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SCUBA DIVING IN PARADISE

If you are a scuba diver then you are looking for the best scuba diving experience. There are so many to choose from all around the world, and **Paradise Taveuni** is a destination that is a must to add to your To-Do List!

Known as the **Soft Coral Capital of the World**, Taveuni is home to the 32 km long legendary **Rainbow Reef**. One of the **Top 10 Dive Sites in the World**, the **Great White Wall** is situated on Rainbow Reef and Paradise Taveuni is at the heart of all this.

The Somosomo Strait (Fijian for 'good water') has strong tidal currents, which provide a constant flow of nutrients, idyllic for soft coral growth and diverse fish life.

The Paradise Dive Centre is on site and resort owner/operator, Allan Gortan is a PADI Dive Instructor. He and his Team of PADI Dive Masters, Dive Guides and crew take Guests diving on the custom built dive boat – Taveuni Explorer taking 26 divers and crew.

Allan and the Team offer divers a personalised and Tailor-Made diving experience and Guests enjoy the flexibility of the Paradise Dive Team's versatility. In **Paradise**, they believe in quality diving and they offer a unique type of diving they like to call: **Luxury Diving**.

Luxury Diving ensures you enjoy every single moment of your dive. There is no rush in **Paradise**. The Dive Team takes the time to get know you, to talk to you and understand your passions and your objectives for each dive. They believe that each dive is unique and that each of the dive sites has the opportunity to give you one of the best dives of your life. The Team works hard to help you experience something extraordinary.

All of our insured Dive Masters and licensed Boat Captains have lived in, on and around these waters their entire lives and the local knowledge and experience cannot be matched. They are eager to share their beloved island with you both above and below the water.

A full selection of Oceanic Dive Gear is available with a variety of sizes for all divers. Regularly cleaned and serviced, **Paradise Taveuni** carries both 3mm and 5mm full length wet suits. You will find a full range of sizes of BCDs and regulators with computers. You will find both booties and open backed fins or full foot fins to choose from. If you are travelling with your own gear the Team takes care of it and stores it in the large Wet Room at the dive shop for your convenience.

The Dive Centre features wet room for dive gear storage, Kava Bowl shaped rinse tank, Camera Room, Oceanic Hire Gear, hire camera, safety equipment such as oxygen, showers and bathroom, towels and retail items to purchase.





Paradise Dive Centre features an air conditioned Camera Room. Paradise caters to underwater photographers with a dedicated Camera Room for avid photographers. The Camera Room is open daily from 7am – 9pm and is an ideal location for underwater photographers to rinse, clean and charge up their camera gear. This is a complimentary service for all Paradise Guests.

Every day is a dive day in Paradise. Every day, divers from all over the world, choose **Paradise Taveuni**, to experience the extraordinary formations of hard and soft corals and an abundance of fish life including anemone fish, maori wrasse, lionfish, reef sharks, rays, turtles and much, much more. With a variety of deep wall drop off's and shallow drift dives, there is something here for every diver.

Diving is offered daily on **Rainbow Reef** as well as the nearby southern reefs and shore dives. Normally departing the private marina at 8.00am, a double dive is on offer daily with lunch back on the Resort and a third boat dive on the nearby Paradise Reefs at Vuna or Dolphin Bay. On other days enjoy a triple dive with a picnic lunch and surface interval on a picturesque white sand beach on Vanua Levu, returning to Paradise at around 3.00pm. Shore dives are offered each day from the private marine, with or without a guide. A night dive at dusk is on offer every evening from the private marina.

Paradise Taveuni dives predominantly on the legendary Rainbow Reef which is only a 20-30 minute boat ride from Paradise, depending on the conditions. Rainbow Reef is home to one of the **Top 10 Dive Sites in the World, the Great White Wall**, which is visited when conditions are right. Contact the Team at Paradise for the Great White Wall dive dates for the time you are staying.

