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—For pristine white-sand beaches, seafood feasts and deep-sea adventures that bring you back to life, head to these secluded Fijian islands. Just don't tell a soul—

## TRAVEL TRENDS

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## FIJI'S SECRET ISLANDS

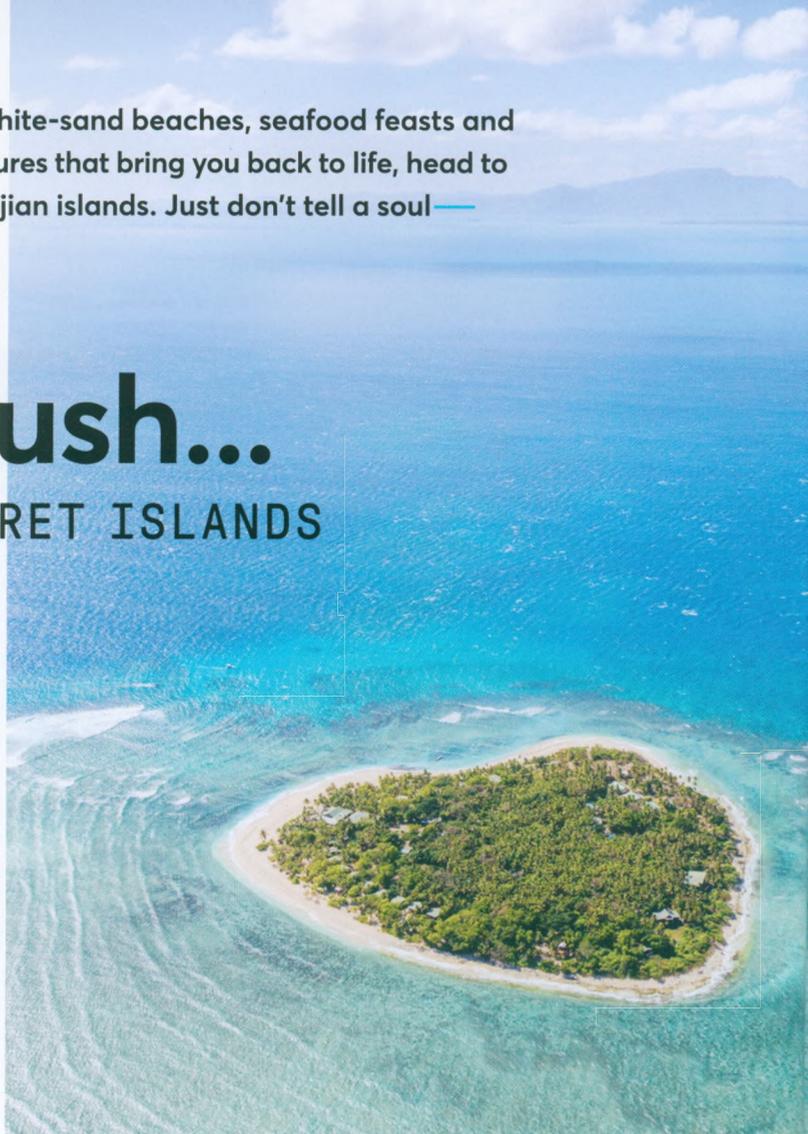
### 1. YASAWA ISLANDS.

Enter an exotic world where locals perform the *meke* (traditional Fijian dance) as the rhythmic beating of a *lali* (drum) echoes across the sea. Made up of 20 volcanic isles, the Yasawas are dotted over an 80-kilometre stretch and are popular with backpackers – but they haven't always been accessible to tourists. Until the 1980s, the islands were so undeveloped that cruise ships in the region had nowhere for their weary sea-legged passengers to disembark.

Today, with the approval of village elders, the archipelago – situated an easy 25-minute flight from Nadi International Airport – has flourished into a tourist haven. From Yasawa Island Resort and Spa ([yasawa.com](http://yasawa.com)), you can head out to explore brilliant coral reefs and hike through limestone caves in the belly of Fiji's inactive volcanoes. If you fancy a more thrilling adventure, try diving with manta rays off the coast of Barefoot Manta Island resort ([barefootmantafiji.com](http://barefootmantafiji.com)) to the south, where these majestic creatures can be spotted from May to October.



NUMBER OF FIJI ISLANDS 330  
INHABITED ISLANDS ABOUT 110  
LARGEST ISLAND VITI LEVU  
SECOND LARGEST VANUA LEVU  
THIRD LARGEST TAVEUNI  
POPULATION OVER 884,000



### 2. DOLPHIN ISLAND.

For those wanting privacy and luxury, why not rent an entire island to yourself? A 20-minute boat ride from the tip of Viti Levu will take you to the 14-acre Dolphin Island ([dolphinislelandfiji.com](http://dolphinislelandfiji.com)), which hosts a maximum of eight people at a time.

The private island is the perfect location to don those oversized rockstar sunnies, crank up the beats and lounge poolside. If you're happy to share your slice of paradise with a few friends, the island offers a three-night House Parties package, including meals and sunset cocktails.

Relaxing family holiday more your style? There's also a four-night Family Time option, where kids can do fun activities such as cooking classes, snorkelling or visiting a Fijian village to immerse themselves in local culture.

SWIMMING NEAR MANA ISLAND

