

## **INFORMATION PACK**

# **BULARANGI VILLA**

# SUNSET POINT, WANANAVU, SUNSHINE COAST





#### **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to our holiday home, Bularangi Villa at Sunset Point, Wananavu, Sunshine Coast.

We do hope that you have a very enjoyable and comfortable stay in our villa and if you have any issues during your stay and need to contact our local caretaker if he is not at the villa, he can be reached on the following number:

• Kamlesh – mobile +6798718716

He is always at the villa from 0800 hours to 1600 hours Monday to Friday but please be assured that you have the utmost privacy during your stay as he will be tending to the gardens and pool and decks area. He will not come up to the villa until he hears that you are up and about!

Kamlesh is a wealth of useful information about the villa and the area and he will introduce you to the villa on your arrival so you know how everything works. Please do not hesitate to ask him any questions and if you need to know anything during your stay please ask him. We are also happy for him to go with you to Rakiraki if you would feel more comfortable with him going with you and showing you where the shops are etc. If you only want him in on certain days during your stay, just let him know, if you would prefer some privacy during your stay.

His sister, Manju, comes in to clean up from 1000 hours to 1400 hours Monday to Friday, again if you only want her for a few days during your stay, rather than every day, then please let Kamlesh know.

Please treat the villa with respect as you would your own home.

Check out time on day of departure is 1000 hours, you will be met at 1000 hours on your day of departure, please ensure that you leave the villa exactly as you found it.

There is a guest book on the bookshelf in the main living area, please feel free to fill this in with your feedback and suggestions for the area.

If you wish to speak to us at any time before, during or after your stay our contact details are email of <u>enquiries@bularangi.com</u> or you can phone/Whats App us on +64212235844.

Kind regards

#### **Baz and Ali Howie**



## **GENERAL INFORMATION ON FIJI**

# Below is some general information about Fiji – it would be useful to read through this prior to your departure from home.

Fiji is a country whose culture and traditional heritage remains dynamic and strong. A vibrant mix of Ethnic Fijian and Indo-Fijian can be experienced throughout the islands.

#### **BRIEF HISTORY**

The Lapita people, named after their distinctive pottery style, were the first people to inhabit Fiji in about 3000BC, and evidence of their settlement exists throughout Fiji, particularly around the Sigatoka sand Dunes in the south of the island. They were followed by the Melanesians in about 500BC and relatively recent trading with the Polynesian Tongans has added to the cultural mix. In the Lau group of islands, aspects of both cultures still intermingle. From the early 1800's, both European and Chinese traders visited Fiji for its sandalwood, hardwoods, bech-de-mer, marine life, and, more recently, gold. The British ruled Fiji from 1874, brining indentured Indian labour to work the growing sugar industry between 1879 and 1916. In 1970, Fiji became a fully independent nation with constitutional arrangements to ensure that traditional Fijian interests were preserved.

#### **PEOPLE**

The combination of Fijian, Chinese, Indian, colonial European and other Pacific Islands has created a rich cultural mix. Of a total population of some 827,900 people, Fijians make up about 57%, Fijian Indians 37% and Chinese, Pacific Islanders and Europeans making up the remaining 6%. While the Fijians and Fijian Indians work together, they have largely maintained separate traditions. Eighty three percent of the land is under traditional ownership and cannot be sold.

#### **CULTURE**

Fiji society is male-dominated with a hereditary chief system still firmly in place. Protocol from villa life is retained in urban areas, so visiting a home in the city required the same protocol to be observed as entering a house in a traditional villa. The differing races and religions within Fiji have created a variety of traditional ceremonies with Diwali (the Indian Festival of Lights) and Christmas observed by all. The ceremony of drinking yaqona (kava) is highly respected by Fijians.

#### <u>VILLAGE PROTOCOL WHEN VISITING A FIJIAN VILLAGE – NOTE THIS IS NOT THE FIJIAN</u> <u>TOWNS BUT THE TRADITIONAL VILLAGES.</u>

- Hats and sunglasses are not to be worn in a village as they indicate disrespect to the chief.
- Do not wear shoes inside buildings
- Women must have their knees and shoulders covered and it is respectful for men to do the same. Sulus and t shirts are ideal for this purpose
- Avoid touching a Fijian person's head, as it is considered an insult.
- When visiting a villa, it is customary to take a 'sevusevu' (gift) of kava root. This can be purchased from local markets and will be gift wrapped in newspaper and twine if you advise that it is a sevusevu. About \$20 worth is usual.
- You will be asked to drink kava with the villagers on arrival. It is customary to drink the bowlful in one gulp. When you have finished the contents, return the bowl and clap 3 times.
- It is impolite to sit with you legs stretched out in front of you.



## TRAVELLERS TIPS FOR FIJI

#### **BANKING**

• There are several banks in Rakiraki that have ATM machines. For changing foreign currency you are best to go to the Singapore Exchange Western Union office next to the hot bread kitchen near the market end of town square.

