



UNDISCOVERED NIUE – EXPLORATORY MULTI ACTIVITY TOUR DEPARTS NEW ZEALAND 1ST AUGUST 2008

FROM \$1776pp share twin ex AKL 7days/8nts

Niue is just 3 hours north east of New Zealand but a world apart. A place where Nature hasn't been broken. Where it's normal for strangers to wave at each other, all the time. Where the sweet sound of laughter mixes with the drumming ocean waves. Where everything stops at 4 PM and no-one understands the meaning of the words '*hurry*' and '*rush*', so it pays not to use them! This trip is especially designed for those seeking an interesting and active experience in Polynesia, the way it used to be. It's not a tourist resort, has little tourism infrastructure and isn't a week just lying on a beach..... We will include a wide variety of activities such as rainforest walks, snorkeling trips, cave tours, reef walks, biking, a circle island tour and weaving workshop. Plus plenty of free time to just kick back and do your own thing.

Niue is special, you will be treated like an honoured guest rather than a tourist. Tour participants will need to have an open mind and go with the flow if schedules and activities change during the trip. Silvana Gottini from Southern Exposure Tours will be your tour leader to smooth out the bumps and organize the itinerary for you. However the spirit of an exploratory adventure on Niue is to relax and welcome whatever happens next.

Most meals, activities, transport and bike hire will be included as per trip details below. We will be staying in twin share holiday home accommodation for the entire week so you only unpack once. The best way to describe the accommodation is that of a clean comfortable kiwi beach bach with 3 bedrooms and one bathroom. The cutlery may not match but you'll be too relaxed to notice!

SO IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU? THEN READ ON.....

TOUR INCLUDES:

- **Airfares ex Auckland, all airline taxes except departure taxes**
- **7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners**
- **Accommodation on a twin share basis (single travelers will be matched to someone of the same sex)**
- **All airport transfers on Niue and transport to/from included activities**
- **Bike hire for the week**
- **Circle Island tour**
- **Guided rainforest walk**
- **Guided cave tour**
- **Two hour snorkeling trip**
- **Reef walk**
- **Craft morning in Makini Hall – Alofi**
- **Lots of bike trips, walks and exploration with Silvana as tour leader**



ITINERARY - Fakaalofa lahi atu! Welcome!

DAY 1. Friday Depart AKL 10.00pm flight is via Samoa, arrival in Niue at 5.10am same day. Time for a sleep or for those who would like to join Silvana there is a market to visit in the morning from 6.30 to 8am. Collect the hire bikes and spend a relaxing morning around Alofi, wharf, sea tracks then meet for lunch at the the Crazy Uga Café. Circle Island tour in the afternoon – for an orientation tour of Niue. The road round the island is 64km, so 2 hours you will get a good idea of where you will go over the next few days, includes some short stops. Discover tiny swimming coves teeming with coloured fish. **Evening Dinner a Jenna's for Fish and Chip night BYO drinks- B,D .**

DAY 2. Saturday – Today we venture out on our bikes, take packed lunches and cycle the cross island road to Liku and south to Togo track. This 30 minute walk each way is an interesting inland chasm to explore. The first half is a forest walk and the second half of the track is out on karst pinnacles, a typical landscape of Niue. Enjoy our picnic lunch in the chasm, then return and bike south to Hakupu village, along the cross island road back to Alofi. There may be a village show on that day. If so most activity at the shows is in the morning so we would visit the village first then carry on to Togo. Enjoy sunset drinks by the pool at Matavai resort. **Dinner: Matavai resort buffet & (possibly) entertainment. B,L,D**

DAY 3 Sunday – Church day. **Today is a free day** to explore Avatele village, spend time at the Washaway Café – a great place to have lunch, meet locals and ex pat community alike. With good sea conditions this is a fabulous snorkeling and swimming spot and the 'biggest' beach on the island. Silvana will be on hand to take you swimming, snorkeling, biking etc. **Dinner, at Gill's Indian Restaurant - B**

DAY 4 Monday – Explore the most breathtaking caves in the South Pacific with ease on Tali's Cave Tour to Ulupaka. Enjoy a snorkel trip in crystal clear water with a mind-boggling array of marine life. Depending on group numbers, half will snorkel in the morning, half do Tali's cave tour, then swap in the afternoon – Silvana will find an alternative if Tali is not on the island, other family should be available. Otherwise another conservation based tour will be offered. Lunch – own arrangements in Alofi. **Dinner – Pizza from Katuala Café to take home - B, D**

DAY 5 Tuesday – **Free day today for optional activities.** You can swim with magnificent humpback whales, both pods and individuals, who shelter in the bays around Avatele and Tamakautoga. For diving Niue's waters are some of the clearest in the world with visibility of 50 to 70 meters! Diving here is a spectacular encounter including turtles, dolphins, snakes, whales, hard corals and all manner of fish. Niue is also legendary among fishermen. Several operators run established, safe & reliable charters & the deep water is easily accessible so you'll spend most of your time fishing, not traveling. All these optional activities need to be pre arranged but as always, we are at the mercy of the weather so please be flexible and ready to go to "plan B" if your chosen activity doesn't work out. Silvana is on hand to help you explore the island further and will get the best advice from her local friends as to further options. Lunch – own arrangements. **Dinner at Jenna's Niuean Buffet BYO. B, D**

DAY 6 Wednesday – This morning we'll mingle with the locals at the Makini Hall where a group of women gather to weave. We'll also enjoy a reef walk and learn who to bait uga (coconut crab). Depending on time we can visit Limu chasm, a divine area to spend time swimming, snorkeling or sunbathing. A beautiful area, exposed to the sea at high tide. There are a variety of pools and picnic areas, and a must-visit for all travelers. This will also be the last day for optional diving. Own lunch arrangements. **Meet for sunset drinks at the Matavai resort then go to dinner at Falala Fa - B**



DAY 7 Thursday – Hop on our bikes, take a packed lunch and bike to Hikatuwake Village. As we ride along there are many sea tracks to stop and explore either on the way or returning. Our main goal for today is to the Matapa Chasm – Fabulous swimming and snorkeling area, encased by steep 10 m cliffs that overhanging a deep long cool pool full of fish. It is next to the sea, but isolated from its currents by large boulders at the ocean side. The drumming noise from the ocean waves is awesome and can be deafening as you near its mouth. Swimming is best around lunchtime. Then we'll visit the Talava Arches, a 30 minute walk either way, best at low tide to explore the reef and cave formations. This evening we return our bikes and celebrate the end of a fascinating stay on Niue. **Tonight there will likely be a simple BBQ at Mamata's Icecream Heaven BYO.** Then time for a couple of hours sleep before catching the plane back home. **B,L,D**

Transfer to airport for departure Friday morning 3.40am