

41 ft 2004 Leopard 42, Vai Tuki
US\$295,000 (A\$446,966) Tax: Paid, Fiji
 Nadi, Fiji



Boat Details

Make:	Leopard	Class:	Catamaran	Guest Cabins:	4
Model:	42	Hull Material:	Fiberglass	Guest Heads:	4
Year:	2004	Drive Type:	Shaft Drive	Fuel Type:	Diesel
Length:	41 ft 5 in	Beam:	22 ft 9 in	Max Draft:	4 ft 0 in
Price:	US\$295,000 (A\$446,966)	Boat Location:	Nadi, Fiji		
Condition:	Used	Name:	Vai Tuki		



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Description

Leopard 42 - Vai Tuki - Highlights

Imported / tax paid in Fiji. Keep your yacht in paradise for as long as you wish!

3 owners only and never chartered, either skippered or bareboat

Equipped for comfortable live-aboard and independent world cruising.

Continuously upgraded over the years and kept in beautiful condition.

4 staterooms version with 4 cabins and 4 ensuite heads.

2 fresh water electric heads & two manual salt water for versatility.

New Yanmar 39HP engines fitted in 2018 with only 950 hours each. Religiously maintained.

Highly desirable shaft drive transmission. Dripless shaft for dry bilges.

2100 watts Solar with interfaced panels capable of charging on both sides (water reflection and direct sunlight)

1200 amp hour lithium batteries

Powerful 30 gallon per hour Cruise RO water maker with dual 40 inch membranes.

Complete set of recent cruising electronics for ultimate safety, including radar and AIS, HF radio, Pactor modem for emails and weather updates as well as two independently fitted autopilots for redundancy.

Painted with Awlgrip by Hinckley Yachts in Stuart Florida in 2015. Immaculate metallic paint.

Just antifouled, polished and prop-speed

Full in and out of water survey (September 2025). Report available on request.

Must be seen to be fully appreciated. This yacht is the perfect example of the cruising vessels we have carefully curated to bring to market since Nautilus Yacht Management's inception in 2011.

Full walk-through video filmed in Fiji June 22nd 2022 when we previously had the boat for sale, and a new video filmed August 2025

A WORD FROM THE AGENT: Stunning example of the immensely popular but rarely available Leopard 42.

We already sold this wonderful Leopard 42 in 2022 and she is now back on the market! Her previous owners, a couple from the US with a background in engineering, had sailed around the world for 8 years before they decided to go back to land life. This wonderful and immaculately presented yacht had caught our eyes long before they decided to sell, and it was an honour when they approached the NYM team to represent then.

Purchased after only a few days on the market by a local resort owner who wished to enjoy exploring the Fijian islands when able to take some time of work, she was imported in Fiji, making her a proper Fijian vessel able to offer her next owner a slice of highly desirable paradise without having to worry about leaving after the 24 months authorised tax exemptions. Vai Tuki has a permanent berth at Naisoso Marina, close to Nadi International Airport, a convenient spot if commuting to and from your home country to hop on board and set off for the islands. This berth can be passed on to her new owners.

Designed with luxurious independence for long periods of time away from land, Vai Tuki is energy efficient with her 2100w of solar (new generation interfaced feeding cells, which also capture energy from water reflection), 1200w lithium batteries (gas-free safe model for aviation and marine use) and state of the art controllers.

Luxurious huge 113l/h Watermaker which runs quietly in the forward lazarette and allows you to fresh water wash your decks without a second thought.

Newly re-powered and fuel efficient 2018 Yanmar 39HP which have the advantage to be mechanically run instead of the whimsical electronic heads, which make them inappropriate for world cruising, where in case of trouble good diesel mechanics can be found anywhere, but electronic specialist less so.. And in keeping with the previous owner's engineer background, this boat was deliberately chosen because it was one of the rare modern catamarans in the world available with a shaft drive, which if common on Superyachts cats, have actually become a rarity on smaller yachts.

The shaft drive on Vai Tuki is of stainless steel, is free of salt deposit and pitting, and is fitted with a dripless seal, so you can have a bilge just as dry and clean as if you had a saildrive... but without the headache of a sail drive to maintain.

Vai Tuki was never chartered in her life, bareboat or skippered, however her current owners had a tentative plan to put the boat in charter as part of their resort portfolio, but never did as they were too busy to undertake the work involved with recruiting crew and managing customers. They did do the intensive work (lengthy and costly) to get Vai Tuki licensed for charter work though. This is an added bonus and excellent venture option for her new owners, Vai Tuki has an approved MSAF commercial license should you wish to use the vessel as a skippered charter in Fiji, a difficult certificate to obtain and in an area with a huge demand from tourism and where current charter options are currently limited and already at maximum capacity.

