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7 days Self-Drive Viti Levu

If you want to explore Fiji at your own pace, a self-drive tour around Viti Levu offers you enough flexibility to explore Fiji off the beaten track. When travelling by car in Fiji, you can experience everything Fiji is known for at your own pace – breathtaking beaches, picturesque coastal landscapes, sleepy villages, friendly locals and much more. Fiji is an ideal destination to explore on your own!

Car rental in Fiji

There are a number of car rental companies and almost every hotel offers booking services. If you want to drive to more remote regions, you can also rent a four-wheel drive vehicle on Viti Levu. There are petrol stations near almost all major cities and towns, but very few in rural areas. You should therefore always make sure that you have enough petrol in your tank. Since 2023, Avis and Budget have also been offering car rentals on Vanua Levu.



Overview

Day 1: Nadi – Rakiraki, Distance: 118 km, Driving time: 2,5 h

Day 2: Activities in Rakiraki

Day 3: Rakiraki – Suva, Distance: 159 km, Driving Time 2,5 – 3 h

Day 4: Suva – Pacific Harbour, Distance: 59 km, Driving time: 1 h

Day 5: Activities in Pacific Harbour

Day 6: Pacific Harbour – Coral Coast, Distance: 50-90 km (depending on the resort), Driving time: 1-2 h

Day 7: Coral Coast- Nadi, Distance 70-100 km, Driving time: 1-2 h

Further information on www.fiji.com.fj

Day 1 - Nadi to Rakiraki, 118 km

Leave Nadi behind and begin your self-drive adventure by heading north to explore the Suncoast. The route follows the north coast of Viti Levu and offers some of Fiji's most picturesque landscapes and the most hours of sunshine. The region offers spectacular sunrises and sunsets and breathtaking views. This beautiful stretch of land offers many sights and scenic highlights along the way, including several historical sites of early settlement.

Lautoka, Fiji's second largest city, is also known as the sugar city because of its sugar processing industry. Lautoka also has a large harbour and a market that is well worth visiting. Not only fruit and vegetables are sold here, but also yaqona roots, from which kava is made. There are also a large number of craft stalls. The journey continues along the coast via Ba and Tavua to **Rakiraki**.

Highlights and activities:

- **Viseisei**, a village on Vuda Point between Nadi and Lautoka. It is considered the origin of settlement in Fiji.
- At Vuda Marina, the Boat Shed Restaurant invites you to enjoy refreshments or a bite to eat. Every second Saturday of the month, the Vuda Beach Market takes place at the First Landing Resort. Here you can buy fresh produce and delicious delicacies from local small suppliers.
- The Garden of the Sleeping Giant is located at the foothills of the Nausori Highlands on Wailoko Road, about a 20-minute drive north of Nadi.
- Sleeping Giant Zipline Fiji near Sabato with five zip lines and Orchid Falls Jungle Safari. Advance booking is required.
- Sabeto Hot Springs on Wailoko Rd in Sabato, between Nadi and Lautoka.
- 10 km southeast of Lautoka lies **Koroyanitu National HeriDaye Park**, which offers beautiful hiking trails. The park is best reached by four-wheel drive vehicle from Lautoka via Tavakubu Road from Drasa Avenue. It takes 30 minutes to reach the village of Abaca, the main town in the park.
- The **Blue Ginger Café & Deli in Lautoka** is a great place to stop for refreshments. Address: Elizabeth Square (opposite Post Office/ANZ bank), Lautoka. Telephone: +679 907 6553
- Or, just north of Lautoka, the **Tukuni Restaurant**, which offers delicious authentic Fijian cuisine. Address: Tuvu, Lautoka, Fiji; Telephone: +679 898 3188, tukuni@friendfiji.com.



- **Navala Village** is located inland from Ba and is a traditional, 200-year-old Fijian village deep in the mountainous interior. The road to Navala Village can be reached from the town of Ba, and a four-wheel drive vehicle is required. The usual rules for visiting a village must be observed. <https://www.fiji.travel/things-to-do/arts/10-etiquette-tips-to-remember-when-you-visit-fiji>
- Shortly before Rakiraki, there is a parking bay on the left side of the road that offers breathtakingly beautiful views of the coast and bays.