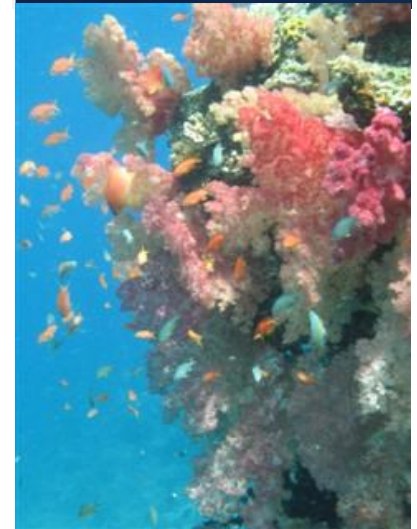
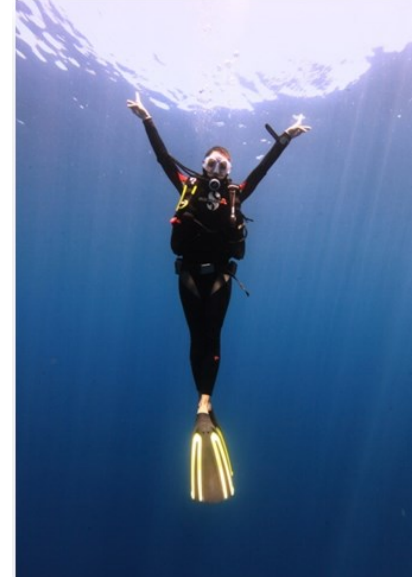
Paradise has the ONLY Shore Dives on Taveuni. With a unique deep water frontage, Paradise is home to 3 unique shore dives featuring a multitude of tropical fish, Reef Creatures as well as hard and soft corals.

Paradise shore dives are the underwater photographers dream with many opportunities to capture those macro shots. Shore diving is **FREE** to all divers who take a dive package.

Join the Dive Team at dusk for a whole new outlook on the underwater world. **Night dives** are enjoyed off the Paradise marina on any night requested.

Nitrox tanks for only FJ\$20 per tank. This can be arranged on arrival as well as a Nitrox Specialty Course.

What type of diving can I expect in Paradise Taveuni? If you love underwater fauna, Taveuni is indeed paradise and you will experience some of the best warm water diving in the world with incredible visibility of up to 100 meters all year round. The great majority of the dives you will enjoy, are drift dives where you are dropped off at one end of the dive site and you drift through your dive to be met by the dive boat at the end of your dive. You will experience a multitude of hard and soft corals, schools of barracudas,





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beautiful trevallies, manta shrimps, lion fish, manta rays, turtles, blue ribbon eel, and off course the always magnificent, reef sharks.

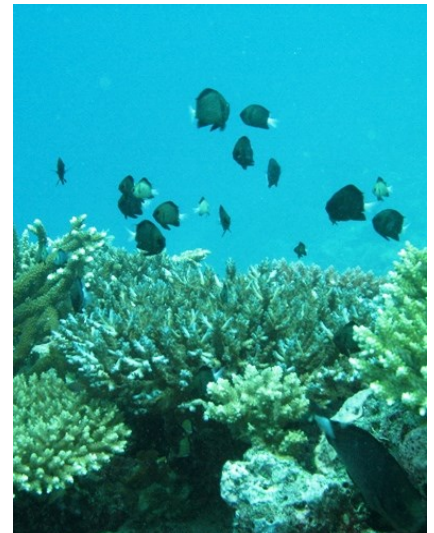
Paradise Dive Boat – The Taveuni Explorer. This custom made 15mt / 45ft dive boat, is made of aluminium and features galley, bathroom and freshwater shower. It is certified by the Fiji Island Maritime Association and equipped with emergency supplies, first aid, oxygen and VHF. Powered by twin Mercury 350 horse powered outboard motors and with a ladder for ease of exit and entry and divers do a backward roll or giant stride to enter the water. Entry back into the boat is by ladder with assistance by our dive crew. The Taveuni Explorer takes 26 divers and crew.

What types of divers usually dive in Paradise? Divers who are looking for a unique diving opportunity allowing them to experience some of the most exceptional dives sites in the world. Underwater photographers love Paradise for the vibrant colours and extraordinary visibility all year round.

