Discover Fiji





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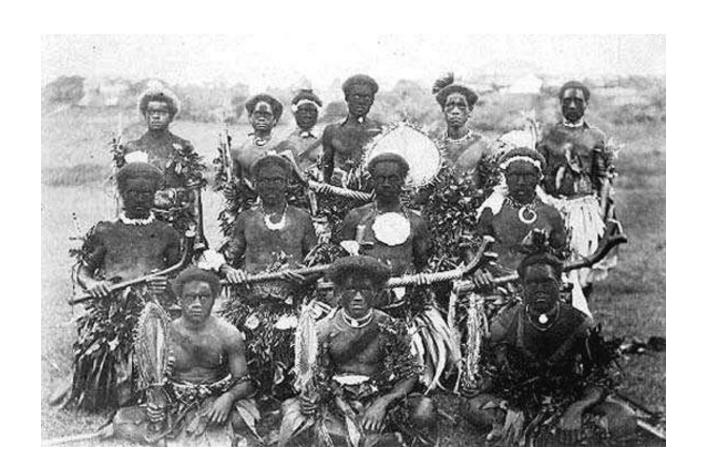
Tour Summary

Fiji today is noted as one of the friendliest places in the world, but this was not always the case! Colonialism and Christianity tamed "the Cannibal Isles," and now the Fijian people proudly maintain their unique cultural heritage. This is a world-class destination attracting adventurers, nature lovers, sportsmen, underwater enthusiasts, and romantics both young and old. Lush rain forests, brilliant reefs, waterfalls and wildlife...the outside world quickly becomes a distant memory in this tropical paradise!

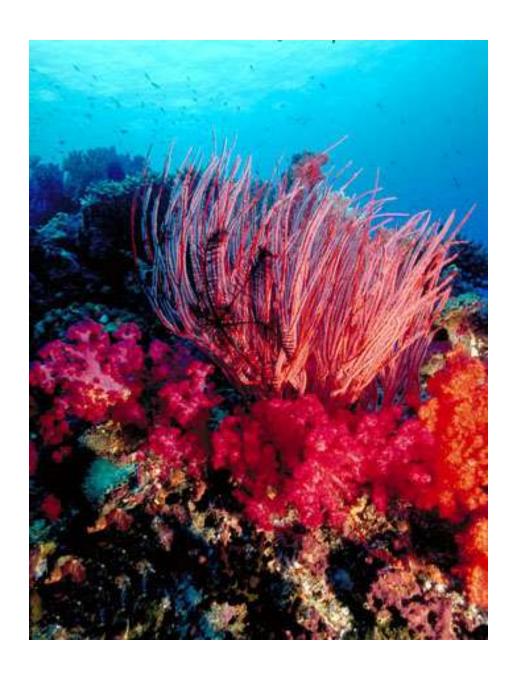
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Introduction to the Fijian Archipelago





Fiji remains very much untouched by the outside world and in some locations life has changed very little for centuries. Traditional feasts and dances are still performed today as they have been for millennia.



Fiji's lush tropical rain forests are one aspect of all the nature the country has to offer, as Fiji is considered the soft coral capital of the world. Visitors come for snorkeling and scuba diving.



The Fijian archipelago of 330 tropical isles are a veritable adventure-lover's delight! Most islands in Fiji are uninhabited and can only be accessed by flying in on a small aircraft or landing by boat.



According to Fijian legend, the great chief Lutunasobasoba led his people across the seas to the new land of Fiji. Most authorities agree that people came into the Pacific from Southeast Asia via Indonesia. Here

the Melanesians and the Polynesians mixed to create a highly developed society long before the arrival of the Europeans.



