



## **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 there is a market to visit in the morning from 6.00 to 8am. Spend a relaxing morning around Alofi town, fishing wharf, and exploring the sea tracks. 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 Fish and Chip night BYO drinks- B,D .**

**DAY 2. Saturday** – Today we venture out on our bikes, and a 30 minute walk each way to an interesting inland chasm. 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 via Hakupu village. 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 the chasm. Enjoy sunset drinks by the pool at Matavai resort. **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. **B**

**DAY 4 Monday** –Enjoy a snorkeling trip in crystal clear water with a mind-boggling array of marine life. For those who don’t want to snorkel, a glass bottom boat trip is included. Lunch – own arrangements in Alofi. **Dinner – Pizza night - 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 you chosen activity doesn’t work out. Silvana is on hand to get the best advice from her local friends as to further options. Lunch – own arrangements. **Dinner Niuean Buffet BYO. B,D,**

**DAY 6 Wednesday** – This morning we’ll mingle with the locals 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 another chasm, a divine area to spend time swimming, snorkeling or sunbathing. 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. - **B**

**DAY 7 Thursday** – Hop on our bikes, take a packed lunch and bike to Hikativake 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. **BBQ dinner 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**



## **IMPORTANT NOTE ON THE NATURE OF THIS TRIP:**

Being an exploratory trip it is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, transport availability, weather and local events. **We have spent time building local contacts and researching the tour with their help and advice, but it is only our second visit.** With that in mind, tour participants must be ready to accept changes and alternatives made to the itinerary.

This will be a truly rewarding tour for anyone with a sense of adventure who would love to experience a unique part of the South Pacific as it used to be. However if you expect a higher standard of accommodation than that of a typical kiwi beach batch (no, not the half a million dollar version on Big Wednesday), you will be disappointed. For more info on the accommodation and on Niue, please see the Aliluki South House at <http://www.goldenagepacific.co.nz/accommodation.html> and the site from Niue Tourism [www.niueisland.com](http://www.niueisland.com) Both of these are very informative and will help you in deciding if this trip is for you.