



Travel Stories by Amaru & Suzanne



Tokoriki Island... Fiji in style!

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We've saved the very best to last... Our stay at the Tokoriki Island Resort was the highlight of our trip!

Our time in Fiji was coming to an end which was a bit sad... luckily we had decided to have a real luxurious end to our trip and we found our next island thanks to recommendations from some of our friends that have been there previously and loved it.

And yes, it was really really good! We loved every moment we spent there... The staff here, were if possible, even friendlier than previously (and that's a tough call), they had an infinity pool that was just like a dream and don't get us started on the food... Five star meals every single day!!

Oh yes... and we also had a great outdoor shower which we ended up using every single time... (it was just so much nicer than the indoor one).



Our ride to our final destination
Tokoriki Island



Suz is having her
"King of the world" moment

One of the few things that we wanted to do on this island (besides lying by the pool) was to visit Monuriki island where the movie *Cast Away* was filmed.

Unfortunately it turns out that they only do two tours per week to the island... One was on the morning when we arrived (which we missed) and the next one would be the day after we left... We talked to them and they advised that if we could get 4 people together we could still do this trip. So we got talking to another couple who had arrived on the island at the same time as us (Andrew and Leanne) and they were also keen on coming along.

So, with our island trip booked we also decided to do an island church visit on the Sunday we were there...

The church visit didn't happen though as for some reason there wasn't any service on that very Sunday... shame but no big deal.

The next morning before going to Monoriki island I decided to go for another dive to see if this would be any better.... and was it ever!!

I did a dive at a dive site called "Sherwood Forest", named so for all the fan coral that can be found everywhere. This was a great spot to dive, there were so many different types of corals, soft and hard, I also discovered a lot of different fishes, eels, shrimps, nudibranches etc. etc.

The fact that there were only 2 of us and the divemaster made the dive even better... the smaller the group the better!



Later that afternoon the 4 of us headed over to Monoriki island where we were given a full tour of the island by someone who claimed to have been there during filming. We were not sure if that was true or not but no matter what, we got to see the different spots of the island.

The weather that afternoon was overcast but the views of the water and island were still great... Before we left the island we were also given the opportunity to snorkel around the island. And even though the snorkling was a bit disapointing after that mornings dive we still enjoyed it!

On our last evening in Tokoriki we had a great dinner down by the water on our own private table... and even though we were so far away the serenading boys still found us and played some songs for us...

What made this place so great were not big massive things but rather small great ones... One of them were the serenading, every night the boys came over to your table and sang to you. Another things were all the people here, they came up and talked and joked with you about this and that. And the food... it was just perfect!

The beach might not have been as perfect as the one we found on Viwa island... but besides from that everything was great and we can only thank everyone that recommended this place to us!

This was our first visit to Fiji... but not the last, we will definately be back!!





Our final Bure
on this trip!



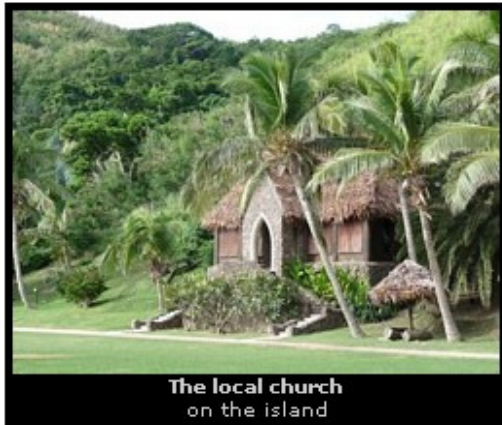
And we've saved the best to last
This was our best room during this trip



Seeing the other islands
surrounding us...



Cute decorations
all over the place



The local church
on the island



We had an outdoor shower
it was great!



Suz with the resorts bathrobe
Feeling very cozy



Our local house guest
There were a few of this around this area



Great views of the other islands
Soft cushions as well...



We did spend a lot
of time in this pool



Relaxing
in the pool



Great reflections
in the pool



Relaxing
in the pool



The torch lighting
ceremony!



Suz and I
Happy Hour again...



The chefs during
our Mongolian BBQ night



The Singing continues
There is singing everywhere...



Time for some more diving
All is OK!



Beautiful soft corals
surround me



A Moray Eel shares
a hole with a cleaning shrimp



I now know why the site is called
Sherwood Forrest!



Some more clown fishes
I like these guys!



The colour of the coral
really appears when flash is used



That's an enormous
cray fish!



Cast Away!
This is where the movie was filmed



It was quite nice to be
all by ourselves on a deserted island



Sammy is showing us
how to peel the coconuts



...and also
how to crack them!



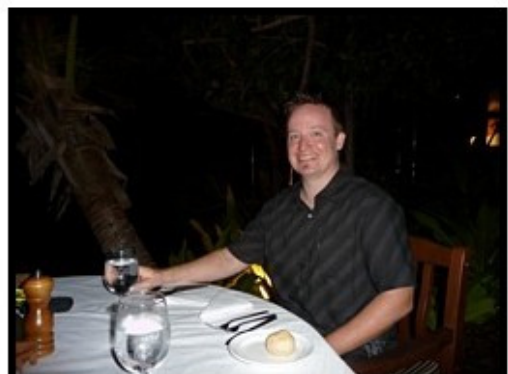
We had an overcast day
but it was still a good day!



Suz, Leanne and Andrew
on their way in for a dip



The water is great
...the snorkeling was alright as well!



Dressing up
for our final dinner ;)



We found a friend
close to our table



It's Kava time again
Preparing the Kava



Locals and guests
We were all part of the ceremony



Goodbye Fiji!
Until we meet again...

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