

Fiji ~ Jewel of the Pacific

May 9 - 16, 2025 • 8 Days • Approx \$4300*

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Introduction

Join us for a romantic south seas cruise on our 68 passenger ship, as we visit the intimate palm-covered Mamanuca Islands, sail to the majestic southern Yasawa Islands and relax in the idyllic Blue Lagoon, framed by picture-perfect beaches.

NOTE: This Fijian cruise will take place immediately following the Australia Adventure; the two tours can be combined.

* Does not include port fees of \$98 per person (subject to change).

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[Tour Type: Classic Curated, Small Ship Cruising](#)

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OVERVIEW

Our second WAI cruise in the islands of the South Pacific takes place in the magical archipelago of Fiji!

While the Fijian islands number well over 300, our adventure focuses on three island groups - the Mamanuca, Sacred, and Yasawa Islands - situated just northwest of the main island of Viti Levu.

We cruise aboard a small ship - only 68 berths - giving us optimal access to drop-dead-gorgeous coves and islands. Our ship is large enough to pack in high-value amenities but small enough to tie off to a palm tree!

Daily shore excursions take us to world famous beach sites seen on the Big Screen and the

Small Screen; we see settings for three well-known shows - Blue Lagoon, with Brooke Shields, Castaway, with Tom Hanks, and the TV reality show, Survivor. The themes of our trip, however, are tasting paradise from our friendly little ship, connecting with the warm-hearted Fijian people, relishing the remote grandeur of a secluded set of South Sea islands, and participating in top quality Fijian water and beach activities.



Our ship - the M.V. Fiji Princess

- Launched in 1997 and renovated in 2014 the Fiji Princess is ideal for cruising the magnificent Mamanuca Islands, Sacred Islands, and Yasawa Islands. Featuring 4 decks, she holds a maximum of only 68 passengers serviced by a warm and hospitable Fijian crew of 28.
- All cabins are outward facing with two twin or one queen-sized beds, small but functional bathroom with separate shower, hair dryer, mini-safe, flat screen TV for in-house movies and closet space.
- Public areas are open-air, reflecting the tropical ambiance with a single-seating, open-air dining area on the Main deck, a tropical themed bar on the Middle deck, and a second bar on the partially covered Sun deck. Plenty of lounge chairs complement the small dipping pool.
- A glass bottom boat makes coral viewing accessible to all. Kayaks are also available for the more adventurous.
- The Fiji Princess is committed to be free of single-use plastic as of April 2020. Each traveler receives a free reusable water bottle that is refillable at artisan filtered mineral water stations throughout the ship - water is free!
- Spa services are provided onboard for additional fees
- As would be expected in the South Pacific, the on-board atmosphere is casual and informal. This is not a luxury liner you have have experienced on the high seas. The

Fiji Princess is an older vessel, lovingly maintained by a conscientious and responsive crew.







Cabin Categories

- Two cabin categories are available on the ship, Hibiscus and Orchid.
- Orchid cabins are located on the Middle and Upper decks and average 14 sqm (150 sq ft). Our booking includes a complimentary upgrade to the Orchid category.
- Hibiscus cabins are on the Main Deck only and only 6 cabins are available.
- Cabin come with a premium stocked mini bar with soft drinks, French sparkling wine, premium Fijian chocolate, and snacks, restocked daily!

[Ship Diagram](#)

Including:

- Accommodation for 7 nights in all outside facing cabins aboard our 68-passenger ship, the M.V. Fiji Princess, small enough to tie off on a palm tree!
- 21 meals - 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners as denoted (BLD)

- Daily mid-day and afternoon refreshments (tea/lemonade/snacks/cakes) while at sail
- Sailing through three island groups: Yasawa Islands, Sacred Islands, and Mamanuca Islands
- Fees for one IVV walking stamps for those collecting IVV walk credit (Note: This is Walking LITE trip. We are working with ship staff on walk possibilities but based upon our 2022 visit, we have 2 and possibly 3 short trails available with a total of 5 to 8 kilometers-3 to 5 miles)
- WAI guide service throughout (2 guides)
- Pricing is based on double occupancy only. Due to the limitation of cabins, it is difficult to offer single accommodations. Please call us if interested in a single cabin. WAI provides a roommate matching service

