



Solomon Is.

TOURISM SOLOMONS 2023 CALENDAR

Solomon Is. Still Here



Solomon Is:

- A scattered archipelago of some 900-odd richly forested mountainous islands and low lying coral atolls, the Solomon Islands has been attracting international tourism since 1568 when Spanish explorer Alvaro de Mendana first sailed into this tucked away corner of the South Pacific..
- Centered at longitude 160 degrees east and latitude 9 degrees south of the equator, Solomon Islands comprises 992 islands of which 147 are inhabited.
- Communal, clan and family ties remain strong in these islands with the existence of the wantok system.
- The main Islands of Solomons are volcanic in origin covered with fast flowing rivers and streams. They are home to many endemic flora and fauna species which includes the common cardinal lorry.
- About 95% of the Population are Christians. The principal religions are church of Melanesia (Anglican) about 25%; Roman Catholic 19%; South Seas Evangelical 17% United Church (Methodist) 11% and Seventh Day Adventist 10%. Other religions have made an impact notably the Baha'i faith, Jehovah's Witness, Assemblies of God and Baptist.
- Nine provinces in total namely Guadalcanal, Isabel, Malaita, Central Islands, Makira Ulawa, Choiseul, Renbel, Temotu, and Western Province

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Solomon Islands

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9 Province of the Solomon Islands

- Choiseul Province
- Western Province
- Isabel Province
- Central Province
- Guadalcanal Province
- Malaita Province
- Makira-Ulawa Province
- Renbel Province
- Temotu Province

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Solomon Is. Choiseul

Did you know?

- The traditional name of the Islands was Lauru.
- In 1568m Alvaro de Mendana saw the islands from Santa Isabel on the day of Saint Mark. He called it San Marcos’. 1768 the French Explorer Louis Antoine de Bougainville saw the Islands and named it Choiseul, after the French minister of Foreign Affair and Statesman at that time Etienne François, duc de Choiseul.
- A family in Sirovanga, north choiseul still held on to the traditional art of pottery as handed down from their ancestors. The only surviving traditional art of poetry in the Solomon Islands.
- The commonly known to be endangered Dugong or Sea Cow can be found on Choiseul, in the lagoons of Choiseul bay and Taro Island and in the waters off beautiful small islands around Rob Roy on eastern Choiseul.
- Choiseul Province produces largest quantity of sea weed in the Solomon Islands. On east Choiseul Particularly on Wagina Sea weed farming become the biggest commercial rural activity since 2002, Sea weed contributes 3% to Solomon islands GDP.
- Kuvojo or Choiseul Pigeon is one of the unfortunate Solomon Islands birds that we can say could not withstood the test of times and was extinct as early as 1904. Kuvojo is the native name, Choiseul Pigeon, Solomons crested pigeon and Solomon Islands crowned pigeon are its other given names. *“That pigeon was monotypic within the genus Microgoura and had no known subspecies”*(Wikipedia)
- Provincial Capital – Choiseul Bay (Taro Island)
- Airports – (1) Choiseul Bay (2) Kagau
- Main Islands – Lauru (Choiseul), Wagina & Rob Roy.
- Total Land area - 3,837 km2 (1,481 sq mi)
- Population – 36,719 (2020)

Event Dates

- Choiseul Province 2nd Appointed day 25th February



FEBRUARY

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19	20	21 International Mother Language Day	22	23	24	25 Choiseul Province 2nd Appointed Day
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Solomon Is. Choiseul



Sanford's Fish-Eagle



Choiseul is the home to the Sanford's Fish Eagle, one of the endemic species of the Solomon Islands.

Photograph: eBird

Solomon Is. Niche Offerings

Birdwatching

- The Solomon Islands offers around 102 endemic species and another 25 which it shares within the Melanesian countries. Few rare birds that are found nowhere in the world but only in the Solomons are the shy Black-Faced Pitta, Fearful Owl, Solomon Islands Frogmouth and the Moustached Kingfisher. Areas of interest for birdwatching include mountains of Guadalcanal, the higher altitudes on Kolombangara and parts of Makira, Malaita and Isabel.
- There are also a number of birding areas which are more accessible such as the Honiara environs, Gizo and Rennell. In many birding locations of the Solomons you will find local guides well versed in the species found around their area. A selection of travel operators can also arrange bird watching excursions.

