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Fiji - the land of sunrise, sunshine and sunsets.

After a long flight from Los Angeles, passing the date-zone, land at Nadi airport in Fiji was a great feeling. The first thing that hit us was the fantastic sunrise. It become clear to us that we would live on Fiji time, when we had to wait for the bags for more than two hours.

Vitu Levu is the main island in the group of 320 islands that once was known as the cannibal islands. The eating habits have changed. The beaches, views, people all together makes Fiji such a beautiful place to visit.

Nadi Bay Resort Hotel

Since we had made reservations for the first two nights at Nadi Bay resort . The rooms was not the nicest ones during our trip, but the food was excellent and it's close to the airport. So it is a good place to start and end your visit. There is a lot of inflation in the word resort in Fiji.

Unless you choose to live in the really fancy resorts the accommodation in general are quite simple.

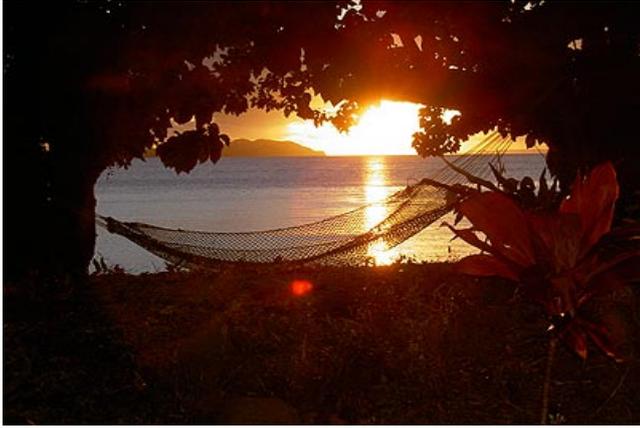
Namuka Bay Lagoon

This little place is about 45km from Nadi and on the Coral Coast. It feels isolated from the rest of the world and the scenery is beautiful. It is quite primitive since no electricity was available during our stay but we enjoyed the beach fire at night and met a lot of nice people during our short visit.

Bounty island resort

A beautiful island that you walk around in 25 minutes. The staff is nice. But you get tired after a couple of hours when they with a hysterical smile on their lips screaming "Bula!" All the time, the Fijian way of saying hello! In the evening they also see to that you play some games, sing some songs and give you the opportunity to drink kawah. Kawah is the local drug and are very common. It is like drinking dirt and it makes your tongue go numb for a while. In larger quantities kawah gives hallucinations. Now you know and you don't need too try it yourself.





Lawaki beach house

South of Vitu Levu you find Beqa a island famous for the art of fire walking and 8 different species of shark in the water. It's in a place like this you find paradise, Lawaki beach house.

In their guest book I wrote "this must be the closest you can get to heaven on earth". And I still think I was right. The place is built and run by Christine and Sam. It only takes nine persons at the time, the beach is private, the food is good, best we got in Fiji. The scuba diving awesome and staff was great. Hannah made friend with the girls in the kitchen and we only saw her when it was time to eat. If you just going to visit one place in Fiji go here.



A few advise for a pleasant stay in Fiji.

Be careful when you book accommodation through the local "tourist information" as they recommend the places that gives them the most kickback and not necessary the best.

Hold on to your wallet, the pickpockets in Nadi are very good at what they are doing.



Transportation: The buses are ridiculously cheap and the taxis are a bargain, but deal the price before you get in the car. The boat trips to the islands will dig a hole in the pocket.

The scuba diving in Fiji is magic, do it together with the children.

If you are lucky you make fiends like we did, that lives in Australia and invites you to their homes at the next stop.



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www.victory.com.fj

www.fiji-bounty.com

www.lawakibeachhouse.com

www.fiji-sharks.com

Fiji Facts:

Climate: average 25 degree C

Local time: GMT +12 hours

Currency: Fijian Dollar

Language: Fijian, Hindi and English

Population: almost 800 thousand