Activities / Entrance fees:

- Kava ceremony with locals on Naviti Island with local history and legends presentation
- Fijian feast and kava ceremony with locals in Tamusua village
- Sunday church service in local church, a cultural experience in its own rite
- Fijian cooking, basket weaving, and wood carving lessons onboard ship or during island excursions
- Snorkeling opportunities throughout the tour
- Kayaking opportunities at various times during the cruise
- A variety of South Pacific activities on private Blue Lagoon beach
- Southern Constellation star-gazing that is nearly 100% free of artificial light
- A visit to Sawa-i-Lau Caverns (the film setting for the 1980 movie, Blue Lagoon) with optional cave swimming possible.

Optional Pre-night Package:

Once the group is viable, we will publish recommendations for booking airfare into Nadi, Fiji. Three suggested itineraries will be available:

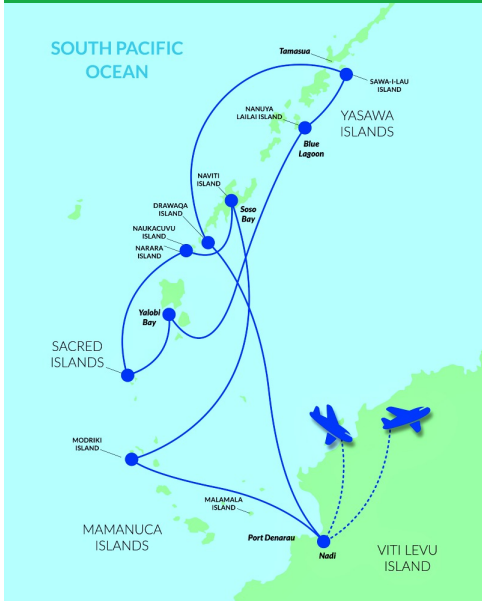
Standard package: Arrive Fiji on Day 1, May 9 and board the ship that afternoon to begin the cruise. No additional services or airport-ship transfers provided.

Pre-night package: Arrive Fiji on May 8, one day early to rest after the trans-Pacific flight. Included in this package will be:

- * Airport-hotel transfer upon arrival in Fiji
- * One night in a 5-star hotel in Nadi
- * Hotel-ship transfer on May 9
- * Day room to share between 4 travelers on the last day while we wait for the late night flight departure for the USA
- * Transfers from hotel to airport on the last night.

Price TBD

- [Pre-Register](#)
- [360.260.9393](tel:360.260.9393)
- [Email Us](#)



Adventure Pace

Tour Pace: 1 2 3 4 5

Walk Challenge: 1 2 3 4 5

[About Adventure Pace](#)

Adventure Pace

How much Adventure do you want? Here are a few features to help gauge the following factors on each tour.

Tour Pace: On a scale of 1 (slowest pace) to 5 (fastest pace), we've rated the following factors: number of 1-night hotels; driving miles per day; fullness of schedule; mid-tour airline flights; high elevation setting; and average amount of walking per day.

Walk Challenge: This number represents an average walk difficulty rating for the tour using a scale of 1 (easiest) to 5 (hardest).

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Important Info



Group Size

Maximum 30 travelers.



Hotels

Accommodation for 7 nights in all outside facing cabins aboard our 68-passenger ship, the M.V. Fiji Princess



Meals

21 meals - 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners as denoted (BLD)



Airfare

Official start and finish point for this adventure is Port Denarau in Nadi, Fiji, for embarkation and disembarkation of the M.V. Fiji Princess. Travelers will be advised of how to book air to maximize access to airport-hotel shuttles and optional pre-cruise activities. Travelers will be flying into Nadi, Fiji (airport code NAN).