Surfing

- Surfing in the Solomons will give you a great and unforgettable experience. Local guides are available in most locations.
- The best season for waves is October to April when the North Pacific awakens. Some good spot to do surfing in Solomon Islands include Lau Lagoon in Northern Malaita, Papatara and Kia in Isabel Province, Gizo in western province and Star Harbour in Makira Province.

Diving

- Solomon Islands is popular for its world class diving. Grand Central Station, one of the Dive Sites on Njari Islands, Gizo, holds the 2nd highest number of fish count in the world.
- There are over 270 different species of fish that can be identified in a single tank dive! Scuba diving can be experienced out of Honiara, in Gizo, Munda, Marovo, Russell Island, and Snorkeling can be experienced almost anywhere in the Solomon Islands.

Fishing

- You can go fishing in just about all of our 992 islands in the Solomons and fishing season is all year around.
- Popular fish species includes; Marlin, Sailfish, Mahi-Mahi, Giant Trevally, Wahoo, Spanish Mackarel, Coral Red Trout and Red Sea Bass.
- One of the rare fishing gems in the Solomons is the fresh water Spot Tail Bass, which involve a truly unique fresh water fishing.

Battlefields/WWII History

- Guadalcanal is well known for its pivotal role in World War II – The Guadalcanal Campaign, August 1942.
- The Battle of Guadalcanal involved so many local Solomon Islands Scouts men and Coast Watchers, they played a huge role in assisting the Americans and eventually turning the tide and ending the war.
- Solomon Islands was the turning point of WWII!
- Today there are tours on offer covering numerous historical sites of what once was an international battle ground.

MARCH

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19	20 International Day of Happiness	21 International Day of Forest	22 World Water Day	23 World Meteorological Day	24	25
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Solomon Is. Niche Offerings



Niche Offerings by Province



- Legend:
- Battlefield
 - Surfing
 - Diving
 - Fishing
 - Birdwatching

Solomon Is. Isabel



Did you know?

- The First European to discover the Solomon Islands, the Spanish Explorer, Alvaro de Mendana De neira first landed on Santa Isabel 8th February 1568. Mendana gave the name Santa Isabel to the Island.
 - Santa Isabel is the Longest Island in the Solomon Islands Archipelago at around 199 km long from Kia in the far western tip to Vikenara point on the eastern tip.
 - Surfing is the most popular tourism Activity attractions of Isabel province. Papatura Retreat at Papatura Ite Island is the premier surfing retreat. Other supporting surf camps are, Vavagio, Kagata and Isaisao
 - Bird Watching ranked second in the popular Tourism Attraction of Isabel Province. The elusive flagship bird ‘black faced pita’ is star attraction. Black faced pita is endemic to Isabel, Choiseul & Bougainville. Mae Holo and Bubuli Bird Watchers take tours to the hill top village of Tirotonga to watch this endemic bird. Solomons frog mouth, fearful owl, imitator goshawk, Sanford sea eagle are amongst the bonus birds to watch whilst at Tirotonga highlands
 - Leather back turtles and their eggs had been just food to the people of Isabel province until recently. Leatherback turtles, which are truly amazing creatures are the biggest sea turtle in the world measuring up to 2 meters long and can weigh up to a tons or 1000 kilograms. They are migratory animals, travelling to foraging grounds more than 10,000 miles away including as far as California USA and returning to breeding sites in Isabel Province every 2
 - Population – 35,257 (2020)
 - Provincial Capital – Buala
 - Airports – (1) Fera (2) Suavanao
- Event Date
- Isabel Province 2nd Appointed day – 6th June

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Solomon Is. Isabel

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14 Good Friday

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16 Easter Sunday.
PCYC Fishing Competition.

17 Easter Monday.
Rotary Fun Run.
Makira Marathon.

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22 International Mother Earth Day

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25 ANZAC Day.
World Malaria Day.

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29 International Dance Day

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Arnavon Community Marine park

Located between Choiseul and Isabel province, it is home to the largest rookery of the critical endangered Hawksbill Turtles of the South Pacific.



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Solomon Is. Temotu

Did you know?

