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ORGANISERS

PA Tours and Events is Australia's leading performance touring operator with over 20 years experience in delivering custom and festival performance opportunities to many exceptional Australian and international ensembles.

We are delighted to partner with some of the world's leading performance specialists ensuring you meaningful exchanges, fine performances and the best in country sightseeing.

Whether it be attending one of our renowned festivals featuring some of the world's music luminaries or having your program specifically shaped to your needs, PA pride's itself on collaborating closely with you and will work tirelessly to ensure we deliver an experience to remember.

Let PA

- Be your source for hotels, transport, sightseeing, performances, workshops, venues, audiences and much more
- Take the stress out of organising complex logistics in foreign countries
- Allow you to concentrate on your performance dream



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OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

PA views every tour as a series of performance events from which the sightseeing and pacing of the tour will flow. The key is the combining of your great musical talent with inspiring venues, warm audiences, exchange activity and cultural immersion.

This is complemented by safe, secure, entertaining, informative and straightforward touring. Combining these factors results in the wow factor we strive to achieve for every group. We will work closely with you throughout the planning of your tour to ensure all your aspirations are met. To achieve this, we invite you to provide your performance information (sample recordings, repertoire, biography of you and the group, tour repertoire) as early as possible.



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ITINERARY

Day 1; D

- Arrive Nadi
- Transfer to Yatule Resort
- Arrive and check in
- Welcome dinner

Day 2; BD

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Days activities
- Independent lunch
- Dinner

Day 3; BD

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Days activities
- Twilight performance
- Dinner



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ITINERARY (cont)

Day 4; BD

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Days activities
- Independent lunch
- Dinner

Day 5; BD

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Baggage down and check out
- Transfer to Nadi Airport
- Depart



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SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

WELCOME TO FIJI

- Three Serenaders, dressed in sarongs, for a musical welcome experience
- The Children of Fiji welcome: six children representing the Fijian, Indian and island cultures dressed in vibrant, authentic costumes welcome or farewell the group
- A Children's Choir of 30 to sing a range of songs on arrival or departure

THEMED OPTIONS THAT MAKE THE LAND TRANSFER MORE ENJOYABLE

- **FAKE BUS BREAKDOWN:** While traveling in their luxurious, air-conditioned coach, the driver simulates a breakdown mid-way and pulls over. Within minutes a local, open-sided bus pulls over, decorated with balloons and leaf garland, guests are "rescued" by this fun-filled option and complete their journey entertained by strumming musicians while sipping chilled refreshments.
- **HITCHHIKERS:** Along the route to the group's destination, a series of hitchhikers flag down the coach and board at various stages. The first group comprises Fijian musicians who entertain until the next brief, unscheduled stop for two Indian girls in vibrant saris, who hand out sweet and savoury food items by way of thank you gestures. There is the option of chilled champagne or tropical drinks during the journey.
- **FIJI'S HISTORY LESSONS:** Representatives from Fiji's multi-ethnic communities explain the history, culture and lifestyle of the islands. A Fijian warrior in authentic costume distributes samples of fresh coconut during his address: the European settler in colonial attire gives out fresh sugar cane during his address and then the Indian gentleman provides snacks while explaining the most recent wave of immigration.

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SIGATOKA RIVER SAFARI

This is your chance to make the discovery of the 'real Fiji' with a simply unforgettable Safari experience with The Sigatoka River excursion. You will be picked up by mini-coach driver and transferred to the Sigatoka River Safari base in Sigatoka town. From there you will enjoy a 10-mile cruise into the Sigatoka valley, into the fertile area known as the "salad bowl" of Fiji.

The river departure point is surrounded by spectacular cliffs - a taste of the scenery to come! The jet boat driver will give you a safety briefing and then it's time to board. As you head up the beautiful green river you will hear about the history of the region, including its cannibal past. Children from the many villages that line the river wave as we speed past and the water is so clear you will be able to see fish and rocks lining the river bottom.

When you reach your village destination, you will be given a warm welcome by the villagers. Sigatoka River Safari is careful to visit a different village every day, to minimise the impact of tourism on the village lifestyle in this remote part of the world. You will visit the village Chief's bure (house) and take part in a kava ceremony, before a tour of the village and a traditional Fijian lunch, including wonderful fresh tropical fruit.