Transportation

All ship travel is included. No land transportation is included in the cruise price. Transfers from airport to hotel for optional pre-night, from optional hotel to ship, and from ship to airport, are provided on an optional basis (pricing to follow). Otherwise, taxi service is easy to book.



Traveler Age

Our travelers usually range from 50-75 years of age. All ages welcome!

Itinerary

Travel information presented below describes the 2022 edition of *Blue Fiji*. Few changes are expected for the 2025 departure.

Click on each day to reveal more details. (BLD) refers to meals included - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

[Day 1~May 9: Set Sail for Modriki Island \(B* D\)](#)

Anchorage: Modriki Island

After your early morning arrival in Fiji, the first part of the day is free. Our floating hotel for the next 7 nights, the Fiji Princess, is available for boarding at Port Denarau between 1:30 and 2:30 pm. The taxi ride from Nadi Airport into Nadi, where you would spend your free time, is about 10 minutes. From Nadi to Port Denarau is about 15 minutes.

Travelers who join us for the Optional Pre-night or Pre-cruise packages have this morning free to enjoy a preview of Fijian paradise from our 5-star beach resort. Have a leisurely breakfast, stroll the beach, or relax by the pool before a short transfer to the ship in the early afternoon. *(These two add-on packages are described briefly in the Including section above and will be fully explained in the Adventure Advice memo travelers receive after registration.)*

Mid-afternoon, we set sail for the outer Mamanucas. While we cruise, settle into your cabin, enjoy the welcome briefing along with English tea and snacks, meet fellow guests, and admire the scenery that slides by as we sail the South Pacific.

Our first destination is gorgeous, secluded Modriki Island, filming location for Tom Hanks' movie "Cast Away". On arrival, we explore this little island and have our first chance to take a dip in the warm South Pacific waters. Back on board, cocktails are served with canapés on the sun deck. Mingle with fellow travelers and drink in views over tranquil waters as the sun sets.

This evening, the Captain's Welcome Dinner is an à la carte menu with entertainment provided by our crew! Don't forget to wander up to the upper deck to see the magnificent array of stars of the Southern Constellations.

B - Breakfast for early arrivals only.*

[Day 2~May 10: Naviti Island, Soso Bay \(BLD\)](#)

Anchorage: Soso Bay

Walk #1: Soso Village Walk on Naviti Island - 3 km, rated 2C

Awake to the aroma of freshly brewed coffee and consider a morning swim or stroll on the

beach before we set sail for the southern Yasawa Islands during breakfast.

Late morning, we take you on a bit of an adventure... to a special reef location where you are invited to swim with reef sharks (sea conditions permitting)! While harmless to humans, reef sharks make for an remarkable snorkel experience!

Back on-board, we cruise into the waters around Naviti and Soso Bay. A tasty buffet lunch is served on-board before heading ashore for a visit to the chiefly village of Soso. We'll be welcomed in traditional fashion with a "yaqona" kava ceremony, before exploring this typical Fijian island village with our hosts. A presentation on the local history and legends gives insight into early Yasawan life.

This afternoon's walk is one of four planned hikes during the cruise. Wandering through the village, we ascend one of the surrounding hills. This is a two-stage walk; the second section is steeper and rewards hikers with better views. This trail is particularly weather dependent due to steeper sections that can be unsafe due to slickness after rains.

Back on the Fiji Princess, ease into the evening with cocktails served on the sun deck, followed by a 'Thali' buffet dinner featuring exquisite Indian dishes. After dinner, those with energy remaining are welcome to take in a 'Bollywood Dancing' lesson on the sun deck!

[Day 3~May 11: Naukacuvu and Narara Island \(BLD\)](#)

Anchorage: Naukacuvu Island

Sunday is still a day of rest in Fiji and this morning we have the unique opportunity to attend a village church service, and learn more of the happy culture of Fiji.

