

Solomon Is. Surfing



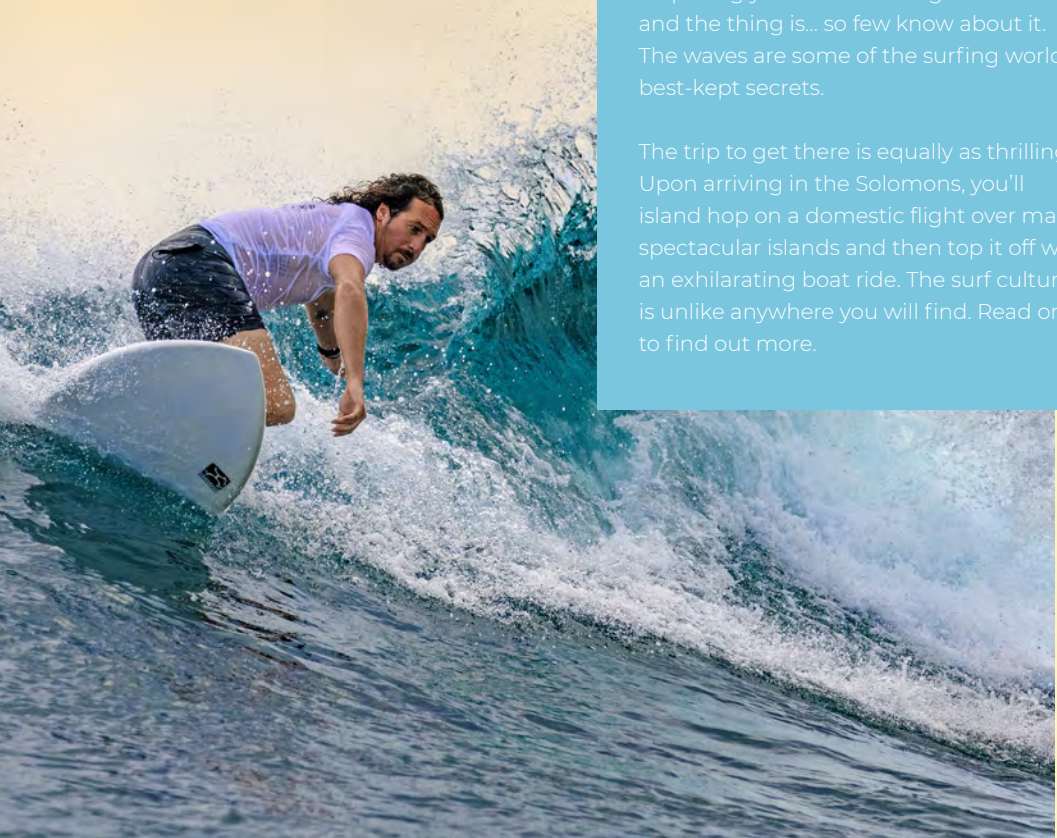


Surfing Paradise Is Oh So Close

Imagine being among the first to surf a fantastic new wave. One run after another, competing almost only against yourself... selecting only the best of the best waves and enjoying the day with a few new local friends. Yes, it's just a short three-hour flight from Brisbane, Australia to have the surf vacation of a lifetime.

The Solomon Islands possesses a surprisingly excellent surfing environment and the thing is... so few know about it. The waves are some of the surfing world's best-kept secrets.

The trip to get there is equally as thrilling. Upon arriving in the Solomons, you'll island hop on a domestic flight over many spectacular islands and then top it off with an exhilarating boat ride. The surf culture is unlike anywhere you will find. Read on to find out more.



Just You and Uncrowded Waves

Picture yourself cruising along turquoise waters against balmy skies. You spot the perfect swell and the next thing you know, surf's up! And then... it's up again because the best part is, there is no one else around to fight you for the next wave.

Commonly known as the Hapi Isles, avid surfers will sure be happy to know that the most unique thing about surfing in the Solomons is that you surf with virtually no crowd. If this sounds like the place to be, then pack your surfboard and extra sunscreen, you may never want to leave.



Mingle with Surf Enthusiasts

If you enjoy camping, you will be stoked to find that there are surf camps available in the Solomons. These range from Star Harbour in East Makira (the only one open all year) to the Solomons' largest surf camp based out of Papatara Island Retreat in Santa Isabel.

Learn essentials from the local professional instructors or pass on your own knowledge and skills to young and eager local minds. Savor every moment. The picture-perfect scenery, the music of the waves, the touch of the warm sea, the Solomon smiles. End each day with a cold drink as you swap stories of the Solomon 'swells'. Surfing in the Solomons creates lifelong friendships and kinships that feel like they've existed long before you were born and will remain bonded by surfing spirit for generations beyond.

Get into the Competitive Spirit

If you are itching to jump onto your surfboard and show off your moves, you will be pleased to know that there are surfing competitions held in the Hapi Isles. Western Solomons Surfing Association usually hosts competitions in December that attracts both local and international ardent surfers.

However, this is not only a day for surfing aficionados but a time for family and friends to come along and share in the joy and laughter. Nothing beats relaxing and enjoying some 'island time' with those you care about.



Solomons Sun, Sand and Surf

Surfers can expect generally terrific swells from November to April with the peak season during January and February. You can ride South Pacific waves that are generally 3 to 6 feet in height to your heart's content. There is also no need to worry about sharks due to the many reefs surrounding surfing waters.

With almost a thousand islands throughout the Solomons archipelago, there are still many yet undiscovered surfing spots. The vast waters of the Hapi Isles hold endless possibilities and countless exploits to be traversed. Do you feel adventurous enough to seek them out? Are you up to the challenge of surfing uncharted waters?

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