#### **BUSINESS HOURS**

• Shopping hours are generally Monday to Saturday 8am to 5pm, with Friday closing at 6pm. Sunday most shops are closed.

#### **CLIMATE**

• During the drier months of May to November, visitors can expect fine warm days. In the wetter summer months of December to April, the humidity is higher and nights and days are warmer.

#### **CLOTHING**

• Dress is generally casual although evening dining in some resorts may require something slightly more formal. A jacket or sweater may be required for cooler evenings. Topless or nude sunbathing is not permitted. Skimpy beachwear is not acceptable outside the villa or resorts. Dress modestly when visiting a traditional village, and remove all hats and headgear.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

• Full international services are available including telephone, internet and e-mails services, and a mobile cellular phone network through Vodafone and Digicel. The international country code for Fiji is 679.

#### **CURRENCY**

• The unit of currency in Fiji is the Fijian dollar

#### **DUTY FREE ALLOWANCES**

• For staying at the villa, if you like a drink, it is useful to bring in your duty free allowance as there is only local brands of spirits available locally and a very limited wine choice in the shops! Allowances are 250 cigarettes or 250gm tobacco or 250 cigars. 2.25 litres of spirits or 4.5 litres wine or 4.5 litres of beer. Other goods to the value of F\$400 per passenger. You are best to double check these limits at the departing airport, in case they have changed since this was printed!

#### **ELECTRICITY**

• 240 volts, AC 50hz, Fiji has a 3-pin power outlets like New Zealand and Australia.

#### FOOD

• Fijian, Indian, Chinese and European food are all part of the Fijian cuisine, reflecting the many ethnic groups represented in Fiji. Seafood is a main part of the Fijian diet, often cooked in lolo (coconut milk).

#### **HEALTH**

• There are hospitals located in most towns, and private medical services are also available. A full list of doctors is available in the Fiji Telephone Directory on page 3. Fiji is free from malaria and most tropical diseases. Drinking bottled water and boiling all water before drinking is recommended.

#### **IMMIGRATION**

• A passport must be valid for a minimum of three months beyond your intended stay in Fiji. Nationals from a few countries will require a pre-arrival visa, visit <u>www.fijime.com</u> or <u>www.immigration.gov.fj</u> for more information.

#### **SHOPPING**

• Some bargaining is still conducted but most shops have fixed prices. Major credit cards are accepted at most hotels, resorts, shops and car rental companies.

#### **TAXES**

• All purchases in Fiji attract a VAT charge. The price charged is generally inclusive of VAT unless otherwise stated..

#### **TIPPING**

• Is not compulsory.



## **OPTIONS FOR GETTING TO BULARANGI VILLA FROM NADI**

#### There are several options available for travelling up to the villa and these are listed below.

- Hire a car at Nadi (approximately FJ\$160 to FJ\$200 per day) and drive up the villa ( there are detailed directions of how to get there following this). If you are hiring a car we highly recommend you hire a 4WD for the last 1km to the villa is unsealed and a more comfortable ride in a 4WD.
- We can arrange a taxi pick up and drop off to and from the villa. FJ\$180 each way for a 4 seater taxi and FJ\$350 for a taxi van that can take up to 8 persons. They also charge FJ\$20 for a shopping stop on the way to the villa (well worth doing). Once you are up at the villa you can call a taxi to the house to go to and from town or resorts. FJ\$50 for a return trip to Rakiraki town (they will wait for you whilst you shop so you have somewhere to put your purchases. FJ\$30 for return trip to the 2 local resorts for visit for lunch or dinner (Volivoli or DuaDua).
- Seaplane and you can then use taxis once you are up at the villa.
- Helicopter and you can then use taxis once you are up at the villa.

We are happy to arrange any of the above for you or put you in touch with companies direct, so please let us know if you would like any assistance with this.



## **DANGERS – DRIVING ON FIJIAN ROADS**

Please be aware of the following on the Fijian roads:

- Driving is on the left
- Maximum speed limit is 80 km/h on the open road and 50 km/h in towns and villages.
- Give way to your right.
- Legal driving age is 17 years.
- Parking meter wardens are vigilant with a parking ticket costing FJ\$20.
- Police road blocks and checkpoints are frequent and also monitoring of people's driving. Fines start at FJ\$200 and head up from that. There are also mobile police speed cameras with an on the spot fine
- Obstacles of animals and livestock wandering into the road and they like to sleep on the warm road surfaces
- Pot holes on the main roads
- The final 1km of road to the house is not sealed and has some pot holes, please drive this carefully but it is absolutely fine to take a rental car down. We do recommend 4WD rental vehicles.
- Locals including children walk along the side of the roadside, and can be difficult to see in the dark
- There are speed humps on the way in and out of the villages that you drive through, keep an eye out for these, as they can sneak up on you!