Accommodation options for Rakiraki - 2 Nights:

- Volivoli Beach Resort, www.volivoli.com
- Tanoa Rakiraki, www.tanoarakiraki.com

Day 2 - Activities Rakiraki

Use the day for a snorkelling tour in Bligh Passage, or a trip to the offshore island of Nananu-i-Ra or to Fiji's highest waterfall, Savulele, near the village of Nabalesere (only possible with a guide).

Day 3 - Rakiraki to Suva, 159 km

From Rakiraki, drive south along the east side of Viti Levu, with most of today's route running inland rather than along the coast. The road winds through green hills and valleys. The landscape changes noticeably, becoming greener and more lush. Upon your arrival in Suva, you can explore the bustling and multicultural regional centre. Suva is a modern city, but many of its buildings date back to the colonial era.



Highlights & Activities - Rakiraki to Suva:

- The historic **St. Francis of Xavier Church** is located southeast of Rakiraki and dates back to 1917. Its picturesque location offers a view of Viti Levu Bay, and the church is famous for its mural of a black Christ, painted in 1962 by Jean Charlot. Your hotel in Rakiraki can explain the exact route to you, as the turnoff is easy to miss.
- Approximately 12 km before Korovou, there is a turn-off on the left-hand side of the road to the '**Uru Waterfall Picnic and Rest Centre**', a small picnic area with a waterfall and swimming facilities. The local village charges a small entrance fee.
- In Korovou, you will find a new, clean public toilet (for a fee) and the opportunity to shop for a lunch stop. Either at the market on the main street or at the 'Hot Bread' bakery branch.
- In Suva, don't miss a visit to the **Fiji Museum**. The museum is located in the heart of Suva's botanical gardens, diagonally opposite the majestic Grand Pacific Hotel. The museum houses a remarkable collection, including archaeological material dating back 3,700 years and cultural objects representing both the indigenous people of Fiji and other communities that have settled on the archipelago over the past 100 years.
- Suva has a diverse restaurant scene and a bustling harbour. If you have some time, don't miss the **walking tour with Peter Sipeli**. Peter is a local poet and gives you an insight into Suva in his own unique way - and has lots of great restaurant tips. Email: guidedwalksfiji@gmail.com / WhatsApp +679 789 2918.

Accommodation options for Suva - 1 night:

- Grand Pacific Hotel - <https://grandpacifichotel.com.fj/>
- Tanoa Plaza - www.tanoahotels.com/fiji-plaza-hotel/
- Five Princes Boutique Hotel, <https://fiveprinceshotel.com/>
- Holiday Inn Suva, <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/de/de/suva/suvvp/hoteldetail>
- Novotel Lami Bay - <https://all.accor.com/hotel/6990/index.de.shtml>

Day 4 - Suva to Pacific Harbour, 59 km

Today's distance is quite short, but depending on what time you leave, you may encounter rush hour traffic in Suva.

Fiji's adventure capital awaits you today: **Pacific Harbour** is less than an hour's drive from Suva through green and charming countryside. The place more than lives up to its reputation as a destination for adrenaline junkies, offering a wide variety of activities that will get your heart racing: from surfing and shark diving to kayaking along the coast, white-water rafting and zip-line tours. If that's too wild for you, you can play a relaxing round of golf on the championship course, go fishing or visit the excellent Arts Village with its arts and crafts.

