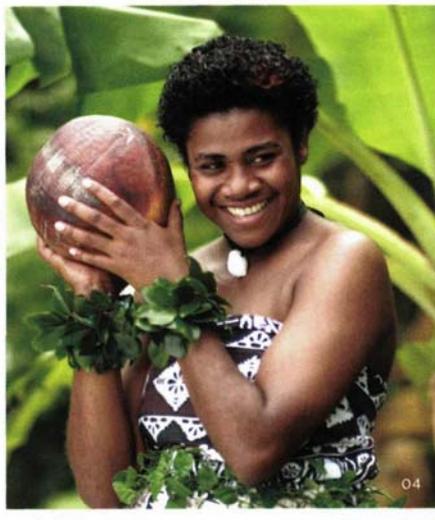
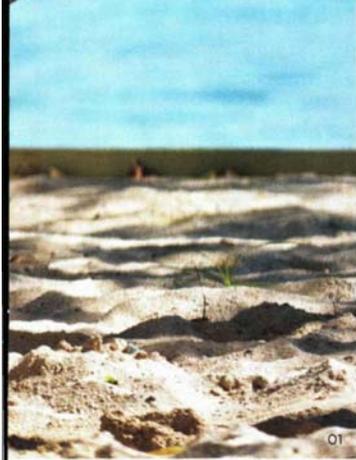
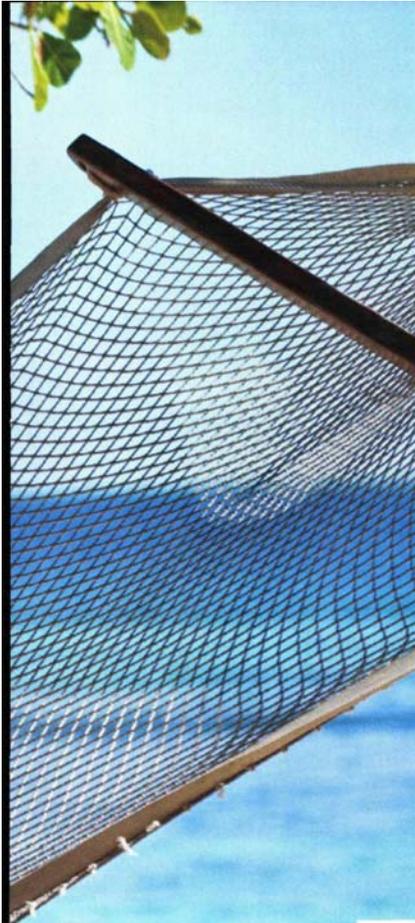




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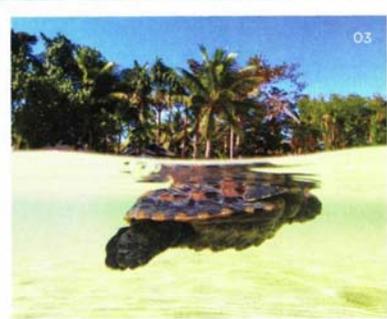
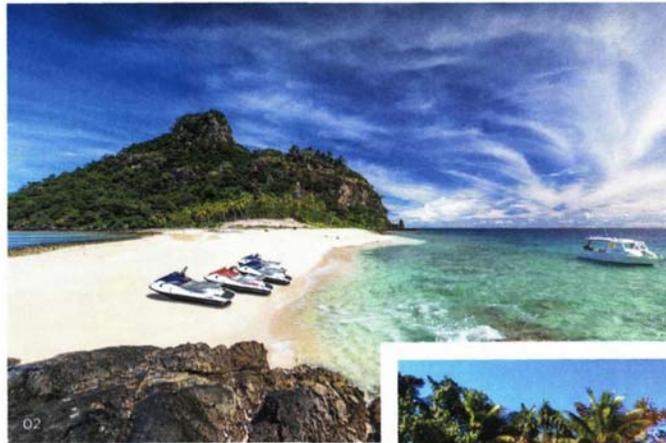


ANDREA OBANDO

finds what makes these Fijian resorts the best of the best.

Say "Bula!" to the best of Fiji and be enchanted by the tropical magic and friendly smiles of this South Pacific gem on your next family getaway. This archipelago, made up of 333 islands, golden beaches and wonderful food, promises the perfect mix of fun and relaxation for all ages.

There are so many great family-friendly resorts on this little slice of paradise that it can be almost impossible to choose where to stay. From deserted beaches to fantastic kids' clubs, epic resort pools to awesome on-site activities, we've found the very best that Fiji has to offer in our list of the top eight family resorts, with four stars and under.



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PLANTATION ISLAND RESORT

www.plantationisland.com

Adventure, relaxation, culture, fine dining and accommodations boasting jaw-dropping ocean views are what Fijian holidays are all about... and Plantation Island Resort has all this and more.

ACCOMMODATION

The resort offers beachfront, garden, poolside and studio bures and guest rooms.

