



# Ratua

ISLAND RESORT & SPA



YOUR BAREFOOT ISLAND SANCTUARY.

Time to think, space to breathe. Ratua. Kick Off your shoes, enjoy the environment as nature always intended. This is barefoot rustic eco luxury at its best. Personalised service and commitment to sustainability makes Ratua a truly memorable tropical island retreat unique in the Pacific. If you are looking for perfection, you may have just found it and it is less than 2 & 1/2 hours direct flight from Brisbane, Sydney or Auckland.

## CONFERENCE AND INCENTIVE KIT





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## LOCATION

Hidden within the pristine islands of Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu is a little island paradise known as Ratua Island Resort & Spa. Set amongst 146 acres of lush tropical gardens, private beaches, lagoons and coral reefs.

Ratua Island offers a barefoot luxury escape entwined with attentive service, enchanting accommodation, an over-water day spa, yacht club and superb organic dining. It's the perfect place to unwind whilst still having easy access to all the cultural and natural wonders at your doorstep.

Ratua is one of 83 islands in the Vanuatu archipelago and is located in the northern group next to the largest island in Vanuatu called Espiritu Santo.. Truly Ratua is the land that time forgot.







## GETTING THERE

Ratua Island Resort & Spa is located in the Northern part of the Vanuatu Island group and is 300km north of the capital Port Vila. Ratua is situated just off the coast of the spectacular organic Island of Espiritu Santo, which is the largest island of the Vanuatu archipelago. Approximately 2.5 hours by flight from Brisbane, Sydney or Auckland. Air Vanuatu codeshare with Qantas Airlines and flies direct from Brisbane to Espiritu Santo. There are also daily connections from Port Vila which links the Sydney, Auckland, Nadi and Noumea Flights.

Once you have arrived in Luganville, Espiritu Santo our driver will pick you up from the airport or an alternative location and transfer you to our Ratua Lounge. At the Lounge you will be transferred onto one of our motorboats for a 35 min scenic boat ride bound for Ratua Island.

Ratua Island Resort is the only private island in Vanuatu with its own private landing strip providing direct access to the island. Upon request, we can organize your transfers directly on a beautiful 1 hour scenic flight from Port Vila International airport to Ratua. We can also organize a number of excursions from Ratua to the neighbouring islands.



## ACCOMMODATION

This eco-luxe barefoot hideaway was developed with a strong ambition to preserve an untouched sanctuary while establishing some modern comforts. Ratua Island offers a unique experience steeped in authenticity. An unforgettable encounter we wish to share where simplicity is the greatest luxury.

Boasting thirteen 200 year old hand crafted elegant vintage wooden teak beachfront villas, one beach view villa and two deluxe beachfront marquees, Ratua is the idyllic location to revitalize all your senses or just to turn back time.

The Fish Village Courtyard is completely separate to the resort and yet within 25 meters of reception. Fish Village is a private enclave featuring a triplex of vintage ornately carved villas overlooking the turquoise lagoon, the grass courtyard and the over water lounge/ bar. Ideal for groups the entire Fish Village can accommodate up to 14 guests in 3 separate Villas.

Alternatively indulge in Ratua exclusively for a unique destination event. A true south pacific haven designed for comfort and privacy, escapism and relaxation in a timeless environment. Create sun kissed memories that will last a life time.

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- Ceiling fan
  - Electric outlets: 220V
  - In-room safe
  - Bathrooms connected by a causeway
  - Private Terrace & lounge chairs
  - Private day beds
  - Private beach
  - Bathrobes
  - Beach towels
  - Hairdryer on request
  - Daily housekeeping & evening turndown service
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## DINING AND EVENTS

Our 100% fresh organic ingredients include produce from Ratua's own farm gardens with the addition of local markets fruit and vegetables. All natural proteins such as the world famous Santo Organic Beef are supplied within a 10km radius of our Island, with local anglers arriving daily on our shore with the freshest of seafood. Our creative Chef's design our Pacific Rim menu daily using the freshest of seasonal vegetables and today's catch.

The middle of the island boasts a mature coconut plantation from which we derive fresh coconuts for our guests along with organic coconut oil for the kitchen. Our own farm provides much of the organic produce for our kitchens. We raise our own beef cattle, pigs, goats, chickens and sheep. We have a large organic garden and orchard that provides fresh produce for our guests.

Spoilt for choice for locations and depending on your mood or occasion, we can offer various private dining locations for any event.

All meals are included daily - breakfast, two course lunch, tea and coffee, pre-dinner drinks and canapés and three course dinners with a menu that changes daily.





## MEETING SPACE

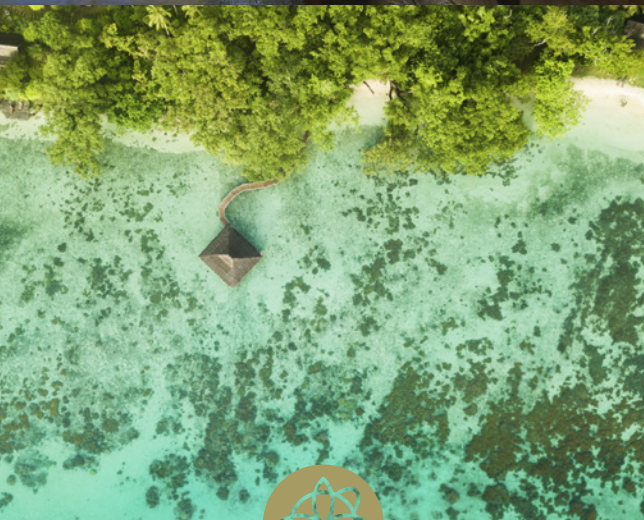
Small and intimate by nature, business can be conducted while enjoying a quality, luxury Vanuatu holiday on Ratua Island in total privacy and without intrusion. The Yacht Club provides an ideal open space for large groups or think tanks to gather, while smaller breakaway groups can meet either in the media center or within the privacy of guests' private suites.

