Nadi, Suva & Viti Levu

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Why Go?

Viti Levu, the largest of the Fijian islands, squats roundly and self-assuredly in the centre of the islands it governs. It wields considerable power and is the pivotal point about which politics, commerce and industry revolve. It is also where roughly three-quarters of the population resides.

From Nadi, Fiji's sunny waterside gateway, the Queens Road hugs the Coral Coast. Opportunities to foray into the interior's dramatic highlands and marvel at the elevated views abound. For the adventurous, it is possible to explore giant sand dunes and dive with truly massive tiger sharks.

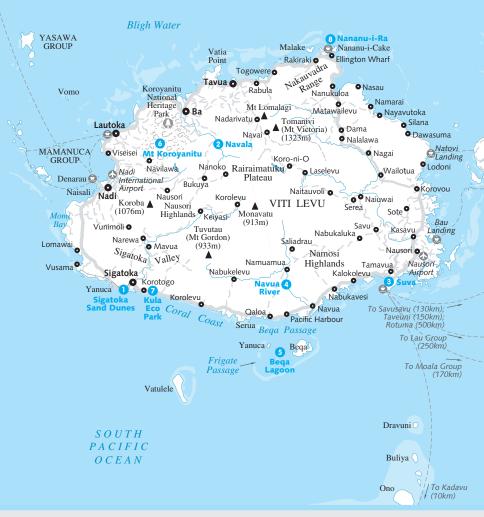
Sultry Suva is the largest city in the South Pacific and the merging of island cultures and Indo-Fijian traditions has given the capital a rich heritage and the country's best restaurants and nightlife.

The Kings Road completes Viti Levu's northern loop. Those in the know – usually savvy windsurfers and divers – head for Nananu-i-Ra, home to consistent winds and the beautiful, breathtaking reef.



Dec-Mar Trips upriver to the Namosi Highlands can be wetter than planned. **May-Oct** Roads to the scenic Nausori Highlands are most accessible in the dry season. Year-round The Coral Coast offers activities for all seasons.





Nadi, Suva & Viti Levu Highlights

1 Slipping and sliding over the **Sigatoka Sand Dunes** (p76) on the lookout for ancient burial relics

2 Catching a local bus into the highlands to **Navala** (p69), Fiji's sole remaining traditional *bure* village

3 Getting to grips with the traditional culture on display

at Suva's **Fiji Museum** (p93) and comparing it to today's vibrant urban culture in **Suva's bars** (p102)

4 Kayaking or rafting the mighty Navua River (p87) in the rugged Namosi Highlands

 Diving with the resident tiger sharks in Beqa Lagoon (p84) 6 Exploring the lush foothills and high ridges of **Mt Koroyanitu** (p63) with villagers from **Navilawa**

 Feeding baby turtles and stroking iguanas at the Kula
Eco Park (p78)

8 Windsurfing and snorkelling on the island's best reefs at **Nananu-i-Ra** (p111)