Bularangi Villa at Sunset Point, Sunshine Coast, Viti Levu, Fiji Directions to the Villa

Google Map Location: <u>https://goo.gl/maps/SuYx7PZWmfrbbS4o9</u>

The drive from Nadi International Airport to the sunshine coast and our villa at Sunset Point takes approximately 2.5 hours and is 140 kms. The following bullet point directions will get you there. Be aware when driving of condition of the road, as in some places there are large potholes, livestock wandering into the road and police speed cameras! Beware of speed humps in all villages that are on entry and exit of each visit!

- Leave Nadi Airport and turn left out of the airport heading in the direction of Lautoka
- Follow road to Lautoka
- As you enter Lautoka and come to first roundabout take second exit (straight ahead) Drasa Avenue
- At second roundabout taken second exit (straight ahead). T
- There are really good supermarkets and markets at Lautoka so if you wish to stop and do some shopping at this second roundabout take first exist (Tavewa Avenue) and this will take you to the centre of town
- Leave Lautoka and continue straight on towards next town of Ba.
- Pass through village of Matawalu and Nailage
- Road actually bypasses the town of Ba but you will see a sign saying you are passing through Ba
- Continue straight on towards next town of Tavua
- Pass through village of Vadravadra and Natalecake
- Arrive in Tavua excellent fresh produce market in Tavua which you will see on main road as you pass through
- Continue straight on towards next town of Rakiraki
- Pass through village of Rabulu, Drauniivi, Togavere, Vunitogoloa, Naivuuni and Narewa
- You are now approaching Rakiraki, the closest town to the villa.
- Pass Rakiraki High School
- Come to a fork in the road this is the turn off for Rakiraki by the police check point. Two options here:
  - Option 1 if you wish to do shopping take the right hand turn off to Rakiraki and follow road up hill and over to Rakiraki
  - Option 2 if you wish to continue straight to the villa, follow the road you are on which bends around to the left.
- You are now 7 kilometres from the turn off to the villa continue along the road for the 7 kilometres
- Pass through village of Nakauvao
- Pass the Tanoa Hotel Rakiraki on the left hand side
- After 7 kilometres there is a left hand turn clearly signposted for Wananavu, Dreamview Villas and DuaDua Resort follow these which route you left off the main highway.
- Continue down the road and turn first right again clearly signposted Dreamview Villas and Preeti's Place.
- As you climb up the hill on this road you come to a crossroads, by the security hut for Wananavu Beach Resort
- Turn right at these crossroads (again signposted for Preetie's Place and Suncoast Villa.
- The road is now unsealed for the next 1 kilometres to the villa so drive with care
- · Follow this road as it winds up the hill and back down the other side until you drop down to oceanside
- Bularangi Villa is clearly signposted with a large green roof, just after the sign for Preeti's Place the villa next door to us



## Shopping on the Way to the Villa at Nadi or Lautoka and Rakiraki Shops

The airport at Nadi is based approximately 15 kilometres outside of Nadi, and you don't need to pass through Nadi to get to the villa, therefore we recommend shopping at Lautoka on the way up to the villa or at the New World supermarkets at Nadi Airport area. There are also two pretty good supermarkets in Rakiraki now, so if you arrive outside of shopping hours at Nadi or Lautoka you can certainly shop at Rakiraki but the choices are more limited..

We recommend if you like good quality meats for your stay that you arrange with ourselves to order this prior to arrival and collect on arrival in Nadi from the excellent butcher South Pacific Butchery (see separate file for their menu of offerings). This is in the opposite direction to the villa to collect the meats but is definitely worth it if you are meat lovers. There is also now an excellent pork meat product shop at Rakiraki town that sells sausages, bacon, ham, pork chops and all other pork products.

New World Supermarket is about 500 metres from the airport, when you come out of the airport turn right (away from direction of the villa) proceed to next roundabout and take the first exit and a large New World (by Fiji standards) supermarket is there.

Also with regard to wines the local choice is limited so bring in your duty free allowance.

There is a coffee plunger at the house but you cannot get good quality ground coffee in Fiji – this we recommend you bring with you from home. If you don't bring from home definitely get coffee at Nadi or Lautoka before heading up to the house.

For your information, there is a large chest freezer at the house so if you buy more fresh meat than you need, you can always freeze things once you are at the villa.

#### <u>Lautoka Shops</u>

If you wish to shop at Lautoka the best shops are on the main street of Vitogo Parade, Naviti Street/Yasawa Street As you approach Lautoka at the second roundabout you come to take the first exit, Tavewa Avenue.

For the outdoor market and other good supermarkets continue on down Tavewa Avenue until you come to Elizabeth Square and follow the all vehicles sign out of Elizabeth Square (which is basically straight on).

You will come into Naviti Street and the large market and supermarkets are here. CJS Supermarket opposite the market is excellent.

The market is immediately after the traffic lights (carrying straight on over the lights) which has a fantastic selection of fruit, vegetables and also handicrafts.

Once you have done your shopping at these shops and the market, in order to get back to road to the villa you:

- Continue straight on the road you came in on to the market as far as you can go
- At the T intersection turn right
- Continue straight on
- At the next T intersection turn left
- Continue straight on for 1 kilometre or so
- At the next T intersection turn right and then after you have crossed the small railway lines turn immediately left and you are back on the main road heading up to the villa.

