# **Turtle Kayak Day**

Take a fully guided kayak trip out to see giant turtles in their natural open sea environment. Along the way explore the mangroves, snorkel alongside the reef and have lunch on a pristine, deserted beach

Our kayak adventure begins at Vai Villas, a unique village based resort in Lotofaga and our base for the day. After a quick practice in the pond in the centre of the resort we paddle down a small mangrove lined stream. Along the way there is time to study the complex mangrove root systems and look out for the many varieties of orchids in this diverse environment.

Reaching the lagoon we paddle up the coast to a private and pristine beach for lunch before heading out to a unique deep water area. It is here in the deep but sheltered waters that we usually find a bale (group) of large turtles. These mature animals are so big that they are often unafraid of people. Then there is time to snorkel with them along the edge of the reef. Even if the turtles don't visit us the diversity of fish and reef life make this a good snorkel.

By early afternoon the trade winds are usually picking up a bit and we may have a chance to hoist the kayak sails. Or if the water is still, we will probably see another dozen or so mid size turtles grazing on the sea grass floor of the lagoon.

Arriving back at Vai Villas, there is time for a quick dip in the spring fed pool before afternoon tea on the balcony, with its view of daily village life.



**Trips depart every Thursday - Pickups from most resorts** 



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## **Experience Level**

Participants should be confident in the water. Lifejackets (PFDs) are supplied and must be worn. No kayak or snorkelling experience is required as this is a fully guided trip. We use conventional sit-in sea kayaks with spray decks.

## What to bring

- Sunhat, sunscreen and insect repellent
- Kayak clothes A light top (long sleeved if you are sun sensitive) and shorts/swimwear
- Kayak footwear reef shoes are nice, jandals are fine, bare feet acceptable
- Swim wear and towel/sarong
- Travel home clothes if you came over in your kayak clothes
- Camera/phone in waterproof bag
- Snacks
- Water bottle

## **Resort Pickups**

Pickups are included and available as follows:

Location	Time
Apia (any hotel)	8:30am
Aggie Greys Resort	7:45am
Airport Lodge/Le Vasa	7:45am
Coconuts/Sinalei	8:45am
Saletoga Sand	8:30am

Return to your resort is normally by 5:30pm.



#### **Dates**

Trips depart every Thursday (or on request for groups). Bookings Essential

#### **Tour Inclusions**

- Kayak hire
- Snorkel equipment
- Kayak Guide
- Lunch and afternoon tea
- Entrance fees/Customary fees
- Transport to/from resort
- Filtered water

### **Equipment**

We use new top quality, New Zealand made polyethylene kayaks from Q-Kayaks. Choose from either Southern Endeavour double kayaks or Shearwater single kayaks. Spray decks and PFDs (lifejackets) are from Day Two. Your guide carries full safety gear including tow line, first aid kit, split paddle, PLB and phone/radio.

# Prices (per person)

Tour Prices (per person) 300 Tala/170 NZD Low Season special (November to March) 250 Tala/145NZD



Children 5-12 years old-

half price (acceptance of children on trip subject to adequate safety ratios and experience of group).

## To Book

Call 45991 or 7507838 or 762 1530 When booking please advise if you would prefer a double or single kayak.



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