our operator runs 2 amazing boats, 'Wai Tadra' - 40ft of pure luxury and 'Xtasea' - 34ft purpose built game boat. Both boats are fitted with quality Shimano equipment and all the gear is cared for as to Australian standards. Your crew are well trained and they strive to capture you Fiji's big game fish including Marlin, Sailfish, Tuna, Wahoo etc. The boats are also available for charter throughout Fiji on application as are live aboard charters. Both are licensed to carry 12 passengers and will fish 6 comfortably. Cost wise you are looking at \$1670 per day for 'Wai Tadra' or \$1400 per day for 'Xtasea' as sole charter rates and share charters are also available. If you are keen on some serious fishing these are the boats to be on! The option of a stay and fish package are available from the nearby Pearl South Pacific Resort which will ensure you receive a purely spoilt holiday.

The Pearl, has recently been refurbished and now boasts some of the best food in the South Pacific with your food and beverage manager being flown in from New Zealand and possessing some of the best training around. The whole resort is littered with daybeds for extreme relaxation and comfort, and has the most beautifully located bar/restaurant right on the water. It is a small and intimate place perfect for conferences and couples getaways with the best service around.



Looking over The Pearl South Pacific Resort at sunset

Our Split Day on the Bay!

In true CFCFC tradition, a few of our regular members and the admin from Corporate Fishing Charters just couldn't wait to see the end of the footy season to get out on our next club trip! During the Melbourne Boat Show our St Kilda operator was promoting a fantastic \$55 special for all trips which we took up very quickly! Gordon headed out to St Kilda in the early morning armed with his 3 children and a couple of others to test the waters and that they definitely did! The water was a bit choppy during the morning's trip and didn't allow Andre and Dave to get to the right marks resulting in very little fish (which is to be expected at this time of year in the Bay). Jay and her clan passed the mornings passengers staggering down the pier and a quick swap in stories before the second group was off for the afternoon. They definitely got the better end of the weather with the sun shining on them all afternoon! The marks were reachable and the Flatties were constant along with a couple of Pinkies and some Couta to spice up the day. The most memorable moment of the day (besides one guy bringing in over 15 flatties) was the daughter of one of our regular clients not only catching a flathead but one with a squid in its mouth! Not a bad double hook up...

These days on the bay are fantastic fun and many of us wouldn't miss them for the world! We wish our St Kilda guys good luck over the next 3 weeks when 'Bo Jangles' will be out of the water getting a refurb to include beer and rod holders all in one for you guys!

"Bo Jangles will be out of the water for the next 3 weeks getting a complete refurb to include beer/rod holders for something different... She will be a whole new boat!"

Reel Women Fishing Classic

This is definitely a great event not to be missed by any keen angler - if you are female of course! Yep guys this is an all women's fishing tournament that takes place in Corroboree Billabong every year and attracts thousands of fisherwomen from around Australia every year. This year Corporate Fishing Charters has decided to get involved and put together a team of female Barra anglers to go up north and represent us at one of the most renowned women's events in the country. We have put together a package for this event and received some great rates from our skipper too.

The cost of the package is \$1565 per person ex Darwin and includes 2 days fishing the tournament plus 1 days practice fishing before hand, 3 nights accommodation at Corroboree Billabong during the tournament, 2 night's accommodation in Darwin, tournament entry fees, skipper costs and food whilst at the tournament. We only have space for 4 anglers on this trip so if you are interested you need to register that interest with us pretty quickly.





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We will put you on the right boat in the right place at the right time to give you a trip you will never forget!

Corporate Fishing Charters commenced operation in August 1994 marketing one charter boat for the corporate market. Since then we are now marketing over 100 boats throughout Australia and the South Pacific for corporate groups, individuals and families alike.

We now organize fishing trips, whether it be 4 hours on the bay or a full week in Fiji to suit each clients individual needs and budget requirements. It is our aim to have satisfied anglers catch their dream fish or just to enjoy the pleasures of recreational fishing as well as provide an ideal tool for corporate promotions.

Corporate Fishing Charters offers to its clients fishing alone or, though the help of recognized travel agents, full packages and activities for both anglers and non-anglers to destinations including: Port Phillip Bay, Bass Strait, Westernport, Flinders Island, Bermagui, Cairns, Cape York, Northern Territory, Fiji, The Cook Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand.

By booking with Corporate Fishing Charters, you only need make one phone call and we will put you on the right boat at the right time in the right place to give you a trip you will never forget!

My Very First Barra!

Written by CFCFC Angler of the Year... Jim Cooper

I was out with Gordon Howlett from Corporate Fishing Charters, Klausch (A Kiwi but we wont hold that against him) and our Guide for the day was David. This was our second day out with the first being Blue Water Fishing and that is a different story.

We had been practicing flicking lures around in the back yard with David and on the way out to the Barra creeks he was telling us how to go about catching Barra as Klausch and myself had not fished like this before.

As we got into the little creek we had to cast into the snags. I came up short 2 or 3 times, Gordon had a fish go at his lure, Klausch was still off the mark and David said to me "Go deeper in," and for the first time my lure went where I wanted it to go, and next thing out come a fish and I'm on. I'm trying to remember all the things David said, keep your rod tip up and a tight line all the time, the fish came out of the water and it was a Barra. My heart was in my mouth my knees were knocking and off up the creek the fish went. My reel was screaming, keeping the tip up and the line tight to tire out the fish it came up to the boat, David said not yet as he was too green, 3 more runs with my heart still in my mouth thinking that I was about to drop it, the next time it came up to the boat, it was on it's side and David had the net under it and it was in the boat. My lure dropped out of the fish as it was netted.

I sat down in the boat to get my breathing back to normal. That was my first Barra!

David put it on the measurer and it came in at 73cm. He showed me how to lift and hold the fish, photos all round and David said it had to go back into the water as it was a breeder at that size.

For me I could have sat all day looking at that Barra. The experience of that first Barra for me I will never ever forget.

It was an experience of a lifetime!



A very happy man with his first Barramundi