

Vicky Wanless recently visited the Cook Islands and stayed at the Castaway Resort Rarotonga.

Whilst there activities such as Snorkelling, Lagoon Cruise, Day trip to Aitutaki were highlights.

Summing up:

- The Cook Islands is a place to get away from it all, leave your computer, phone, TV back at home and just enjoy the beautiful and pristine environment.
- The water is amazingly clear - you can swim with the tropical fish (there are no sharks in the lagoon) and the fish are not afraid of you.
- We grabbed a hire car and went to different snorkelling spots every day. The Koka Lagoon cruise was great fun, swimming with Giant Trevalli, crab races, coconut husking demonstrations.
- When is the best time to go? There are two seasons
- Dry from June to October
- Wet from November to April/May
- The temperature varies from 25 to 20 degrees depending on the time of the year.
- Tropical rain showers are typically brief before the sun comes out again.
- This destination is best suited for couples - people who want to relax and get away from it all.
- There are no traffic lights on the island and everyone is on Island time! Be prepared to slow down whilst on holiday. Nor are there McDonalds, KFC etc – instead enjoy the delicious local produce.