Lunch is served on board as we cruise a short distance to our next slice of paradise. As we sail, you are invited to join a Fijian cooking lesson and help prepare a tasty Fijian fish-dish, "Kokoda".

Later this afternoon we anchor in the sheltered waters of Naukacuva and Narara Islands, picture-perfect for a lazy Sunday afternoon. Sunbathe on the Fiji Princess or dive into the waters and discover the amazing colorful underwater world below.

Tonight's buffet dinner has a range of dishes from Fiji as well as a selection of European favorites.

[Day 4~May 12: Sacred Islands - Yalobi Bay \(BLD\)](#)

Anchorage: Yalobi Bay

In the morning, join the crew for a finger fishing trip or snorkel, swim or kayak before we depart to one of Fiji's most beautiful and remote island groups - the Sacred Islands.*

Filming location for the popular "Survivor" series, the Sacred Islands provide a breathtaking

backdrop for swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking, especially since we expect to be the only ones there!

A beachside picnic lunch is provided by your crew along with afternoon scones and tea. Back on board it's happy hour at the bar followed by another festive Captain's dinner.

**Depending on seasonal weather conditions, an alternate stop may replace the Sacred Islands.*

[Day 5~May 13: Nanuya Lailai \(BLD\)](#)

Anchorage: Blue Lagoon

Laze on the sun deck after breakfast as we sail on the famed Blue Lagoon. This superb stretch of water is circled by islands, creating a lagoon filled with fascinating coral reefs easily seen from the surface of the crystal-clear waters.

One of these islands, Nanuya Lailai, is home to our private beach. Lunch is served on-board, while on shore our private 'Fiji style beach club' awaits, with sun loungers, onshore massage, a bar, and beach volleyball to work off a bit of lunch.

Time abounds for swimming, snorkeling, fish feeding, viewing coral from the glass bottom boat or just wandering along a secluded stretch of beach. Our ship's crew will also teach basket weaving and give a coconut demonstration - climb the palm tree, collect the coconuts and husk them, then enjoy fresh coconut milk straight from the coconut along with afternoon tea.

Diving for both novices and experienced divers can be pre-booked for this location or you can join our crew for a guided 'reef safari' snorkeling tour!

Happy hour is served on shore from our beach bar along with canapes followed by the unveiling of a traditional Lovo meal where the food is cooked underground in a specially prepared pit.

Our dining room tonight is on the beach beneath coconut palms and tropical stars from the southern constellations. The day ends with a "Meke" show featuring singing, dancing and story-telling by a group of local villagers.

[Day 6~May 14: Tamusua Bay, Yasawa Island \(BLD\)](#)

Anchorage: Sawa-i-Lau Island

Walk #2: Guided cross-island walk to Lo's Tea Shop - 2 km, rated 2B

This morning is at leisure at our private Blue Lagoon beach. Dive, snorkel and swim, or try your hand at basket weaving.

The main event, however, is a leisurely hike along the beach and up over the hill to the

other side of the island. Exquisite panoramas across Blue Lagoon are part of this hike before arriving to the 'very local' Lo's Tea Shop on the beach! Enjoy Lo's famous cakes and browse the shell market prior to returning to the ship via water taxis.

During lunch, we sail to our next destination, the island of Sawa-i-Lau, where the 1980 Blue Lagoon movie starring Brooke Shields was filmed. Here, we visit the subterranean pools of the Sawa-i-Lau Caverns. View the dramatic caverns from the stairs or take to the water on a short swim through an underwater passage to the second of these stunning limestone caves! This was a favorite activity of the 2022 WAI group.

This evening, cross the bay for a memorable visit to the village of Tamasua. A kava ceremony, a guided stroll around the village, and an authentic Fijian village style 'feast' prepared and cooked by the locals awaits. The Fijian meal is served to us as we sit upon mats and listen to our hosts share more about village culture.

[Day 7~May 15: Drawaqa Island \(BLD\)](#)

Anchorage: Drawaqa Island

Fiji Princess sails south out of the bay, this morning, bound for Drawaqa Island. On arrival, a marine biologist joins us to tell about local marine life and the conservation work of the Vinaka Fiji Volunteers.