The Paradise Dive Team believe **diving is more than an activity, it is a way of life.** Allan and the Team are diving fanatics, they live and breath diving. Each day they look forward to sharing their passion for their underwater world with their Guests.

Quick Facts about Paradise Taveuni as a Diving Destination

- **Paradise Taveuni offers Luxury Diving** – the Team takes care of your dive gear and sets it up for you each dive. All you have to do is make your way to the Dive Boat each day after a hearty breakfast.
- Rainbow Reef has been considered **“the best soft coral reef in the Pacific”** by one of the most experienced divers of all times - **Jacques Cousteau.**
- Taveuni is the only destination in Fiji that offers all types of diving. From deep, shallow, drift and beginners dive sites. **Paradise is perfect for any type of diving certification and experience level.**
- The PADI Dive Team only work with small groups providing dedicated and exclusive diving to all Guests. They are not another ‘diving factory!’
- **Paradise Taveuni offers the ONLY Shore diving on Taveuni** where you are guaranteed to see resident moray eels, blue ribbon eels, lion fish, anemone fish, soft corals and a multitude of other tropical reef fish on any shore dive. Shore dives are **FREE** in Paradise when you take a dive package.
- **Paradise Dive Centre is on site in Paradise— not across the road. No, you don’t have to take a taxi to go diving.** In Paradise you walk from your Bure to the Dive Centre and to the Dive Boat all in less than 1 minute.
- Paradise Dive Centre is convenient, diver-friendly, offers facilities that **no other Taveuni Dive Operations offer**—shore dives, nitrox, the best dive boat on Taveuni, topped off with a Dive Team that cares.





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Dives Sites

From beginner divers, to professional videographers, each dive site in **Paradise Taveuni** offers a complete range of marine life, depth and colours. For your convenience, we have classified our dive sites into levels of experience.

Level 1: Beginner diver. Maximum depth 18 metres, gentle with no current

Level 2: Intermediate diver, depths range from 20-25 metres, some current, some surface waves at times

Level 3: Advanced diver, depths up to 30 metres, expect current and exposed surface conditions at times

Paradise Reef (*house reef*) *Level 1*

Located right in front of Paradise, in one direction, it is a labyrinth of lava flow covered in stunning hard and soft corals, swarming in tropical reef species, shallow and bright – a photographers dream! In the other is an ideal training site with a variety of terrain to make the most of your learning experience. We utilise this site for our night diving and you can snorkel it any time during your stay. All our local species are represented here and the colours are stunning.

Dolphin Bay *Level 1*

Located 1 bay over, this drift dive is on the island wall. Resident eels and lionfish make this a popular dive. Large fish such as snapper and trevally make regular appearances adding spectacle to one of our favourite sites.

Coral Gardens *Level 1*

Nicknamed 'Nirvana' and only a few minutes by boat from the Resort, this is one of our best dive sites. Three fingers of lava once streamed into the ocean and are now covered with a variety of hard and soft coral species. Rays, sharks and big schools of barracuda are the keepers of the Coral Garden. Schools of trevally, snappers and tunas abound. It's an overdose of everything!

Steve's Corner *Level 1*

This dive site reveals a huge variety of soft corals feeding in the current. Turn the corner and come up shallow to enjoy a large archway swim-through guarded by the resident anemone fish and filled with Ghost Coral. Sharp-eyed divers will also spot the juvenile blue ribbon eels here.

Tomasi's Delight *Level 1*

Close to Paradise, a steep slope of hard corals hides many small treasures – dwarf lionfish, cowries and nudibranchs have all made their homes here, as well as an array of featherstars and sea cucumbers.

