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Being an active beach and water lover, there is a lot to enjoy in the beautiful country of Fiji! In case you are not familiar with the country, allow me to share

some facts. Firstly, Fiji is a South Pacific Island nation located between Hawaii and New Zealand. The best part is Fiji is a direct flight from some US hubs like LAX, SFO, DFW, HNL... YVR from Canada. Only 10hrs from the west coast so it is comparable with Europe easily! Fiji Airways gets you there very comfortably and are updating a lot of their fleet. I was really impressed by the offerings and incredibly friendly flight attendants – a rare commodity these days. Once you're in Fiji you can get to some fabulous resorts by car, boat, plane or helicopter. On my recent visit, I experienced several resorts to ensure my knowledge is up to date for clients. I really fell in love with Fiji and when you visit, you will too! The diversity Fiji offers is unexpected. Beach, ocean, hiking, culture, food... there is something for everyone and I encourage you to push Fiji up on your travel wish list. Hopefully, by the end of this newsletter you will see why!



Some snaps from transit - as you can see, so many ways to get around and each step is a journey, seeing more of the country and chatting to the warm locals!



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Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort is adventurous and inviting with some thoughtful amenities guests can really enjoy. A casual setting with lovely gardens, a pool and stunning views. To me, the kids options were especially fun with a fully decked out kids club. Parents – if you're after warm, friendly and fabulous nannies for your kid/s when you need some adult time, Fiji is it!!! I was so impressed throughout my time in Fiji with the excellent facilities at kids clubs, active, safe, educational – some of the best kids clubs I have ever seen! Most resorts call it a Bula Club and a lot of the time, dedicated nannies or "bula buddies" are engaging with kids and included in the rate! This ends up being a winner at all resorts because families can play together or break into groups for adult/children time. Couples wanting something more romantic and who are more adult driven are not disturbed because kids are so entertained in the kids areas, they don't want to be anywhere else!



JMC also has a secluded private island where they set up all kinds of things like spa - I did a leg and foot massage listening to the ocean! There are alternatives like picnics, or simply a day on an island! So idyllic!



JMC

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Nanuku

From the minute I arrived, I could feel there was something special about Nanuku Resort! Located on the mainland, this resort authentically welcomes you with warm open arms.



My residence above and private pool



Just some of the stand outs at Nanuku is that this resort is set on a private estate that is around



500 acres, meaning the ultimate privacy yet providing you lots of space to explore and remain active! Experiences available like Mangrove planting and coral planting

lead by an on-site marine biologist, scuba and snorkeling, white water rafting, jet ski safaris, zip-lining, waterfall treks, rainforest hikes, river tubing... Alternatively relax by the pools or beach, enjoy spa and wellness, chill at the swim up bar, the choices are endless at Nanuku. This is honestly the perfect balance of unpretentious luxury and authentic, meaningful travel.

Nanuku offers Residences, Villas and Suites to keep you comfortable.

I must mention that some of the accommodations have their own washer / dryers ? !



Imagine staying at a resort for a week + and returning home with clean clothes! Of course, they have laundry services but being able to quickly throw something in the wash is a bonus!

Spacious kitchens

are perfect when you're after a home cooked meal or would like an in-residence chef experience. Between the huge private pools in the residences and direct beach, you might not want to leave!

No wonder your stay here might mean brushing up with some celebrities also choosing to call Nanuku their home away from home in Fiji!

My actual room and bathroom



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Matangi & Royal Davui



A resort under the radar is definitely Matangi Private Island!

Purchased by the Douglas family in 1878 and has been a passion project of the family who still owns and runs it today. The staff are treated like family and with that recipe you can imagine the pride and care that each guest receives by staying here. They offer beautiful individual bures, carefully renovated with Fijian touches everywhere. You hear the water brushing up on the beach in your bure or treehouse sprinkled across the resort. Beautiful beaches are all yours with just 12 keys on this 240 acre island paradise.

Once a week the staff hosts an informal kava session with talanoa or story telling. Kava also known as Yaqona is an infusion prepared from the root of Piper methysticum, a member of the pepper family. Considered Fiji's national drink kava is something to experience at least once during your Fiji visit.

