

Media Story Proposal

Follow the trail - Pacific Ocean to Luxury Resort, and international Fish markets **Pacific to Plate**

BEQA LAGOON, Fiji (May 2010): You can't get Tuna any fresher than it being caught that morning and served at family owned 5 star private island resort Royal Davui that evening – its called 'Pacific to Plate', and the rest of the Tuna catch caught that morning?.....they find themselves within 24 hours of leaving the crystalline blue waters of the South Pacific arriving at the fish markets of New York, Chicago, Sydney, London, Tokyo and maybe Zurich.

Fiji is paradise for fresh fish lovers – especially Tuna. The cleanest waters, a highly nutrient rich ocean and this small Pacific country are dedicated to sustainable fishing practices.

Royal Davui Island and their family company 'Fiji Fish' offer food journalists and gourmands a hands-on experience to follow the two stories of 'Pacific to Plate'. To delight those with an interest in world food sources in developing worlds to follow the Tuna from catch to plate, with many opportunities for tasting, while incorporating a range of indigenous elements – both at source and at the table. A myriad of epicurean pleasures will be uncovered in Fiji. You'll discover the best and freshest local ingredients grown and produced by local villagers, experience the Tuna catch first hand by men who have been harvesting this rich catch for centuries. Participate in a culinary class with head chef at award winning Royal Davui Island. You can't get Tuna any fresher than that. Along the way you will be able to see, touch, smell and taste the many 'local only' Fijian foods – preparing locally grown and harvested specialties of this Pacific nation.

And then of course there is the second story – the big city fish market – same catch, another restaurant but 8,000 miles away.

The '*Pacific to Plate*' experience is exclusive to only one publication per country. If you are interested in experiencing Pacific to Plate, please contact Karine Thomas on karine@navigateoceania.com or +64 9 307 3633.

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Additional Notes:

- Royal Davui Island rises serenely out of crystalline Beqa lagoon just 40 minutes by the resorts private aircraft from Fiji's gateway, offering redefined laid-back luxury. Royal Davui offers 16 exquisitely appointed and air-conditioned vales created with couples in mind, each with secluded terraces, stone plunge pools and views over white, soft-sanded beaches to sapphire lagoon waters. Award winning Pure Fiji bathroom amenities including each villa's private Jacuzzi Spa bath infuse the villas with tropical aromas. Snorkel or scuba dive to explore the private coral reef, or venture further for world angling and catamaran sailing. Voted Best Luxury Fiji Resort by USA's leading Bridal magazine last year – this is true Fiji luxury. Visit Royal Davui at www.royaldavui.com
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