



South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society



52ND ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING, PEARL RESORT PACIFIC HARBOUR, FIJI, MAY 12-18 2024

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL DELEGATES AND GUESTS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

- (1) Registration for the conference must occur before booking flights or accommodation, at <https://spums.au/index.php/asm-registration> delegates will be provided a unique spums identifier(s) at the time of booking, which is then used for booking Diveplanit services (see (9) below)

- (2) This conference is being held at a hotel relatively remote from services (see - about the Pearl Resort below). Conference delegates must register all guest partners, children and infants who are travelling with them, at the time of registration. This will ensure all guests can be accounted for and allows access the conference food and lunches (see below)

PRICES FOR REGISTRATION HAVE BEEN POSTED ON THE SPUMS WEBSITE:

<https://spums.au/index.php/asm-costs-includes>

- (3) CONFERENCE FULL REGISTRATION INCLUDES:
 - a. Opening cocktail party food drinks and entertainment
 - b. Conference access 5 days, Monday to Friday
 - c. Conference academic material
 - d. Buffet lunches at the Pearl Resort 5 days, Monday to Friday
 - e. Conference afternoon teas 5 days, Monday to Friday
 - f. Conference gala dinner and drinks

NOTE: Single day registrations will not be available



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(4) CONFERENCE GUEST REGISTRATION (ADULT) INCLUDES:

- a. Opening cocktail party food, drinks and entertainment
- b. Buffet lunches at the Pearl Resort 5 days, Monday to Friday
- c. Conference gala dinner and drinks

(5) CONFERENCE GUEST REGISTRATION (CHILD OR TEEN) INCLUDES:

- a. Opening cocktail party food, soft drinks and entertainment
- b. Buffet lunches at the Pearl Resort 5 days, Monday to Friday
- c. Conference gala dinner and drinks
- d. Infants under 4 years of age are free

(6) WHEN BOOKING FLIGHTS – please target to arrive in Nadi Fiji, on or before Saturday 11th May.
This will ensure you arrive at the hotel in time for the cocktail party.

(7) THE ROAD TRIP NADI-PACIFIC HARBOUR IS APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS.

Flights arriving Sunday 12th May, are unlikely to allow delegates enough time to attend the opening cocktail function on Sunday night.



DIVEPLANIT HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS TRAVEL PROVIDER FOR THIS CONFERENCE

Delegates are advised that spums (through Diveplanit) has secured significantly discounted rates at the Pearl Resort, including associated packages.

(8) DIVEPLANIT WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

(for costs please visit their website): <https://www.diveplanit.com/spums-2024-asm>

- a. Accommodation bookings, including if delegates wish to add extra days at the Pearl Resort, before or after the conference.
- b. Practical Diving Workshops – 2 dives per day, Monday to Friday mornings for all certified divers who are registered as delegates or guests
- c. Four “themed” buffet evening meals as a package for conference delegates and guests (Monday to Thursday)
- d. Transfers from (and to) Nadi International Airport to the Pearl Resort, Pacific Harbour, to match your flights.
- e. Bookings for pre and post conference dive resort packages if desired
- f. Flight bookings (if required)

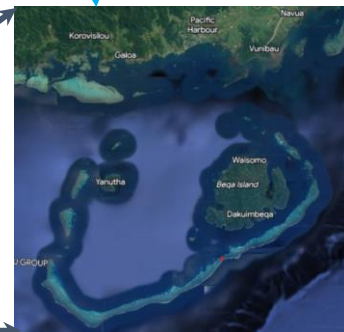
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ABOUT THE PEARL RESORT PACIFIC HARBOUR FIJI



PACIFIC HARBOUR



(Enlarged)

The Pearl Resort is located at Pacific Harbour, at the eastern end of the coral coast, on Fiji's main Island, Viti Levu. It is approximately 3 hours by road from Nadi International Airport, and just over one hour from Fiji's capital, Suva. The Pearl Resort has over 100 rooms an excellent function centre, a comprehensive spa, 3 restaurants and bars, a freeform kids pool and separate adults only pool. The Pearl Resort is located on 1 km of swimming beach, and with direct marina access to the ocean.

Pacific Harbour is relatively isolated, with local services including a supermarket, local shops and crafts, an arts centre and a post office. There are some local restaurants within a few kilometres. There are limited other local accommodation options. Pacific Harbour is known as the adventure capital of Fiji, with many experiences such as a nearby championship golf course, waterfall tours, whitewater rafting, ziplining, jet-skiing, surfing and of course scuba diving.

The Pearl Resort is located a 40-minute boat ride from Fiji's Bega (pronounced *Benga*) lagoon, which has excellent soft coral diving, drop-offs and world-famous shark feeding. Bega lagoon will be accessed for diving during the conference practical diving workshops. Delegates will be returned in time for lunch.

CLIMATE: The climate is warm and tropical, with May temperatures averaging 21°C (min)-28°C (max). Water temperature is expected to be 26°C. May is on the shoulder of wet/dry seasons with 127mm rain for the month. Half of the days in May will have some rain (usually in the afternoons).

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