

# Fishing Monthly

Corporate Fishing Charters

## Inaugural Fiji Party Tour Report

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Sailing through Fiji's magical Yasawa Islands, your own private sunset beach, beachfront bures at the latest flashpacker resort on the Coral



Coast and a great group of people... These are all the ingredients that made up our Inaugural Fiji Party Tour.

Fiji is - as ever, a wonderful place for a holiday; but when you have the chance to experience the Fiji that is off the bulldozed track - what an extraordinary place it can be!

The aim of this tour was (surprisingly) not only to drink ourselves silly in a tropical holiday destination but to show a group of party-goers what the 'real' Fiji is like.

Our Sailing Safari with Captain Cook Cruises was not only fantastic exploring time,

it also gave the group the opportunity to experience the outer islands and a traditional village... Dancing, singing and local handicrafts gave us all

memories that you just couldn't describe with any words. The SV Spirit of the Pacific was a great vessel with plenty of room, great food and it attracted a massive group of dolphins which entertained us with their antics for at least half an hour!

Later at Mango Bay Resort we stepped up the pace and participated in every activity there was... Sack races, pool and beach volleyball, egg throwing, the occasional cocktail and the most wonderful experience was in a \$F12 waterfall hike which was lead by a local



village man. After visiting Fiji a number of times, many people begin to think that it is merely a tropical destination full of resorts and they forget to look further. Our waterfall hike showed us the Fijian jungle at its best. We were lead down a track that only the locals use and along the way we learnt of the various traditional medicines that the Fijians use and saw things like wild pineapples, falling coconuts, creeks, bamboo, local boys hunting and with the reward of the most spectacular waterfall at the top of the mountain. This truly was the start of many ultimate

tropical experiences with Fiji Party Tours. Once you scratch the surface of this incredible culture there is no going back!

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### Upcoming Events:

- 6th - 10th July, Melbourne Boat Show
- 20th - 23rd July, Adelaide Boat Show
- 25th Aug - 1st Sept, Savusavu Friendly Tournament
- 10th - 18th October, Cook Islands Party Tour
- 26th - 29th October, Melbourne Fishing Show

## Flinders Island Annual Fishing Trip

The time is fast approaching for our annual Flinders Island trip. This year's dates are 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> November with room for 12 anglers and 6 non-anglers. Flinders Island is located within the Furneaux group of islands, which has a total of 52 pristine islands off the top of Tasmania. It's untouched surround-

ings and the breathtaking view leaves you wondering why you don't go more often! For the non-fishing parties, you will have the pleasure of a full day of 4WD island tour including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. In your free time, we suggest that you take a walk to the picturesque Lady Barron. The

main fish you will be targeting are Striped Trumper, Sharks, Snapper and Barracouta. Your package will include 1.5 days fishing, 2 nights accommodation, breakfasts and lunches, airport transfers and return airfares (ex Moorabbin). This trip is quite popular so contact us to reserve your place!

# The Cook Islands... A Magical Destination

The Cook Islands consists of approximately 15 islands scattered over some 2 million square km of the Pacific Ocean. Of these 15 there are 4 major islands that are tourist destinations... Rarotonga, Aitutaki, Mangaia and Atiu. Each island has its own attributes, but on a whole The Cook Islands is a pretty spectacular place to visit and to fish!



The limestone caves of Mangaia Island

And then for the fly-fishermen you can head out to Aitutaki for a real challenge on the Bonefish. These are amazing creatures that absolutely take off and put up an amazing fight for such a relatively small species. These are caught by fly-fishing from the flats of the

Aitutaki Lagoon and the scenery is not half bad either. You will be teamed up with a local guide who has been fishing these areas all his life and this is an experience all of its own! From Aitutaki you can then head back to Rarotonga to transfer out to the

southernmost island of the group - Mangaia. An island that is not heavily tourist populated and where you will see the real Cook Islands. Local guides will take you through incredible limestone caves and you will see the ancient coral (called Makatea) that has risen above the ground to create amazing cliffs around the island. You can also try your hand at some traditional fishing off the rocks (using bamboo poles) which is still done on the island as a food source. The Cook Islands are unparalleled by any other I have seen and an experience not to be missed! Packages available.



