



Bomatu Guest House

Bomatu Guest House is located at the eastern side of Nuakata Island on a sandy beach with direct access to coral reef snorkelling. It offers hikes to bat caves and visits to the family ancestral skull cave. This Guest House is superbly designed, with traditional thatched accommodation, a large balcony looking out to sea with views to the surrounding islands, and ample room for reading and relaxing.

The ocean waters around the Guest House are a coral reef biodiversity hotspot with excellent snorkelling. The locals farm giant clams, which you can see while snorkelling. It is easy to organise a traditional canoe or boat to visit other small islands nearby which offer other reefs and experiences.



Accommodation

The superbly hand crafted Guest House is made traditionally from local bush materials, including sago and coconut palm with a thatched roof. The Guest House is a destination in itself for seekers of relaxation and good views. The Guest House has five rooms with mattresses, pillows and mosquito nets. There is a large separate eating area. The washing facilities consist of two bush toilets with air ventilation, and two shower rooms with water from a bucket. A volley ball court overlooks the sea. Good reefs are just offshore for snorkelling. Overnight maximum Group Size: 10. (Accommodation described from 2010.)



Experiences

Snorkelling is the key attraction on Nuakata Island, which can easily be combined with other cultural and natural experiences. The Bomatu Guest House managers are keen to cater to your needs and interests. One of the highlights is a day trip to the small tropical island of Daiwali. Your canoe will land on a beautiful soft white sand beach. Jump straight in the water for incredible snorkelling. Or if you prefer a hike head up the mountain to the WWII historic war bunkers. There are also excellent fishing grounds surrounding Daiwali Island.

Experiences include:

- ❖ Daiwali Island day trip
- ❖ Skull and bat caves
- ❖ Snorkelling
- ❖ Giant clam shell farm
- ❖ Clay pot making
- ❖ Traditional Rattle dance
- ❖ Giant stone hike and story
- ❖ Drumming lesson
- ❖ Weaving





How to get there

1.5 hr PMV bus ride from Alotau to East Cape; 1 hr dingy ride to Bomatu Guest House. You should book your dingy travel two days in advance. It is also advisable to bring 60 litres of petrol for your return trip.

Refer to the 'Visitor Information Guide' for more information about travel in remote areas, what to bring, and how to organise your trip.

It is best to have a booking through Napatana Lodge or Milne Bay Tourism Bureau at least 2 days in advance

What to bring

In addition to insect repellent, first aid and medical kit, don't forget toilet paper, tea bags, spices (salt, pepper), and waterproof bags for all of your gear! Epoxy resin and a small tool kit are also very useful.

Health, safety & cultural tips

These village experiences are authentic and therefore can be a bit challenging for people used to a sedentary lifestyle. Milne Bay Province is safe for tourists due to the mainly matrilineal culture. The culture is very polite to guests and you will be well cared for. However, timeframes will be different to what you are used to and the general amenities more sparse. Sundays are considered a day of rest so travel and activities are restricted.

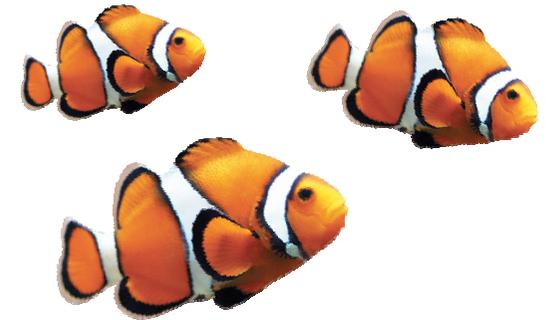
Remember that your financial contribution will protect biodiversity and support local conservation and local values, but not western style accommodation.

Make sure to ask how much your stay will cost you so that there are no surprises (each activity has a cost). Although prices are standardised, managers feel it is rude to mention money upon your arrival.



Travel combinations with other villages

Gofoa Guest House is another locally owned and run Guest House on Nuakata Island that offers additional island experience and should encourage you to stay for longer, immersed in island life. It is a 45 minute walk or 15 minute canoe paddle from Bomatu Guest House.



