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BULA VINAKA

Destination Fiji, a virtual guide to the island group in the South Pacific Ocean about 3,000 km east of Australia and 2,000 km north of New Zealand. The archipelago consists of a group of more than 330 islands, of which about one hundred are inhabited. The two major islands are Viti Levu and Vanua Levu. Highest point is an extinct volcano known as Mount Tomanivi (Toamiivi; 1,324 m) on Viti Levu. The archipelago enjoys a tropical marine climate with only slight seasonal temperature variations. The island group covers a land area of 18,274 km², this is about twice the size of Cyprus or slightly smaller than the US state of New Jersey. Today Fiji has one of the most developed economies of the Pacific islands. Fiji has a population of about 912,369 where majority of the population live on the island of Viti Levu and where also the country’s capital Suva is located. Spoken languages are English (official), iTaukei (Fijian) and Fiji Hindi.
TRAVEL AND VISA

Flights to Fiji

Delegates are advised to book their flights to Fiji early as availability is limited during this peak season. Fiji Airways, the national airline of Fiji, has a new “piece-based baggage policy” that will offer guests more convenient travel with less bulky luggage. The National Carrier is moving away from the weight-based policy for Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and the Pacific Islands to enhance the experience of our guests and to make baggage handling easier for them.

Fiji is the travel hub for the South Pacific, and a popular stopover on round-the-world tickets. Fiji-bound travelers from North America have two choices for a direct flight to Nadi Airport: Air New Zealand or Fiji Airways. From Europe, you have the choice of travelling west via North America or east via Asia - it’s 16,000km either way. Flights to Fiji are most frequent from Australia and New Zealand.

Visa

Delegates who are travelling to Fiji are urged to apply for their visas prior to their travel. Applicable transit visas are the responsibility of the delegate. The host government will not assist on transit visa related issues. Please visit https://www.immigration.gov.fj/travel-requirements/forms-pub-fees#visa for more information.
AIRPORT INFORMATION

Airport Information
Nadi International Airport is the main international airport and gateway that serves most international flights in Fiji. It is an important regional hub for the South Pacific islands and a 20-minute drive from Denarau Island. The respective delegates will be met on arrival by host country personnel. Detailed airport courtesies will be communicated separately.

Travel Insurance
Delegates are strongly advised to obtain medical and travel insurance as well as medical assistance coverage. The Fijian government will not be responsible for any medical costs or loss and/or damage of personal property incurred in relation to travel to the regional meeting.
ABOUT FIJI

Located in the heart of the South Pacific, Fiji is an archipelago of more than 333 tropical islands that are home to some of the happiest people on earth. Known for its luxurious private islands, all-inclusive resorts, top spas, culinary destinations, and outdoor adventures, Fiji is most widely celebrated for its culture, which uniquely welcomes visitors to its home.

Weather
Fiji has a mild tropical climate. The dry season is from May to October when the temperature is cooler with less rainfall and humidity. Daily average temperature is around 25°C and humidity is generally high.

Attire
Decent casual, light clothing is recommended. The Bula attire is equivalent to Hawaii’s aloha dress code.
Money Exchange
There is money exchange around the country, but foreign currency and travellers' cheques can usually be exchanged at any bank.

Tipping
While tipping is not encouraged in Fiji, it is your choice to decide whether to make a gratuity.

Currency
The Fiji dollar is in the basic unit of currency.

Credit Cards
Major credit cards are widely accepted at hotels, shops, restaurants, cruises, travel agencies, rental companies, and tour operators.
Mobile Services
Several mobile phone operators offer cellular phone, services in Fiji. Mobile phone and sim card rental services are also available. Recharge cards can be purchased from airports, post offices, shops, supermarkets, and service stations.

Electricity
220-24- volts, 50 Hz, 3-pin flat plug is the standard. Most leading resorts and hotels offer universal outlets for 240 volt or 110 volt.

Customs and Biosecurity
Delegates must complete the Arrival forms honestly and declare all goods of plant or animal origin to the authorities upon arrival. Failure to declare restricted or regulated items will result in substantial fines. Delegates are advised to visit the following sites for more information:

Biosecurity Authority of Fiji
https://www.baf.com.fj/traveling-to-fiji/
Fiji Revenue and Customs Service
https://www.frcs.org.fj/our-services/customs/customs-forms/
The regional meeting will take place in Sheraton Fiji Golf & Beach Resort in Denarau, Nadi from the 30th of January to the 3rd of February 2023. WiFi will be available at the conference facility. Delegates will be issued with an access password upon registration. The hotel is 7km from Nadi Town and a 20 minute drive from Nadi International Airport.

