



# KOKOMO

PRIVATE ISLAND FIJI

## DIVING

*Explore the underwater world*

With direct access to the Great Astrolabe Reef, the underwater wonders of one of the best and most exclusive diving locations is waiting to be explored. Located on the north east of Kadavu Island Group, Kokomo offers exclusivity to dive sites that are not frequented by other island resorts, offering an unparalleled experience for our guests, allowing them the opportunity to explore at their leisure with no distractions; from tiny Anthers to magnificent Mantas, Tuna, Sharks, schooling jacks, Turtles, Nudibranchs, Blue Ribbon Eels, Mackerels and many more.

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## LOCATION

Kokomo Private Island has direct access on both the west and east side of the Great Astrolabe Reef, enabling guests the opportunity to select from an impressive selection of varied dive sites.

The majority of our sites are located on the west side of the Great Astrolabe Reef, this area provides an abundance of diverse diving options as it features multiple varying passages and channels that weave throughout this impressive barrier reef.



### Diving Options:

- Hard coral outer reef slopes
- Steep walls
- Drift diving
- Several passages
- Submerged pinnacles
- Large coral bommies
- Deep diving
- Caverns
- Caves
- Swim through
- Soft corals in the passages
- Coral gardens
- Shark encounter dives
- Manta reefs.

### Fast Facts

- 40+ unique dive sites which range from depths of 8 metres to 30 metres
- Only a 15 - 20 minute boat ride to the closest outer reef with the farthest dive site an hour boat ride away
- A 5 Star PADI Dive Resort primed for novice and experienced divers, offering bountiful excursions within the surrounding and outer reefs
- For the novice diver, we offer the Internationally popular diver program “Discover SCUBA Diving”; the safest training to allow a 12-metre ocean dive, accompanied by our PADI Instructors
- One Discover Scuba session included per villa/residence, per stay
- All levels of training are provided and our instructors and facility is certified to train individuals from zero experience to first level professionals – “Dive Master” rating
- Minimum age requirement for swimming pool lessons is 8 years, for ocean experiences the age is 10 years.

## DIVE SEASONS

### May – October:

Is the best time of year for diving at Kokomo. During these months the water temperature is cooler – sitting at a comfortable 24 °C (75 °F) – and offers fantastic visibility with clear viewing of up to 60 metres, rarely dropping below 25 metres.

### November – April:

Diving is an all year round activity at Kokomo. The water temperature is at its warmest during these months, reaching up to 30 °C (86 °F), and the sea at its calmest. Visibility ranges from 20 – 30 metres and is subject to change due to the more unpredictable weather this time of year.



# MARINE SPECIES CALENDER

## Manta Rays

June - October

Manta Rays can be found all year round at our many dive sites, however snorkelling encounters generally occur during the June – October period. They are regularly spotted between Kokomo and Yaukuve Lailai and have also been spotted in front of the resort and around the dock.

It is important to note that they are wild animals and unfortunately encounters cannot be guaranteed. The Manta Rays average size is 3m across but they can grow up to 5.5m (wing tip to wing tip). Travelling between shallow reefs and deeper waters, there are two different types; the Oceanic Manta Ray and the Reef Manta Ray – the most common of the two. The Mantas we swim with do not have a barb on their tail so there is no chance of being stung. It is a safe, enjoyable and memorable experience to swim with these amazing creatures!

## Turtles

All Year Round

Turtles can be encountered all year round in these waters. We often spot them on our dives and at House Reef, out the front of Kokomo. The local waters are home to two types including the Green Turtle and the Hawksbill Turtle.



## Spinner Dolphins

All Year Round

We often sight spinner dolphins when the sea is clam, these cheeky creatures enjoy playing in the bow of the boat! They are residents throughout the year but sighting a pod of spinners is pure luck.



## Humpback Whales

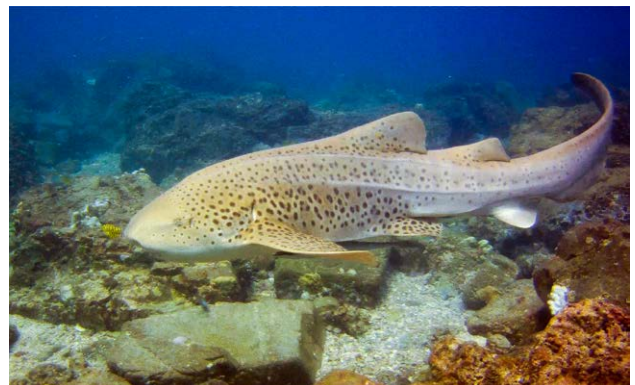
June - September

Humpback whales are not a regular occurrence but we have been lucky to have had a few sightings of them near Kokomo. They have also been spotted on the way to Kadavu during excursions or transfer flights to and from the island – so keep your cameras at the ready! If luck is on your side, you may also spot Pilot Whales between April – September.

## Sharks

All Year Round

There is an array of sharks that maneuver through the reef all year round. Reef Sharks - such as White Tip Sharks - are often spotted on diving and snorkelling trips, however we do have an abundance of Grey Sharks that reside at Solo Reef. Oceanic Hammerheads are also sighted all year around but particularly between July – August. They have been found quite often in the shallower reefs near a drop off or passage. Experienced divers will often spot Bull Sharks at Solo Reef (1-hour boat ride from the resort). The ever elusive Tiger Sharks have been sighted a few times, but are a rare occurrence.



## DIVING CERTIFICATIONS



Want to take your diving to the next level and become certified? You are in the right place; Kokomo Private Island operates its own 5 Star PADI Dive Center with a world-class dive team.

The duration of the open water course is 3-4 days, depending on whether the online component has been completed prior to arrival. The course is a combination of theory and practical tasks that adhere to PADI standards. In the event that you require more time to complete the course, we are flexible and able to provide as much extra guidance as needed, because we are committed to creating passionate and safe divers.

Once signed up, we will forward you a unique link to the PADI website where you can begin your e-learning, this is a great way to do the theory component from the comfort of your own home. If completed prior to arrival, all you need do is have a quick review of the online content and then it's straight into the practical aspect of the course.

### The practical consists of:

- 5 confined water skill sessions
- 4 open water dives.



We conduct the practical confined water sessions straight off beach one. However, if you prefer, you can start in the resort pool or your private pool. All of the open water dives are conducted at sites within close proximity to the resort.

The course structure is created to be flexible and is tailored around your time at Kokomo, it can be completed over 3-4 straight days or spread out over the duration of your stay. Please note, the weather will dictate when dives can be completed. Our Instructor to student ratio at The Kokomo Dive Centre is 1:4, but more likely than not it would be lower than this.