Please read on for the full inventory and watch our 2 detailed video features, the first one filmed in location at the time of listing on the 25th of June 2022, and the one filmed just prior to going back on the market August 15th, 2025. This has a mine of info, a full view of the interior, down into the engine room, the decks, hatches, etc.

For a bit of info about ourselves, we are a boutique-style brokerage devoted to high quality cruising yachts and to the live-aboard cruising community. Ex- cruisers ourselves we just strive to help others begin their journey on the ocean.

If you would like more information on Vai Tuki please get in touch! Our team can organise a private video or in person viewing with you as well as have all the time in the world to answer your questions, put you in touch with the owners if you wish, assist with organising your visit, purchase, delivery home if needed, insurance, berthing, crewing, etc.

A WORD FROM THE OWNERS:

"My partner and I had been looking at yachts for nearly a year before we saw "Vai Tuki" at Vuda marina in Fiji. She was previously named "Imagination" and we knew as soon as we saw her that she was the boat for us. Vai Tuki had all the features we wanted and we had great plans and aspirations for travel throughout the Fiji islands. She was never chartered, and had the look and feel of a much loved vessel. We are only the third owners of Vai Tuki, having purchased her from an American couple who owned her for many years, sailing her from the east coast of the US and on to the Pacific. We had very limited sailing experience when we bought Vai Tuki, but with the help of local captains, we became more proficient and confident taking her anywhere in Fiji. We cruised throughout many of Fiji's most beautiful islands, meeting people, traveling with friends and family, diving, and living the life we had always dreamed of. But then several changes in our lives caused us to reassess. First, my partner and I thought we had shaken off the shackles of jobs, but then were both drawn back into long working assignments. That greatly reduced the time we could spend on Vai Tuki. Then, in January of 2025, I had a health scare and had to go to India for a heart procedure. Those two things led us to the regrettable decision to sell Vai Tuki. We simply don't use her enough anymore to make it worthwhile for us. It's a shame for a yacht like Vai Tuki to sit unused in a marina.

Vai Tuki was always privately owned, and has some great features that were added by the previous owner. It has a custom built davit, that allows the dinghy to be carried without reducing space in the outdoor saloon. It also has a massive amount of solar power and battery storage, which has never required us to ration electricity, even on successive cloudy days. The layout of the engine is also a huge benefit. Because the two diesel engines sit under the two aft cabin berths, they are well protected, safe from flooding, and yet, when the mattresses are removed, easily accessible for any maintenance and repairs. No contorting your body into tiny spaces. As with some other catamarans, the large trampoline area is wonderful. Still like new, this area is where we have spent many a sunset and early morning for our coffees and glasses of wine. Operation and repair manuals are neatly organised on the boat for all major equipment. The boat was

surveyed by MSAF (Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji) and authorised for 19 passengers and 2 crew.", Dale H, Fiji, August 2025

Information & Features

2018 Yanmar 3JH5E (Engine 1)

Engine Type:	Inboard	Drive Type:	Shaft Drive	Propeller Material:	Bronze
Fuel Type:	Diesel	Power:	39 hp	Folding Propeller:	true
Engine Hours:	925	Propeller Type:	3 Blade		

2018 Yanmar 3JH5E (Engine 2)

Engine Type:	Inboard	Drive Type:	Shaft Drive	Propeller Material:	Bronze
Fuel Type:	Diesel	Power:	39 hp	Folding Propeller:	true
Engine Hours:	925	Propeller Type:	3 Blade		

Dimensions

LOA:	41 ft 5 in	Max Bridge Clearance:	70 ft 9 in
LWL:	37 ft 9 in	Min Draft:	4 ft 0 in
Beam:	22 ft 9 in	Max Draft:	4 ft 0 in

Sail Areas

Mainsail:	70 sqm
Headsail:	44 sqm

Seating

Liferaft Capacity: **6**

Tanks

Fuel:	360 l
Fresh Water:	800 l

Accommodations

Guest Cabins:	4
Guest Heads:	4

Other

Hull Shape:	Catamaran	Builder:	Leopard Catamarans
Flag Of Registry:	Fiji		
Designer:	Robertson & Caine		

Outside Equipment/Extras

- Electric Winch

Rigging

- Steering Wheel

Sails

- Battened Mainsail
- Furling Genoa

RECENT UPGRADES

- Outboard engine (2024)
- Windlass (2022)
- Multi-Function Display (2024)
- ITC transducer converter (2024)
- Tridata multi function display (2024)
- AC Power inverter (2023)
- LED ceiling lights (2023)
- Marine stereo (2023)
- Re-covered galley lounge area (2024)
- New Mooring lines (2023)
- iPad holder mounted in cockpit (2024)
- Fire extinguishers (2024)
- Fly screen magnetic curtain in galley (2024)