Your village visit ends with traditional Fijian singing and dancing and it's time to board your jet boat again for the return trip. Fiji's original jet-boat safari is a half-day adventure into the heart of the "real" Fiji, aboard a custom-built safari jet boat.

The Sigatoka River is the longest river on the island of Viti Levu, running from the hills of the Navosa Province right down to the sand dunes in Kulukulu, on the famous Coral Coast. The river provides locals with fresh water mussels (kai), fish, prawns, eels, water for agriculture and for drinking.

During your Sigatoka River Safari you will learn local history and facts, take photos of remote and awe inspiring scenery, visit Fijian villages and experience village life, participate in a sevusevu (Kava ceremony), sample Fijian foods, see local flora and fauna, learn Fijian farming techniques (optional) and swim in the river (optional)

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ROBINSON CRUSOE ISLAND OFFERS ONE OF FIJI'S MOST FUN DAY TOURS

Full of surprise, adventure, great food and amazing entertainment and only 5 minutes from the resort to the Robinson Crusoe jetty.

You will be collected at 10.00am from the resort and bussed around to the Jetty where river boats will take you on a 20 minute scenic river cruise before making a 10 minute ocean crossing to get to this secluded white sand cay island with tall swaying coconut trees.

There are a range of activities to keep you busy throughout the day with a live cultural show at lunch with fire dance and knife dance.

Activities available include:

- Snorkeling
- Crab Catching
- Sea Kayaks
- Daily Happy Hour
- Sunset Bonfire
- Kava Ceremony
- Traditional Fish Drives
- Reef walks
- Coconut Jewellery Making
- Learn Island Dance
- Basket Weaving
- Culture Talks & Bush Walks
- Scuba Diving
- Tube Ride
- Polynesian massage

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SURF LESSONS

Ian Muller has been taking surf tours and surf lessons in Fiji for the last 20 years. A professional surfer and the only surf instructor in Fiji who has received accreditation from the Australian Institute of Sport. Ian and his team are able to get just about everyone on their feet in a one and a half hour surf lesson.

Ian and his crew meet you on Natadola beach in front of the resort and have a selection of boards for you to learn on. All of the boards are constructed by firm foam that does not hurt when you land on it or it hits you. The boards are fairly long which makes buoyancy and catching a wave easier.

Firstly the group will be shown how to "read" the waves and determine the best areas to enter and exit. This is followed by a dry lesson, where everyone goes through the moves of how to stand on a board whilst on the beach.

From here Ian and his team take you out in to the water and start you off on the waves giving you instruction from alongside and a push if needed! In no time at all you will be catching waves, hanging ten!



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COOKING TOUR

"Tour with Taste"

The Executive Chef from Taste Catering will meet the group in the Sigatoka markets and take them through and explain some of our local ingredients as he selects for their lunch preparation.

They will then head up to Myola, a majestic home built on a cliff overlooking the Mamanuca islands. Here the group will be given aprons and a lesson in preparing some tasty dishes with fresh local ingredients – most of which they will be able to get at home so they can impress their friends when they get back.

After a bit of food preparation they will sit to eat the dishes they have prepared as well as some that were made earlier

Start time 9.30am return time 3.00pm



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POTTERY VILLAGE TOUR

At 9.30 Guests will be met in the lobby and transferred through the Sigatoka valley to Nakabuta village. Everyone will need to wear a sulu to enter the village and remove hats and sunglasses – only the Chief can wear headdress in the village.

This village and others in the area are famous for their production of local pottery craft made from the clay that flanks the Sigatoka river.

Guests are welcomed by warriors who escort the group in to the village and to the Chiefs house. Here they will be asked to remove their shoes and enter facing the chief with their eyes averted and they sit on a Fijian mat. We will have a representative who will speak to the chief in Fijian and offer a gift of Kava and ask if we may visit. There will be a speaker on behalf of the Chief who will answer this request and if the visit is granted we will all share a bowl of kava.

Once access has been granted we will be given a brief tour of the living village before being guided back to the community hall. Within the community hall we will be shown how their pottery is created. This will be followed by a meke performance and some refreshments. Some pottery items will be sale the purchase of these items supports the village.