One of Aitutaki's famous Bonefish

From the main island of Rarotonga there are gamefishing charters available to chase species such as Marlin, Mahi Mahi, Sailfish, Tuna and Wahoo 6 days a week (Sunday is a holy day and fishing is considered work).

## Koro Sun Resort Fishing Packages Available



As seen on the recent I Fish episodes, Koro Sun is located in one of the most beautiful places on Vanua Levu in the Fiji Islands. Having just undergone a massive refurbishment this resort will provide you with a serene and beautiful environment and one of the best skippers in Fiji. Fishing/Accommodation pack-

ages are available as well as standard charter rates for this guide who - to date - is the only operator we know of that has hooked (and unfortunately dropped) a Marlin that was well over 1000lb.

You can chose either a 5 or 7 night package for Koro Sun Resort. The 5 night package includes 5 nights accomoda-



tion at Koro Sun Resort, 3 full days gamefishing, 3 gourmet meals per day, Nadi-Savusavu return airfares and use of all non-motorized watersports within the resort. There are also non-fishing packages available to pamper that special someone while you are out fishing! While fishing all gear is included which consists of Penn & Shimano tackle, bait and lures. The I Fish guys loved Koro Sun, why wouldn't you!

## Savusavu Friendly Tournament 2006

Have you ever seen the tropical wonders of Fiji? Ever wished you were doing a spot of gamefishing? Why not join the Savusavu Friendly Gamefishing Competition with a few of your mates because this is a trip of a lifetime that will leave you wanting more and more!



Savusavu is located on the North Island of Fiji called Vanua Levu which features Fiji's second and third largest islands as well as smaller amazing islands that will give you

an experience you will never have elsewhere!

With a chance to land the biggest fish out of all your mates and be able to gloat all the way home and to those who stayed home, you can be a legend in your own lunchbox!

As for the fish, this is what you could be catching Black, Blue and Striped Marlin, Sailfish, Mahi Mahi, Tuna, Wahoo and Trevally to name a few.

This package includes return airfares with Air Pacific (ex Melbourne) return air transfers, 3 days Gamefishing, 5

nights accommodation at the Savusavu Hot Springs Hotel, all meals whilst at Savusavu, 1 nights accommodation at the new Sofitel Resort and Spa in Port Denaru and departure taxes.

The date for the Savusavu Friendly Gamefishing Tournament is 25<sup>th</sup> August - 1<sup>st</sup> September and there is only 11 places left. These spots are selling fast so get a team together or book yourself a place and have a trip of a lifetime!



# Luxury in the Rowley Shoals

Introducing a new luxury operator based in Broome, WA... Matrix is a 24 meter vessel that offers a maximum of 12 passengers all the services and facilities they could need. There are a total of 6 cabins on board, each with a queen size bed and private ensuite facilities for comfort while cruising through one of Australia's most beautiful and untouched frontiers. While on charter the photographic opportunities are endless as you will encounter waterfalls, aboriginal art, hiking and of



course... Fishing!

Depending on season you will be targeting Tuna, Sailfish, Wahoo, Giant Trevally and Sharks to name just a few. The diving and snorkelling in this area is some of Australia's finest offering you a view of an underwater world that will take your breath away!

Each Matrix package includes return vessel transfers, all meals whilst on

board and fishing gear (although guests are advised to bring their own gear and lures).

There are a series of set dates from April to October 2007 which are either 6 or 12 nights in length and the prices offered are competitive for this area. There are very few licenses issued for the Rowley Shoals as it is a heavily protected area and this is the best way

to see an exclusive part of Australia that has been left in its original state for many years. 2007 dates are already starting to fill up so be quick!

