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Laucalala Island: Fijian Utopia

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Of volcanic origin 50 percent of Laucalala is untouched tropical vegetation with an intact, unspoiled rainforest

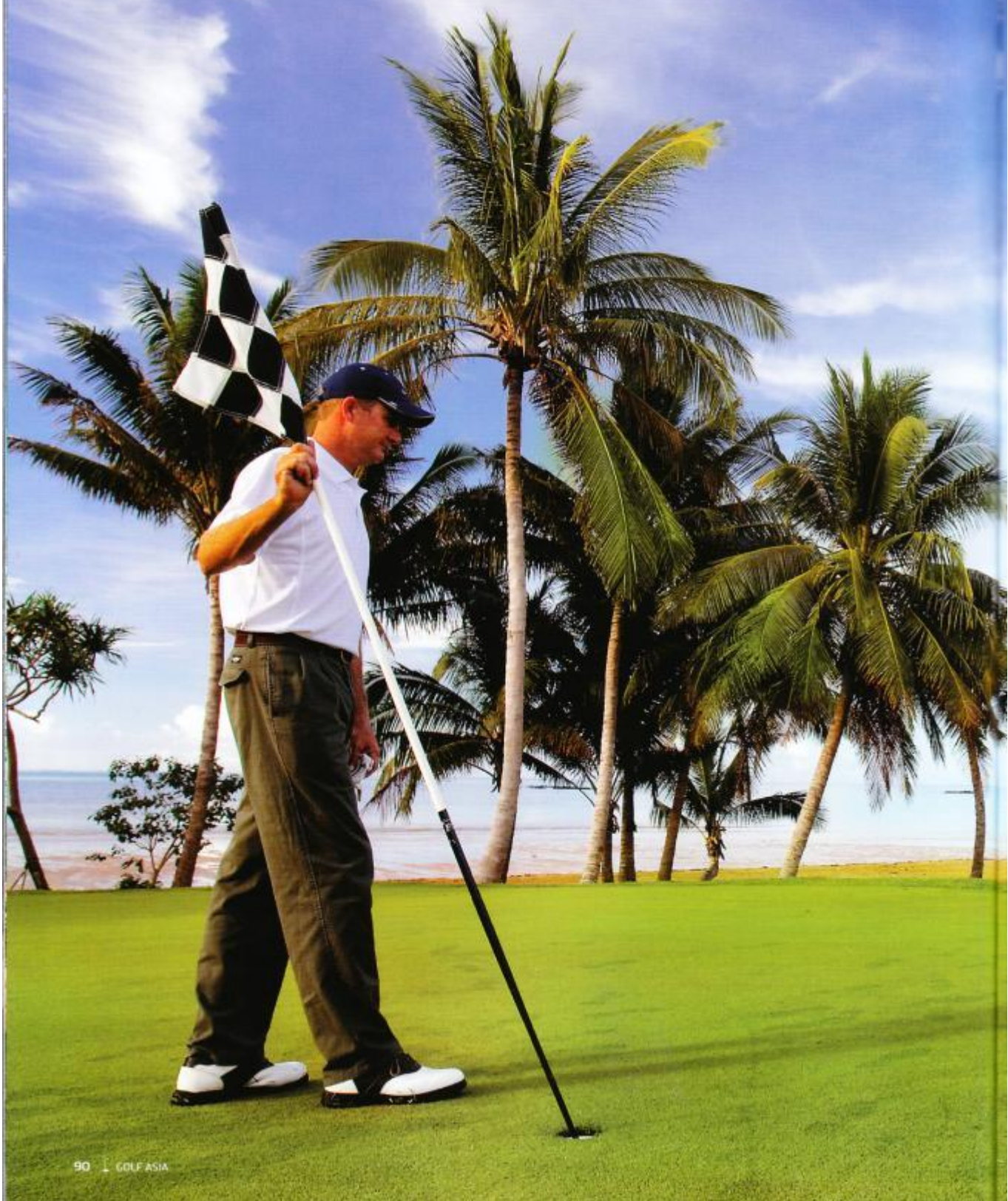


**LAUCALA RESORT
STRETCHES OUT
OVER 4.2KM**

With an exquisite golf course amongst its attractions and the promise of isolation, this island resort is the perfect getaway for golfers.