A guided 'Reef Safari' snorkeling tour is conducted to see the prolific corals, clams and, from May to October, the fascinating Manta Rays! If getting wet is not your thing enjoy a visit to a local village school (when in session) or, for a truly exhilarating experience, have a go at abseiling!

Our farewell dinner this evening is a barbecue served on the upper deck dining under the stars, where a final feast is the perfect way to celebrate our time in the Yasawa Islands! Try your hand at the "Bula Bula" dance, if you haven't already, or simply enjoy the grandeur of the southern night sky one last time!

[Day 8~May 16: Depart Fiji \(B\)](#)

Enjoy a final breakfast on-board as the Fiji Princess cruises back toward her home port. We'll be "farewelled" with the traditional Isa Lei song from the crew as our exploration of the beautiful Mamanuca, Yasawa, and Sacred islands comes to an end.

Late morning, we disembark the Fiji Princess. Flights are later this evening. Travelers who purchase the Standard package have the day free with no additional services and depart at their leisure from Nadi Airport.

Travelers who purchase the optional Pre-night package enjoy a shared day room (4 people per room) in the same hotel we used before the cruise. These rooms are meant to serve as a base to store luggage, explore the Denarau Island resort area, and freshen up throughout

the day and before the shuttle to the airport.

The optional Pre-night package also includes a transfer to the airport around 7 pm this evening for flights to North America across the International Date Line, arriving in Los Angeles on May 16, (technically, before we even leave Nadi)!

Before You Register

Click on each heading to reveal more details.

[How Do I Lock in My Place on This Adventure?](#)

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[Modified Payment Terms](#)

Because of the ship's payment terms, our standard payment and cancellation terms must be modified.

To register, a non-refundable \$500 deposit is required to hold your spot.

A second, non-refundable deposit of \$500 is due by May 15, 2023.

Final payment is then due July 21, 2023.

All payments are non-refundable after the due date.

[Unique Aspects of This Tour](#)

This walking adventure is a "walking LITE" experience, which means the focus is less on the walks and more on other attractions of a visit to the Fijian Islands. Furthermore, a few uniquely Fijian aspects to consider include:

Weather: Fiji sits in a magical corner of the South Pacific, at 15 degrees south latitude, butting up against the International Date Line. A latitude of fifteen degrees south places Fiji in the southern tropics, making humidity and heat factors to be aware of during your time in

Fiji. Tropical weather on this trip is offset by a few mitigating factors.

First, our walks are shortened (none are more than 3 km) to counter the wearing impact of heat and humidity. Second, we are always on or near the water, giving ample opportunities for refreshing dips. Third, public spaces on the ship are nearly all open air, inviting the cooling kiss of tropical breezes.

Walks: Fiji is a group of more than 300 volcanic islands. Volcanic islands, by definition, require ascents up the slopes of ancient volcanoes whenever walking inland from a shoreline. Further, the trails we walk are footpaths used by the locals and can be rocky and rough on the one hand, or muddy and slick after rains on the other.

As such, weather plays a more significant role in our walking than usual and rainy weather may impact our ability to carry out our plans on certain trails. Also of note is the fact that these are not groomed trails and no entity, government or otherwise, takes responsibility to install safety railings, mandate warning signs at overlooks, or otherwise oversee public safety on the trails of Fiji.

For these reasons, and because of weather conditions noted above, walks in Fiji are short and sweet (less than 3 km), most with unforgettable views and memorable connections with locals. Water sandals/shoes come in handy on at least one walk, and for some water activities, and walking sticks are a good idea as well.

Water activities: Clearly a highlight of a cruise in the Fijian islands is the opportunity to enjoy the colorful tropical seas. Several high-quality snorkeling expeditions are available. Scuba diving is possible for an extra fee on two days. And the sea cave visit on the island of Sawa-i-Lau, where the Blue Lagoon (Brooke Shields) was filmed is magical. A glass-bottom boat makes the sights accessible even for non-swimmers.

