Nusa Island Retreat

Travel Wallet

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Welcome to Nusa Island Retreat

Welcome, and thank you for choosing Nusa Island Retreat.
You've probably done your research on us, but here's a little extra to get you that bit more excited. Once you touch the tarmac at Kavieng Airport, one of our drivers will be ready and waiting. It's a short, 5 minute drive to the wharf where you'll be greeted by one of our boats, and within another 5 minutes, you'll be on Nusa. Don't worry about your bags or boards, we'll make sure that gets to you. Just make your way to your room with one of our lovely staff members, settle in, refresh and relax: the rest is up to us.

Nusa Island is an unspoilt haven which attracts guests from all over the world. While demand is high, we've kept to our principle of keeping Nusa special and exclusive, allowing us to cater to you on a more personal level.

Once again, thanks for choosing us and we look forward to seeing you soon.
Lukim yu!

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Accommodation

Nusa Island Retreat offers traditional bungalow style accommodation, all made from local materials and by local employees. As previously mentioned, we've deliberately kept Nusa Island Retreat special and exclusive in order to provide an enhanced, personal and memorable experience. With 11 bungalows on site, we offer 2 styles of accommodation — *Standard & Premium Bungalows.*

Standard Bungalows are set right on the beach, or just a touch back and utilise shared bathroom facilities. *Premium Bungalows* are set right on the beach or over-water and each include private bathroom facilities.

All of our bungalows offer 24 hour, 240 volt power, electric lighting, balconies, ceiling fans and high quality mosquito netting. Bedding can be specially configured based on room size and availability — just let us know what you need and we'll let you know if it's doable.

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Site Map of Nusa Island Retreat

Standard Garden Bungalows
B5 - 1 Queen
B7G - 1 Queen + 1 Single
B7L - 1 Queen + 2 Singles

Premium Overwater Bungalows
B8 - 2 Queen
B9 - 2 Queen
B10 - 1 King + 1Queen
B11 - 1 King + 1 Queen

Premium Beachfront Bungalows
B1 - 1 King + 2 Queen
B2 - 1 King + 2 Queen
B6 - 1 King + 2 Queen

Standard Beachfront Bungalows
B3 - 1 King + 2 Queen
B4 - 1 King + 2 Queen

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Getting Here

Part I — Coming into PNG

The main way into Papua New Guinea is by air, and that is generally covered by *Air Niugini*.
Air Niugini is Papua New Guinea's national carrier and the main international service in-and-out of the capital, Port Moresby, and will code share with Qantas on some international flights.

For domestic coverage, Air Niugini is again the main carrier between major towns, with *Air PNG* being the secondary carrier, covering main towns, as well as more regional and rural destinations.

Please take note that Nusa Island Retreat is just that — Nusa Island Retreat, and we do not offer flights in any of our reservation packages.

We advise that you investigate and book flights through either of the two carriers mentioned above by clicking on the links provided.

All international flights must land in Port Moresby for customs clearance.

Check out the next page for information on VISA requirements when entering PNG.

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Part II — Entry VISA

The below information was updated on July 11th, 2016 by the
Office of the Chief Migration Officer of Papua New Guinea, and states:

"Holders of Australian Passports wishing to visit PNG for tourism purposes will now be able to obtain a Visitor VISA upon arrival in PNG at Jacksons International, Gurney, Mt. Hagen and / or Tokua Airports."

"This tourist Visitor VISA will be valid for 30 days only and cannot be extended. It will be VISA fee free."

"Applicants must have a passport valid for more than 6 months, a return or onward ticket and show evidence of funds."

So, to summarise, tourist Visitor VISA's are available on arrival at Jacksons International Airport for free, but making sure that your passport has at least 6 months validity on it and you have proof of a return or onward ticket.

For holders of passports which are not Australian, we advise that you contact your nearest *PNG Diplomatic Mission* to confirm requirements for entering Papua New Guinea.

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Part III — Coming into Kavieng

Once you're through customs at Jacksons International Airport, Port Moresby, you'll make your way to the domestic terminal and hopefully promptly board your onward flight to Kavieng.