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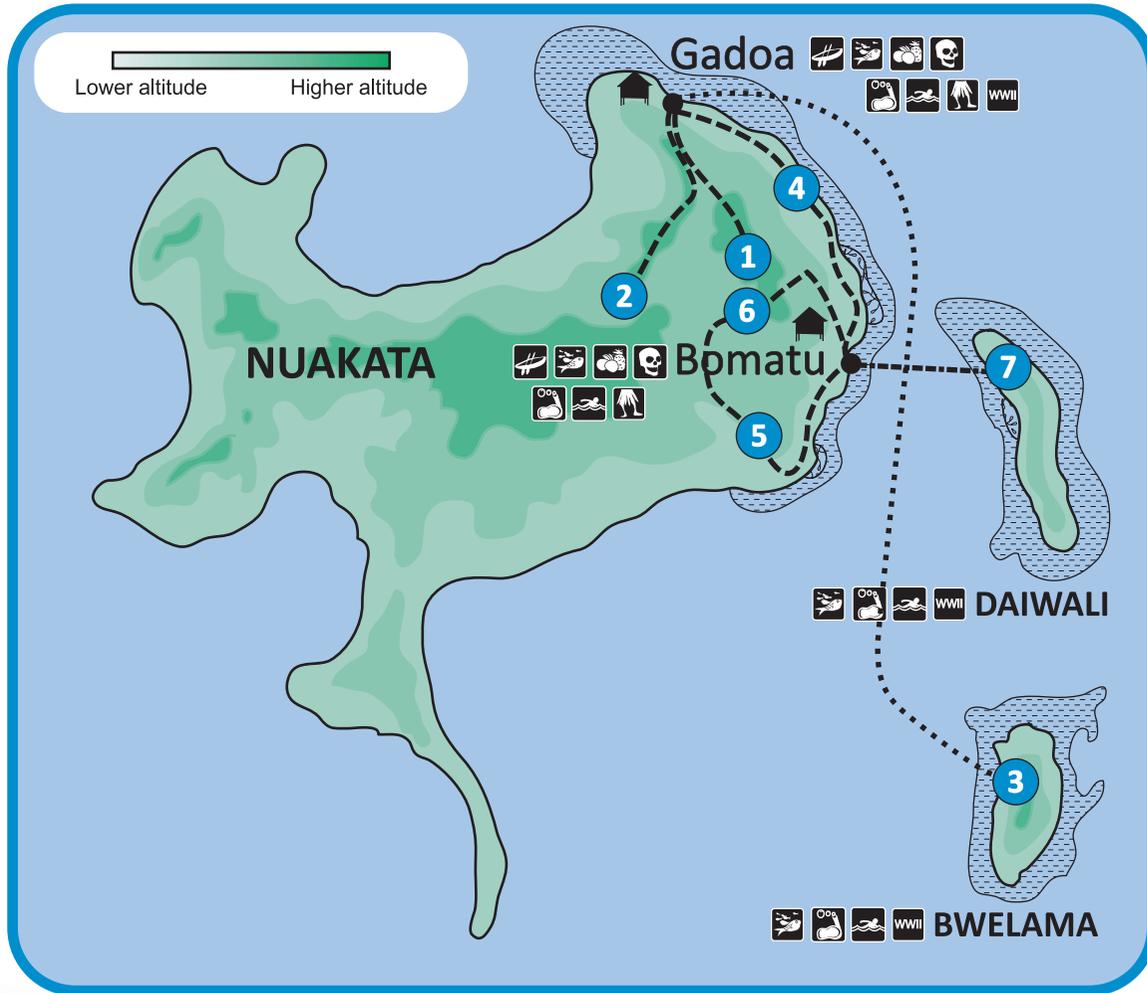
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KEY ATTRACTIONS



All attractions and activities must be carried out with local guides. This can be arranged through your Guest House.

- 1 Skull Cave:** 2 hrs return; intermediate hike from Gadoa Guest House to ancestral skull caves. Steep inclines pass through local gardens and by bush fowl nests. Bush tracks traverse dense jungle and cross some rocky terrain. Learn about the ancient burial traditions. Beautiful views to neighbouring islands.
- 2 Mountain Ridge Top:** 4hrs return; intermediate/challenging hike from Gadoa Guest House to the mountain top. You will hike through local gardens, dense jungle, and grassland. Peaceful journey and stunning views to surrounding islands and reefs along the way. Endemic orchid species at the top.
- 3 Bwelama Island:** 30 minute return; dinghy ride from Gadoa to uninhabited Bwelama Island. Snorkel just off the beach on an extensive and biodiverse reef. Snorkel around a WWII wreck. Weak current and calm clear waters. Day trip with lunch or bring a tent for an overnight stay to view the nocturnal wildlife. Bushwalks and hikes around the island.
- 4 Gadoa to Bomatu Guest House:** An easy and flat 45 minute walk (one way) from Gadoa Guest House to Bomatu Guest House along the coast. Beautiful views out to sea, past local villages and though some swampy mangrove forest.
- 5 Skull and Bat Cave:** 2hrs return; easy hike from Bomatu Guest House to caves. Mostly flat with some incline and some rocky terrain through jungle and past local villages. You will arrive at the ancestral skull cave and bat caves covered in massive vines and tumbled rock piles.
- 6 Giant stone and Oya Taumana:** 5hrs return; intermediate hike continuing on from the skull and bat cave for the more adventurous. Steep inclines through pristine jungle along a stream to the giant stone cultural site and Oya Taumana (mountain top). Beautiful views to neighbouring islands.
- 7 Daiwali Island:** A 20 minute traditional canoe ride from Bomatu Guest House to Daiwali Island. Arrive on a soft white sand beach, snorkel along the western side of the island, past mangrove habitat; opportunity to see over 700 marine species. Lunch on the island. Take a 2 and half hour return intermediate hike, with steep ascents to historic WWII bunkers.



LEGEND:

Guest House	Snorkelling	War relic
Hiking trail	Swimming	
Dinghy trail	Skull cave	Traditional entertainment
Reef		
Mangrove		
Canoeing		
Fishing		
Market		