- Temotu Province is geographically closer to Vanuatu than the Solomons capital, Honiara.
- The most active volcano in the country is located in Temotu, on Tinakula Island, which is about 40km from Lata, Santa Cruz.
- Alvaro de Mendana, the Spanish Explorer, entered Solomon's waters through the Temotu archipelago. Temotu Province was the point of entry for the explorer that named the country Solomon Islands.
- Temotu is also famous for its traditional feather money which is made out of the downy feather, scarlet-coloured tropical forest bird. Feathers are plucked from its breast, head and back which is then glued to a local fiber, 5 centimeters wide and 10 meters long. The feather money, although no longer commonly used, they can still be found in parts of Santa Cruz and Reef Islands.
- There are 10 different languages spoken on Temotu within the Islands of Santa Cruz, Reef Islands, Vanikoro, Utupua including the Polynesian Outliers, Vaeakau – Tuamako and Tikopia – Anuta.
- Nambo – is a popular, traditional staple food made out of breadfruit. The nambo is prepared into a biscuit form and can be kept for more than two years. As Temotu has always been prone to natural disasters, the Nambo helps sustain people and can also be taken on long fishing trips. Today the Nambo is popular throughout the Solomon Islands and is also a main source of income for some families.

Cultural & Provincial Events

- Temotu 2nd Appointed Day – 8th June
- Tinakua Festival – 9th June
NM – Dates are subject to change. Please contact Tourism Solomons for further information.

Domestic Airports

- Lata, Santa Cruz
- Lomlom, Reef Islands



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14	15 International Day of Families	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31 World No Tobacco Day			

Solomon Is. Temotu



Tinakula Volcano

You can find Tinakula in Temotu Province - an impressive volcano island that erupts approximately every hour with plume of ash and smoke.



Photograph: Lance MacC, via volcanohotspot

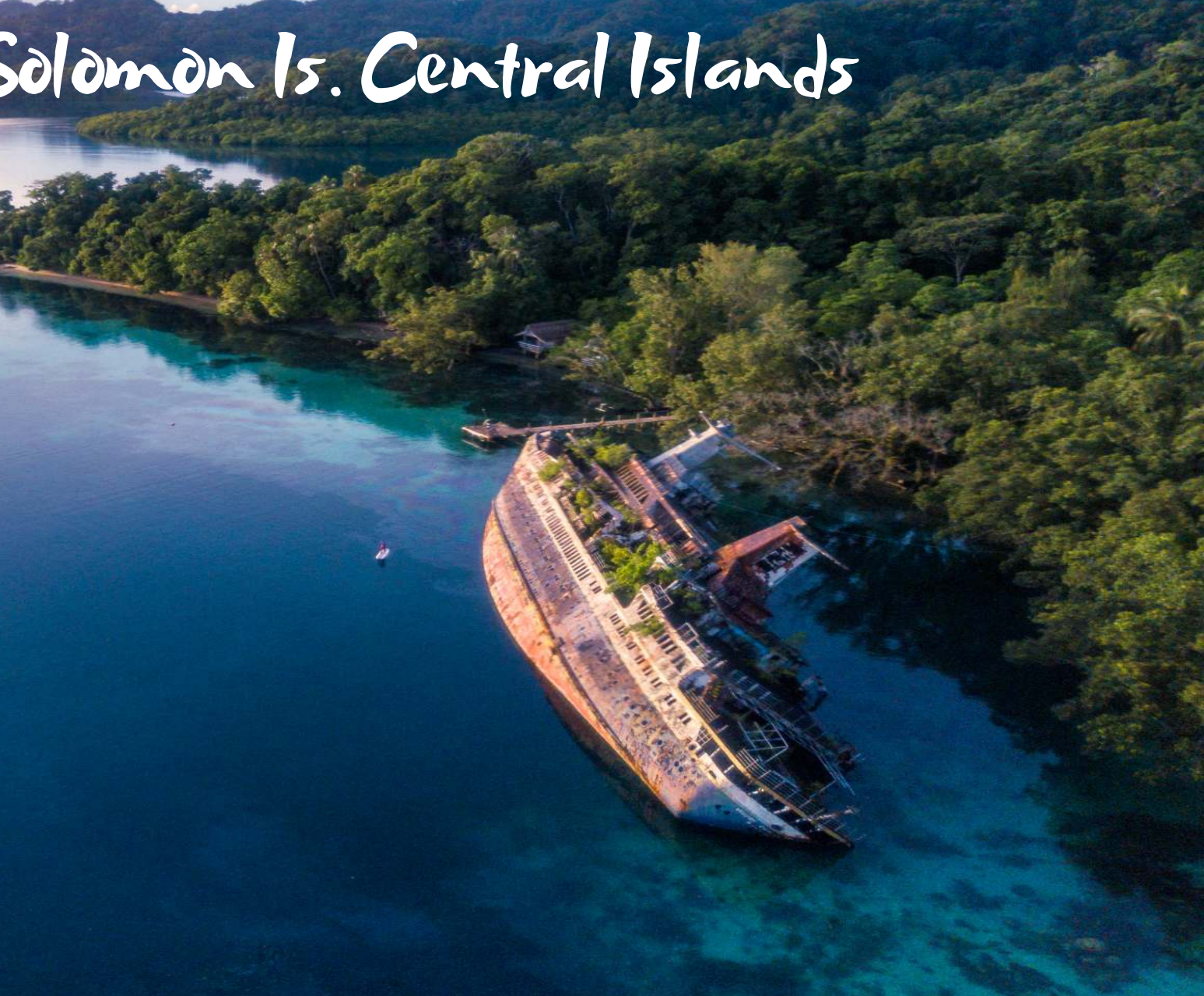
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Solomon Is. Central Islands

