

# CONNECTION

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## Profile

# My South Pacific Experience : Fiji (3)



Fiji can be enjoyed all year round because of its mild tropical climate. The dry season is from May to October. This is when the temperatures are cooler and there is less rainfall and humidity. The wet season is from November to April. Daytime temperatures average around 77 degrees Fahrenheit and humidity is generally high. I arrived in the beautiful tropical paradise of Fiji to savor my South Pacific experience.

Kava is the Fijian ceremonial drink. The Kava Ceremony is for demonstration only. We got to respectfully observe, but not get to have a drink of it. Women were advised to wear knee length dresses when visiting the village. No hats allowed in the village.

Local dressing style in Fiji varies. Often I heard people refer to "Bula" attire, which is Fiji's equivalent to Hawaii's "Aloha"

dress code. My tour guide was wearing a bright blue floral shirt with a black wrapped skirt.

Suva is the capital city of Fiji. I witnessed commanding views of Suva Harbor on my way to visit the Modern Village. This tour was an authentic experience for cultural immersion. A local family welcomed us into their home, where I met the local warriors. I discovered the special methods Fijians used for food cultivation and preparation. I cherished this rare opportunity to learn about Fiji's history.

My tour guide told me, "On the island of Fiji, we take care of one another. This is the reason why you don't see fences around our houses. We don't build fences; we plant flowers around our houses."

During my three-day stay on the island of Fiji, there was always something new to see and do. I got to marvel at the majesty of lush gardens and be mesmerized by the tropical plantations.

I saw colonial and modern architecture mingle along a



▲ thanking China for funding the projects of building roads and bridges in Fiji

beautiful harbor as farmers sell succulent produce during my visit to the Nausori Farmers Market. This is one of Fiji's best traditional markets. It offers seasonal, local produce at very conservative prices. This market has been home to local vendors that sell everything from homemade donuts to the fresh catch of the day.

As we rode past Fiji's Presidential Palace on our way to the farmers market, our tour guide proudly announced, "If you come back to visit Fiji after five years, you may find me sitting in my office over there at the Presidential residence." We all laughed but secretly wondering about the possibility of that statement.

The Spice Farm is a plantation cut from dramatic jungle to showcase exotic spices. Fijian Warriors and Spice Girls greet visitors with songs, dances, lovely flowers, chilled drinks, and tropical fruits. An expert host reveals various spices' use in cuisine and then demonstrates native cooking.

My fascinating South Pacific experience had brought me so much joy and love. I am ready for more.



▲ witnessing the commanding views of the Suva Harbor



▲ being greeted by a friendly Fijian warrior in traditional outfit



▲ visiting the colorful Little India in Fiji

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