INTERIOR

GALLEY

- ENO/Force 10 stainless steel gimbaled 2 burner propane stove/oven
- Stainless steel two-tub sink with pull out faucet and soap dispenser
- Carbon water filter plumbed into galley faucet
- Large built-in top loading refrigerator/freezer
- Technautics CoolBlue system installed 2017
- Engel MT45F-U1 Dual Voltage AC/DC Portable Fridge/Freezer 43 Quart
- -Cuisinart 12 cup automatic coffee pot
- -Cuisinart coffee grinder
- Kitchen Aid knife set
- Food Saver FM 2000 vacuum sealer
- Black and Decker hand held mixer
- Simply Perfect rice cooker
- Ninja blender/food processor
- Stainless steel pressure cooker
- Silverware and plates for 8
- Assorted cookware, utensils, Tupperware, mixing bowls, pots, pans, bakeware, cutting boards, measuring cups, etc. – everything needed for immediate cruising!

SALOON

- Two CruiseAir 16,000btu air-conditioning units with remote control panels
- Units are in unknown/poor condition. Have not been used since leaving the dock in 2014.
- Two Caframo 748 Bora marine cabin fans
- Large adjustable dining table with seating for 5-6 adults
- Built in chart table with storage and access to circuit breakers, fuses, and mechanical systems

STATEROOMS

- Four stateroom, four head layout
- Each cabin has queen mattress, two hanging lockers, fans, reading lights, overhead lights, and ventilation hatches
- Forward cabins have additional storage under mattress and V-berth
- Two Raritan Marine Elegance electric toilets; two Jabsco manual toilets
- The starboard hot water heater was removed because it was leaking and unrepairable (July 2025).

COMFORT:

- Cruise RO Water, Sea Maker 30 model, reverse osmosis water maker. This great unit produces 30 gallons (113L) of water per hour. It uses standard, non proprietary components without automation. It features two 40 inch membranes. It uses both a high pressure pump (120v AC) and a low pressure pump (12v DC) to produce water. Two raw water pre-filters and one carbon filter are used for back flush. New electrical wiring and switches were fitted in 2023.

- For entertainment, there is a Fusion (Garmin) MS-RA70 marine stereo (2023), with reliable bluetooth connection. Control the volume both in the galley and saloon separately directly from your phone or iPad. In the galley are two JBL GTO629 Premium 6.5 inch coaxial speakers, and in the outside saloon are two JBL MS6720 180W 6.5 inch coaxial marine speakers.
- Bitstorm Bad Boy Xtreme MJ wifi extender with Unleashed N wifi router.

PROPULSION

- 2 X Yanmar 3JH5E. New 2018.
- 39HP each.
- Air charging: Natural aspiration (NO TURBOCHARGER)
- Engine hours: Port: 950 hours. Starboard: 950 hours
- Last maintenance for both engines was in May 2025 (925 hours)
- Apart from regular maintenance which was carried out at recommended intervals, the only repairs involved replacing the cutlass bearings, valve shaft seals and anodes on both drive shafts (March 2024).
- Gearbox: Kanzaki KM35A
- Fuel: Diesel in two separate tanks with inter-feeding pump to transfer fuel from one tank to the other if needed, and which can act as a fuel polisher.
- Drive: Direct drive shaft (NO SAIL DRIVES). Dripless seal for very dry bilges. Stainless steel shaft in excellent condition.
- Flex-O-Fold 3-Blade folding/feathering props
- Start Batteries: Deep Cell lead acid
- House Batteries: 1200 Ah Lithium (LiFePo4)

RIGGING AND SAIL PLAN

- Standing rigging replaced 2017
- Mainsail by Mack Sails (Stuart, FL) (2013)
- 750 sq ft High roach, full battens, 10.62oz Marblehead Dacron with two reefs
- Genoa by Mack Sails (Stuart, FL) (2011)
- 470 sq ft genoa miter-cut 8.77oz Marblehead Dacron furling jib with Sunbrella cover and foam luff
- Sunbrella sail bag and lazy-jack system (2021)
- Two Lewmar 50 self-tailing main/jib sheet winches (one electric, one manual)
- Two Lewmar 44 halyard winches
- One Lewmar 40 self-tailing headsail furler, spinnaker, dinghy winch
- Three sail halyards (main, jib, spinnaker)
- Two flag halyards on mast, one on topping lift
- Clutches for all running rigging
- Antal felt mainsail car system for mast track
- Mainsheet traveler on hardtop arch with clutches in cockpit

ELECTRICAL

Solar:

- Power generation is well handled by 6 LG NeON-2 5th generation 60-cell solar panels (2020). These panels provide over 2100 total watts. 4 of the panels are bi-facial 335w panels (bi-facial panels collect solar energy from both the top and bottom sides. The bottom can collect up to 30% additional power from reflected sunlight off the water. The 335w rating is only counting the top side capability). Two of the panels are 350w single sided panels mounted on the hard top.