KIDS' CLUB

With the Coconut Kids' Club, personalised child-minding and the Children's Crèche and Indoor Activities Centre, the sky's the limit when it comes to entertaining younger guests. From crab racing and pineapple cracking to face painting and dolphin safaris, the kids will have a blast while meeting new buddies.

POOL

The resort features four different water play options: the ocean pool, the oasis pool, the kids' pool and its brand-new water park – a holiday heaven featuring six action-packed modules including a tower and trampoline.



CASTAWAY ISLAND

castawayfiji.com

Although this pristine private island is surrounded by white beaches, turquoise waters and vibrant coral reefs, it's the warmth of the friendly staff that truly makes a stay at Castaway Island so memorable.

ACCOMMODATION

Visitors can choose from 65 spacious bures nestled on the beachfront or among the lush resort gardens.

KIDS' CLUB

Suitable for children three years and over, the little ones have a blast braiding hair, snorkelling or chasing crabs under the sun at Castaway's kids' club. The added bonus? It's free for all guests staying at the resort.

POOL

There are two main pools available at Castaway Island. The 25-metre-long Malua was designed for parents and adults who are seeking some quiet time and features a Jacuzzi and swim-up bar. The 20-metre-long Nuku-Marau freshwater family pool, is perfect for kiddie splash time.





 **Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort**
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An Enriching Experience For All Ages

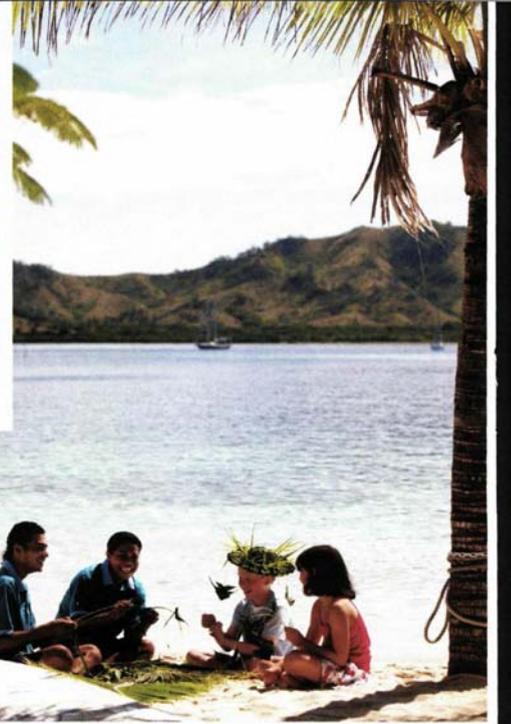
At the award winning inclusive five star Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort – Fiji you will rekindle romance, savour creative gourmet cuisine, relax, rejuvenate with a massage and enjoy snorkelling and fishing while your treasures are nurtured by fantastic Fijian nannies. The only resort in Fiji to employ a marine biologist, it has created a wonderful program for children (Bula Club 9am-9pm) which focuses on fun, culture and the environment. It creates time for families to bond and allows parents some wonderful "couples time out". Two children under 13 are free with 2 adults.

For enquiries on family packages inclusive of 2 free nights + bonuses

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MANA ISLAND RESORT & SPA

manafiji.com

If mum and dad are seeking a chance to get far away from everyday stress, then your family is in the right place. Relaxation is the name of the game at Mana Island Resort; the expansive grounds' range of activities will keep the kids smiling while parents take a moment for themselves to unwind.

ACCOMMODATION

The resort offers six distinct room categories, both bures and rooms.

KIDS' CLUB

As mum and dad find their Zen, the kids will be entertained by the friendly crew at Tu Vonu Kids' Club. If you're lucky, your visit will coincide with the monthly Environment Day when sessions focus on teaching children about Fiji's unique ecosystems, with activities including planting trees and coral.

POOL

The resort provides two large freshwater swimming pools located on the north side of the island; the infinity pool is for adults only and includes a therapeutic spa.

MALOLO ISLAND RESORT

maloloisland.com

With just the sounds of coconut trees swaying in the wind and waves lapping the shore at your feet, what better place is there to relax than at Malolo Island Resort? Here, ocean and jungle meet to bring guests an interesting blend of adventure and R&R.

ACCOMMODATION

The resort offers 46 bures in four different categories, including family and beachfront.

KIDS' CLUB

Let the children discover Fijian traditions with the Yanu Yanu programme, offered by Tia's Treehouse. During the programme, kids aged four to 12 can live like a Malolo islander for a day – or even a week – wearing local costumes, participating in traditional ceremonies and taking language lessons.

POOL

Either sit back and relax around the family pool or, when the kids are busy at Tia's Treehouse, mum and dad can indulge in the al fresco pool deck lounge or lap up the rays in their own cabana at the adults-only pool.

TREASURE ISLAND RESORT

www.treasureisland-fiji.com

On a beautiful coral atoll just 30 minutes from Fiji's mainland, Treasure Island Resort truly is the epitome of island life. Surrounded by a marine reserve and a pioneer in ecological awareness, it is the perfect place for little flower children to connect with nature.

