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The concept of our activities is to provide something for all ages whether it is a daybed to read a book or treasure hunt for the children. For us exploring the natural environment is the focus of our activities so we deliberately offer no motorised water sports. If you are spending time outside do please wear a hat and lots of sunscreen as even on cloudy days you can get sunburnt very easily.

Board games – we have a small selection of board games including scrabble, chess and draughts. We also have a large collection of dice and cups to play a game called Paso (aka Liars Dice) as featured in the movie Pirates of the Caribbean. A good game to play with a rum in your hand!

Boule – we have several sets for guest use – the best location to play is along the footpaths.

Children – Nikoi captures children's imagination – there are Tarzan ropes to swing on, natural rock slides, reefs to explore, tree houses to hide in, boulders to clamber over, and pirates treasure to search for. We have a kids club staffed by a couple of staff and there is a daily list of varied activities. which kids are free to join as and when they like. If you would like your children supervised or require

a babysitter our staff are able to do this if you provide us with some advance warning. An hourly charge will apply.

At low tide the coral reefs are exposed and whilst these may look uninteresting to the untrained eye the small rockpools catch all manner of marine life and will keep any child occupied for hours. You should have no trouble finding sea cucumbers (they look like large black sausages), star fish, crabs (most striking are the ghost crabs) and even baby eels. Do be careful walking on the reef as it can be very slippery and you are well advised to wear reef shoes (available at the boat house).

Diving (Scuba) — can be arranged, subject to weather conditions and confirmation of requisite qualifications and or experience. We have a resident Dive Instructor and Dive Master but we do not offer dive courses as we feel it is not an ideal place to learn to dive. We have a small collection of dive equipment that can be hired out. All divers must have a PADI open water qualification (or the equivalent).

Fishing – we have a small collection of bamboo fishing rods at the boat house. Note it can be difficult to fish directly off the island without

getting hooked on coral. We would also ask that you release any fish that you catch. You will often find our staff fishing for squid using handlines off the jetties at night. Offshore fishing can be arranged although it will be subject to a boat being available and charges will apply depending on the time and distance covered. Catch and release only and you will need to bring your own gear.

Islands – there are a number of uninhabited islands near Nikoi and if you are interested in exploring these then please enquire with our staff. Picnics can be arranged for such excursions. There will be a charge for the use of the boat.

Kayaks - we have a collection of one and two man kayaks. These can be used free of charge. In addition we have an Epic racing kayaks for which there is a small charge for the use of. We insist that lifejackets be worn when kayaking. Do let our staff know if you are planning to kayak around the island and be wary that at high tide it is a long way around the island.

Kite Surfing – Kite surfing is a popular activity in the area and although Nikoi is not well suited as a place to learn, more advanced kiters will be able to launch from Nikoi. We do however have a small

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training kite. A number of our staff are keen kiters.

Library – We have a small library of books left by previous guests.

Massages – Massages are available at our spa (see Spa section below)

Movies – We have a projector to show movies on a large screen in the kids club area. If you or your children would be interested in watching a video please let our staff know and they will be happy to arrange it. We have a collection of classic movies suitable for both children and adults. With prior notice we can screen significant sporting events if they are on Indovision (Indonesian Satellite TV).

Music – We have a large collection of music. This music is available in the dining areas and main bar area. Please ask our staff if you have any particular requests or would like the music turned up or down. Please be sensitive to other guests' music tastes and ambience.

Pool – There is a freshwater pool on the north eastern side of the island. Just follow the path at the back of the beach houses in a clockwise direction, this will take you through some jungle

then along a raised walkway that wraps around massive granite boulders. It is about a five minute walk. Please take with you the beach towels provided in your rooms. There are two pools, one of which is a paddling pool for infants. There is a bar serving drinks but no food. It is a stunning venue at night when lit up so if you are interested in a late night swim ask our staff to make sure the lights are on.

Rock climbing – we have some great natural rocks to climb on the northern point just before you get to the swimming pool. Our staff have been well trained on this and the equipment kept well maintained. There is a small charge for this activity.

Sailing — We have Lasers, and two types of catamarans (5m Nacra and 4.6m Twincat). There is no charge for the use of the lasers provided they are returned intact and not damaged. There is a small charge for the use of the catamarans. Our staff in the boathouse will rig the boats for you and will be even happy to give you a short lesson. Please note there are shallow reefs on the western side of the island so best to sail south of the island. If you are unsure do not hesitate to ask our staff. If you plan to sail around the island or out of sight

please let our staff know of your plans so that they can keep an eye out for you.

Snorkelling - There is a pristine coral reef all around Nikoi providing some great spots to explore. The most accessible reef is directly in front of the main bar and dining pavilions. Equipment is provided free of charge provided it is returned intact. Please visit the boathouse to borrow any equipment. Visibility varies greatly throughout the year. March through to June and September through to November typically provide the best water visibility. The first quarter and third quarter of the lunar cycle is usually when the sea currents are at their mildest and as a result visibility is also better at these times.

There is a lot of plankton in these waters and whilst this affects visibility it does mean there is an abundance of marine life. At certain times the currents can be strong so we would recommend you let our staff know what your plans are. Plan your snorkel so that you just drift with the current and if you want to do it again it is easier to get out and walk up the beach and swim out again than trying to swim against the current.

Spa – We have a dedicated spa that is set up in three large safari tents near the pool. We use

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virgin coconut oil and all natural products. A 50 minute massage starts at \$\$60++. Shorter and longer massages are available as are massages for kids. Facials, scrubs, manicures and pedicures are also available

Stand-up Paddleboards – This is a Royal Hawaiian sport and now becoming popular all around the world. We have several boards (they look like giant surf boards) on which you can stand on and paddle. Ask for the special paddles at the boat house

Surfboards – We occassionally get a small surf suitable for longboards. We have two beautifully made wooden boards and a number of soft boards for this. We strongly recommend you wear booties as it is a reef break.

Sustainability Tours – Our staff will be happy to take you on a tour of Nikoi to show you all of the effort we go to make Nikoi as sustainable as possible. We have won numerous awards for our efforts and introduced a number of innovative practices.

Swimming pools – We have two swimming pools around on the north east side of the island set in amongst the natural granite rocks. There is a bar and bathroom there and plenty of deck chairs in both the shade and the sun. There is no lifeguard at the pool.

Tennis and Croquet – We have two natural grass tennis courts (we believe these are the only two in Indonesia). We rotate these so one court is in play for tennis and the other set up for Croquet. Racquets and balls are available. for a small charge. With advance notice a tennis coach can be arranged to provide lessons.

Walks — only one third of the island has been developed so walking around the island takes you through untouched forest, mangroves and past stunning rock formations making it a rewarding experience for any one interested in nature or simply looking to burn off lunch. At high tide you may need to walk in the water for a short distance. There is also a walk from the pool area up and over the top of the island to the southern side. We would recommend that you apply mosquito repellant before setting off. There

is a jungle trail that will take you from the pool area on the NE side of the island to the top of the island and across to the southern side where there some interesting rock formations. Our staff will be happy to take you on a guided walk and explain the flora and fauna around the island. They have been trained by one of Singapore's leading naturalists and have combined that with their extensive local knowledge.

Windsurfing – we have two windsurfers with a selection of different sized sails. Again these can be borrowed free of charge provided they are returned undamaged. We also have a more advanced board that can be hired.

Volleyball — we typically have a volleyball net set up on the beach and if you are looking for players some our staff can sometimes be encouraged to help make up a team. However, be warned they are very good and take it quite seriously.



















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