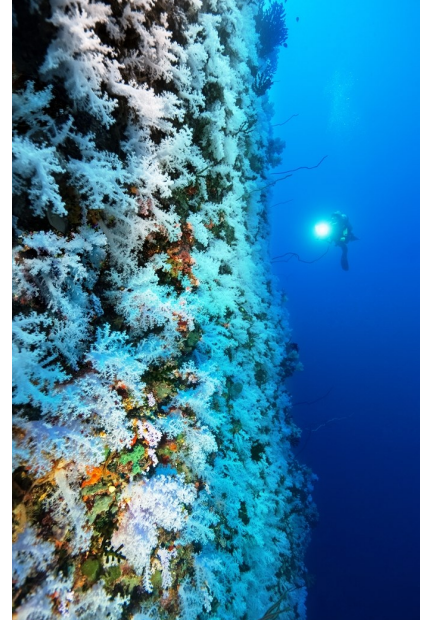
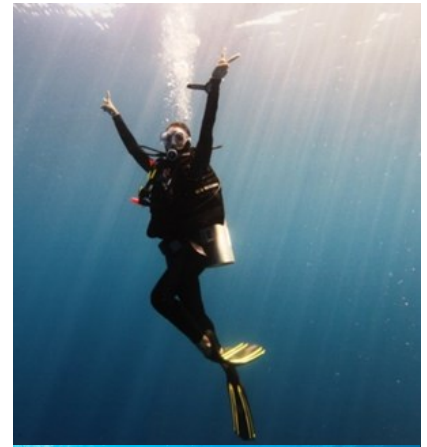
Nuku Reef (Rainbow Reef) *Level 2*

Drift dive along this gently sloping reef and marvel at the small critters that reside here – Christmas tree worms, clams and sea anemones are all in abundance, along with their resident clown fish and trigger fish.





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Rainbow Passage (*Rainbow Reef site*) Level 2

In terms of fish life and soft corals, the sheer abundance on this *Rainbow Reef* site is incredible. The top of the reef starts at 40ft/12m and gradually slopes to 70ft/21m. Covered by some very unique soft corals not found in similar form or in this abundance anywhere else in Fiji. Well, the name speaks for itself!

Annie's Bombie (*Rainbow reef*) Level 2

A submerged reef with many big coral bommies including the large 'Annie's Bombie'. Weave through the coral and enjoy the schools of fusillias, bandits and anthias and the occasional leopard shark

Fish Factory (*Rainbow Reef*) Level 2

Dive along this steep wall and meet many fish feeding in the current – parrot fish, spanish mackerel and angle fish are all resident here. The sharp-eyed can also spot stone fish and leaf scorpion fish hiding in the wall crevices.

Jack's Place (*Rainbow Reef site*) Level 2

Situated on the *Rainbow Reef*, this dive site offers an immense coral bommie covered with vibrant colours of soft coral and fish. The site is a haven for spanish dancers, box fish and white tipped reef sharks.

The Great White Wall (*Rainbow Reef site*) Level 3

The soft coral capital of the world's signature dive offers an astounding wall of pure white soft coral. This site is definitely the world famous *Rainbow Reef's* top draw. A coral encrusted swim - through leads onto the wall from the reef top. A dazzling myriad of colour and life inhabits the reef top. Manta rays glide past with ethereal grace. On exiting the water from this site an awed silence lasts for a while before an excited chatter that lasts for days starts among divers. Not to be missed! Advanced Divers only.

The Zoo (*Rainbow Reef*) Level 3

An extreme marine experience! Schools of barracuda are common here, swimming above the white tip reef sharks resting on the sand. Moral eels, groupers and small reef fish are plentiful and lucky divers will glimpse the graceful bronze whaler sharks patrolling the deep blue waters.

Purple Wall (*Rainbow Reef site*) Level 3

This is one of the truly stunning sites on the *Rainbow Reef*. It deserves its billing as one of the worlds top dive sites. A solid wall of purple soft coral and more species than can be counted. *You will not want to leave!*

Rainbows End (*Rainbow Reef*) Level 3

Soft coral heaven! Beautiful purple, yellow and red soft corals make sure *Rainbow's End* lives up to it's name. Add in lionfish, Moorish Idols and hundreds of anthias and this is a true explosion of colour.