ACCOMMODATION

The resort offers 68 bures enjoying beach or garden views, the premium option located just metres from the sand.

KIDS' CLUB

The Little Treasure Kids' Club welcomes kids aged five to 11. Fun activities like snorkelling and face painting are provided, but the real highlight is the ecological awareness programme available to all ages, where little ones can feed rare iguanas, participate in the reintroduction of marine species to their habitat and plant new corals in the reef.

POOL

The three pools enjoy panoramic ocean views, the largest with a picture-perfect infinity edge stretching to the horizon.



The Naviti Resort

Coral Coast, Fiji

The Naviti Resort, situated on Fiji's famous Coral Coast, is cocooned on 38 acres of lush vibrant gardens alongside tropical beaches and coconut palms. Just 90 minutes away from Nadi's International Airport, this resort currently boasts a total of 220 rooms including deluxe suites and villas with private balcony or patio overlooking the mountains, garden or ocean.

Being the family resort that it is well known for its Vonu Kids' Club, giving parents the chance to relax and rejuvenate while their children are entertained by our team of professional activities staff. In a word, The Naviti is freedom – freedom that comes with lush tropical gardens with far-reaching waterways and secluded nooks to ensure the tranquillity of the environment.

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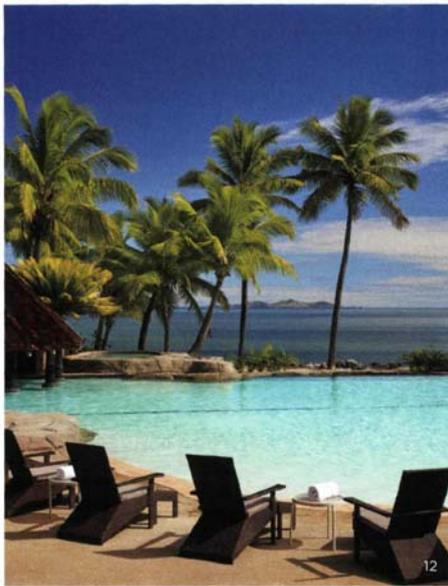
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- 🌟 Ages 5-12 yrs
- 🕒 F\$15 for first hr, F\$7 per hr thereafter. 1 day notice req.
- 🛏 1 pool
- 🏌 4 courts, free resort golf course
- 🚗 90 mins via coach or private car from Nadi
- 🛒 Yes (highchairs and cots)
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- 📺 4
- 📺 LCD TV in all rooms

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THE NAVITI RESORT

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Located on the famous Coral Coast, The Naviti Resort is a beachside haven cocooned between golden beaches and tropical gardens – and host to a treasure trove of family fun. If fun and adventure are a must, then you have found the right place; this resort offers archery lessons, tennis, pool volleyball, coconut husking and more.

ACCOMMODATION

The resort offers 220 comfortable hotel rooms, suites and villas, with the deluxe options enjoying ocean views.

KIDS' CLUB

The Ratu & Adi Vonu Kids' Club offers fun to kids aged five to 12 with scheduled activity plans that might start with the feeding of Lulu the donkey, followed by a tour of the village, cooking demonstrations, underwater treasure hunts and traditional Fijian dance lessons.

POOL

While the little ones practise their dance moves, mum and dad can relax at the resort's all-ages pool area.

THE FIJI HIDEAWAY RESORT AND SPA

www.hideawayfiji.com

From village tours and cooking classes to traditional kava ceremonies and snorkelling in the underwater world of the Coral Coast, the Fiji Hideaway Resort and Spa is a fantastic option to get your little explorers out and about.

ACCOMMODATION

The resort offers an array of accommodation options, from Frangipani Bures to Beachfront Villas and Two-Bedroom Bures.

KIDS' CLUB

The Hermit Crab Kids' Club is suitable for children aged four to 12 and guarantees nothing but ear-to-ear smiles. From treasure hunts to sand castle building, bush walks to coconut weaving, snorkelling lessons to glass-bottom boat tours, hermit crab catching to beach picnics, they will no doubt be begging to go back for more the next day.

POOL

The resort has one large beachside pool, complete with a swirling water slide... for racing one another of course.

DOUBLETREE RESORT BY HILTON HOTEL FIJI

doubletree.com

Located on the gorgeous island of Sonaisali, only a three-minute boat ride from the main island of Viti Levu, the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Fiji offers a stunning South Pacific backdrop and a warm Fijian welcome. The best part? Due to its location, guests will feel worlds away from the holiday hotspots of Fiji... in the best possible way.

ACCOMMODATION

The resort offers 120 rooms, with options including guest rooms and oceanview bures.

KIDS' CLUB

The kids' club is available for children aged three to 12 and daily activities include scuba diving, sailing and paintball matches. In addition, there is a childcare centre, kids' menus in the hotels restaurants, high chairs, cots, babysitting services and a playground.

POOL

If doing nothing is what you want, say no more! The outdoor freeform pool has bar service and a view of the ocean to die for. ●