[How is Airfare Arranged?](#)

The cruise begins in Nadi, Fiji, on October 27. Because we fly across the international date line, and flights are overnight, arriving into Fiji very early in the morning, it is necessary to depart North America on the evening of October 25. WAI will notify travelers when it is time to purchase air and will have suggestions to make in that regard.

The official start and finish point for this adventure is Port Denarau outside the city of Nadi, Fiji. this is the embarkation and disembarkation point for the M.V. Fiji Princess. Travelers should arrive into Nadi, Fiji (airport code NAN).

As usual, we recommend arriving early. In this case, WAI plans to offer two different early arrival options, a *Pre-cruise package* and a *Pre-night package*.

The Pre-cruise package requires departing North America on October 23 and arriving Fiji the morning of October 25. This package includes an introductory afternoon in Nadi with

dinner, a day trip into the interior of Viti Levu, the main island, for a jet board ride and a walk, two nights in the lovely Sheraton Fiji Golf & Beach Resort, plus all necessary transportation from the time you arrive at the Nadi airport.

The Pre-night package includes one night at the Sheraton Fiji gold & Beach Resort plus airport to hotel and hotel to ship transfers.

Details for the early arrival options are still being worked out and will be announced in the Adventure Advice memo which announces airfare and Fiji entry requirements and tips provided by email after you register for the Adventure. Please do not book your airfare prior to receiving these flight details from us!

[Travel Insurance](#)

WAI believes strongly in the importance of travel insurance for financial and medical protection from any number of unforeseen circumstances that can arise before departure or during your Adventure. This is now especially true in the era of COVID-19, which is typically treated like any other illness for travel insurance purposes. Many travel insurance providers are available for you to consider. Laura Pfahler and Sharon Mitchell of World Travel Inc. are travel agents who provides air travel and insurance services to many WAI travelers.

- Laura Pfahler: 503-434-6401 or lp@wtpdx.com
- Sharon Mitchell: 971-261-2091 or smitchell@wtpdx.com

Check out [Insurance Tips](#) from World Travel for a short introduction to travel insurance. (NOTE: WAI receives no commission or financial remuneration from World Travel Inc.).

As always, do some shopping to ensure you are getting the best value. Using the [squaremouth.com](https://www.squaremouth.com) website can be a good way to compare pricing.

Other options include:

- Allianz
- Betins
- Travel Guard
- Travel Insured International

NOTE: We suggest purchasing from a reputable, well-established insurance company (avoid buying insurance from an unknown company found only online). Travelers interested in purchasing "cancel for any reason" insurance coverage should be careful to check pricing and terms BEFORE they register for a tour. Recent changes in the international travel landscape has caused changes in the policies of some insurance companies, and made the purchase of this particular type of policy even more time-sensitive.

[What if WAI Cancels the Tour?](#)

Walking Adventures International reserves the right to cancel any tour departure with fewer

than 15 participants, in which case registered participants will receive a 100% refund of payments received.

This refund policy contains one exclusion related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Many suppliers require non-refundable deposits as a condition of booking services. Unforeseen circumstances linked to the virus can force us to cancel a tour. Due to these supplier's non-refundable policies, WAI intends to retrieve as much of these deposits as possible, but cannot guarantee a 100% refund.

In cases where full refunds cannot be obtained for a cancelled tour, we will do our best to transfer unrefunded money as traveler credits to be applied to a future tour to that destination.

View our full [General Tour Conditions](#) for more details.

[What Happens Next?](#)

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You will receive a statement reminders for the two subsequent deposits and the final payment. Details of payment amounts and due dates will be published with the brochure is open for full registrations. All payments are non-refundable after the due date.

About 2 weeks before departure, you will receive a final packet with all the details of the program, including hotel name and contact information, a list of fellow travelers, and a more detailed daily schedule.