Side events will also be held at the Sheraton Fiji Golf & Beach Resort in Denarau, Nadi and will be conveyed later to the delegates.
A security perimeter will be established around the venue used for the meeting. Participants are required to visibly wear their identification (ID) badges given upon physical registration at all times in the meeting venue. This will allow access to meetings working areas and official networking events. Participants will also be required to go through security checks and have their belongings screened, and if necessary, searched. Participants may be asked to deposit any items not permitted into the venue.

Participants are encouraged to review emergency information to know where the nearest exits, evacuation routes, shelter in place, and assembly points are located. Follow the instructions of police and security officers at all times. Avoid areas where there are ongoing demonstrations.
HEALTH AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

Health
Basic medical services will be available at the meeting venue.

Medical Insurance
Participants must have medical insurance. It is strongly recommended that participants obtain medical assistance coverage in case of medical evacuation. The Fijian Government will not be responsible for any medical costs.

Note: Delegates suffering from any medical condition are advised to take with them their medications in sufficient amount during the entire duration they are away from home.

The meeting venues are generally free from any communicable diseases. Delegates, however, are advised to be careful with what they eat and drink and to apply mosquito repellants when travelling outside these venues. These medical clinics accept cash only for services.
MEDICAL FACILITIES

The nearest hospital with acceptable emergency, surgery, and ICU capabilities is Lautoka Hospital (about 50-60 minutes by car).

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For more information, go to https://www.fiji.travel/covid-19/travelling-to-fiji
Please contact the following personnel for booking:

- Ms. Salote Veitala: Salote.Veitala@marriott.com
- Ms. Swastika Raj: Email: swastika.raj@marriott.com / Phone: (679) 9904849

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**Rate Inclusions & Conditions**

- Up to two (2) x Full Buffet Breakfast served in Island 619 Restaurant at Sheraton Fiji Golf & Beach Resort.
- For additional adult (Shared room) $100 + 15% taxes applicable. Inclusive of breakfast and a rollaway bed.
- Complimentary room porterage.
- Complimentary WiFi in the guestrooms and public areas. (Up to two devices per room)
- Complimentary use of the Fitness Centre throughout the stay.

**Extra Person**

- A F$100 + taxes per night charge is applicable for a third adult using existing bedding (including full buffet breakfast). If a rollaway is required, there will be an additional F$60 + taxes per night charge, with a maximum of 1 rollaway bed.

**Bedding Configurations:**

- Single Occupancy - One king size bed or two double beds for one guest
- Double Occupancy - One king size bed or two double beds for two guests
- Twin Occupancy - Two double beds for two guests or two guests with 2 children under 12 years old using existing bedding
- Triple Occupancy - Two double beds, or one King size bed plus one rollaway for the third guest. Please note that we cannot put rollaway with the two double beds.
- Bedding configuration cannot be guaranteed
Please contact the following personnel for booking:

- Alesi Chambers: **H5706-SB12@sofitelfiji.com.fj**
- T. (+679) 675 7725
- M. (+679) 777 7228

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| Resort   | VIP Rooms    | 15                         | FJD850.00 | - FJD549 - Single Occupant Inclusive of Breakfast and Taxes
|          |              |                            |       | - FJD850 - Single Occupant VIP Inclusive of Breakfast and Taxes          |
Please contact the following personnel for booking:

- Lusiana Baleimago: lbaleimago@radissonfiji.com
- Phone: (679) 9984279

For more information on Accommodation, please click on: https://www.fiji.travel/places-to-stay
EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Nadi Police Official contact details: (679) 9905607
Emergency Contact:
- 917 for Police/Ambulance;
- 910 for Fire.

CONTACTS

- Ministry of Agriculture
  Address: Hugh Robinson Complex, Grantham Road, Raiwaqa
  Phone: (679) 3384233 | Fax: (679) 3385234 | Helpdesk: (679) 3383583
  Email: agrihelp@govnet.gov.fj

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  Address: Level 2, South Wing BLV Complex, 87 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Nasese, Suva, Fiji.
  Phone: (679) 330 9645
  Email: info@foreignaffairs.gov.fj

- Tourism Fiji
  Phone: (679)6722433
  Website: https://www.tourismfiji.com/
  Address: Suite 107, Challenge Plaza, Namaka, Nadi, Fiji