



Wildcrafted Ridge to Reef Discovery

A co-ordinated volunteering trip to study elements of the island ecosystem and rich culture.
Gain credits, boost your CV with applied international development,
environmental and cultural experience

Island

Fiji

Price

£2695 | USD \$3530

(or \$2320 with no diving, shark snorkel, SUP or island break)

Dates

Between June 1st – 30th 2019 (same date group arrival and departure to be arranged)

Included

- 2 days briefing and acclimatisation
- 16 days wildcrafted, island living with authentic activities such as:
 - Kava sessions, weaving, church, farming, fishing, cooking and washing
 - Reef and coastal workshops throughout including:
 - Coral gardening, planting mangroves, hardwood and permaculture
 - PADI Open water certificate (or dives of equivalent value)
 - SUP session and locally guided jungle hike
 - Optional beach camping and foraging experience
 - 6 days of desert island break
 - A shark snorkel
 - Visa



Flights

These vary from £800 to £1300 return. The earlier you book the better.

Fundraising

£100 - we will help you along the way to donate much needed funds which go towards the project equipment, logistics and a training program. Please contact Kirsty@island-spirit.org for help with fundraising.

More Opportunities

As an ambassador, we offer 7% commission on each sale you make.

Please let me know if you'd be interested in an internship during June, July and August 2019.

We have eco-trips in November 2018- April 2019 to Sri Lanka. Please ask for more details.

Links

- A great overview of Fijian Life by a former student volunteer from Falmouth Uni, UK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axhJ0hllX7w>
- A video of our projects: <https://youtu.be/9LBQDNQRVq0>
- Our responsible travel webpage: <http://island-spirit.org/responsible-travel/>
- Coral Gardening, A BBC snippet: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3N26woPiOmU>
- Our recent blog on coral gardening: <http://island-spirit.org/fiji/coral-gardening-to-combat-bleaching/>
- Coral bleaching, the facts by NOAA: http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/coral_bleach.html
- A great example of film and photography work on bleached reefs: <http://time.com/coral/>
- Other similar initiatives: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/09/160912173953.htm>
- <https://www.facebook.com/C4Conservation>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p009j6wb>
- TEDx talk <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PRLJ8zDm0U>
<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/emergency-response-to-massive-coral-bleaching/>
- <http://permacultureglobal.com/projects/1759-sustainable-environmental-livelihoods-farm-Fiji>
- <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/happy-chickens-for-food-security-and-environment-1/>

Coral Gardening Summary

Coral gardening is easy to learn, very effective and a great way to learn about tropical reefs while keeping fit.

It is a short term, applied conservation technique which requires patience, attention to detail and the ability to snorkel.

This new programme is designed to allow you to help save and reef and help show the world that coral reefs can potentially survive into the future.

Why Coral Gardening?

Mass coral bleaching started in 2014 and has seen the destruction of reefs all over the planet - including Fiji. Despite Cyclone Winston which hit the islands in February 2016 and cooled the waters, there is still lots to be done to help heat resistant species flourish. This is where you come in!

Why Island Spirit?

We are fully insured and everything once you arrive in Fiji is included: volunteering visas, meals, accom, activities, and transfers. We are the first company in the world to be a member of the World Fairtrade Organisation and specialise in Responsible travel so you know your money isn't going to a middle man but straight to the people you meet on the islands.

We've been in Fiji for over nine years so we know the locals you're working with personally. We are a small, social enterprise which allows you to talk directly with Kirsty, the Director, you are not one of the masses, this is more personal and you are much more connected with both the local people and environment you are in.

By just travelling with Island Spirit you are already helping generate fair income for these tiny outer island villages. For example, depending on the group size, each homestay host will receive between FJD\$30 (£12) each per person, per night with three home-cooked meals. Other similar organisations pay as little as \$15 per person. A small example of how the smaller details go a long way.

Deal

If you get 5 friends to book together (with yourself as 6) then you go for 30% off!

Does it suit me?

Designed for students who want to use Fiji as their destination for gathering dissertation research.

It can be used as your 30 days of professional experience.

It also helps students to demonstrate understanding of legal, social and ethical issues which can be transferred to the professional sector.

Students studying subjects as wide as tourism, photography, geography, business, entrepreneurship, biology, marine biology, anthropology, international development

What Next?

Pay a £50 deposit to secure your place

Buy your flight ticket

Start fundraising

Pay full price at least one month before arrival

Contact us on Kirsty@island-spirit.org or www.island-spirit.org