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The Idea & Philosophy

With serene beaches, turquoise water, waves crashing, lush tropical vegetation, spectacular cliff top views, arriving on Laucala is almost like entering Paul Gauguin's painting 'Garden of Eden'.

Nature is just a fraction of Laucala Island's beauty. It is rich in culture and diversity. A warm Fijian smile will greet you upon arrival and this smile will continue throughout your stay. The friendliness of the multicultural inhabitants are an integral part of the resort.

Laucala is a little different to what you might expect of a resort. An integral

philosophy encompasses the whole island, growing their own livestock and vegetables, caring for their own poultry and hand making all the guest products using the island's natural resources.

A broad range of activities will fulfill every wish and whim. Ranging from trail riding to game fishing, golf to tennis, or yoga to beach combing, you can experience it all at Laucala.

Residences & Architecture

The architectural design of Laucala Island Resort boasts a seamless transition between built areas and the untouched beauty of the

island. Based on traditional Fijian building techniques the resort construction utilises local timber, thatch and stone.

Integration of outdoor and indoor living spaces provides the guest with the luxury of total privacy and exclusivity. The Plantation Residences are located on the old Copra Plantation and have private beaches. Each residence is individually named after a certain characteristic of its setting.

Using light and space as part of the architecture these residences are particularly spacious, with spectacular views upon the open sea. Cleverly designed with up to three



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bedrooms and outdoor living pavilions surrounding your private pool, guests are sure to enjoy their stay.

The Seagrass Residences are located in the tropical jungle within the sea grass bay. Camouflaged by the mature natural vegetation that surrounds them, they form a part of the jungle.

The organic pool formation blends seamlessly into the ocean view, a perfect place to contemplate the indigo sea. Wooden decks, rocks and

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daybeds create a tropical outdoor living experience.

The Plateau Residences are situated on the Nawi hill overlooking the ocean, lending themselves to spectacular cliff top views of neighbouring islands. Local flora and fauna are at your fingertips and you will surely hear the birds before you see them. The local ferns that are reflected in your living space blend together indoor and outdoor living. With only four residences in

the plateau region, this would be a perfect choice as a secluded area for family and friend reunions.

The unique Overwater Residence captures the sounds of the soothing ocean. Swim out to your little island and admire the colourful coral surrounding you. Feel the rhythm of the South Pacific Sea beneath you as you relax on the floating day bed.

Peninsula Residence has total privacy nestled into the headland with an uninterrupted ocean view. Babylonian



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style hanging walkways leads you to relaxation and dining rooms.

This residence is equipped with its own boat landing. A secluded private beach with a single palm is set in the peninsula cove – a perfect romantic retreat.

The pools in the Overwater and Peninsula Residences have been naturally carved over time into volcanic rock. The Hilltop Residence is a resort within itself with a main residence and two guest villas. Here, at the highest point of Laucala, seclusion is guaranteed and the vantage position lends itself to a sweeping 360 degrees view over the turquoise water.

Golfing On Laucala Island

While this resort was being built, the main aim was to preserve the original character of the island. The architect of the 18-hole championship golf course, Scotsman David McLay Kidd, renowned for his award winning Bandon Dunes in Oregon, USA, found this task a particular challenge.

The result was a beautiful golf course set against the mountain meandering through natural vegetation which has been carefully integrated into the old plantation area. Undulating fairways, challenging greens with strategic bunkers ensures a wonderful balance for the experienced player and less

