## Solomon Islands



In the Solomon Islands there is a saying that fishermen need to bait their hooks behind a tree – because if the fish see what's happening, they'll jump on the hook and spoil the fun.

Whether you want to take that on board or not is up to you but the reality is, the Solomons Islands is a true fisherman's paradise – irrespective of whether you troll, fly fish, surf cast or simply dangle a hook or whether you like deep sea, river, reef or estuary fishing, the Hapi Isles offer something to suit every type of angler, experienced or not so experienced, and our in the main non-commercially fished waters are teeming with countless catches of the day.

And the list of what's on offer is endless too, from yellow-fin tuna, marlin, sailfish, mahi-mahi and giant trevally, and wahoo to Spanish mackerel, coral trout and sea bass – you can even find those prizes of prizes, the black-spot bass and bone fish lurking in rivers and high-country tarns.

No wonder fishing is one of the most common reasons our international guests visit this tropical paradise.

And where to go – Papatura Island Retreat located on tiny Papatura Island in Santa Isabel Province offers the very best in terms of river, reef and offshore fishing with local reef systems, atolls, islands, flats and bommies teeming with yellowfin tuna, mackerel and giant trevally.

Honiara, the national capital, is home to several fishing charter companies which take anglers out to the nearby Ngela Islands, Western Province and Choiseul Province but local rivers make for a good catch, including the elusive spot tail bass.

Bu without doubt, THE place to stay, and certainly one of the best-equipped game fishing resorts in the destination, is Zipolo Habu Resort.

Nestled on Lola Island in the heart of the Vonavona Lagoon, in the Solomon Islands' Western Province, Zipolo Habu Resort (its name means 'good luck fishing' in the local dialect) is one of the best equipped, dedicated fishing resorts to be found anywhere in the South Pacific. Owned and operated by expat American, Joe Entriken and his family, the resort offers dozens of options for visiting anglers, and a great place to stay for nonanglers too.

For more on Zipolo Habu Resort, visit www.zipolohabu.com.sb. For more on fishing in the Solomon islands, visit www.visitsolomons.com.sb



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