A first for me... We visited a pearl farm about 7 miles from the resort. We saw the team in action learning about pearls, seeing the sustainable operations followed by snorkeling in the marine protected area. The Fijian pearls are renowned for their natural colors.



One of my WOW experiences at Matangi was our private picnic in the unimaginably beautiful Horseshoe Bay (top photo) - also known from the 2003 travel book by Patricia Schultz "1,000 Places to See Before You Die". This is only accessible by boat, unspoiled luxury experienced by so few. Your picnic experience has everything you can need for a perfect Matangi day. Set up with toys like kayaks, snorkeling gear, SUP and a delicious meal! This will be one for the memory books, trust me!



Love is definitely in the air at Royal Davui Island Resort. One of the most romantic islands I have ever visited.

The newly refreshed, adults only resort is your dreamy escape in paradise on 10 acres of tropical landscape featuring just 16 villas and bungalows.

White sand beaches ✓ turquoise waters ✓ incredible outdoor/indoor flowing villas ✓ This has the wow factor, yet there is something laid back very prevalent too. There is an emphasis on responsible luxury here too which I liked to see.



All of the water toys you can imagine are found here and of course incredible snorkeling. You can also enjoy PADI scuba diving here with access to the famous Shark Dive in Pacific Harbor. Beqa Lagoon has become famous for its wide variety of marine life within one lagoon including shipwrecks, soft corals and caves... you will not be disappointed. Some of these locations can be accessed directly from their beach!



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Spotlight on... Underwater



So many beautiful underwater adventures and some things I didn't even manage to capture! As you can see, it is busy down there. I loved seeing the coral restoration going on in Fiji!



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COMO Lacaula Resort is an ultra luxury destination. The stand out factor here is the space. The residences are massive, set out like a private home with lots of space between each unit. Your bedroom and bathroom is under one roof with closet, dressing area and sitting space and under another roof a separate living tv area. Then the outdoor space... wow! Several areas to sit, splash and lounge with direct access to your own beach area. True exclusivity! 240 acre farm, 18-hole golf course with insane views in each direction... I am going to let my photos do the talking... Island living does not get much better than this.



Lacaula & VOMO

Another day, another island... seeing a trend here?! Welcome to VOMO Island.

The choice is luxury villas or luxury residences?! You can't go wrong. VOMO accommodations is on the tip of the island ensuring everyone



has a nice spot on the 225 acre playground. Long stretches of white sandy beaches on both

sides of the island and smaller beaches means everyone has their spot. Hiking enthusiasts will love climbing Mt Vomo where you have spectacular views and can choose your next beach to visit!

Food and beverages at VOMO were especially fantastic and this is an all-inclusive resort. What took things up a notch higher was the personalization and each dining venue... picky eaters and allergy clients, listen up!!!



EVERY single meal at any venue had our very own personalized menu with our name and allergies listed to choose from. I hope all restaurateurs are listening because this is how you



do it. Choosing what to have was always a problem because everything sounded and eventually tasted delicious. Minus any of the worry that the server was paying attention – who can relate?!?

Another unique point about VOMO is their more contemporary and modern design. If you are after bright, light and functional spaces, you have it here. Our villa was huge with plenty of space to chill, order in or enjoy the private landscape and pool area.

All of the water and land activities you would expect and a kids club that no one wanted to leave. Kids were basically in tears when parents came to fetch them – I am not joking!