Did you know?

- Tulagi in the Central Islands Province was the first location for the Solomon Islands Capital? From 1896 to 1942 Tulagi was the Capital of Solomon Islands. The Capital was moved to Honiara following World War II.
- The Central Islands Province was the first Solomon Islands Provinces to attain its own administration? The province was the first to appoint a Provincial Government on 29 June 1981.
- Central Islands Province has one of the largest pods of dolphins in the Solomon Islands. A large pod of around 300 – 400 of these beautiful marine mammals can be regularly sighted just a short boat ride from Savo Island.
- Savo Island in the Central Islands Province is home to the geothermal feature of a Volcano. The thermal grounds are used for nesting by the endangered Megapode Bird, the warm sand providing perfect incubation temperatures for the eggs.
- One of the provinces most unusual tourism features is the wreck of the MS World Discoverer. The vessel hit a rock in the Sandfly Passage in the year 2000. She was run aground at Roderick Bay, where she remains today and is a wonderful snorkeling site, and locals have installed a zip line from the wreck.
- Double Island in the Central Islands Province was actually two separate islands? The Islands of Soghonaghola and Koukomutabu were linked by artificial connection of rock and sand. It is now the site of a tourist resort and Nature Park.



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JUNE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1Global Day of Parents	2Isabel Province 2nd Appointed Day	3Wogasia Festival
4	5Whit Monday. World Environment Day.	6	7Inaugural Tinakula Day	8Temotu Province 2nd Appointed Day	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24Tulagi Challenge
25	26	27	28	29Central Islands Province 2nd Appointed Day.	30	

Solomon Is. Central Islands



Leru Cut

Located in the Russel Islands - the cut dive with its sandy floor and coral laden walls, opens under the rainforest canopy of Leru Island.



Photograph: Matt Smith

Solomon Is. Renbel

Did you know?

- The first European to sight the islands was Mathew Boyd of Camberwell, London, commander of merchant ship, Bellona in 1793
- Rennell and Bellona are both Polynesian-inhabited islands within the predominantly Melanesian Solomons. According to oral histories the two islands MuNgiki (Bellona) and MuNgava (Rennell) were populated by eight original clans who voyaged in one of the Polynesian back-migration, some 26 generation ago. Their language is related to Samoan.
- Tattooing is a traditional practice, such as the *taukuka* of Bellona and individuals recognize as part of their cultural heritage.
- Lake Tegano, the world heritage site is 27 kilometres long and 9 kilometres wide. With 200 islands on the western end of the lake and unique wildlife in the area, there are sunken remains of WWII.
- Rennell have 6 endemic bird species that can only be found in Rennell, name; Rennell Shrikebill, Rennell Starling, Rennell Fantail, Rennell White-Eye, Bare-eye white eye and the elusive Rennell Whistler.
- Bellona is known to have some incredible caves and the famous one is the Aotaha Cave.
- Bellona is rich with fertile soil that grows variety of mix vegetables, although the island is rocky. They practice organic farming within the island.
- The flying fishing is still practiced in Bellona, a special traditional way of fishing done by the people of Bellona in the olden days. The event usually takes place at night time. It is called, Tauika in Bellona dialect.

