

Vatu-i-ra Conservation Park **\$262 FJD**

20 September, 2024 **Limited Bookings**

Cost Inclusive of

- Snorkel trip
- Conservation Fee
- Lunch
- Transport

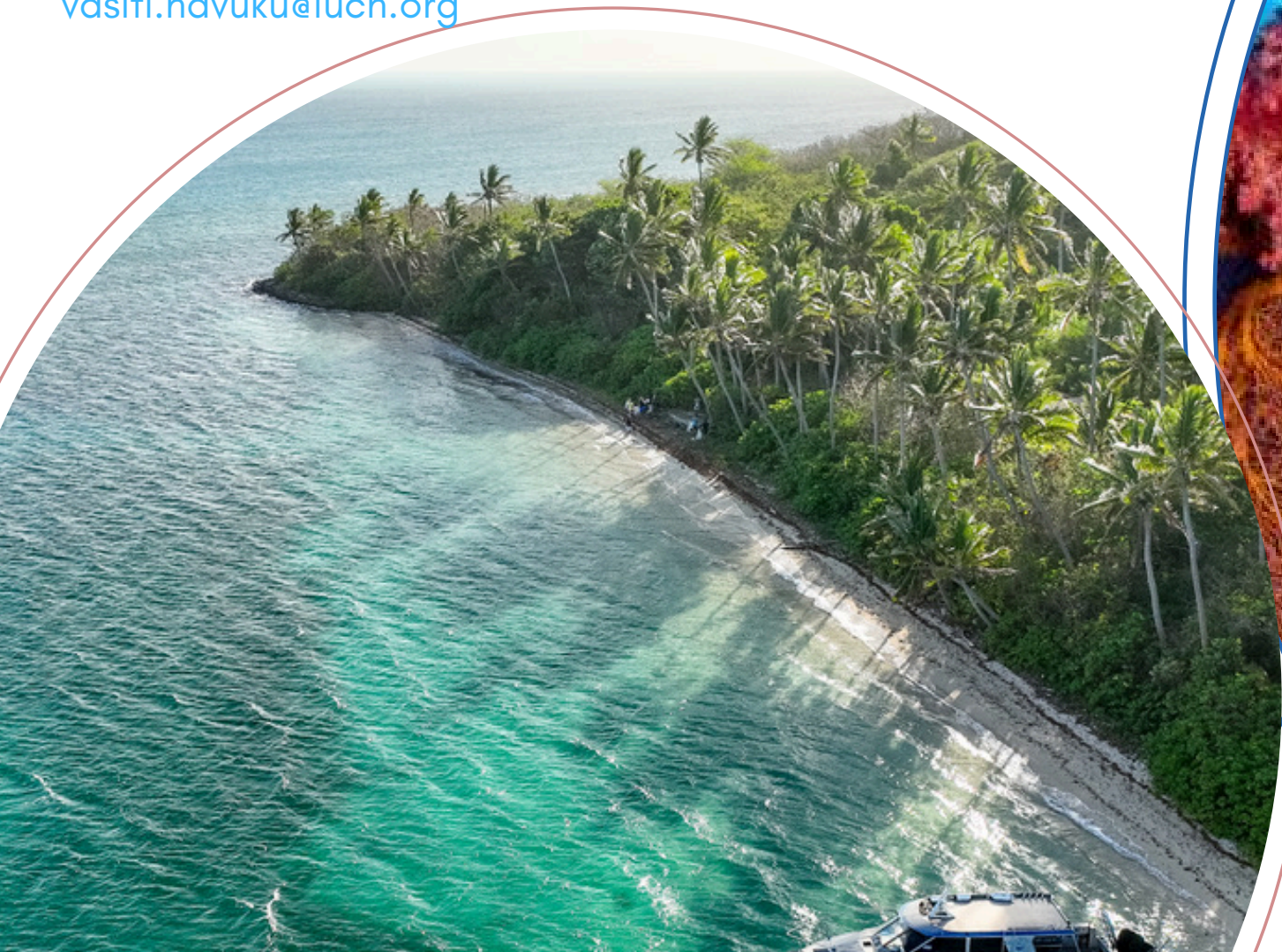
The Vatu-i-Ra Conservation Park encompasses Vatu-i-Ra Island and over 100 square kilometers of reefs, lagoons, terraces and pinnacles off the northern coast of Viti Levu. Vatu-i-Ra Island supports a multitude of breeding seabirds, earning it the nickname "Bird Island" and classification as an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area. The nine species of seabirds that call the island home include black noddies (*Anous tenuirostris*), red-footed and brown boobies (*Sula sula* and *Sula leucogaster*), lesser frigatebirds (*Fregata ariel*) and several species of tern. Dolphins, whales, sea turtles and over 100 species of fish populate the diverse marine ecosystems surrounding the island. The Conservation Park was established to protect the remarkable biodiversity of both its marine and terrestrial ecosystems, and to preserve its cultural history. The "spillover" effect from high fish populations within the park will also benefit the traditional fishing ground (qoliqoli) of Cokovata Nakorotubu. Nearly 80% of Vatu-i-Ra Conservation Park is a "no-take" zone, including all of Vatu-i-Ra Island. The remainder of the park is a "catch-and-release" zone open to sustainable, recreational fishing

