



Join us in  
**Fiji**

**December 4-12, 2023**

Experience the natural splendor and famous hospitality of the South Pacific with Seacology and the California Academy of Sciences.



# Welcome to Fiji!



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The spectacular Fijian Islands are known for picturesque coastlines, verdant rainforests, and welcoming people—it's a place where everyone should set foot at least once! This December, Seacology and the California Academy of Sciences invite you to join us for an exclusive expedition to the island of Vanua Levu.

For more than two decades, Seacology has worked with dozens of Fijian communities to protect vulnerable ecosystems, improve people's quality of life, and build resilience against increasingly severe tropical storms. In this travel partnership with the California Academy of Sciences, you can see up-close how both organizations are making a difference in this beautiful country. We will visit the people of Nukubalavu Village, longtime partners in Seacology's conservation work, for a festive traditional celebration with the community. Nightly presentations from Seacology and the Academy will provide a deeper understanding and appreciation for Fiji's unique environment and the inspiring work being done to save it.

Please join us!

# Our accommodations



Photos courtesy of Koro Sun Resort

Follow the Hibiscus Highway east from Savusavu to find the **Koro Sun Resort**, situated on a private lagoon on Vanua Levu's stunning southern coast.

Your reservation includes meals at the resort's three restaurants, masterfully prepared using locally sourced ingredients. The Koro Sun offers a number of amenities including a spa, golf course, tennis and volleyball courts, and more (an additional fee is required for some activities). The family-friendly resort features a kids club, which includes a nanny service for children three years and younger and supervised recreational activities for youth up to age 12. Multiple types of lodging are available:



## Garden bure

Surrounded by lush gardens, these tranquil *bures* are available with one or two bedrooms. Each unit offers air conditioning, a luxurious stone shower and private courtyard.



## Waterfront and floating bures

Dip your toes in the warm South Pacific from the comfort of your private deck or porch. These spacious units offer expansive views of and instant access to the lagoon.

# Explore land and sea



The in-house dive operator serves divers and snorkelers of all skill levels, and offers expert instruction for those new to diving. The resort is conveniently located near some of Vanua Levu's best dive sites, including the Namena Marine Reserve and Somosomo Straits. You'll be mesmerized by the brilliant colors of soft corals and schools of tropical fish. Lucky divers can spot four species of endangered sea turtles and may even catch a glimpse of a whale or dolphin, which are known to frequent the area. Paddleboards and kayaks are also available to rent.

The Koro Sun offers abundant options to explore the land as well. Complimentary activities include group hikes through rainforest trails to roaring waterfalls and cycling along the coast. Guided excursions to the town of Savusavu and other nearby attractions are available for an additional fee.



# Seacology project visit



Our work in picturesque **Nukubalavu** goes back to 2007, when we funded construction of the village's kindergarten and preschool in exchange for the establishment of a 25,600-acre marine reserve. Nine years later, the school and many other buildings in the village were heavily damaged by Cyclone Winston, the strongest storm ever recorded in the southern hemisphere. Upholding our commitment to the community and its conservation efforts, Seacology funded the repair and expansion of the school in 2017. It reopened after serving as a temporary shelter for a family rendered homeless by the storm.

Our partnership continues to this day. Last year, we funded new classroom furniture and other supplies, helping improve the educational experience for local kids.



Community members repaired the school with Seacology funding following Cyclone Winston.



Guests will have the opportunity to join in a kava ceremony with the village's leaders and other festivities.

# Itinerary and locations

- December 4** ..... Transfer from airport to the Koro Sun
- December 4-11** ..... Stay at the Koro Sun Resort, visit to Nukubalavu village, daily presentations by Seacology and California Academy of Sciences staff
- December 12** ..... Depart Koro Sun, transfer back to airport



# Book your spot

**\$2,310-\$6,361**  
per guest

Final cost depends on room type and single vs. double occupancy booking.

This price includes eight nights of lodging, all meals with one drink at dinner per day, round-trip airport transfers, and Seacology project visit.

The reservation does not include airfare, scuba diving expenses, tips, additional alcoholic beverages and non-complimentary resort activities.

Seacology recommends that guests obtain travel insurance.

A non-refundable deposit of \$750 per room is needed to hold your place. The balance of your fees is due by September 18, 2023.

Rates are based on the current Fiji Dollar/US Dollar conversion at the time of booking and subject to change until final payment is made.

For more information and to reserve your spot, please contact Mike Hoppe at Reef & Rainforest, Dive & Adventure Travel:

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Seacology protects ecosystems and helps communities on islands around the world by providing funds to villages for a needed civic project — such as a new school or health clinic — in exchange for the conservation of a nearby forest or coral reef.

Since 1991, Seacology has launched nearly 400 projects on islands in 68 countries, protecting 1.4 million acres of marine and forest habitat.

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