Cultural & Provincial Events

Renbel Second Appointed Day- 20th July
Fly Fishing Festival- August
Bellona Cultural Festival- July

Domestic Airport

Bellona, Bellona Island



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JULY

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30 International Day of Freindship	31					

Solomon Is. Renbel



Lake Tegano

Explore this World Heritage Listed lake, with its abundant unique wildlife.



Did you know?

- Guadalcanal is the largest Island in the Solomon Islands and hosts the national capital Honiara.
- Known to be the battle ground of the WWII (Battle of Guadalcanal) between the Alliance (American Forces) and Japanese who fought between 7th August 1942 to 9th August 1943.
- Guadalcanal has the highest mountain in the Solomon's namely Mt. Popomanaseu with 2,319m and 7,661 ft.
- Guadalcanal was discovered by Spanish expedition of Alvaro de Mendana in 1568. He named the Island Guadalcanal.
- Guadalcanal is rich with wildlife and has the second highest count of bird species, with a famous flagship species which is the Guadalcanal Moustached Kingfisher..
- A traditional demonstration for Guadalcanal people during special events like reconciliation is called Chupu. The CHUPU ceremony is regarded as the most significant ceremony in Guadalcanal province.
- Guadalcanal still maintains the traditional in-heritage lifestyle in the Weather-coast. A movement known as Moro movement, described as “Sai lima horohoro tuali”.

Cultural & Provincial Events

- Guadalcanal Second Appointed Day: 1st August
- Guadalcanal 81st Anniversary - Battle of Guadalcanal: 7th August
- Commemoration of WWII, Bloody Ridge: 8th August



Solomon Is. Guadalcanal

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AUGUST

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1Guadalcanal Province 2nd Appointed Day	2JFK Event	3Makira-Ulawa Province 2nd Appointed Day	4	5
6	7Battle of Guadalcanal 81st Anniversary. Operational Watch-tower Blue Beach Anniversary.	8	9	10	11	12
13	14Shell Money Festival	15Malaita Province 2nd Appointed Day	16	17	18	19Papatura Fishing Competition
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Solomon Is. Guadalcanal



Battle of Guadalcanal

Vilu War Museum - Contain decaying US and Japanese aircraft and artillery from the Second World War.



Photograph: Deb Sapatos, via pineapplepost

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Solomon Is. Makira Ulawa

Did you know?

- Makira-Ulawa Province has over 180 different species of banana? The most in the Solomon Islands! Some are edible, some are medicinal and some are just to beautify your home.
- When Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth II, first set foot on Solomon Island soil on 18 February 1974, it was at Namuga in Star Harbour in the Makira-Ulawa Province?
- Makira-Ulawa Province has the highest species of endemic birds in Solomon Islands? Of the 70 different species found in the province, 13 of them are endemic. Most of them accessible via bush treks from the Provincial Capital of Kirakira.
- A reminder of the visits of Spanish Explorer Alvaro De Mendana is a Chicken? There is a chicken widespread in the province, playfully nicknamed “The Mendana Chicken” as it is believed the species was introduced by the explorer.
- Some fishermen of Ulawa, Santa Ana and Santa Catalina still practice kite fishing? This is a technique where lines are set via a kite, and no hook is used, instead a blob of spiderweb is used to ensnare fish when they bite.
- A pygmy race of mystical beings frequented the Makira Province? They were known as Kakamora, which were featured in the Disney Box Office hit Moana. In the movie they were depicted as comical coconut looking entities, but according to eye witnesses, they are actually humanoid in appearance.



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Wogasia

Wogasia Spear festival at Santa Catalina, celebrating fertility, friendship and the promise and hope that the new yam crop brings



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Solomon Is. Malaita



Did you know?

