



## Travel Information



### **Getting To Fiji**

Getting to Fiji is easy. It's just under 3 hours flying time from Auckland and just under 4 hours on direct services out of Wellington and Christchurch. Both Air New Zealand and Fiji Airways fly there from New Zealand. Fiji Airways also operate services into Fiji from Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne & Sydney. Nadi International Airport on the island of Viti Levu is the main gateway to Fiji for most travellers and several domestic airports are scattered through the islands.

### **Customs/ Entry Requirements**

New Zealand & Australia passport holders must have a valid passport for at least 6 months beyond the intended period of stay and a valid return or onward air ticket and sufficient funds for their stay.

### **Climate**

Fiji enjoys an ideal South Sea tropical climate with just 2 seasons - dry & wet. Temperatures though are fairly consistent throughout the year averaging 22-31° in the drier season May through to November and 19-29° in the wet and humid season December through to April.

### **Language**

Although the official language of the country is Fijian, English is still a national language and is spoken everywhere across Fiji. Hindi (a variety much different from that which is spoken in India) is also considered an official language of Fiji.

### **Medical**

Fiji is free from most tropical diseases and inoculation is not required unless entering from a designated infected area. Hospitals are located in major towns.

### **Driving**

A visitor may drive in Fiji if they are in possession of a valid home country driving licence for the same class of vehicle. Driving is on the left side of the road. The speed limit in built up areas is 50 kilometres per hour and 80 kilometres per hour on the open highways.

### **Electricity**

240V / 50Hz. Fiji has 3 pin power outlets similar to those in New Zealand & Australia.

### **Currency**

The currency used is the Fijian Dollars. Most major credit cards are accepted. Banks are open 9.30am - 3.00pm Monday to Thursday and 9.30am - 4.00pm on Fridays.

### **Drinking Water**

Fresh water reticulated in major towns on the mainland of Viti Levu has been treated and is safe to drink. This applies to many of the resorts on the mainland. A number of island resorts pipe their water from the mainland as well, making the water drinkable. Some resorts have installed desalination plants and in these cases, visitors will be advised by the resorts, as to suitability of water for drinking.





Sigatoka River Safari



### **Getting Around**

Getting around Fiji is easy & cheap. There's a good network of buses & ferries for travel within Fiji's main islands & taxis are common. Hiring a car is a good way to explore the two largest islands (Viti Levu & Vanua Levu) which contain 90% of Fiji's roads. Fiji is well served by two domestic airlines which operate between many of the islands.

### **Food**

A must try while holidaying in Fiji is a traditional Lovo; a feast of succulent meats, coconut infused greens and tasty root crops carefully wrapped in Banana leaves and placed over hot stones before being covered with earth to cook. Outside of the resort areas, the streets of urban Fiji are dotted with restaurants that offer local Fiji food as well as Indian, Chinese, Thai and other continental fare. Of course no trip to Fiji would be complete without sampling the national drink –kava. Presented in a coconut shell cup ( known as a bilo ) kava drinking is an integral part of the culture & fun for everyone !

### **Clothing**

Visitors to Fiji need a light tropical wardrobe. Togs, shorts, T-shirts and a sulu are a must. During the cool season it would be advisable to take a sweatshirt particularly at night when temperatures drop. Wearing togs is fine at the resorts but visitors should be careful to respect local feelings when visiting villages or shopping in town. At such times it's easy to take a sulu to use as a wrap around so no offence is caused.

### **Weddings**

Visitors intending to get married in Fiji are required by law to obtain and sign a marriage licence from the nearest marriage Registrar Office or District Office in Fiji at least 3 working days prior to the wedding. The couple must provide the following personal documents : Original or certified copy of birth certificates, valid passports (with valid visitor permit), decree absolute documents (divorce papers) if relevant, death certificate of deceased former spouse (if relevant) and have the presence of 2 witnesses who are over 21 years of age.

### **Golf**

Golf is played widely in Fiji, so you'll have no trouble finding a golf course. For the ultimate world-class golfing experience, Viti Levu has three spectacular championship courses at Denarau, Natadola and at Pacific Harbour. If it's a short game you're after there's a number of resorts with their own challenging nine-hole courses.

### **Duty Free**

Each visitor may bring the following free of duty into Fiji: 250 cigarettes or 250 grams of tobacco or cigars, 2.25 litres of liquor or 4.5 litres of wine or beer

### **Island Time**

When you're in Fiji you're on Fiji Time. Things definitely move a little slower but it gives you more time to appreciate all that surrounds you. So make sure you chill out & enjoy all the benefits that Fiji Time has to offer !!