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LIKULIKU LAGOON, FIJI

Nothing says “A-list” quite like a helicopter transfer, and that’s exactly how we made our entrance to this little island paradise only four hours from Sydney. Likuliku Lagoon resort is the definition of a hidden gem, nestled on the island of Malolo in Fiji in a natural ocean lagoon on the edge of the vibrant coral reef. You’ll feel like a celebrity from the moment you touch down; from your personalised greeting by manager Tulia and the team (does it get any better than Fijian hospitality?) to checking into Fiji’s only traditional over-water bures. They come complete with a glass bottom for when you’re feeling lazy, and a ladder directly down into the crystal-clear water for when you’re feeling adventurous. There is no reason to lift a finger nor set foot off the resort during your stay, with the coral reef at (and under) your doorstep, the luxurious Tatadra Spa, infinity pool and gym on offer, and head chef Shane Watson keeping your belly satisfied with the freshest local produce at breakfast, lunch and dinner. If you do tire of sipping cocktails and lounging by the pool, however, the resort offers up a little

black book of things to do in Fiji. Explore the surrounding Mamanuca Islands by boat, stopping on MonuRiki – where Tom Hanks filmed *Castaway* – to swim, snorkel and walk on the beach. A must-do is the sunrise hike, where you’ll set off in a boat before dawn with nothing but the knowledge of your trusty hosts to guide you up to the top of nearby Honeymoon Island, an invitation-only paradise. There you’ll be rewarded with one of the most incredible sunrises you are likely to see (and an amazing breakfast spread packed for you to enjoy).

HOT TIP Book in for a massage on arrival; nothing gets you into holiday mode faster than a traditional Fijian treatment!