Our Villa



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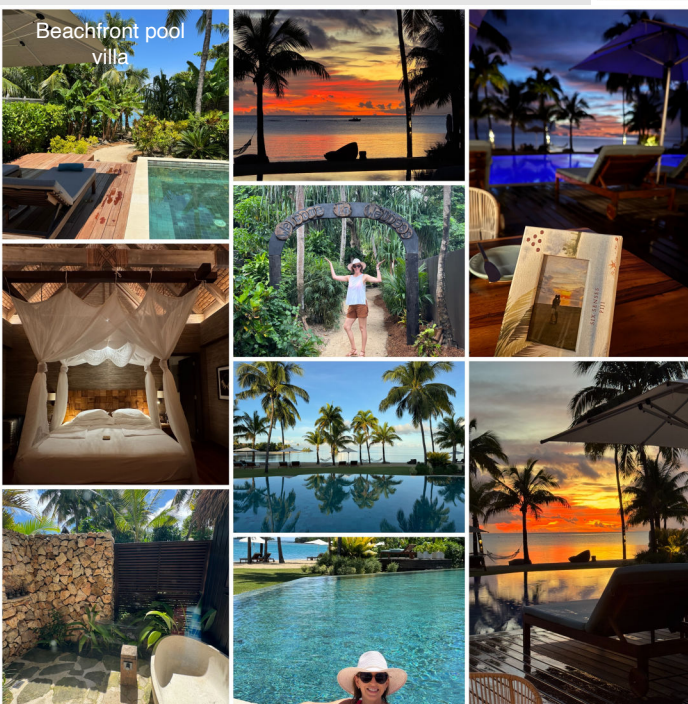
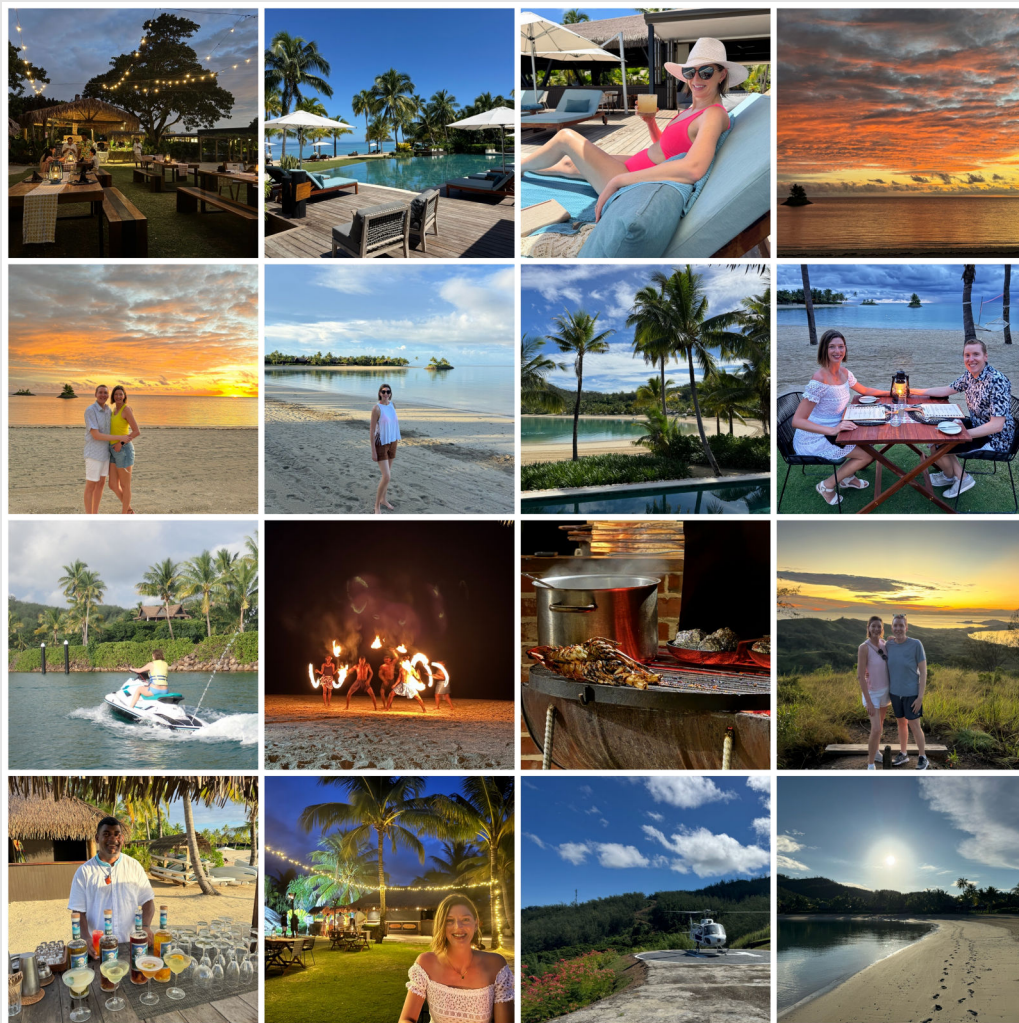
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Spotlight on... Six Senses