Accommodation options for Pacific Harbour - 2 Nights:

- The Pearl South Pacific Resort Fiji - www.thepearlsouthpacific.com
- Nanuku Resort - www.nanukuresort.com
- Uprising Beach Resort - www.uprisingbeachresort.com

Day 5 - Activities Pacific Harbour

- **The Jewel of Fiji Tour** takes you deep into the interior of the country and close to the culture and life of a traditional village. www.discoverfijitours.com/jewel-of-fiji/
- **Rivers Fiji** offers white water rafting and kayaking tours. The popular Upper Navua tour takes you deep into the interior of the country through breathtaking gorges. The kayaking tours take place in the river estuaries and along the coast.
- For ambitious divers, **shark diving in Pacific Harbour** is a must. It offers the unique opportunity to see up to eight species of sharks up close during a dive - advance booking required. Operators are Beqa Adventure Divers www.fijisharkdive.com and Aqua-Trek www.aquatrek.com.
- **Terratrek** offers guided self-drive tours in a dune buggy to the mountains in the hinterland of Pacific Harbour. The panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean and the drive to the waterfall are a spectacular experience. Phone +679-9282397 or email: terratrekfiji@gmail.com.



Day 6 - Pacific Harbour to Coral Coast, 50 - 90 km

The drive from Pacific Harbour to the Coral Coast takes you through one of the most picturesque regions of the island nation and offers an unforgettable glimpse into the beauty of tropical nature.

Shortly after leaving Pacific Harbour, the road begins to wind gently through lush green hills and tropical forests. The Queens Highway, which runs along the south coast of Viti Levu, offers breathtaking views of the open sea and the remote islands that lie like pearls in the water. There are numerous viewpoints where you can stop to enjoy the panorama and take photos.

Accommodation Coral Coast -1 Night:

There are numerous accommodations on the Coral Coast, so here is just a small selection:

- Fiji Hideaway Resort & Spa - www.hideawayfiji.com
- Warwick Resort Fiji - www.warwickhotels.com/fiji-resort
- Outrigger Beach Resort - www.outrigger.com/fiji
- Crows Nest - www.crowsnestresortfiji.com/
- Intercontinental Golf Resort & Spa - www.ihg.com

Highlights and Activities:

- The 20-metre-high **Biausevu Waterfall** (or Savu Na Mate Laya Waterfall) is located near the village of Biausevu. It is easily accessible by car. The turnoff from Queens Highway is opposite the Warwick Resort & Spa. It is necessary to hire a guide from the village to visit the falls.
- You can buy local seasonal produce such as mangoes, papayas, watermelons and pineapples at numerous roadside stalls.
- A good place to stop for a snack or refreshment and authentic Fijian handicrafts is **Baravi Handicrafts & Café** in Vatukarasa, about 3 km after passing Tabua Sands Resort.
- Directly opposite the Outrigger Beach Resort on Queens Highway is **Kula Eco Park**. Here you will find more than 12 hectares of lush rainforest, a kilometre-long wooden walkway and numerous enclosures where you can observe birds, reptiles, bats, sea turtles, soft and hard corals and tropical fish.
- **Hot Glass Fiji** is not only a great art gallery with unique works of art and beautiful glass souvenirs, but you can also try your hand at glassblowing here. Contact the studio to confirm your visit. The studio is located on Sunset Strip in Koro Togo. www.hotglassfiji.com/
- At the end of the street - on Sunset Strip - you will also find the **Crab Shack**, a food truck right by the sea serving the best fish tacos and many other delicious dishes. +6799025979
- Shortly after Korotogo, you will find **Cafe Planet** on the left-hand side - another nice place to stop for a coffee or snack.
- Shop like the locals at **Sigatoka Market**, located in the heart of the bustling town of Sigatoka. The market is most exciting in the early morning hours, offering shoppers an authentic local experience and the freshest produce from the region. The Saturday market is particularly busy, as farmers bring their produce from all over the Sigatoka River Valley to the market.
- Just past Sigatoka is the **Bula Coffee Farm**, where you can take a Crop to Coffee Tour that teaches you a lot about coffee cultivation in Fiji. <https://www.bulacoffee.co/service-page/crop-to-cup-coffee-tour>
- **Sigatoka Sand Dunes National Park** forms a striking contrast between a small dry desert and lush tropical vegetation. The extensive dune system covers an area of 650 hectares and consists of a series of sand dunes. The dunes are between 20 and 60 metres high. It is advisable to visit the area before 11 a.m. or after 3 p.m., as it can otherwise become very hot. The dunes, Fiji's first national park, stretch for several kilometres along the coast. Driving from Sigatoka town towards Nadi, after leaving Sigatoka, about 3 km after the hospital, turn left onto a small road and you cannot miss the visitor centre.