Air Niugini flights from Port Moresby to Kavieng generally make a short stop over at Tokua Airport, Rabaul to drop-off and pick-up guests and cargo.
A smooth stop will be around 30 minutes, with just another 30 minute flight onwards to Kavieng.

Once you hit the ground, it's just a matter of collecting your bags and boards, and one of our friendly staff will make sure you and your luggage are on your way to Nusa Island Retreat.

As of January 2018, the following are regular flight schedules in and out of Kavieng.

Daily into Kavieng
PX274 — POM-RAB-KVG (1515-1755)

Daily out of Kavieng
PX275 — KVG-RAB-POM (0555-0820)

As of January 2018, the following are other flight schedule times.

Tuesday's:
PX290 — POM-MAS-KVG (0950-1230)
PX229 — KVG-POM (1300-1420)

Sunday's:
PX228 — POM-KVG (0950-1120)
PX228 — KVG-MAS-POM (1150-1430)

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Part IV — Handy Things to Know

For travellers with additional luggage such as surfboards or diving gear, it's worth knowing that Air Niugini does have a sporting equipment allowance and is generally reliable with acceptance and handling of various equipment.

Should there be any problems with Air Niugini connections either way, Air Niugini covers accommodation and main meals for their transit passengers wherever the misconnect takes place, and will ensure that you are on the next best Air Niugini connection.

If you fly in or out of PNG with a competitor airline and miss your connecting Air Niugini flight, it will be that airlines or your responsibility to cover accommodation, meals and any missed connection penalties that may apply wherever you may be.

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Kai Kai

The Tok Pisin word for food is *kai kai*, and it is something we pride ourselves on.

All tariffs are inclusive of meals — breakfast, lunch and dinner.
Breakfast and lunch offer à la carte options to satisfy all taste buds.
Dinner is a 3-course buffet, with soup starting at 700pm and the main course being served at 730pm.

Each buffet is different, offering a wide range of dishes including seafood, meat, poultry, vegetables and salad, with most produce being sourced locally.
Make sure you save room for something sweet! Dessert is served once the main course is finished.

If you have any special dietary requirements, please let us know well in advance as sourcing select products here in Kavieng can be difficult due to our remote location.

Our food is a favourite of the many guests who stay with us. Check out their reviews on TripAdvisor by clicking the link below

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Restaurant & Bar

Nusa Island Retreat's beachfront restaurant and *Nunya Bar* are centrally located and the place to be after a hard day of doing whatever you feel like.
The design is a large, open plan hauswin style building, showcasing a variety of traditional and contemporary PNG art.

Enjoy picturesque sunrises or take in the afternoon sunsets from any of our 3 overwater dining areas.

A fully licensed and well stocked bar ensures a cold beer, variety of wines, local and international spirits, as well as some of the best cocktails in town are readily available.

The overall feel is simple and informal; relaxed and no-shoes necessary!

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Activities

Do as much, or as little as you want while you're at Nusa Island Retreat.
There are an array of water-based activities such as surfing, diving, fishing, snorkelling kayaking and paddle-boarding to keep you occupied, as well as day trips to remote islands where you can barbecue and relax in seclusion.
If you want to stay on land, there is bike hire available in town or we can organise a road trip down the Boluminski Highway which allows you to see the beautiful east coast of New Ireland.
The island is home to local craft markets where you can find hand-made jewellery and local carvings, all made by the local villagers of Nusa Island.
There are also some stunning walks close by where you can visit and explore WWII Japanese bunkers and gun emplacements.
Much more detailed information is available on our website which you can access by clicking the blue starfish in the bottom right hand corner.

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Surfing

Surf Management Plan

Our surf season officially begins at the start of November and rolls out around the middle of April. This period brings swell generated from low pressure systems and storm activity in the North Pacific. The swells travel a long way to reach us, but provide small to medium size quality surf on the local reefs. Local communities have custodial rights to and over these reefs, principally for hunting and gathering. As such, it is acknowledged that they retain traditional rights over these area and in an effort to foster positive working relationships and structured access agreements, *Surf Management Plans* have necessarily evolved to respectfully recognise and protect the interests of the various stakeholders.

