## Solomon Islands



While still a relatively 'new kid' on the South Pacific travel scene, interest in the Solomon Islands continues to build judging by the ever-increasing numbers of Kiwis looking to get off the beaten track in search of a new, different South Pacific travel experience.

Perhaps best known for its unique 'living' culture, amazing WWII history, diving, empty surf and as a fisherman's paradise, this tucked away archipelago of 992 islands is deserved of its reputation as the last frontier of the South Pacific.

And while many head to the destination to participate in its myriad adventureoriented activities, the Solomon Islands also positions as a truly unspoiled 'chilled' natural environment and the perfect venue for those looking to escape, simply flop and drop and let the pristine environment work its healing magic.

'Eco' is very much the blueprint for much of the accommodation on offer in the Solomon Islands – as examples Papatura Island Retreat in Santa Isabel, Titiru Eco-Resort on Rendova Island and Tavanipupu Island Resort in Marau Sound, made famous after hosting 'Wills and Kate' some years ago.

Uppermost in Gizo, the capital of the Western Province and just a 90-minute flight from Honiara, is the adultspreferred Sanbis Resort, located 15 minutes from bustling Gizo.

Taking its name from the local dialect for 'sand beach', the resort's over-water bungalows offer picturesque views of volcanic Kolombangara and Kennedy Island where former US President, John F. Kennedy swam ashore after his boat was sunk during WWII, a vista that has remained unchanged since Spanish explorer Álvaro de Mendaña first sailed into these waters in 1568.

Making a stay at Sanbis Resort easy, Hideaway Holidays is offering a six-night package in a couple's bungalow complete with return airfares flying Solomon Airlines ex-Auckland.

Priced from \$1889\* per person, the offer includes all transfers – land and boat - and daily breakfast. \*Conditions apply. Valid for travel until 31 March 2024.

Contact Hideaway Holidays, telephone (09) 280 4515 or via email at sales@hideawayholidays.com.au

