

MV REEF ENDEAVOUR

11Night Lau & Kadavu Discovery Cruise Dive Sites information

TUESDAY –Tivua Island, Raiyawa Wreck: (Advanced)

A 30m long deep wreck off Tivua Island. As you slowly descend the mooring line, the colour of the water turns greenish, then ghostly, and the hull suddenly appears, waiting for you to explore hidden delights. The groups of snapper, schooling bannerfish, spadefish, the fusiliers, all make for the adrenaline rush. Hunt for nudibranches. Max depth: 30m

WEDNESDAY – Makogai Island, Makogai Outer Reef: (Open Water/Advanced +)

15 minute from the ship and well worth the ride. Drop in at the edge of the outer reef and smiling becomes automatic as you see the irregularly shaped slope displays its colourful wonders. A magical ride in +20m visibility, easy current with eels, pufferfish, trumpetfish, snapper, groupers, the occasional shark, tuna and waloo. Max Depths: 18m, 30m

Sister Maria Slope: (Introductory +)

Situated at the base of a cliff edge ,keep the reef on your left as the slow current takes you away from the island and up to the reef point. Meet up with bannerfish, moorish idols, schools of fusilier and parrotfish. The current runs a little stronger around the point, but it's ideal to hover and stare at the aquarium-like life drift by. Perfect for a refresher or your first dive. Max Depth: 12-18m.

THURSDAY - Qeleni Coral Garden (Introductory +)

A large submerged reef just North of the Reef Endeavour. Ample reef fish life with clams, schooling humbugs, fusiliers, parrotfish and snapper. Plate, brain and branching coral arrangements becoming garden-like; new soft coral springing up at every turn. Max Depth 12m, 18m, 30m.

FRIDAY - Wailagilala Island Outer Reef (Open water/Advanced +)

This wall dive is a mix of straight-down drops and sloping reefs with gullies and crags bending around each finger. Healthy Recovering hard coral & a sprinkling variety of reef fish and sand and burrow dwellers such as angelfish, squirrelfish, groupers & dartfish and lizardfish and groupers. No-kicking and good visibility! Max depth: 18-30m.

SATURDAY –Qilaqila, Vanuabalavu Island: (Bay of Islands) Outer Reef: (Open Water+)

High tide is ideal to cross over the shallow reef to drop into a blue slope. As we round each finger, you'll notice angled edges instead of contouring round tips. It make for a uniquely scenic dive as light currents tempt soft coral growth. We'll notice colourful hard coral on the mend where plenty of blennies, gobies, angelfish, triggerfish and snapper live. Turtles, shark and schools of snapper can be found.

(Max depth: 12m, 18m, 30m)

Passage: Stay on the North reef and drop just on the outside and take a ride on the slow push of the current. Coral heads of all sizes and shapes to go around and above... schooling fish at the next turn, bits of soft coral in another colour popping up. A grouper is eyeing you from below, while damselfish and Moorish idol swim right in front. 45 minutes of wonders waiting to be discovered. (Max depth: 12m, 18m, 30m)

SUNDAY - Oneata Island: (Introductory +)

A beautiful and very shallow area dive & snorkel inside the Oneata Lagoon around a mini-mountain-like bommie. It's surrounded by staghorn coral, white sand, and lots of little bommies to explore. We like to say there are 'fish everywhere' and this is what tropical diving should be. There is a resident white tip shark who normally comes around to say Bula! Max Depth: 12m - 18m.

MONDAY - Yagasa Island: Gorgonian Point - (Reef Chain) (Open Water/Advanced +)

The reef consists of a gradual slope with a few bommies off the slope, teeming with branching, encrusting and brain hard coral. Lazily coast over & around the reef in great visibility with the fusiliers, butterflyfish, surgeonfish, squirrelfish and wrasse. Beautiful large fan corals can be found at the end of this dive. Another 'Fiji Time' dive. Max depth: 18-30m.

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TUESDAY - Vuaqava Island: 1st Reef: (Open Water +)

A small outer reef lies just beyond the bay, a slope full of colourful hard coral and reef fish abound. The visibility is very good and you can be sure larger fish & creatures will be swimming by in the open blue and a light current may be boosting you along. This dive, again, easy on the eyes and easy to explore. Our favourite kind of dive. Max depth: 18-30m.

WEDNESDAY - Kabara Island Pillars (Introductory +)

Pillars of bommies in every shape and size jutting up from a white sandy bottom. Dive in between, around, about, next to and up-close & personal to these 'large-scale' picturesque coral citadels full of bright hard & soft coral and an increasing fish population such as angelfish, trumpetfish, clownfish and soldierfish. Look closer and you might spot the grouper or lizardfish trying hard to hide from you. Sunlight beams onto the top of the bommie during your safety stop. Max Depth: 12-18-30m.

THURSDAY - Totoya Island Lagoon Passage: (Open Water +)

Drop down to the base of this passage & explore its vibrant eco-system. Slowly, slowly winding through large bommies and walls to discover its secrets. Search for hiding octopus, juvenile fish, nudibranchs, giant clams, pufferfish and the resident white-tip sharks. An adventure in the middle of the Pacific. Max Depth: 12-18-30m.

FRIDAY - Kadavu Island Nalotu Village Reef Edge: (Introductory +)

Tropical waters, colourful soft and hard corals, this dive is a partial wall, slope and reef edge dive. Good visibility, a little current carrying you along to find crayfish in the crevasses, hermit crabs, a moray eel or two; a little bit of everything. The perfect end to your wonderful Lau Cruise diving experience. Max Depth: 12-18-30m.

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