You may have heard of the Six Senses Brand but if not allow me share a very brief summary – there is a focus on wellness, community and sustainability. A health nut – perfect fit... a not so health nut that enjoys delicious food, perfect fit. Family – perfect! Couples – perfect! Just because their core values are good for you and the planet, does not mean boring, not tasty or no fun. Quite the opposite... you just end up leaving feeling a little better overall with a touch more awareness. If you know me you know my passion is not to provide you with ‘a place to stay’ but rather hospitality to make a positive impact in your life for what means most to you and your loved ones. **Six Senses Fiji** promises to reconnect and explore mental, physical and emotional happiness.

Six Senses Fiji is just a short helicopter or boat ride away from the international airport meaning you are in your happy place sooner than you think. 120 acres of lush, native vegetation with a gorgeous white sandy beach and lots to explore from their farm to ‘Cluckingham Palace’ chicken coop, their impressive kids club, spa and wellness areas, marinas, several dining outlets... no chance of boredom here!



Their 24 stunning villas have private pools and gorgeous Fijian décor with bright bathrooms flooded with natural light. You will wonder why you don't have an indoor and outdoor bathroom at home after returning for Fiji – I know I do!!! Should you require more space or be traveling with friends and family, one of their residences could be a fit.

Guest Experience Makers aka GEMs are your new BFF's who are your go-to's for all of your needs.

Dining here was truly decadent and the variation of locations and menus kept me excited for each and every meal. Snorkeling right off the beach was a hit as well and thanks to the bays shape, it's an ideal spot for beginner-friendly swimming. Saying that, surfing is a hit just a boat ride away – best of all worlds! Take a look at this photogenic resort and some of the fun we experienced!

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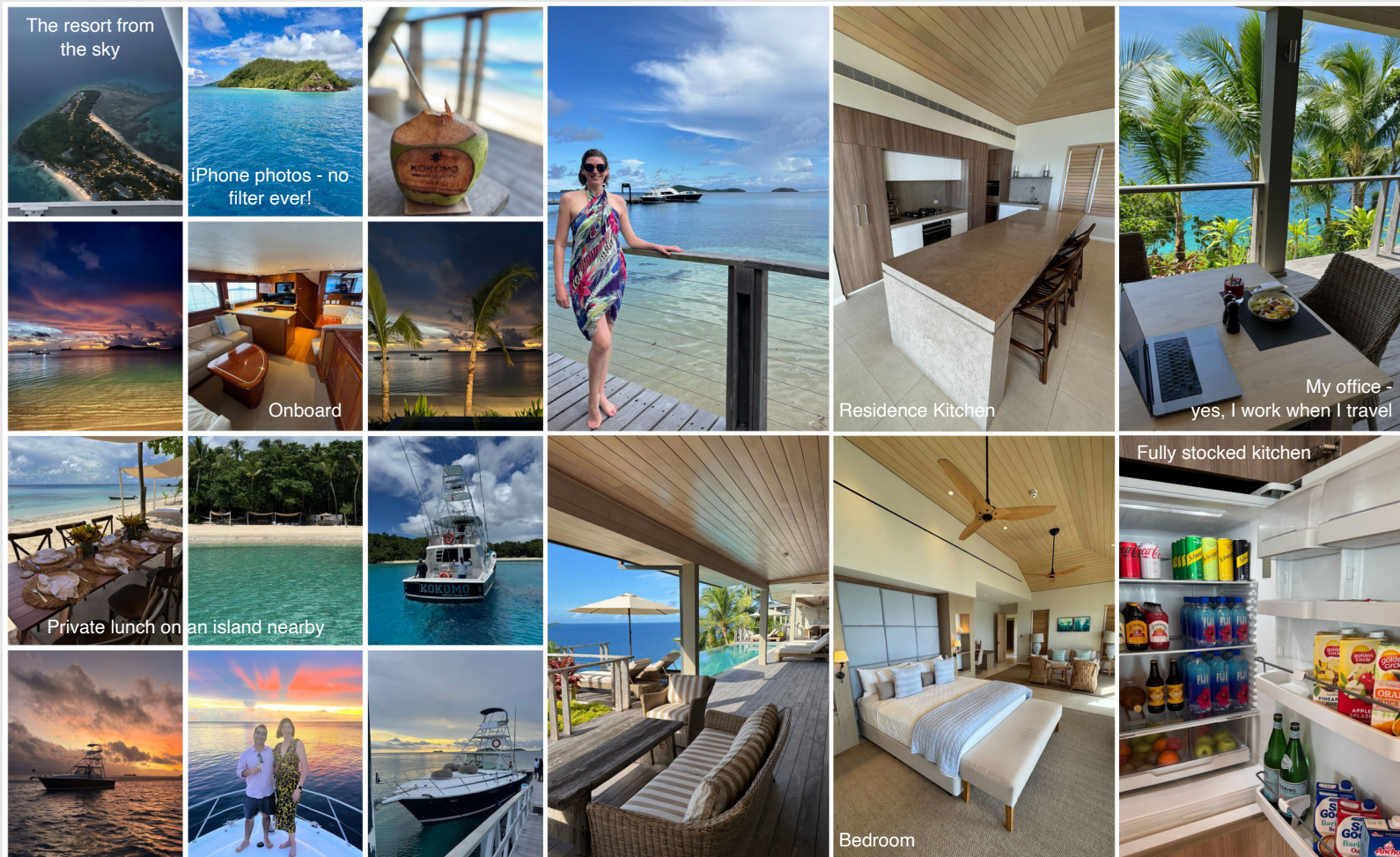
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Spotlight on... Kokomo