The electrical system also includes the following:

- 3 X Outback Power FLEXmax 80 MMPT charge controllers (80A each)
- Outback Power communications hub and Mate 2 monitoring display
- Victron Energy MBV-700 battery monitor to gauge the available power of the batteries and their discharge
- Portable Honda 2200w generator (2019). 110v output only
- Charles HG Series ABS 45A battery charger
- 2 X 125A alternators on the Yanmar engines
- 24 X 1200Ah Lithium ion Phosphate (LiFePo4) battery cells with Mini BMS battery monitoring system. These batteries still hold considerable charge, but are at least 7 years old now.
- ProMariner True Power Plus 2000 watt, 12v - 120v inverter (2023)
- 2 X Balmar Digital Duo battery chargers. All power sources (solar, generator, shore power, alternators) directly charge the house bank for maximum power absorption. The Digital Duo battery chargers monitor and maintain the start batteries.

ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION

Most of the navigation equipment on board is Raymarine, so integrates well together and is reliable.

- Raymarine Axiom+ 9RV multi-function display chart plotter with sonar (2024)
- Navionics Gold Charts for Fiji, Australia and New Zealand (Australia and New Zealand charts have yet to be activated, so are brand new)
- Raymarine RD418HD 4kw Radar with 18 inch HD colour radome, Scanstrut mount and kit for mounting on mast
- Raymarine ITC-5 Transducer converter (2024)
- Raymarine P70s autopilot
- Raymarine Tridata i70s Multi-function colour display (2024) for depth, speed, wind and temp
- Raymarine AIS 650 Class B transceiver which overlays on chartplotter
- Raymarine VHF antenna splitter. This uses a single mast-top antenna for VHF and AIS
- Standard Horizon MATRIX GX2000 DSC VHF radio. There is an additional standard horizon RAM3+ remote microphone at helm station. There is also a spare microphone
- ICOM IC-M802 HF Marine SSB radio. This provides high frequency, long distance communication for voice, email and weather. It has one-touch DSC emergency communications technology.
- ICOM automatic antenna tuner AT-140
- GAM Split Lead SSB Antenna
- KISS SSB Marine Ground Plane
- Pactor 4 P4 Dragon DR7400 modem with bluetooth capability
- Bitstorm Bad Boy Xtreme MJ wifi extender with Unleashed N wifi router

WATERMAKER

Cruise RO Water reverse osmosis water maker:

- Sea Maker 30 produces 30 gallons per hour
- Uses standard, non-proprietary components without automation.
- Two 40" membranes
- High pressure pump uses 120v AC
- Low pressure pump uses 12V DC
- Two raw water pre-filters and one carbon filter for back flush
- Remote panel for operation and monitoring

GROUND TACKLE

- Loftrans Tigres 1200w windlass with handheld controller (2022)
- Rocna 40 (88 lbs) primary anchor
- Danforth 35H Hi-tensile anchor
- 330 ft of 3/8" galvanised anchor chain
- 150 ft three strand anchor rode

DINGHY

- AB VS10 RIB dinghy (2013)
- Yamaha Enduro 15hp two stroke outboard (2024) manual start, short shaft
- Danforth anchor with rode
- Custom dinghy davits. Greatly improves livability by freeing deck space and provides mounting for solar panels
- ICOM IC-M36 floating hand held VHF radio with charging station

