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DESCRIPTION OF TOURS AND COURSES

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All prices are in US dollars (US\$) and do not include local taxes of 15%

Thank you for your interest in Taveuni Ocean Sports at Nakia! We are a family of avid scuba divers, freedivers, fishermen and surfers. This guide describes our current diving, snorkeling, surfing, and boating programs. We are PADI Dive Instructors, certified to deliver the full range of courses developed by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors. PADI is the largest recreational and diver training organization in the world. We are happy to accommodate your special interests and/or needs and can easily travel to particular dive sites that are best suited to your abilities and desires. Let us know what interests you - sea mounts, walls, shallow reefs, soft corals, hard corals, pelagics, or small "critters". Taveuni diving is so diverse; there is something for everyone.

We look forward to sharing "the ocean is our playground" with you.

All dives include:

- *guaranteed small personalized groups of never more than four divers per divemaster
- *detailed site and marine biology briefings
- *delicious snacks and cold beverages
- *hot water shower

We provide tanks and weights at no extra charge and offer a gear package with BCD, regulator, full length wetsuit, mask and fins for US\$20 (plus 15% local taxes) per day.

Tours for Certified Divers

Two Tank Dives (one day)

Certified divers will explore one of Taveuni's many beautiful reef systems, beginning with site and marine biology orientations. Our detailed site briefings use a local site map to illustrate all aspects of the dive, including depth, topography, and procedures. Our marine biology briefings include fish identification and behavior and coral identification, emphasizing endemic and rare species. Dive time is about 45 minutes with an average depth of 40 - 100 feet (12 - 30 meters). During a relaxing surface interval, divers enjoy delicious snacks, cold beverages, and a hot water shower, followed by a second 45 minute dive. The entire trip for a two tank dive is approximately four and a half hours.

Certified diver - two tank dive w/tanks & weights US\$120 plus 15% local taxes

Gear package - BCD, regulator, wetsuit, mask, fins, dive computer – US\$20 plus 15% local taxes per day

Multi-day Dives

We offer reduced rates for multi-day dives. See our Price List on the Dive Tours page at www.taveunioceansports.com for a complete list of our offerings with prices in US\$.

Courses for Introductory (Non-Certified) Divers

PADI Introductory Dive - Pool Lesson Only

We use PADI's Discover Scuba Diving program to introduce the fundamentals of diving, beginning with a hands-on introduction to the gear, safety rules, diving theory, and skills needed to safely enjoy scuba diving. A session in our 12-meter swimming pool provides practice time for essential scuba diving skills, while building confidence in a safe, controlled environment. The entire pool lesson takes approximately 1½ hours.

Pool lesson US\$35 plus 15% local taxes

PADI Introductory Dive – Pool Lesson and Ocean Dive

This program includes the pool lesson described above plus a one or two tank dive on a shallow, protected reef. After completing the skills and pool lesson, divers are qualified to dive in the ocean to a maximum depth of 40 feet (12 meters), under the direct supervision of our PADI Instructors. The half day excursion, including skills, pool, and an ocean dive, ranges from 4 - 5 hours. Divers who complete this program receive credit towards certification. Tanks, weights, and gear package are included. We provide delicious snacks, cold beverages, and a hot water shower after every dive.

Pool lesson and one tank dive US\$110 plus 15% local taxes

Pool lesson and two tank dive US\$169 plus 15% local taxes

Medical Requirements for Non-certified Divers

Before diving, every non-certified diver must complete, sign and provide to us, a one-page Personal Medical Questionnaire endorsed by PADI. Divers responding "yes" for any medical condition also must provide a Medical Statement, signed by a physician, indicating that there are "no medical conditions incompatible with diving." You can download the Medical Questionnaire, Medical Statement and attachments from the Dive Courses page at www.taveunioceansports.com.

PADI Open Water Certification Courses

PADI Open Water Certification Course

The PADI Open Water Certification course is a complete 3 – 5 day performance-based class consisting of academic theory, confined water training in our 12-meter swimming pool, and four open water dives. Divers are required to perform a 200 meter swim test and 10 minute tread.

This comprehensive, hands-on course ensures that students become competent and safe scuba divers. Upon completing the course, divers receive a license to dive that is valid for a lifetime.

Each PADI Open Water Certification course includes all necessary training materials (PADI manual, log book, and recreational dive planner), tanks, weights and gear package, delicious snacks, cold beverages, and a hot water shower after every dive.

Open water certification

US\$425.00 plus 15% local taxes

PADI Open Water Referral Course

The PADI Open Water Referral Course includes the four open water training dives that are needed to complete a certification course that was started elsewhere. Student divers must have their PADI referral form documenting the completion of all academics as well as confined water training completed within the last year. Course includes tanks, weights and gear package, delicious snacks, cold beverages, and a hot water shower after every dive.

Open water referral

US\$260 plus 15% local taxes

PADI Advanced Open Water Certification Course

PADI's Advanced Open Water Certification Course is a three-day performance-based class designed to provide experience with five different aspects of diving. Students learn about and practice the following skills: detailed underwater navigation techniques, deep diving, underwater photography, underwater naturalist, and peak performance buoyancy.

Upon completing the course, divers receive an advanced open water certification card, which is a passport to a new world of underwater adventure.

This course includes all necessary training materials (PADI manual and log book), tanks, weights and gear package, delicious snacks, cold beverages, and a hot water shower after every dive.

Advanced open water certification

US\$395 plus 15% local taxes

PADI Rescue Diver Certification Course

This course includes intense academic theory relating to diving and pressure-related injuries. The course also includes several hands-on rescue scenarios, to enable the student diver to competently rescue an injured and/or panicked diver in any given situation. The student diver also must complete a certified CPR course before the end of the class. Course includes all necessary training materials (PADI manual), tanks, weights and gear package, delicious snacks, cold beverages, and a hot water shower after every dive.

Rescue diver course

US\$425 plus 15% local taxes

Water Sports

Snorkeling Tours

Snorkelers will enjoy exploring one of Taveuni's virgin reefs. This guided tour includes a brief lesson (if needed). The full day tour includes snorkeling at two different sites. We also have more advanced sites for experienced freedivers. All snorkeling tours include a detailed site and marine biology briefing, masks, snorkels, fins, wetsuits, towels, delicious snacks and lunch, cold beverages, and a hot water shower

1/2 day tour (3 hours)

\$US60 plus 15% local taxes

Full Day Tour (6 hours)

\$US100 plus 15% local taxes

Circumnavigate Taveuni

Guests will enjoy circumnavigating the entire island of Taveuni with an emphasis on exploring what is known as the "backside" of the island. This uninhabited paradise is a combination of the "Blue Lagoon" and Na Pali Coast on Kauai in Hawaii. Enormous waterfalls cascade down majestic sea cliffs into the crystal clear Pacific below. This tour is approximately 6 – 7 hours and includes snorkeling (masks, snorkels, fins and wetsuits provided) delicious snacks and lunch, and cold beverages. A minimum of two guests is required.

Around the Island Boat Tour: US\$225.00 per person plus 15% local taxes

Surfing Tours

For experienced surfers, we have an advanced wave across the channel that breaks in an offshore passage. It's approximately a 45 minute boat ride. There is a very hollow right hander as well as a more forgiving left hander. Sharks included at no extra charge. Swell and wind condition can't be guaranteed. Tour includes a delicious lunch, cold beverages and hot showers. A minimum of two surfers is required.

Surfing tour

US\$125.00 per person plus 15% local taxes