#### <u>Rakiraki Shops</u>

Sunday is probably the only day to NOT head into town – there are very limited shops open. To get to town from the villa you head out of our sub division back up to the Wananavu Security hut, turn left at the hut, to the end of that road, left again and then head out along that road to the main highway. When you get to the main highway turn right and head the 7kms into Rakiraki.

Rakiraki town has reasonable shopping all based around the main square of the town, you can walk around all 4 sides of the square discovering what it has to offer really easily. Here is a rought guide of what you can expect to find there.

- 2-3 supermarkets be aware these have limited offerings compared to the larger supermarkets in Lautoka so we always do a big shop on the way up to the villa and use Rakiraki supermarkets for top up.
- Hot bread kitchen delicious fresh bread (great to throw in freezer too and take out as needed), cakes, rolls etc
- Banks with ATM machines
- There are 2 Western Union offices where you can change foreign currency (you will need to have your passport or photo ID with you to do this). I used Singapre Exchange Money Exchange last time I was there next to the hot bread kitchen and it was excellent.
- There are 2 pharmacies the most modern one is close to the hot bread kitchen.
- The whole market area has fresh fruit and veg that is in season try and support these guys as they are locals coming in to sell their food.
- There are clothes shops selling heaps of different clothes suitable for the Fiji climate.
- There are hardware shops and also cheap \$2 type variety shops selling heaps of different things all worth a wee explore.
- There is a petrol station both in town and at the main highway entrance to town.
- Fresh fish is not always available in town but as you drive into town you will see several houses offering fresh fish to buy ask Kamlesh our caretaker to recommend a good one to stop at.
- On the way into town from the house on the left hand side about 1km after you turn onto the main highway is the Getaway Coffee Shop and Restaurant. Lovely guy runs this, great milkshakes and coffee (Starbucks brand) an he will even sell you ground coffee if you run out (but it is expensive). He is open 10am to 8pm.
- Gafoors Restaurant offers an opportunity to eat out in town with great curries, they are close to the Rup Bear store (slightly off the main square but easy to find). Rup Bears is also worth a visit for an Aladdin cave of things!
- AKC Fried Chicken upstairs next to Rup Bears is a very good fried chicken place,
- There is a guy outside New World some days selling FJ\$1 roti parcels they are delicious!
- If you are unsure where to source something ask Kamlesh he will be happy to help.
- You are welcome to take Kamlesh to town with you if you wish so he can show you around just ask him. Or if you don't want to go to town ask Kamlesh to go for you just make sure your shopping list is clear on what you require and give the money to Kamlesh in advance including the \$50 taxi fare.

## **Catering and Food Options Whilst Staying at the Villa**

There are various options available for meals:

- Self catering the kitchen comes with all catering equipment you should need including a full oven, grill and outside BBQ and is a really well equipped kitchen.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner at **DuaDua Resort** (see separate file of menus) approximate 7 minute drive from villa. Open 7 days a week. They also have a Fijian Meke Evening on a Saturday night you can book into. Register with reception on arrival so they know you are there. This is a more simple resort style.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Volivoli Beach Resort (see separate file of menus) approximate 10 minute drive from the villa. Open 7 days a week. Register at reception on arrival and you can set up a tab for the duration of your stay time in the area. This is a fully luxury resort style premises still welcome to dress as casually as you wish. They also have Fijian Meke Evening on a Thursday night with show at 6.30pm and lovo at 7.00pm. Lovo is a traditional Fiji style food cooked in the ground and served buffet style. On a Sunday night they have a BBQ Beach Buffet at 6pm
- Late breakfast, coffee, lunch and dinner at **Getaway Café** (see separate file of menus) on the way into town from the house on the left hand side about 1km after you turn onto the main highway is the Getaway Coffee Shop and Restaurant. Lovely guy runs this, great milkshakes and coffee (Starbucks brand) an he will even sell you ground coffee if you run out (but it is expensive). He is open 10am to 8pm. He will also take dinner orders and deliver them to the villa for you.
- You can purchase fresh fish ask Kamlesh to recommend the best place to source local fresh fish whilst you are there as suppliers do vary and he will know the best.
- Very limited meat is available from the supermarkets or pre-order good quality meat from the South Pacific Nadi butcher prior to arrival (see menu of meats separately attached).
- There is a very limited selection of wines in Rakiraki so we do recommend if you are wine lovers to bring some with you duty free.
- All supermarkets in Rakiraki sell local beers.
- We can provide meals at the house a menu is in this information pack for evening meals and if you require anything further please speak to Kamlesh our caretaker. Kamlesh can also cook a lovu for you one evening at the villa if you wish.

