



MUST do

*Have the lifeguards take you **fish** **ing**

Take a **day trip** to the island from the movie *Cast Away*. Get **ripped** on the rum slushies while lounging in the pool.

Necessities: **Sunblock** **leash**

- * A sturdy
- * Multiple boards of varied lengths

where to

STAY

On Tavarua, **everyone lives together** in a community that may resemble a hippie camp you read about in some anarchist handbook. Community dining takes place regularly for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, but if you miss a meal because you were surfing or sleeping one off in your bure (bungalows the guests stay in),

the sweet ladies in the kitchen will whip you up a sandwich in about fifteen minutes—in Fijian time, that's really fast.

Over the last couple years the bures have been amazingly renovated, and most have running water with hot showers

and private bathrooms. The "family" bures have two bedrooms and can comfortably

Look out for

There's a good chance that on the boat ride in you'll see waves at **Restaurants** like the ones you have been drawing on your Peachee folder since fourth grade. If it's your first time on Tavarua, it will be hard to not sprint right into the lineup, but you should try

to restrain yourself. The **waves are perfect**, but like most perfect surf, it's really fast, very shallow, and the reef is extremely sharp. Remember, you have all week.

Price

Booking a trip to Tavarua runs about \$2,500. That includes airfare, accommodations, and meals. It does not, however, include your bar bill, and depending on how good the waves are, this can be another serious expense. The island is run by Tavarua Island Tours, but there's **no official Web site** (when you have something everyone wants, there's no need to advertise), so your best bet is to use a surf-specific travel agency to book your reservation. Try Quiksilver Travel at quiksilvertravel.com or Wave Hunters at wavehunters.com.