



## 3F Diving in Fiji- Thanksgiving 2024

### About Beqa Lagoon Resort

Beqa Lagoon Resort, located in Fiji, is renowned among diving enthusiasts for its exceptional underwater experiences. Situated on the picturesque Beqa Island, the resort offers easy access to some of the world's most pristine coral reefs and diverse marine life.

Divers flock to Beqa Lagoon primarily for its thrilling shark dives, where tiger sharks, bull sharks and other species can be observed up close in their natural habitat. These dives are conducted with experienced guides who prioritize safety while providing a thrilling adventure.

In addition to shark dives, Beqa Lagoon Resort caters to divers of all levels, from beginners to advanced. The lagoon's clear waters and abundant marine biodiversity ensure unforgettable encounters with colorful coral formations, tropical fish, and other fascinating sea creatures.

Accommodation at the resort ranges from cozy beachfront bures to luxurious villas, all designed to offer comfort and relaxation after a day of diving. The resort also provides various amenities such as spas, dining options featuring local cuisine, and cultural experiences to enrich the overall stay.

Whether you're a seasoned diver seeking adrenaline-pumping encounters or a beginner looking to explore the wonders of the underwater world, Beqa Lagoon Resort promises an unforgettable diving vacation immersed in the natural beauty of Fiji's marine environments.

### 3F Diving At Beqa

For our Thanksgiving tour, 3F Diving has secured the entire resort with room for 50 of our closest friends to join us! As is our custom during Thanksgiving trips, there will be a traditional Thanksgiving dinner on the evening of Thursday November 28. Each year the chef exceeds our expectations with a delicious and very robust meal. We're looking forward to sharing it with our 3F Family!!!

### Pricing

Priced at \$3,480 per person including roundtrip airfare to/from Los Angeles to Fiji (Nadi International Airport). Based on double occupancy (add \$500 for single supplement). Non-diver priced at \$2,980. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure your space with final payment due by end of July.

### Flight Information

**Departure from Los Angeles on November 21**

We depart from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) at 10:45pm via Fiji Airways on Flight FJ811. We recommend arriving in Los Angeles no later than 6:45pm in order to have plenty of time to collect your baggage from the domestic terminal and make your way to the international terminal to check in for your Fiji Air flight. Going in a day before departure is also an option for ensuring you do not miss the flight out.

We will be crossing the international dateline during our 11 hour flight and will arrive at Nadi International Airport (NAN) at 5:45 am on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Arrival in Los Angeles on November 30**

We will depart Fiji Airways flight FJ810 from Nadi International Airport at 9:40pm and will be arriving in Los Angeles at 11:50am on November 30<sup>th</sup> (since we cross back over the international dateline). We recommend allowing at least 3 hour layover between landing at 11:50am and departing for Denver...this allows time to collect bags and check into your domestic flight while also allowing a bit of buffer in case the Fiji Air flight is delayed.

### **Baggage Allowances**

Fiji Air allows each passenger one 30 kg (66 lbs) checked bag and a single 7 kg (15 lbs) carryon item. In the past, I have used a collapsible duffel bag that will be checked from Denver to LAX and then combine the duffel into a single larger suitcase when checking in for Fiji Airways (and the opposite on the way back).

### [Itinerary at Beqa](#)

**Arrival Day - November 23, 2024** arrive in Nadi International airport (NAN) at 5:45am. Ride in Beqa Lagoon Resort's bus for approximately 2.5 hours to Pacific Harbor on the south part of the island. We will stop halfway for a short coffee and bathroom break (great place to stock up on any last minute items or shop for souvenirs). From there, we will take boat(s) across the channel to get to Beqa Island. Note that the landing at the resort is a "wet landing" and you will be in knee deep water as you exit the boat. Welcoming you to the island are the local Fijian staff along with a poolside foot massage after your long flight!

After an orientation briefing with the resort, you will be given your bure assignments so you can unpack. Dive gear should be brought to the dive shop so it can be tagged with your identifier to ensure your gear follows you to your boat each day.

### **Daily Activities for November 24, 2024 through November 29, 2024**

Breakfast of eggs, pancakes/French toast, fruits, cereals, toast, etc. along with juice, milk, coffee and tea will be served each day. During breakfast staff will be taking your lunch and dinner orders for the day. On Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup>, as is our American tradition, we will enjoy a full Thanksgiving dinner...come hungry!!

After breakfast the group will sit for a dive briefing together before loading onto their individual boats. Included in your package is five days of two tank dives, departing in the morning and returning just

before lunch. One of those days will be set aside for the Cathedral Shark Dive (this is done in smaller groups of up to 20 divers). For additional charge you can do a second day of shark diving.

Each afternoon lunch will be served and typically there is a cultural activity (touring the local school and village, hiking to the waterfall, learning about basket weaving, etc.). Many evenings there are performances of fire dancers, fire walkers and more. When we arrive at Beqa, the schedule of events for our week will be posted along with sign ups for some of the other activities which are offered from local tour guides.

**Dress code for visiting the village:** Some of the cultural activities will take you into the village...it is customary to have your head uncovered (no hats, sunglasses, etc.) and to have your shoulders and knees covered (a sarong from the gift shop is a great option – they will show you how to wear and tie it).

### **Departure Day - November 30, 2024**

Beqa staff will give details on the process during our dinner the night before departure. Once your bags are packed you can leave them on your porch for pickup. We will be departing Beqa in the morning, crossing over the channel to Pacific Harbor where we will return to Nadi International Airport via shuttle. We will arrive at the airport by mid day however since our flight does not depart until 9:40pm, 3F will be working to secure day rooms to reduce the amount of time we wait at the airport...more information will be forthcoming on the availability and cost of the rooms.

## Miscellaneous

### **What's Included**

Roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Nadi with baggage allowances of a single 66 lbs checked bag and 15lbs carry-on bag

Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day on Beqa Lagoon Resort, including coffee, tea, milk and juice

Nadi International Airport transfers and taxes

Shark Dive plus 4 days of two tank dives

Filtered water dispenser available at the resort

Unlimited snorkeling and shore diving on house reef

Daily cultural activities and multiple evening events

### **What's Not Included**

Transportation/airfare to Los Angeles from Denver

Alcoholic beverages and soda

Gratuity for resort/dive crew

Spa services

DAN insurance (highly recommended)

Travel insurance

Dive gear – note that rentals are available from Planet Scuba and at Beqa (inquire ahead of time to ensure availability)

Some extra-curricular activities such as kayaking in the mangroves, Suva city tour, zip lining, etc.