More Highlights and activities at the Coral Coast:

- **Sigatoka River Safari** offers half-day jet boat safaris, a unique adventure into the heart and soul of Fiji. Aboard specially designed safari jet boats, you will travel down the Sigatoka River, visit an authentic Fijian village and gain deep insights into life there. Bookings can be made directly at the Tappoo building in Sigatoka, but it is recommended to book in advance.
- **Ecotrax** is based near the Shangri-La Resort. Enjoy an unforgettable tour on a converted electric bike on a type of handcar ('velocipede') that allows you to explore the coast along the old sugar cane railway line. The guides will take you through beautiful, varied landscapes with river crossings, mangroves, rainforest, open coastline, villages and friendly locals. The tours last about 3 hours and are often booked up well in advance – be sure to book in advance! www.ecotrax.com.fj



Day 7 - Coral Coast nach Nadi, 70 - 100 km

On the last leg of your self-drive adventure, you will leave the beautiful Coral Coast and drive back to Nadi or Denarau. The route depends on which hotel you have chosen on the Coral Coast. On the way, you can experience the zip line in Momi Bay or play a round of golf on the PGA golf course at the InterContinental Resort & Spa.

Highlights and activities:

- **Momi Zipline** is located 35 minutes from Nadi and offers 5 km of zip lines in spectacular wilderness with caves, canyons and mountains. The 16 huge zip lines offer breathtaking views of the ocean and, as an extra adventure, the exploration of limestone caves. The access road to the zipline is difficult to find, so it is advisable to book through a resort that can offer a transfer service.
- If you want to learn how to surf, the **Fiji Surf School** at Natadola Beach is the place to go. All age groups, from young to old, from beginners to advanced surfers, will find the right surfing experience here. Bookings can be made at the Fiji Surf Shop.
- The **Natadola Bay Golf Course** combines world-class golf architecture with dramatic landscapes ranging from rolling grass to right on the beach. Against the glittering backdrop of coral reefs and the Pacific Ocean, it is a challenge to maintain concentration for the tee shot.
- At the entrance to **Nadi Town**, be sure to visit the **Sri Siva Subramaniya Temple**, the largest Hindu temple in the southern hemisphere. The Sri Siva Subramaniya Temple embodies the diversity of the population of the tropical Fiji Islands in a wondrous display of Dravidian architect



Accommodation in Nadi and surrounds - 1 Night:

Nadi and close to airport:

- The Fiji Gateway - www.fijigateway.com/
- Mercure Hotel - www.mercure.com/Nadi-Fiji
- Novotel Nadi - www.novotel.com
- Tanoa International Hotel - www.tanoainternational.com

Wailoaloa:

- Crown Plaza Fiji Nadi Bay Resort - www.fijinadibay.crowneplaza.com/
- Ramada Suites by Wyndham - www.ramadawailoaloafiji.com/

Denarau:

- Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa - www.sofitel-fiji.com
- Radisson Blu Resort Fiji - www.radissonblu.com/en/resort-fiji
- Sheraton Fiji Golf & Beach Resort Fiji - www.marriott.com
- The Palms - www.thepalmsdenarau.com





Road conditions

In Fiji, traffic drives on the left side of the road and the speed limit is 80 km/h on country roads and 50 km/h within built-up areas and residential areas.

The main road around Viti Levu is paved and the asphalt roads are usually in good condition. However, you should watch out for potholes, bumps and speed bumps while driving. Villagers sometimes walk very close to passing vehicles and also sit in groups quite close to the roadside, so you should be particularly careful when driving through villages and towns.

Free-roaming animals, such as cattle, goats or horses, are also often found near roads in Fiji and can run onto the road at any time.



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