

Information Sheet

Fiji



Not far away, in the blue seas of the South Pacific, are the extraordinary islands of Fiji. A scenic and fabled wonderland inhabited by people who invented the true meaning of hospitality.

Fiji is a nation of over 330 islands dotted across 200,000 square miles of sea and is a multi-cultural society formed by the mingling of Fijian, Indian, European and Chinese lifestyles.

Fiji provides the perfect holiday destination for the fun Pacific Island holiday as well as baking in the sun on crystal clear beaches. The fishing options vary from half a day to some very specialist lodges in areas where lures are not often seen at all.

BANKS: ANZ, Westpac, Bank of New Zealand and The Bank of Fiji.

CLIMATE: Tropical. The summer wet season from December to March.

DRESS: Casual. Brief attire is not appropriate in public places.

ELECTRICITY: 240 volts 50 cycles A.C Most hotels have 110 volt converters for shaving apparatus.

ENTERTAINMENT: Nightclubs, restaurants and cinemas are found in the city centres, with most hotels providing their own entertainment.

ENTRY

REQUIREMENTS: You will need a valid passport for at least 3 months beyond your intended stay in Fiji.

FOOD: Fijian cuisine relies heavily on seafood, often cooked in "lolo" (coconut milk), pork, chicken and root vegetables. Food is usually steamed or boiled rather than deep-fried. Restaurants and cafes offer Chinese, Indian, French, Fijian, Japanese and European cuisine.

MEDICAL SERVICES:	Fiji is free from most tropical diseases including malaria. Hospitals are located in Suva, Sigatoka, Lautoka, Ba, Savusavu, Taveuni, Labasa and Levuka. Most small towns and built up areas have a government clinic. There is a modest charge for patients who are not citizens of Fiji. Private medical services are also available.
LANGUAGE:	English is the official language. Fijian and Hindustani are widely used.
RELIGION:	Fiji is a multi-cultural and multi-religious country. The primary religions are Christian, Hinduism and Islam.
SHOPPING:	Developed major Duty Free shopping centre. Bargaining is still conducted in some duty free shops but larger stores have fixed prices. Fiji artefacts are available from roadside stores and large shops. Most hotels, restaurants, shops, rental car agencies, tours, cruises and travel agents accept major credit cards.
SPORT & RECREATION:	Scuba diving, gamefishing, sportsfishing, golf, horse riding, squash, jogging, rugby, surfing, windsurfing, sailing, tours, cruises and yacht charters.
TIPPING:	Tipping is not compulsory in Fiji but visitors may give a gratuity for excellent service.
TRANSPORT:	There is an extensive bus service on most of the main islands. Deluxe coaches operate as well as taxis and rental cars.
WATER:	Water is safe to drink in all cities, resorts and urban areas.