

## **JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU FIJI ISLANDS RESORT Introduces Ocean Front Spa Bure and Two New Spa Packages**

*Resort Now Offers Fiji's First Complimentary Arrival Botanical Foot Massage*

**VANUA LEVU, Fiji – Sept. 24, 2007** – Jean-Michel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort, recently designated TripAdvisor's No. 1 environmentally-friendly accommodation worldwide, introduces its new spa bure and two spa packages. The resort's new open-air spa bure overlooks the pristine Savusavu Bay and was designed by the resort's general manager, Karen Taylor. To celebrate, the Jean-Michel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort is offering two extended spa packages, Tropical Treat and Pacific Paradise, which bring together several complementary treatments inspired by Fiji's lush tropics and warm hospitality.

"The spa program has always been a rich part of the guest experience at the internationally acclaimed resort," said General Manager Karen Taylor. "The new bure and spa packages build on an already five-star experience that blends luxury, gourmet cuisine, eco-friendly adventures and cultural activities. We also created a botanical foot treatment which we offer complimentary to arriving guests, which is a warm and restorative beginning to their stay."

Designed by the resort's General Manager and Interior Architect Karen Taylor, the new Ocean Spa Bure is built in the traditional Fijian style using many natural and local materials. The open 85-square-foot thatched massage bure contains two massage tables, a private shower and a changing area. The bure also has an extended deck over the beach for a truly outdoor treatment experience. Local bamboo reeds provide filtered light and offer privacy for the shower and changing room. Polished Vesi timber is used for the flooring. Noka Noka wood branches have been fashioned into unique cabinet handles and robe hooks designed by Karen Taylor. Shade cloth screens and sheer curtains with tiebacks made from shells from a local Pearl Farm let in the soft natural light. Discreet low-voltage lighting adds sparkle to a night.

The Tropical Treat and Pacific Paradise packages are offered either in the Ocean Spa Bure or in the privacy of guests' rooms. In the Tropical Treat head to toe package, a 45-minute Fiji Botanical Fusion Foot Therapy is followed by a 60-minute coconut sugar body exfoliation and concluded with a 15-minute hair and scalp therapy. A take-home gift is included. The Tropical Treat spa packages costs US\$175. Couples who select the Pacific Paradise share a 60-minute coconut or pineapple sugar exfoliation followed by a choice of a 60-minute island body wrap or aromatherapy massage. This package for two includes one take-home spa gift and costs US\$350.

The Botanical Arrival Foot Therapy is offered complimentary to all guests on their arrival at the Jean-Michel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort. Travelers' hot, travel-weary feet never felt so good as at the end of this soothing coconut milk soak and sugar scrub, in a foot bath floating with vibrant tropical flowers. It is an ideal introduction to the Fijian people, world-renowned as some of the friendliest in the world.

In keeping with the resort's dedication to the environment and sense of well-being, many of the resort's spa treatments include such natural ingredients as coconut oil and milk,

cane sugar, dilo nut oil, rich clay, as well as hibiscus flowers and herbs from the resort's own organic garden. All therapists are trained by the acclaimed senior spa staff at sister resort Post Ranch Inn & Spa in Big Sur, Calif. Services are available 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. To schedule appointments and learn more about the products and services, guests can contact the Spa Concierge in the Boutique, daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to spa treatments, the resort boasts an expansive array of complimentary activities, including the use of two freshwater swimming pools, snorkeling, kayaking, daily yoga, tennis, glass bottom boat tours and sailing. Fijian ecological tours and seminars are also complimentary and include reef walks, Coral City slide shows, mangrove tours, organic garden tours, star gazing, guided snorkeling trips, various walks including the Medicine Walk, and a traditional Kava ceremony.

Jean-Michel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort is located on the island of Vanua Levu on a former 17-acre coconut plantation overlooking Savusavu Bay. Accommodations are 25 Fijian-style, thatched-roof burees scattered among palm trees. Daily rates start at US\$590 for a Gardenvue Bure; US\$755 for an Oceanfront Bure; US\$935 for an Oceanfront two-bedroom bure or Oceanfront Suite; US\$955 for a Point Reef Bure; US\$1020 for the Honeymoon Bure with spa tub; and US\$2400 for the resort's marquee accommodation, the 2000-sq-ft Villa. Rates are based on double occupancy and include meals, nonalcoholic bottled beverages, and ground transfers to and from Savusavu Airport. Minimum stay is three nights. For information or reservations, contact the resort at 800-246-3454, via email at [info@fijiresort.com](mailto:info@fijiresort.com) or online at [www.fijiresort.com](http://www.fijiresort.com)

#### **About Jean-Michel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort**

Jean-Michel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort, recognized as one of the top resorts in Fiji, is managed by Passport Resorts, renowned in the hospitality industry for its collection of internationally acclaimed, small, luxury destinations that are operated in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. The resort has received several major honors: it was ranked the #4 resort in the Pacific Rim and received the highest ranking of any Fiji property by the *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Awards. The resort also received the #1 ranking in the world in *Condé Nast Traveler's* Green List and was named "Fiji's Leading Resort" by the World Travel Awards. Sister resorts include Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur, Calif., and the Hotel H?na-Maui, Maui, Hawaii. The Passport Resorts U.S. marketing and sales office is located at 921 Front Street, San Francisco.

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