#### **MEATS**

- There is an excellent butcher South Pacific Butchery in Nadi which supplies good high quality meat, if you wish to order some in advance to pick up on arrival we can arrange this for you or if you arrive during shop opening hours Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm you can go in and buy what you wish over the counter and see what they have to offer.. If you are arriving after hours you just need to pre-order and collect it on arrival and pay them direct.
- There is a large freezer available at the house so you can certainly freeze as much as you wish frozen.

## **Directions to Other Resorts Nearby Whilst Staying at the Villa**

- DuaDua Resort (see separate file of menus) approximate 7 minute drive from villa. Open 7 days a week. Head back up to the Wananavu Security Hut, turn left, head to the end of this road, turn left again, and after about 1km you will see a sign to the DuaDua beach resort with a road turning off left for you to follow through the sugar canes. This is quite a rough road in unsealed and single lane so proceed with caution along it not with speed. Park in the car parks by the marina.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Volivoli Beach (see separate file of menus) approximate 10 minute drive from the villa. Open 7 days a week. Head back up to the Wananavu Security Hut, turn left, head to the end of this road, turn right at the end and follow this road (unsealed) as it winds past houses and drops down to a beach where the locals fish, then winds back up the hill. As you come up the hill from the beach area you will see 2 red triangular flags on the right hand side but a right hand turning. Take this turning right and you will see a sign for Volivoli Beach Resort, and a sealed road leading the way up a hill with an orange house at the start of the road. Continue down this road for about 1.5kms and Volivoli Resort it as the end. Park in the car parks by the main reception and check in at reception before heading into the resort..
- Late breakfast, coffee, lunch and dinner at Getaway Café (see separate file of menus) on the way into town from the house on the left hand side about 1km after you turn onto the main highway is the Getaway Coffee Shop and Restaurant.

# Below is a list of useful information regarding the villa that you will find in alphabetical order.

## AIR CONDITIONING UNITS

- These are provided in all 3 bedrooms.
- There are also fans above the beds in all bedrooms and most nights the fans on with the window louvers open, is plenty cool enough.
- If you use the air conditioning at night the louvers and doors in the bedrooms must be shut for them to be effective.
- Electricity is a precious commodity in Fiji we are not saying don't use the air con units just be aware that there are other options for a comfortable nights sleep if you do not like air conditioning!
- Please ensure air conditioning and/or fans are not left on in the bedrooms during the day if you are not in there.

## **BANK CASHPOINTS/ATM's**

- There is an ANZ bank and cashpoint machine at the airport as soon as you clear customs.
- Cashpoint/ATM machines are available at Rakiraki
- There are Westpac, ANZ and Bank of Boroda banks in Rakiraki, these are only open certain days of the week and you are best to check with Kamlesh as these can vary!
- Bank cards/credit cards are widely accepted at most Fiji shops.

#### <u>BBQ</u>

- There is a gas BBQ on the deck for your use and BBQ tools in the kitchen/on the BBQ.
- Please scrape clean off the BBQ plate grill after use, to keep ants to a minimum!
- Put BBQ cover on when BBQ not in use.

## **BOATS TO NANANU I RA**

• Boats are available to Nananu I Ra and its beaches and snorkelling via Nitin who offers this service via his boat tours (see later in information pack for what he offers). You can email him on rajnitin136@gmail.com.

## **BOOK LIBRARY**

- We have started a book library on the bookshelf in the living room please feel free to borrow these whilst you are at the villa.
- Please also feel free to leave any books you have read and do not want to take home with you!

## **CHECK IN / CHECK OUT**

- 1000 hours check out
- 1400 hours check in

## **CHILLY BINS/ICE**

- There is a chilly bin available at the house for you to use we put bottles of water in the freezer that act as ice packs and these work really well as we don't have ice packs at the house.
- There are also ice cube trays of varying sizes in the freezer to keep your ice supplies topped up. If you wish to buy ice this is available from New World in Rakiraki.

## **CLEANING**

- You can find cleaning products you may require under the sink be aware if you have small children that they can access this cupboard.
- Toilet rolls, dishwasher powder and laundry powder are provided during your stay. If you need these they are in the centre cupboard in the back store room.
- Mops, vacuum and brushes are in the back storage cupboards.
- The housekeeper will keep the place clean and tidy during the week Monday to Friday.
- If you leave any food out on the counters and outside uncovered it will attract ants.

#### **COFFEE**

- There is a coffee press/plunger at the house, but fresh coffee is not available locally. Therefore if you enjoy your morning cup of coffee overlooking the ocean, bring some coffee with you from home as it is difficult to source even in Nadi or Lautoka.
- We have recently found someone local who will grind coffee beans for you and also does a GREAT coffee, but if you are a coffee lover take your coffee with you. The local guy is at the Getaway Café (as earlier described).

## **ELECTRICITY BOARD IN LAUNDRY ROOM**

- Mains board in back room
- Hot water switch to be left off as the hot water is solar heated and this is only a back up system if there has been cloudy weather.
- If you switch on the hot water switch at the electricity board to get hot water in this instance, please switch it off again after an hour or so as this will be sufficient for hot water.
- The key to the generator for the house is hanging from a hook on the electricity board.