Source : <https://www.vatu-i-ra.org/about-the-park/>

IUCN RCF Fieldtrip Package 1

IUCN Oceania Office through the BIOPAMA Project is currently (and in the past) funded part of the work on Vatu-i-ra Conservation Park . This field trip is exclusively a learning experience and may be limited to the full access of all the park features and facilities.

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Natalei Eco Lodge & Conservation Area **\$380 FJD**

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Activities Include :

- Dolphin Excursion at Moon Reef
- Trekking to Waterfall
- Sea and Mangrove Kayaking
- Mangrove planting
- Snorkelling
- Seagrass Planting

Transport and Lunch provided

At Natalei village sustainability and community intertwine as the heart of Fijian living, reflecting deep respect for the environment and one another. The Fijian way of life is rooted in communal values, where resources are shared to benefit all. Natalei is not solitary; it thrives through the support of the local community, who cultivate and fish to provide for the resort and its guests. This extends the opportunity to guests to participate in local community initiatives and cultural practices, fostering a deep connection with our land and its inhabitants. In doing so, this contributes to the preservation of our rich heritage, while also channelling resources into education and communal sports, promoting the well-being of our community and our environment.

Moon Reef is an offshore coral pinnacle in Tailevu Province, 6 km offshore of the eastern coast of Viti Levu. A small, enclosed bay inside the reef provides a resting and breeding area for *Stenella longirostris* (spinner dolphins), which reside in this area year-round. Research on the dolphins using the bay has shown that the area is an important day time resting place for the species. Therefore the area has been protected from fishing since 2010 under a traditional tabu agreement with Dawasamu village, supported by the LMMA network. The reef is of traditional importance to the local communities, and its protection is well supported. No provisioning or other inducement to attract marine life to the area is used. A percentage of the income generated by the Dolphin Watch programme is used to support community projects chosen and administered by Takalana Bay Retreat. School projects are funded with ten percent of income, and community projects by five percent.

IUCN RCF Fieldtrip Package 2

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Visit to the tall ship Oosterschelde 20 September, 2024 **Limited Bookings**

FREE

9 am to 12 pm

The ship will be berthed at
the Suva wharf

Free entry for IUCN ORCF
participants

Following in the oceanic routes and footsteps of Charles Darwin, onboard a tall ship, the world's most exciting classroom will sail the world's oceans, conducting research projects as well as visiting the same 50 ports that Charles Darwin made landfall onboard HMS Beagle to measure the impact of change and put forward solutions to conserve the planet. Under Darwin200 goals they aim to train some of the world's top conservationists.

The Darwin200 led three-masted top sail schooner "OOSTERSCHELDE" is the last remaining representative of the large fleet of schooners that sailed under the Dutch flag at the beginning of the 20th century. As the largest restored Dutch sailing ship the OOSTERSCHELDE is a monument for Dutch shipbuilding and maritime navigation under sail.

IUCN RCF Fieldtrip Package 3

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