SAFETY

- Vai Tuki was surveyed by MSAF (Marine Safety Authority of Fiji) in 2023, and the Survey Certificate is in force until January 2026.
- Six bilge pumps are installed throughout the bilge areas.
- A portable 3700 gph emergency deployable bilge pump is also provided (this is in addition to the permanently installed 1500 gph bilge pumps).
- There are also two handles for manual operation of the two engine compartment bilge pumps in case of emergency.
- The boat features 3 X 2.5kg dry powder fire extinguishers and 2 1kg dry powder extinguishers, and a 1m X 1m fire blanket, which are checked and certified every 6 months. Next service due Sept 2025.
- A HAF-150 series six -person life raft in a fibreglass hard case is fitted in a hold under the outdoor saloon. It was purchased in 2023 and its last inspection was April 2024.
- There is also a Para-Tech Delta Drogue, 72 inches.
- Vai Tuki also features an always ready ACR Rapid Ditch bag. This bag contains an Ocean Signal Rescue Me EPIRB (2021). The battery is good through July 2031. It also contains an Orion emergency flare kit (inspected in January 2023), first aid kit, whistle, various charge cords, a machete, shade/water catchment cloth, flashlight & batteries, fishing gear, food, water, a laser flare and a portable HF/VHF radio.
- Vai Taki has 23 coastal life jackets, stored in various holds throughout the boat.
- It also has a life line throw bag, and a life preserver with a light/beacon.

DECK GEAR

- A custom dinghy davit was installed that greatly improves livability by freeing deck space and provides mounting space for the solar panels
- There is a separate winch for hauling the dinghy.
- A deck shower with salt or fresh water is provided in the sugar scoop area. Another deck wash is available in the forward hold next to the water tanks.
- Pulpit seats are mounted on both the starboard and port sides of the bow.
- 2 X rail-mounted rod holders are provided, one on the port side, one on starboard side of the stern
- 2 X large storage holds are available in the stern and two in the forward deck.
- A rod holder is also installed on the top of the davit, which we used to hold our Starlink dish (not included)

COVERS

- There are three vinyl pull down covers for the cockpit/outdoor saloon area, which keeps protects from rain. Good condition
- The Sunbrella mainsail sailbag and lazy jack system were installed in 2021
- The genoa also has a Sunbrella cover and a foam luff
- Hatch covers are all Lewmar, but are showing signs of age.
- Removable plastic windscreen can be fitted in front of the cockpit to protect from rain.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 2 X jerry cans for potable water
- 5 X jerry cans for diesel
- 5 X jerry cans for petrol
- Sunbrella covers (which match green paint on hull) for jerry cans to sit on deck
- A number of snorkeling gear items (fins, masks, noodles, snorkels, etc) are included
- A 110v wet/dry vacuum
- 6 X propane gas cylinders (2 for Fiji, 4 that came from US and are not easily refilled in Fiji)
- Pump for dinghy
- Small 12v to 110v inverter
- 110v to 220v transformer
- garden hose with sprayer
- Towels, sheets, tablecloth
- 2 X spear guns with spare rubber
- 2 X spears
- Fishing gaff
- Landing net
- Boat hook for mooring balls
- 2 X fishing rods with assorted fishing lines, lures and other tackle in tackle box
- Navigation plotter
- Navigation ruler
- Assorted maps for Fiji, South Pacific, etc.
- Assorted flags for countries Vai Tuki has visited

SPARES AND TOOLS

- A large number of hand tools, spare parts and miscellaneous materials needed for sailing (such as sail repair kits, lubricants, oil, coolant, cleaning materials, buckets, etc.) are included.
- Also included are a heat gun, professional oil changer 3 step pump removal device, Electric solder gun, Ryobi jigsaw and blades (110v), automotive horn, bilge pump, LPG gas fittings, shore power fittings, 12v water pump, 120v Bonaire polisher with pads, Top Climber mast cradle.

DEFICIENCIES

- The auto pilot has intermittent communication errors. It may need to be replaced to integrate better with the other new Raymarine navigation gear
- The water heater was removed recently as it was leaking and unrepairable. If hot water is required, a new heater will need to be purchased.
- One guardrail stanchion needs to be refitted to the hull. Another guardrail stanchion is bent but still functioning
- One manual toilet needs to have a new Jabsco manual pump assembly kit installed or replaced. New kit is included in spares
- Fly screens on some hatches are missing

A WORD FROM THE PREVIOUS OWNERS (July 2022)

"We have owned and lived aboard since 2008. This is a four cabin, four head version that has had numerous upgrades over the years. Our refits primarily focused on critical systems required for a well-founded blue water cruiser; such as, power generation, fresh water making, refrigeration, and safety. Our home has over 2100 watts of solar feeding 1200 amp hour lithium batteries. Three separate Outback FLEXmax 80 MMPT charge controllers provide redundancy and sufficient, silent power without the need to run a generator or noisy wind generators. We replaced and upgraded the Yanmar engines in 2018 and they currently have less than 650 hours each. We installed a 30 gallon per hour Cruise RO watermaker with dual 40 inch membranes to meet our fresh water needs. The boat was painted with Awlgrip by Hinckley Yachts in Stuart Florida in 2015. This boat has been a wonderful and comfortable home for many, many years. She was designed for ocean crossings and outfitted for safety and comfort. "