## FISHING TRIPS

- Ra Divers offer fishing charter trips these are half and full day trips and start at around FJ\$1,500 but are big game fishing on big boats.
- Our local guy Nitin offers snorkelling and fishing trips that are very safe, fully licenced, life jackets and emergency phone. He does snorkelling trips for FJ\$250 and fishing trips for FJ\$350 both highly recommended for those not chasing the big game fishing experience!! I am happy to book these up for you or you can email him on rajnitin136@gmail.com.

## GARDEN AND POOL CARETAKER

- There is a gardener who looks after the garden and pool 5 days a week and is also our caretaker for the premises his name is Kamlesh. He works 0800 to 1600 hours. He knows to not come up around the house until everyone is clearly up and about so as not to disturb you.
- Any issues with the house or how something works please speak to Kamlesh.
- He will also meet and greet you at the house on arrival and walk you through it so you know where everything is.
- Kamlesh does a daily sweep of the decks around the house but he will not do this until he hears that the house is up and about.
- We ask our employees to be discreet so they do not intrude on your stay at the house.
- If you don't wish him to come in every day or on any specific day just ask them not to.

## **GENERATOR / TORCHES / POWER OUT**

- Electricity in Fiji is also precious.
- If the mains electricity goes out at the house there is a back up generator.
- The caretaker will show you on arrival how the generator works in case of power failures.
- There are torches (in the basket on the side in the kitchen) so you can find your way to the generator shed to make the switch over to generator power.
- There is also a generator shed key if required, which is on a hook by the electricity cupboard in the back storage room, you will only require this if you need to switch the generator over.
- Bear in the mind if the power goes off, the showers will also, but a quick jump in the swimming pool will sort out any excess soap or you can wait for the generator to kick in and then the showers will come back on.
- Please ensure once the electricity comes back on that you switch off the generator supply you will know the power has come back on as you hear various items beep throughout the house.
- After power failure you need to reset the time on the cooker before the cooker will work (manual in the top drawer in the kitchen)

## HOT WATER SUPPLY TO BATHROOMS

• Hot water is provided to the house by solar panels and the supply is normally plentiful – but please be aware that water is a precious commodity here in Fiji. Keep time in showers to a minimum please!

## HOT WATER SUPPLY TO KITCHEN SINK

- This is sourced directly from underneath sink, not solar beware water is VERY hot!
- If water in kitchen sink is cold, check system still switched on underneath kitchen sink

## HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES

- There is a daily four hour housekeeping service Monday to Friday 1000 to 1400 hours during your stay in the house by our housekeeper Manjula (Kamlesh's sister).
- She will make beds, ensure bathrooms are cleaned and tidy up the kitchen and the house.
- She will also put on loads of washing and hang it out.
- We ask our employees to be discreet so they do not intrude on your stay at the house. If you don't wish her there every weekday you can request days she works.

## **INTERNET SERVICES**

- We have Starlink available at the house and the Wifi is called Bula Rangi Villa and the password is Bula2024 any issues accessing this speak to Kamlesh, but it is a really good service.
- Please <u>do not</u> use it for streaming movies or large uploading of files etc this will just suck up the bandwith too fast but is perfectly fine for internet, facebook, email, social networking etc.

## <u>KEYS</u>

- You have been provided with one full sets of keys for the house.
- We find it easiest to access the house in and out of the front patio doors or the back laundry door.
- Please ensure the keys are left behind when you check out.
- There is a digital keybox located on the outside of the house (up on the wooden ceiling timber by the back door that leads into the laundry area) the code for the keybox is 3579.
- If you wish to go out and not have to take keys (eg, if you are going snorkelling) the keys can be locked safely in this box.
- There is also a generator shed key if required, which is on a hook by the electricity cupboard in the back storage room, you will only require this if you need to switch the generator over.

## **KITCHEN**

- After power failure you need to reset the time on the cooker before the cooker will work (manual in the top drawer in the kitchen)
- Manuals for all kitchen items are in the top drawer of the kitchen next to the cooker
- Toilet rolls, dishwasher powder and laundry powder are provided during your stay and a basic tea/coffee/sugar/long life milk/salt/pepper pack is provided for your arrival.
- The only basic items that are at the house are salt and pepper, other items you require during your stay can be obtained from Rakiraki
- There is also a second fridge and large chest freezer in the laundry area.
- Please run the dishwasher on program 6 only to save both water and electricity! Thank you!

## LAUNDRY

- There is a washing machine and tumble dryer in the third bathroom for your use. Please use the least minutes program for all washes there is a 22 minute cycle this save electricity and water. Thank you!
- Please limit the use of the tumble dryer to when it is pouring with rain and you need to get something dry.
- There is a washing line attached to the outside of the house at the back by the living room patio doors. Pegs can be found under the kitchen sink.

## **MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE**

• There is a Digicel reception at the house which gives relatively good mobile phone coverage at the house.

