

From Rugby To Safari... Kini Salabogi Takes the Road Less Travelled!



Kini with JT

Kini Salabogi has joined Sigatoka River Safari as a Guide for the company's all new and original Off Road Cave Safari. Kini who has represented Fiji in both 7s and 15s rugby returned to Fiji in early 2011 after a 5 year stint in France.

He met Sigatoka River Safari, Managing Director, Jay Whyte in 2005 when Jay was just starting out his dream of creating Fiji's first and original river safari. Fast forward to 2011, Jay asked Kini if he was keen

to play for the Sigatoka River Safari sponsored Navosa Warriors and Kini was only too happy to help out. Little did he know this was the beginning of another rugby journey for him.

Kini is also the captain of the Navosa Warriors side and recently the team reached the semi-finals of the 2011 Fiji Coral Coast Sevens.

"After living in France for so long, my family and I are just grateful being back home," Kini said. "I am blessed for having this opportunity of playing the game I love with the Navosa team and being a guide with the Off Road Cave Safari," he added.

Since joining Safari in early December, 2011 Kini's highlight has been guiding 7 Korean ladies and an Englishman.

"Many families have come through Off-Road and enjoy the experience but I had a lot of fun with this group as the ladies didn't quite realize the cannibal history of the cave and the Englishman just couldn't wait to bring his friends on Safari," Kini said.

Kini first represented Fiji in 2003 in the Dubai and George 7s tournament and his test debut was against the Welsh Dragons in 2005.



Kini ready to crawl through the "pregnancy gap" in the Naihehe Cave

You can catch Kini driving the "Off-Road Cave Safari" Van with the number plate "AULE" so be sure to give him a yell or simply book your own Off-Road Cave Safari experience and have Kini as your guide!

Off-Road with Kini...



Kini with Ann and Wayne from Perth.



Kini on Safari!



At the entrance of Naihehe Cave

...On The Field with Kini!



Kini with Serevi and Jay at the 2011 Coral Coast 7s Launch



Coral Coast 7s Sponsor Picture Courtesy of Allan Stephens

2011 Highlights On Safari!

2011 has been a great year for Sigatoka River Safari with many great memories. The next two pages feature some of our best memories of 2011. Here are some of the highlights from this year!



Sigatoka River Safari welcomes 15th village on Safari



Lavenia and Liti of Rosie Holidays trip to Australia as top sellers for Safari for 2010



Workshop and Garage at the Safari Base in the Valley.



Restroom Block and Lockers at the Valley



Serevi's honorary plaque at Sigatoka Town's Rugby Walk of Fame



Jay at the Fiji Me Nights in New Plymouth/Taupo/Rotorua in August. Image Courtesy of Tourism Fiji NZ



Campese officially opening Safari Shop and his honorary plaque in Sigatoka



Sponsorship of the inaugural Campese Serevi Medal at the 2011 Fiji Coral Coast Sevens. This was awarded to the best player of the tournament, Joji Ragamate.

More Highlights of 2011 On Safari!



Continued sponsorship of the Navosa Warriors



Safari Shop



Coral Coast 7s Sponsor Picture Courtesy of Allan Stephens



New Off Road Cave Safari started in November



Tourism Fiji Trade Day with Coral Coast Image Courtesy of Meli Titoko



Anne and Miriama graduating from FNU



Team Serevi visiting



New Life Jacket Shed

Familiar Faces On Safari!

This year also saw a number of well known public figures who experienced Fiji's original river safari and had a Simply Unforgettable day!



Former All Black Ian Jones and his family



Former Wallaby Great David Campese with his family



Jeremy Smith, NRL player with his family



2011 Fiji Tennis International Hollywood Celebrities



Deacon Manu, Fiji's Captain to RWC 2011



Team Serevi

Safari Christmas Party...Going Back to the 70s!

Sigatoka River Safari and Off-Road Cave Safari staff went back in time for their 2011 Christmas Party. The party was held at Koko's Restaurant & Bar, located along Korotogo's Sunset Strip. Check out some of the action from the night below.



2012 Prices For Safari!



Sigatoka River Safari and Off-Cave Safari will be increasing Safari prices effective from January 1, 2012. Prices will now include the 5% Service Turnover Tax (previously known as the Hotel Turnover Tax) as per Fiji Government 2012 Budget Announcement. If you haven't received the new price lists please do not hesitate to reach out to Angie Lal via e-mail, sales@sigatokariver.com

Did you know... Off-Road Cave Safari is now on Facebook? Learn more about it or read about others experience or simply join the family [Click Here!](#)

You can now access previous On-Safari News issues online... [Click Here!](#)

Missed out on the Safari Fiji One's Talk Business Feature on December 13, 2011? Watch the video online (Segment 1) [Click Here!](#)



Miriama Kunavula

Name: Miriama Kunavula

From: Sautabu Village, Nadroga

Position: Operations Manager- Sigatoka River Safari (since 2006)

Drink: Tarumba

Food: Breadfruit and fresh water mussels

Sport: Rugby

Best Memory at Work: Everyday at work is a great memory

Best Work Tip: Be honest with everything you do and set your goal and always work hard towards achieving your goal.

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