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A man in a white t-shirt and black shorts is surfing a large, curling wave. The water is a vibrant blue, and the wave is breaking over his head, creating a tunnel effect. The background is a clear blue sky.

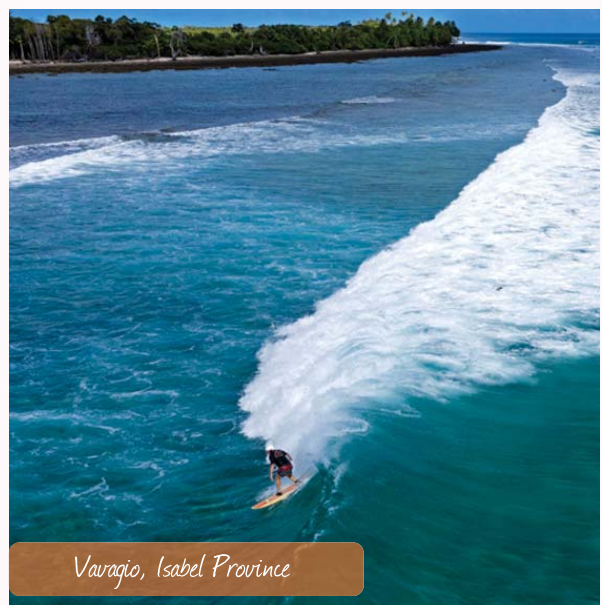
SURFING GOLD IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

The Solomon Islands is a surfer's dream with a wide variety of waves which vary from advanced to beginner breaks.

The Solomon Islands are blessed with having both north and south swells and the destination's extensive reefs and north-western facing islands come alive with some of the most perfect waves to be found anywhere on the planet.

The Solomon Islands has seen surfers for over 25 years however annual numbers are still low which means no crowds and even the chance to find new waves with naming rights. There are very few places left in the world who offer this.

Surfing the Solomon Islands offers much more than a typical surf trip with culture steeped in time, hundreds of languages and nearly 1000 islands. Here you'll experience crystal clear water, amazing untouched reefs and beaches, world class fishing, ancient tropical rainforest and empty reef breaks barreling around isolated atolls.



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WHEN TO SURF

The best surfing is between October and April with peak season between November and March. The regular storm systems that come through at this time of year consistently generate swells between three and six feet but may often be bigger.



WHERE TO SURF

There are a few different options depending on your time and budget. If you're happy with life's simple pleasures and want to really experience the Solomons, village stays operating as surf camps are a great option. You'll provide some income to the village and make new friends. Guest accommodation is typically in a comfortable well-built thatched home and that perfect wave is just minutes away by boat.

The two best-known regions are Gizo in the Western Province and Santa Isabel Province, and to a lesser extent, the Florida Islands and Guadalcanal – there are still literally dozens of secret spots throughout this archipelago, the locations of which are closely guarded by a handful of hard travelling board riders.

Whether you're visiting the Isabel Province or the Western Province, both are easily accessible by flight and unique wilderness expeditions abound. You will stay in a local village, meeting the locals, contributing to the local economy and surf island style. A stand-out is Santa Isabel and Papatara Island Retreat, one of the best surfing set-ups to be found anywhere in the South Pacific.



Guadalcanal Province is the main entry point to the Solomon Islands so if you're looking for an easy weekend surf from Honiara, a number of operators can easily organise surfing tours, with some fantastic waves on offer. A good example is Olotsara Retreat Center, located 65km from Honiara on the West Coast of Guadalcanal.

With uncrowded surf, crystal clear waters, colourful living reefs, excellent fishing, incredible scenery, tropical rainforest and tribal societies, the Solomon Islands is one of the last true surfing frontiers.

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