Kavieng reefs are under *Management Plans* which allocate surf quotas, with the Kavieng area limiting the number of visiting surfers to 20 per day. The plan is administered by the *Kavieng Surf Club* and the limit is for the whole Kavieng area, regardless of where surfers stay. Prescribed fees are distributed amongst the *Surf Association of Papua New Guinea (SAPNG), Kavieng Surf Club (KSC)* and resident resource communities. The plan is in place to protect the reefs and the residing communities traditional reef rights, as well as ensuring that the waves remain uncrowded.

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Surfing

The Breaks

- *Ral* is about a 20 minute boat ride from the retreat and tends to be a bit of a swell magnet. It picks up any swell that's about and almost always has a wave when conditions are tiny. It is a right hand reef break off the front of a tiny, picturesque atoll that usually has a couple of take points on the peaky, racy walls.
- *Nago Rights* is a fast, hollow, long walling right hander off the south western side of the island. It requires a bit of swell & tide to get in on the reef and make it workable. This wave is for more experienced surfers, being one of the more demanding breaks in the area.
- *Nago Lefts* is a wrapping left hander that grows as it runs down the line. It is a fun, user friendly wave with a workable wall and a hollow section through the inside. It's a bit of a wave magnet and is reasonably consistent.
- *Long Longs* is at the back of Nusalik island. Everyone likes to get a taste of this long, walling right hander that is often described as a 'Bells Beach' like wave, but without a wetsuit. It's not as intense or as intimidating as some of the other breaks, but has a great bowling end section when it's on.
- *Nusa Lefts* is a short boat ride from the retreat to the mouth of the harbour. It's a great left hander that comes out of deep water, hits the shelf, has a great take off, then it forms up into a short intense wall. An exit strategy is a must as the reef comes up very quickly at the end. You'll need to keep an eye out for sneaker sets also, as sitting too far inside can bring you undone and no one likes getting a set on the head over sharp, shallow coral.
- *Pikininis* is often compared to a mini Kirra and is just across the channel from *Nusa Lefts*. It's a hollow, quick and intense wave with no room for error. It is a bit like a relationship, there is no pulling back once you're committed and the reef is shallow and will punish board and body if mistakes are made, but the rewards can be great. This is where the locals surf and communication is a must. They have a great attitude and are only too happy to share their waves when a little bit of respect is shown.

There are a few other mysto breaks in the vicinity that can turn on from time to time given the right conditions.

We also access a few spots down on the East Coast of mainland of New Ireland should wind direction and swell size suit.

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Transfers, this and that

As a general rule of thumb, and under suitable conditions, Nusa Island Retreat works with surf boat schedules outlined below. It is worth perusing and gaining an understanding of the theory and logic so as to be in the right groove to maximise your surf experience here in Kavieng. Please take the time to read the following and feel free to follow up with management if need be.

Boat Schedule (approximate times)
6am / 8am / 10am / 12pm / 2pm / 4pm
Refer to the front office chalk board for allocated slots

Ideally, one boat per break (6-7 surfers). If there is only one break working, then 2 hourly rotations as above will be strictly followed. The following days, groups will change time slots to allow everyone the opportunity to surf the break(s) and different times, tides and winds.
If there is more than one break working, we are happy to send more than one boat out per time slot, but still keeping it to one boat per break.

If you happen to be on a morning boat, it pays to scope opportunities on nearby reefs, giving time for sets to come through and having consideration to the tide and its likely effect on waves for the up & coming season. Once this boat commits to a reef and should there be another break working, a second boat may be sent out to the other break should conditions favour at the time.

If you have the lunch time slots (12pm & 2pm), please place your food orders with the kitchen before you leave as lunch cuts off at 2pm for dinner preparation. Once you have exited the surf and are on your way back, ask the boat driver to call through and we'll have your lunch ready on return.

Surf transfers to Ral need to be maximised where possible as this is the furthest break — around 20 minutes by boat.

Up-to-date tide and swell charts are posted in the front office.

Quickly on etiquette. When a surf boat arrives at a a break with surfers on it and the changeover session is about to happen, allowing the crew to catch their final wave is a pretty cool thing to do prior to jumping in. Be mindful that those in the water may have been waiting 10-15 minutes for sets to come through. The same goes for you — catch your last wave and let the new crew have their slot. Keep the peace!

