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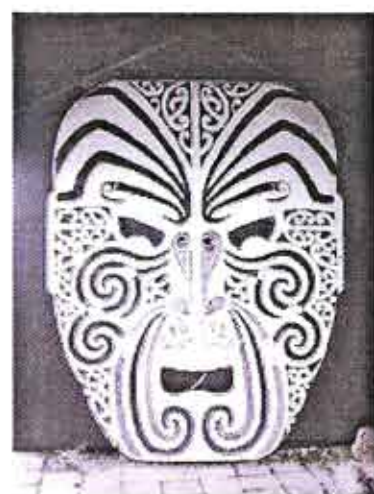
Tropical Paradise



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Navutu Stars Resort, Yasawa Islands, Fiji. Images supplied by Navigate Oceania.

Have you ever dreamed about owning your own tropical paradise – or even just visiting one for that matter? London-based Italians, Maddalena Giovanna Morandi and Manfredi De Lucia did and now they own the very beautiful Navutu Stars Resort in **Fiji's Yasawa Islands**. This ultimate, eco-luxury tropical island sanctuary with three pristine white beaches, energy-autonomous living with solar power, organic gardens and fresh spring water from natural bores, is now a member of Auckland-based Navigate Oceania – a gorgeous collection of 27 member properties throughout New Zealand and Fiji. I don't know about you but with winter only a sneeze away, I rather fancy the idea of hiding away in one of Navutu's nine gorgeous bure (grass huts). **I can think of no better way to while away the wintry hours** than reading in a hammock under a coconut palm, snorkelling in crystal-clear turquoise waters, sipping cocktails beside the pool, being massaged with sweet-smelling tropical oils and generally tucking into anything that comes out of the Navutu restaurant – especially when it looks like the dish pictured above. It's an indulgent idea. Sadly I can't do it this winter as I'm writing a travel guide and motoring all over New Zealand. **But is there really anything stopping you?** If you're still undecided, keep in mind that **Condé Nast Traveler** voted it among the **Sexiest Resorts in the World**. www.fjinavutustarsresort.com.

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