Next up I am sharing just a glimpse of my magical stay at Kokomo. With 21 beach front villas and 5 residences on a 140 acre private island of tropical perfection, you are guaranteed to end up leaving in tears or close to tears. The transformation that you feel after a stay here is just emotional. I tend to hear things like 'I don't do beach vacations because I get bored' and I think to my personal experiences and the available options at resorts like Kokomo and I cannot imagine how you could EVER run out of things to do, see and learn about. In general, everyone is in bed early because you are exhausted by the limitless active (or non active) options you have partaken in that day and you need the rest because of all of the amazing things on the agenda for tomorrow. This is how I vacation but of course, I have moments where I want to just relax and do very little... you can find one of the many spots perfect for your mood in that moment. Kokomo is where your dreams come true! The high touch service and standards start the moment you arrive at their private hanger at the airport and you just don't look back!

Kokomo has a fleet of various size boats to take you to the action in style. With even WiFi onboard, you can choose not to disconnect. We did snorkeling with their resident marine biologist and some fun activities include coral restoration to join the sustainability projects. Kokomo's location is right by the Great Astrolabe Reef which is the fourth largest barrier reef in the world. Needless to say the snorkeling, diving and fishing here is out of this world!

Every accommodation has a private infinity pool with views that wow. The design is for ultimate comfort, privacy and luxury. The island has their own farm and the seafood on the menu is typically out of the water just a few hours before it is on your plate! Kokomo is one of the most spectacular places I have ever visited. The diversity and options here are incredible – perfect for families and couples alike. This definitely falls under my saying that the person that leaves for a trip is not the same one that returns. See for yourself!



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All good things
must come to an end...
for now

Last but not least, Tokoriki is a gem boutique, adults only resort with 36 accomodations. Their beachfront pool villas are the perfect size and layout for a dream Fijian stay. See the photos for yourself! Unique, authentic and warm hospitality is the way I would describe Tokoriki. No wonder they have won so many accolades! Soulful!



We enjoyed delicious, homely and elegant meals with afternoon tea poolside with various treats. Their daily changing menus have a South



Pacific and Asian influence. Live music set the scene as we felt like we were in a real life movie.

The experiences were superb and one stand out I will share is the Oishii Teppanyaki Chef's table experience we did. An intimate setting surrounded by tropical gardens and lily ponds, we enjoyed an à la carte dining menu prepared by the entertaining Chef!



Lively interaction and conversation kept my mouth busy either eating or laughing!!! So fun and unexpected. You won't get bored with different dining settings and their evolving menus.



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