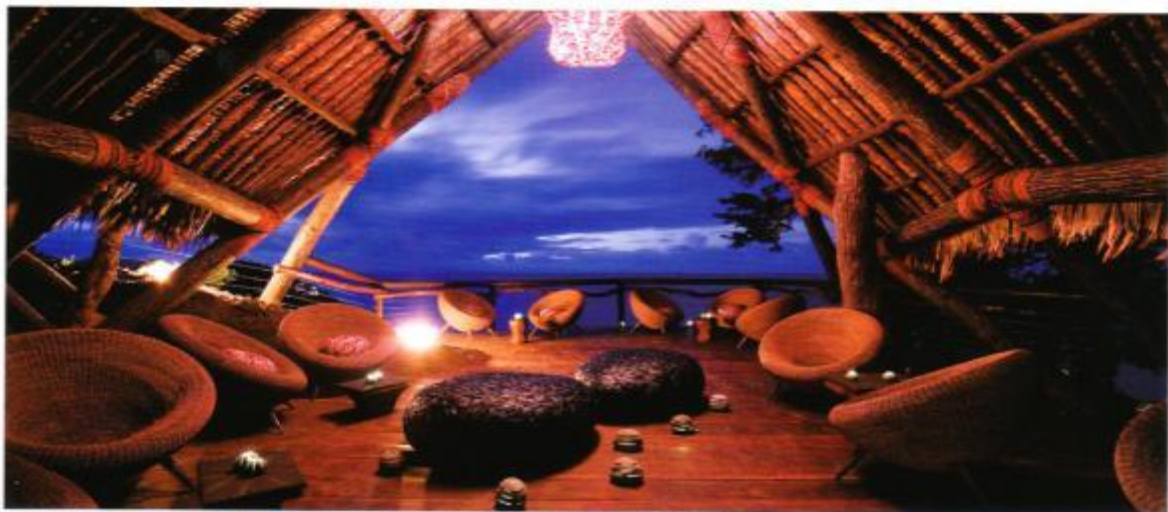
accomplished player alike. The sparkling tides of the Pacific Ocean and natural rock formations offer spectacular views from some of the elevated tees.

Course Facts

The par 72 layout offers a variety of tee box options which create the perfect balance for golfers of all skill level, posing a challenge for the more accomplished player, yet fun and user friendly for those who are being introduced to this wonderful game.

From the 'Volcano' tees the course measures 6,245m in length, the 'Palm' tees offer great balance at 5,627m, and the 'Coral' tees are the





Incorporated into the old coconut plantation and situated directly at the private beach area, each residence at the Plantation Residences varies from 2500m² to 4000m² in size.

ideal start at 4,614m.

A unique blend of grasses was used to provide the ultimate playing surfaces. The tees and greens have been planted with a hybrid Bermuda grass called Novatek, providing smooth putting surfaces all year round. Fairways were seeded with Zoysia Japonica, a strand of grass which is ideally suited to the warm tropical climate of Fiji.

Situated on the turquoise waters edge, sits arguably the most picturesque Halfway House in the world. Here golfers can enjoy a well deserved rest after a challenging front nine. Enjoy a healthy snack and refreshing drink whilst indulging in the breathtaking panoramic views of Satokoro Bay, the ideal way to rejuvenate body and mind before taking on the back nine.

Adequate space has been allocated between tee times to ensure that golfers feel as though they have the entire golf course to themselves.

There is no reason to feel rushed when playing golf at Laucala. The golf course is fairly undulating so walking is difficult but also an option when playing golf. Golf carts are available and recommended especially in the warm weather.

The par 5 12th hole could be considered the signature hole with the green extending onto the beach, high tide will mean 'wet feet' with the tide determining whether you are able to play your ball should you miss your approach shot to the right of the green.

The quiet surroundings of the Practice Facility provides an ideal platform for aspiring golfers to get into the game in an un-intimidating environment whilst the more accomplished players have the opportunity to hone their skills.

Also, PGA professionals are on site to ensure all golfing needs are taken care of, whether it is golf lessons or perhaps joining in for a round of golf. ☺

Travel Details & Useful Information

How To Get There

Laucala island operates a 40mins flight from Nadi International Airport by Laucala Island's King Air B200. You can book a trip directly at Laucala island, by contacting the reservations team: info@laucala.com

When To Go

April to October sees cooler days and evenings, November to February are warmer days and rainy evenings.

Visa Requirements

Holders of passports from most countries are granted visitors visas valid for four months on arrival into the Fiji Islands.

Languages

Fijian and English.

Currency

No currency is needed since all is inclusive.

Prices

From US\$3,800-US\$26,000 per residence per night. (1-3 bedrooms per residence)

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