The traditional "Nakamal" is also open to guests. Situated at the northern tip of the island, the nakamal is typically where the men from the village rally to talk about current issues, whether political or otherwise. Often the chief will use this time to mediate and or make judgment on village disputes or even close business deals, usually over shells of Kava.

Ratua Island Resort & Spa provides the ultimate setting for a corporate incentive or group retreat. Designed and personalised to suite your every need, the team at Ratua will plan and orchestrate every detail.







## FACILITIES

The whole island enables our customers to feel cradled in nature by the environment that has been preserved for a maximum of 42 guests to enjoy as nature intended. Guests can explore the entire island by foot, car, bicycle or one of our 14 trained horses. Most of the island amenities are centrally located just a short walk from the yacht club.

At the end of south village there is a large covered yoga deck directly over the water. In the middle of west village there is our overwater Coral Reef Spa accessed by a walkway over a lagoon. Central to the resort is the ornately carved billiards room with comprehensive library and large screen TV for watching live sporting events from anywhere around the world overlooking a pond. Also there is a quaint home theatre room with 16 luxury chairs and comprehensive video library.

The resort offers many watersports for our guests including kayaks, canoes, stand up paddleboards, sport boat for skiing or ski biscuit rides etc. At the opposite end of the resort is the beachfront volleyball court, regularly enjoyed by guests and staff alike. The crystal clear turquoise lagoons and ocean that surround Ratua are a marine reserve instigated by 15 years of private ownership. The result of this is abundant fish life, breathtaking centuries old coral of all varieties directly in front of the Yacht club and dozens of resident sea turtles and some very old and large specimens. These can easily be approached by one of our kayaks, paddleboards or snorkeling up to them. February/March is when the baby turtles hatch around Ratua's many sandy shores.

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- Restaurant
  - Bar
  - Wi-Fi
  - Guest laundry
  - Snorkelling gear
  - Push bikes
  - Beach lounges
  - Paddle boards
  - Kayaks
  - Yoga deck
  - Games room & Library
  - Vintage cinema house with large movie screen
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## CORAL REEF SPA

Your journey starts with your first glimpse of the spa located at the end of its very own private jetty on the coral reef overlooking the sea and outer islands. This stunning location is the perfect setting to relax, unwind and indulge the senses with our healing treatments designed by our experienced therapists from local organic products from Vanuatu.

Excitement and anticipation will engulf you as you enter our antique Spa Vila. Our spa therapists will welcome you and invite you to sit for your unique Ratua welcome ritual, choose from a blend of pacific paradise oils designed to calm your mind and body. As your personalised sensorial treatment begins, let the wonders of Ratua cocoon you. We promise you will love it as much as we do.





## TEAM BUILDING / ACTIVITIES

We have multiple activities to keep you entertained during your stay. These include Paddle Boarding, Fun Fishing, Snorkelling, Diving, Canoeing / Kayaking, Swimming with Turtles, Dugongs and Rays. Mountain Biking, Crab Hunting, Horse riding or swimming with horses. An abundance of sea life is found at our doorstep within our surrounding lagoons and our healthy reefs. Swim, snorkel, paddle board in the safety of calm crystal clear waters amongst plenty of sea turtles and colourful fish abound. Make a short trip across to Malo Island to kayak up a stunning tributary through a dense rainforest to discover a large emerald enchanted lagoon.

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**SWIMMING with the Horses** - Unique to Ratua, swimming bareback with the Horses in the Ratua lagoon is an incredible activity you will never forget. Enjoy a guided Horse ride across the entire island whilst hearing the local knowledge and history.

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**MALO BLUE HOLE** - Adventure with Kayaks & guide - Make a short trip across to Malo Island to kayak up a stunning tributary through a dense rainforest to discover a large emerald enchanted lagoon. A must do

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**CRAB HUNTING @ NIGHT** - Crab Hunt with a guide & torches. Crab Pancakes are on offer the following morning if desired!

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**LEGENDS OF KAVA** - Classic traditional Ceremony of Kava storytelling & Fire Pit. Done on sunset in the traditional Nakamal + Kava sampling

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**FISHING with Ratua Long Banana Boat** - Grab a local Banana boat on sunrise for a local hand line experience.

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**FISHING Charter** - Charter our game fishing expedition and wrangle a Blue Marlin at the FADS or famous seamounts.

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## CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Ratua Island Resort and Spa is a 100% non-profit resort with profits donated to Ratua Foundation which comes in aid to the primary education of children from the surrounding communities.

The Ratua Foundation is an independent, apolitical and non-religious organisation focusing on benefiting the education and health of the children throughout Vanuatu. Ratua Foundation is headquartered on Ratua Island Resort & Spa ( Santo) and its goal is to improve the education and conditions of the children in Vanuatu. As such the Ratua Foundation actively supports different projects, such as: schools, books, infrastructure, water and electricity networks. Apart from special projects that Ratua Foundation select each year, a year-round program called "One Child One Bag" is administered by the management, staff, and guests of Ratua. Guests are also encouraged to bring school supplies, personal hygiene items such as toothbrush or toothpaste, to be gifted to the nearby community/schools.

These actions strengthen the social link between the child and its environment (family, tribe, village or island) in connection with the local decision-makers. The continuation of these projects fosters sustainable development and provides the communities with the means to slow down or interrupt the negative impact of human activities on the natural environment.



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