1. That the name Malaita was first recorded in the log book of Spanish Explorers in the 16th Century when they visited the Islands. It was first sighted by the Spanish Explorers from Isabel, where it was called Mala. One theory was that it" was added on, as the Bugotu word for up, east or there which then made up the name Malaita. The Island was later re-discovered in the 18th Century.
2. There are 15 different languages spoken in Malaita, including the Polynesian outliers of Sikaiana and Ontong Java. Of these 15 main languages, there are further dialects.
3. That people from Malaita (Langalanga Lagoon and Lau Lagoon) build Islands? They have built more than 60 Islands including funafou, foueda, sulufou, Saua, Ferabasua and Adagege
4. Malaita is the populous Province in Solomon Islands with a total population of 161,832 (2021). This is about 24 percent of the entire Solomon Islands province against the rest of the 9 Provinces.
5. The Malaitan Shell money is the traditional currency used in Malaita and throughout Solomon Islands. The Shell Money has a cash equivalent value to it and can be used as payment for bride price, funeral, fests and compensation for settling disputes. Shell Money Festival is an event that celebrates the unique culture of Malaita, showcasing the uniqueness of Shell Money.
6. The first Malaitans to learn how to read and write were Joseph Wate and Watehou who accompanied John Coleridge Patterson to St. George College, Auckland.
7. There are 14 Mountains in Malaita with Mount Kalourat or Kolovrat as the highest mountain in Malaita. It is elevated at 1,303 metres (4,275 ft) above the sea.
8. Malaita has been very well known across the Solomon Islands as the Province that holds rich starchy Taros and sweetest pineapples!
9. Malaita Province is also well known for its incredible, melodious traditional pan pipe music and panpipe bands, especially from the Areáre region.
10. Some of the Natural attractions around Auki in Malaita includes the Riba Cav, the Kwaibala Waterfall and Osi Lake. There are numerous opportunities for snorkeling, surfing, and fishing and get an insight to the Boat making people of langalanga lagoon.

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World Food Day

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Stunned Mullet - Great Western Fishing Competition

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Solvata Surf Camp

Located in the heart of the spectacular Lau Lagoon and home to a dozen world class reef set ups.



Photograph: surftheearth

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Solomon Is. Pacific Games 2023

Challenge – Celebrate – Unite

- The 17th Pacific Games is now upon us.
- Solomon Islands will witness one of the largest ever event to be hosted on our shores from November 19th – December 2nd 2023.
- 24 Sports will be played during the Sol2023 Pacific Games .
- 24 Countries will participate in the 17th Pacific Games in Honiara.

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- Gizo Grand Central Station - Diving
- Kavachi - underwater volcano
- Anavon - Conservation site
- Marovo Lagoon - Marine Life
- Are'Are - Panpipe Music
- Lau Lagoon - Surfing
- Honiara Central Market
- WW2 Sites
- Tagovave - Surfing
- Lake Tegano - World Heritage Site
- Savo Island - Dolphin Watching

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Solomon Is. Western Province



Did you know?

- Western Province has the world’s largest salt water lagoon called the Marovo Lagoon.
- Western Province’s Shortland Islands is geographically closer to Bougainville than the province’s capital Gizo.
- Western Province has the only under water volcano in the Solomon Islands and is located in the Marovo lagoon and is called Kavachi.
- Traditional money is known as Bakiha and is made from semi-fossil giant clam shells, found high in the hills and are dug from the ground before made into shell like shape. Bakiha is used as a traditional currency for dowry for a bride, land, pigs, canoes, or as compensation for insult or injury.
- There are 16 different languages spoken in the Western Province.
- The province’s main islands comprise New Georgia, Vella Lavella, Kolombangara, Rendova, Ranongga, Vangunu and the Shortlands.

Cultural & Provincial Events

- *Western Province Second Appointed Day – 7th December*
- *JFK Commemoration – 2nd August*
- *Stunned Mullet Fishing Comp – October*
- *Lagoon Festival – Dec*

International Airport

- *Munda*

Domestic Airports

- *Gizo/Munda/Seghe/Balalae*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Sol2023 Pacific Games	2 Sol2023 Pacific Games
3	4	5 World Soil Day	6	7 Western Province 2nd Appointed Day. International Civil Aviation Day.	8	9
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24	25 Christmas Day	26 National Day of thanksgiving	27	28	29	30
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Gizo Grand Central Station

Being on the northern tip of Gizo, it usually has great visibility and the biggest variety of fish life - from the smallest to the largest.



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