The European discoveries of the Fiji group were accidental. The first of these discoveries was made in 1643 by the Dutch explorer, Abel Tasman, followed by English navigators, (including Captain James Cook

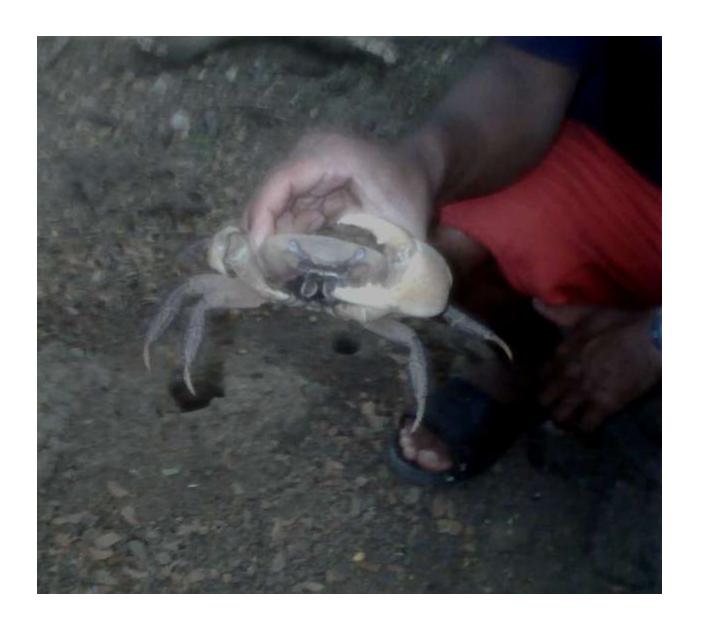
who sailed through in 1774), and other notable explorers who reached her shores in the 18th century.



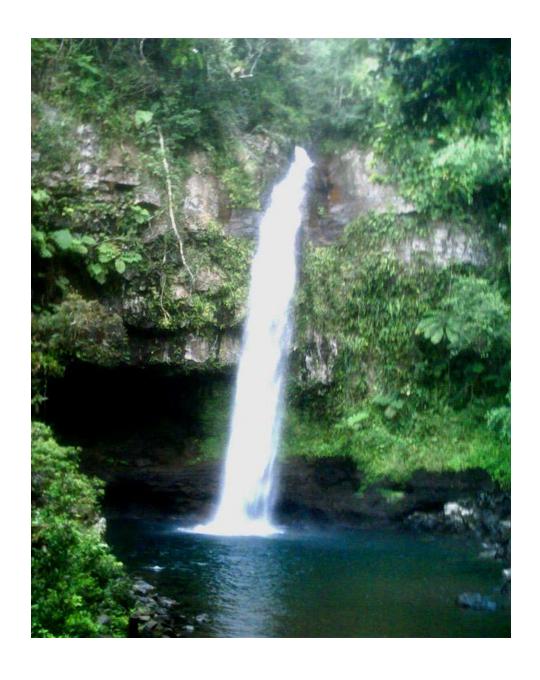
Today Fiji is an idyllic and relaxing tropical paradise, the perfect haven for the about-to-be weds, newlyweds or the romantic at heart.



In this tour we will visit all three of the largest islands, and many other smaller ones. Each destination has its own unique character and charm.



Wildlife is abundant and thriving throughout Fiji. The preserved environment of Fiji is a big draw for wildlife enthusiasts. Here a guide exhibits a large land crab with pinchers big enough to snip off a finger!



Above all other islands, the unique wildlife and lush environment of Taveuni is a big draw for visitors. Some of Fiji's best waterfalls can also be found here.



Fiji may be best known for its smiling and happy inhabitants. It is said that Fijians are among the friendliest people in the world. Children enjoy seeing new visitors as much as we have the benefit of meeting them.



Cultural events also color the visitor's itinerary. These dancing women were part of a larger ceremony in a village that welcomed tourists to experience their age-old traditions. These symbolic dances continue to be performed throughout Fiji.



Being around friendly Fijians seems to bring out the best in all of us. New friends are easily made at the myriad of resorts where vacationers stay. Fiji is indeed an antidote to the stress of modern life ...

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