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Diving

Those who dive in Kavieng will not only experience the thrill of close encounters with large pelagic fish in the current swept passages, but also the relaxing feeling of drifting along plunging walls decorated with colourful coral or the amazement of WWII wrecks laying beneath the surface.
There is an array of sea life still active around the many dive sites within Kavieng, with these reefs and dive sites being rated as some of the world's best. There is also the opportunity to dive one of the many fresh water sinkholes or caves on the New Ireland mainland.

All dives are conducted by *Scuba Ventures Kavieng.* You can find out more information by visiting their website www.scubakavieng.com, or feel free to contact them on info@scubakavieng.com for rates or any information on diving within the Kavieng area.

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Fishing

Kavieng area has rewarded many a sport fisherman's expectations. There is a great range of fishing in the area, from estuarine mangrove systems, to reefs and blue water fishing. Pelagic's have proved to be the most popular pursuit, from the razor gang & GT's, through to tuna and billfish.
Nusa Island Retreat operates a range of open Yamaha longboats that are primarily set up for trolling the reefs edges, casting in the mangroves estuaries and around

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Rates

Rates shown below are for Inbound International Guests and are valid from
1st October, 2018 — 30th September 2019

Standard Room Type (Shared Amenities)

Accommodation, Meals & Airport Transfer Package
Australian Dollars — Per Person / Per Night

Single	AUD 300.00
Twin	AUD 220.00
Triple	AUD 200.00
Quad	AUD 185.00
5-Share	AUD 175.00
WTS	AUD 235.00

Accommodation, Meals, Surf & Airport Transfer Package
Australian Dollars — Per Person / Per Night

Single	AUD 400.00
Twin	AUD 320.00
Triple	AUD 300.00
Quad	AUD 285.00
5-Share	AUD 275.00
WTS	AUD 335.00

Child under 12yrs Non Surf AUD75.00 / Surf AUD175.00
Child under 5yrs AUD35.00

Surf bookings / packages must be booked in advance & require deposit commitment for quota allocation. Kavieng's surf quota has a maximum of 20 surfers as mentioned above in the surf management plan.

Additional Surf Fees
AUD 50.00 one-off membership fee
Surf Association Papua New Guinea

AUD 12.00 per surfer per day
Niu Ailan Surfriders Association /
Kavieng Surf Club /
Access fees for reef custodians

Quoted Rates are GST exempt if booked and paid prior to arrival in PNG. Bookings made / paid once in country may be subject to an additional 10% PNG Government Service Tax.

Child rates only apply when sharing the same bungalow with adult accommodation package. Children under 5 are ineligible for surf transfer packages

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Rates

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Premium Room Type (Private Ensuite)

Accommodation, Meals & Airport Transfer Package
Australian Dollars — Per Person / Per Night

Single	AUD 320.00
Twin	AUD 235.00
Triple	AUD 210.00
Quad	AUD 190.00
5-Share	AUD 180.00

Accommodation, Meals, Surf & Airport Transfer Package
Australian Dollars — Per Person / Per Night

Single	AUD 420.00
Twin	AUD 335.00
Triple	AUD 310.00
Quad	AUD 290.00
5-Share	AUD 280.00

Child under 12yrs Non Surf AUD75.00 / Surf AUD175.00
Child under 5yrs AUD35.00

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Terms & Conditions

Deposit Requirements — 20% of package total to confirm and hold any booking.
Full payment is required 30 days prior to arrival. Payments must be as per invoice, not less any bank fees.
Bank deposit details will be issued on invoice provided.

Cancellation Policy
Outside of 30 days prior to arrival — AUD 200.00 per person non-refundable deposit.
15 - 30 days prior to arrival — 50% of invoice total.
Within 15 days of arrival — no refund.

Insurance
We highly recommend *Comprehensive Travel Insurance* for all guests travelling to Papua New Guinea.
We will no be held accountable for any financial loss caused by reasons beyond our control.

All rates are subject to change without notice.

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See you soon

If there is anything else you need to know, simply email us
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Other than that, we look forward to having you here soon.

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