#### **MOSQUITOES**

- Mosquitoes are around, so bring a good mosquito repellent with you. Fortunately Sunset Point gets a good wind blowing through, so this does keep mosquitoes away.
- All windows have sealed fitted mosquito nets outside of the louvres
- All inner doors to the patio doors are fitted with mosquito nets ensure these doors are kept clipped shut to keep the mosquitoes out.
- They are not a big problem in this area.

## **USE OF POOL**

- Please take a shower before using the pool the less suntan lotion products that get in the pool the less chemicals such as chlorine we have to use.
- Children to be supervised at all times.

## POOL TOYS

- There is snorkelling gear that you can use in two black bins on the deck outside the master bedroom.
- There are also some pool lilos and floating devices in these bins.
- If you have young children who need a floating device to be in the pool, we recommend you bring this device with you to the villa.

## **RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

- All rubbish will be disposed of by Kamlesh, there is a large bin available to put rubbish in at the bottom of the driveway.
- Unfortunately Fiji does not yet recycle but please keep beer bottles separated as we do return these to the supplier if you leave them separated in a box by the large bin on the deck, Kamlesh will sort this out.

## **SAFE INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

- There is a safe provided for your personal belongings, we recommend that you use this.
- The safe is located in the towel cupboard in the back area.
- The safe door will be open, press the re-set button on the inside hinge side of the safe door, enter a 4 digit code followed by A and this will be your safe code number for locking and unlocked the safe.
- Please leave the safe open when you leave the villa for checkout.
- Kamlesh can show you how to operate the safe.

## SMOKE ALARMS

• There are four smoke alarms located in the house, in the 3 bedrooms and the kitchen.

## SMOKING AND VAPING

• Smoking and vaping are only permitted outside.

## **SNORKELLING OUT FRONT**

- You can snorkel out the front of the house, just walk down the steps to the beach and drop into the ocean and you can then snorkel on the reef out the front of the house.
- Highly recommend taking dive booties to walk across the coral and rocky beach.

## SPA TREATMENTS AND MASSAGES

- Massages can be booked at the villa FJ\$130 per massage if only for 1 person, or FJ\$100 per massage if more than 1 person is having a massage at the same time 1 hour full body and they can be booked via Kamlesh.
- There are also other spa treatments available at Volivoli Beach Resort and details are available from their reception.

## **TELEPHONE**

• Note there is no land line available at the house. We use our own mobile phones whilst there on a roaming package.

## **TORCHES**

• There are torches in the basket on the side in the kitchen.

## TOURS TO LOCAL VILLAGES AND PLACES OF INTEREST

- These are offered by Soni Inland Tours and he has some fantastic offerings see later in the tour pack for what he offers.
- Booking in advance is essential..

## WATER SUPPLIES

- Please be aware that water in Fiji is precious.
- Please do not leave any taps running unnecessarily.
- Water from the taps is <u>not</u> drinkable, buy bottled water to drink and boil any water from the tap before using it for cooking etc to be safe.

## WINDOW WOODEN LOUVRES

- You will notice that there is no glass in the windows as we have wooden louvres.
- Please ensure that when you are going out and rain looks due that you shut the louvres otherwise there is a chance that rain will get in through some of them. Kamlesh will talk you through this when he shows you around the villa.

## USE OF TV / SKY / DVD SYSTEM

#### TV AND NETFLIX

- To turn the TV on use Sharp remote control press power on
- We have Netflix already set up and logged in under the Bularangi account
- Netflix is all we have set up on the TV
- Volume is controlled via the Sharp remote volume control

#### DVD

- The DVD player works for playing CD and DVD.
- Use the source button on the Sharp remote control (top button next to power button of an arrow pointing right) to select HDMI 4.
- To play DVD use Smart remote all usual functions
- Volume is controlled via the Sharp remote volume control

#### **OPERATION OF THE SAFE**

- The safe door will be open, press the re-set button on the inside hinge side of the safe door, enter a 4 digit code followed by A and this will be your safe code number for locking and unlocked the safe.
- Please leave the safe open when you leave the villa for checkout.
- Kamlesh can show you how to operate the safe.

#### Please ensure you leave the safe door open on departure!

## **USEFUL CONTACTS**

Baz and Ali Villa Owners	Whats App +64212235844 enquiries@bularangi.com
Kamlesh	Mobile +679 871 8716
Raj Taxi Service	For taxis to town Tel: +679 9500729

Approximate costs for taxi journeys with **Raj Taxis**:

- Rakiraki FJ\$50 return trip to town
- Volivoli Beach Resort FJ\$30 return trip to resort (they will drop you off and come back and pick you up at agreed time)
- Duadua Resort FJ\$30 return trip to resort (they will drop you off and come back and pick you up at agreed time). If you are dining at Duadua Resort they will send a taxi for you.