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The on-site Paradise Dive Centre displays information on tides, conditions and dives chosen for today and the next, to ensure your diving is planned and you don't miss out on a minute of the underwater action.

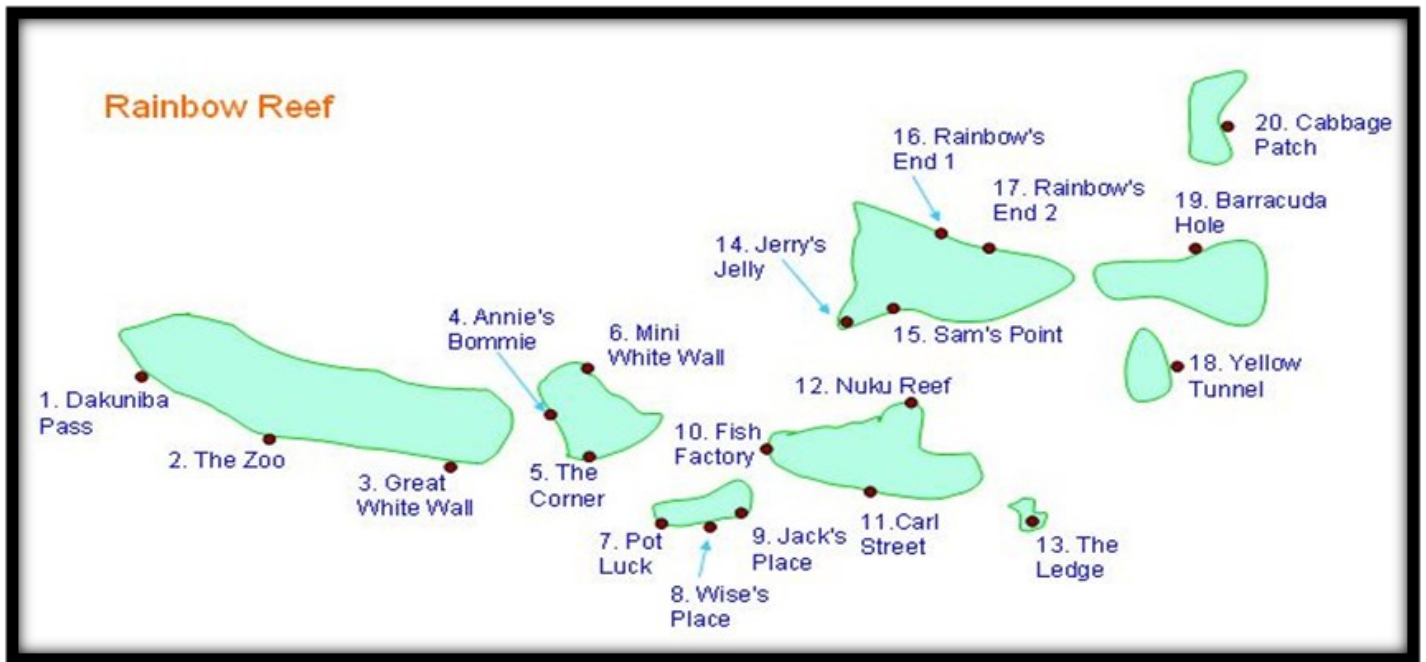
Don't hesitate to suggest a dive site to visit. The Paradise Dive Team will happy to oblige if conditions are right.

Talk to our friendly & experienced Dive Crew for further information on diving in Paradise!

Dive Map

Legendary Rainbow Reef and the famous 'White Wall' dive site is scenic a 20-30 minute boat ride from Paradise Taveuni Resort.

Read what our Divers have to say



"BULA! What a perfect name – PARADISE. It truly is a wonderful place. I have never been to a place that made me feel so welcome and loved. We have made so many wonderful new friends. This was my first dive experience and I was a little nervous. But the dive staff made it very easy to overcome my fears. Christine was so wonderful. I will never forget this trip and I cry every time I think about going home. Terri & Allan thank you for a very memorable vacation I will never forget. VINAKA! VINAKA! VINAKA!" **Una Janacre, Canada**