# Melville Island Fishing, Northern Territory

Australia has many amazing islands surrounding its coast. Many of these have excellent fishing and Melville Island is one of those. Melville Island is located in the Tiwi Island group off the coast of the northern territory, only 100km away from Darwin. Here you can experience the local aboriginal culture, bush tucker and of course plenty of fishing! Melville Island gives you an awareness of what the world was like 100 years ago. What's also

amazing is its sense of seclusion. You can go on a tour of the area with a local tour guide and not see another person all day. It offers a unique experience and serenity from today's busy city life. The Wilderness Lodge contains 13 air-conditioned double rooms, a spacious and comfortable living area, a golf course, spa and bar. These are all located at the top of a cliff top so you can experience truly breath taking views. Your personal

fishing guide can cater for experienced and non experienced anglers in all facets of sports fishing, with fish such as Barramundi, Salmon, Golden Trevally, Golden Snapper and Black Jewfish... you can't go wrong!

Packages are available for 2 - 40 anglers on a twin or triple share basis including all meals. So if you would like to experience the magic of Melville Island, contact us and we'll set you up on the trip of a lifetime!

# Bendoroda River Black Bass, PNG

Once a year we reserve some of the best dates to head over to Papua New Guinea to chase the Barramundi angler's ultimate fish... the Black Bass. Our group has stayed exclusive with a limit of only 8 anglers on the trip.

The Bendoroda River is a remote river located approximately 1 hour north of Popondetta on the North East coast of PNG. There are healthy stocks of Black Bass in the palm fringed tropi-

cal rivers of this area just waiting for you... but beware, these fish are the meanest, toughest fish that any Barra angler is likely to encounter. Your host Dale McCarthy has lived and worked in PNG for over 20 years now and is an outstanding sports fisherman let alone a Black Bass specialist!

Your accommodation will be twin sharing at the Bendoroda Wilderness Lodge which is located right next to

the Bendoroda Village (patrons of which helped build the lodge). Your package will include return international airfares (ex Cairns), domestic transfers to the lodge, 9 nights accommodation including all meals, alcohol and bottled water while at Bendoroda Lodge, 6 days guided fishing, all gear and tackle on a replace if lost basis and international departure taxes.

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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!



## Jay's Monthly Update

Corporate Fishing Charters (with special attention on Gordon Howlett) are on the TV... Over the last 2 Saturdays I Fish has been screening Fiji special episodes on Channel 10 at 1:30pm and the next 2 Saturdays will also feature the Fiji episodes filmed last month so keep your eye out for it!

If you are a regular JV Marine shopper or are heading in store you won't be able to miss the Corporate Fishing Charters specialist fishing boards both in the Braeside and Laverton stores so head in and check out the 'special' JV Marine packages we have available.

And finally to the biggest event of the Corporate Fishing Charters year... The Melbourne Boat Show. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are planning a more interactive and entertaining stand this year including dancing, singing and kava... The boat show starts on Thursday 6th July and finishes on Monday 10th July 2006 so don't miss out on the event of the year and we would love you all to come by and introduce yourselves as this is one of our only chances to meet the clients we talk to all the time! If you have any need for free kids passes we have access to almost unlimited amounts which are a great giveaway for schools and social clubs!

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## Your Regular Fishing Updates Right throughout the season!

### LATEST NEWS!

One of our very own skippers, after competing in the Barra Classic Fishing Competition recently has become this years Champion Angler!  
This gives him a personal invitation to fish the Inshore Tournament in Florida next year!

Darwin - The dry has set in as of the first of May and the locals are loving what they know as the 'cooler' weather. Due to this cool change there has been very little Mackerel or Tuna around but they have been finding some good sized Jewfish and Golden Snapper as the main reef species at the moment.

Merimbula - There are some nice Yellowfin Tuna and Albacore Tuna out wide at the moment with the odd Mako Shark being caught and still the occasional Marlin hanging around! There is some sensational Snapper fishing happening on the inshore reef at present as well. It would be the perfect getaway to head up the east coast from Victoria for some nicer weather! Special packages are available.

### 5 Day Fishing Experience

Coral Coast, Fiji Islands

\$1985 per person

Based on 4 anglers

Package Includes: Return international airfares with Air Pacific, 4 nights quad share accommodation in a Safari Tent at Mango Bay Resort including continental breakfast, 3.5 days fishing, return airport transfers and departure taxes.

\*Conditions Apply