Volivoli Beach Resort	+679 669 4511
Duadua Resort	+679 776 8033
Getaway Café	+679 938 0175 dhirend.naidu07@gmail.com
Nitin Boat Tours	+679 9543746 <u>Rajnitin136@gmail.com</u>
Soni Local Tours	ameliaraluve061@gmail.com
Police / Crime Stoppers	999
Dr Naidu	+679 6694 462 He is in Rakiraki Town
Rakiraki Hospital	+679 6694 368

#### TOP THINGS TO DO AT THE BULARANGI VILLA AND IN THE AREA

- 1. Snorkelling on the reef out front
- 2. Sleeping at night with the louvres open, fan on and no air conditioning feels wonderful!
- 3. Massage by the ocean in the bure
- 4. An evening drink under the bure
- 5. Watching the sunrise over Nananu I Cake from the deck of Bularangi.
- 6. Turning off all the lights and star gazing
- 7. Walking on rocks during low tide and seeing the starfish and crabs etc
- 8. Lovu/Meke Night at Volivoli (Thursday night) or Meke night at Dua Dua Resort (Saturday night)
- 9. BBQ Night at Volivoli Resort on a Sunday evening starting 6.30pm (bookings essential)
- 10. Gafoors Restaurant for Indian food in Rakiraki
- 11. \$1 roti from outside New World in Rakiraki
- 12. Kayaking at Volivoli Beach and dining at their outdoor restaurant or hanging in their swim up pool bar.
- 13. Visiting the home of a Fijian Indian!
- 14. Watching frogs in the garden at nightfall too cute!
- 15. Have a look in the guest book there are heaps more suggestions!

Please feel free to add to this list below for other visitors or put your suggestion in the visitors book!

#### Home Cooked Meals Provided At Bularangi Villa

If you would like a meal prepared for you whilst you are staying at Bularangi Villa, this can be arranged by speaking to Kamlesh (our caretaker) – his sister Manju does the cooking so you can also speak to her when she is there doing the housekeeping. If you want a meal for your day of arrival then let Ali know and she can arrange prior to your arrival. They offer good value and Manju's cooking is fantastic!

The meal will need to be paid for in advance so that they can do the shopping. The cooking is truly delicious. The price below does not include travel to town to get ingredients, and this is FJ\$50 per trip. If you know you are going to want more than one meal, it would be a good idea to order how many you want then you only have to pay for one taxi trip to town for them to get the ingredients.

#### **Menu Selections**

Chicken curry with dhal,	rice, roti and salad		
1-2 persons FJ\$60	3 – 4 persons FJ\$110	5 – 6 persons FJ\$160	
Lamb curry with dhal, ric	e roti and salad		_
1-2 persons FJ\$80	3 – 4 persons FJ\$115	5 – 6 persons FJ\$155	
Fish curry with dhal, rice	roti and salad		_
1-2 persons FJ\$80	3 – 4 persons FJ\$115	5 – 6 persons FJ\$155	
Vegetable curry with dhal	, rice roti and salad		
1-2 persons FJ\$50	3 – 4 persons FJ\$70	5 – 6 persons FJ\$90	
	ish dish- they marinate and cook to conut and onions and tomatoes in	5	
1 – 2 persons FJ\$60	3-4 persons FJ\$80	5 – 6 persons FJ\$100	
	r to spring rolls) coconut hash, s	salad	_
1-2 persons FJ\$65	3 – 4 persons FJ\$90	5 – 6 persons FJ\$120	
Chicken palow (meat cook	xed with rice) with fresh salad a	nd tomato chutney	
1-2 persons FJ\$60	3 – 4 persons FJ\$85	5 – 6 persons FJ\$110	
Fish lolo with fried cassav			_
1 – 2 persons FJ\$85	3 – 4 persons FJ\$135	5 – 6 persons FJ\$185	
Lamb Polsami with dhal, this is a delicious Fijian di		tton spiced and cooked in taro leave	s and coconut

1 – 2 persons FJ\$85 3 – 4 persons FJ\$115 5 – 6 persons FJ\$155

#### Try a Lovu Feast

Kamlesh can provide this traditional method of cooking at the villa – a shallow hole in the ground filled with stones heated by fire. On top of the stones, foil wrapped delicacies are layered and cooked until tantalizing scents of the roast emerge. It includes, lamb, chicken, fish, vegetables and salad. Price is FJ\$400 and feeds 4 - 6 people

Please ask Kamlesh if you would like to have a lovu evening at the villa.

#### Special requests accommodated if possible. Please give at least 24 hours notice for meal preparation. No drinks included.

## Massages and Beauty Treatments at Bularangi Villa

Our lovely Fiji lady Mere is available to come to the villa and do full body massages for FJ\$130 for 1 hour. Either ask Ali to arrange in advance of your arrival or book with Kamlesh when you get there.

## **Additional Attachments to This Information Pack**

- Volivoli Beach Resort Menus
- Ra Divers Diving Information (based at Volivoli Resort)
- DuaDua Resort Menu and Activities
- Nitin Fishing and Snorkelling tours
- Soni Inland Tours
- South Pacific Butcher Meat Menu
- Bularangi Villa Dinner Menu
- Bularangi Villa Directions