



## YOUR BAREFOOT ISLAND WEDDING 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. Ratua's private and unique setting is ideally suited for a romantic destination wedding. Ratua Island and its surrounding archipelago are a stunning destination to spend quality time for your Vanuatu honeymoon or with your friends and family.

## WEDDING 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. And change to this Alternatively indulge in Ratua exclusively for a unique destination wedding with your family friends.. 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.

There are a variety of picturesque locations on the island to choose from whether it be an intimate twilight ceremony on the pier with canapés and cocktails, a relaxed blessing on the beach with a gourmet BBQ lunch, or a more formal evening ceremony at the Yacht Club with a sit-down candlelit dinner. Couples can choose from a traditional legal wedding to a religious blessing, a renewal of vows or a simple commitment ceremony.

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



## DREAM WEDDING PACKAGE

- 6 Nights Stay at a Deluxe Beachfront Villa
- Return Transfers (Pekoa Int'l Airport | Ratua Island)
- Full Board Meal Plan
- Private Beach Wedding Ceremony
- Onsite Wedding Organization
- Marriage Celebrant
- Marriage Certificate and Registration
- Tropical Floral Arch
- Tropical Floral Bouquet for the Bride
- Tropical Buttonhole for the Groom
- Bottle of Sparkling Wine
- Wedding Cake
- 60 Minutes of Ratua Signature Massage for the Bride and Groom
- Pre and Post Ceremony Entertainment by Ratua String Band
- Pre-Ceremony Fruit Platter for Bride & Groom
- Post Ceremony Canape
- Romantic Dinner Setting on the Night of the Wedding with Bonfire
- Ratua Butler Service

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Enquire about our custom designed wedding packages to find out how we can make your day, weekend or week special.



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ISLAND RESORT & SPA

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## 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.



## 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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