



TRAVEL & RENDEZVOUS INFORMATION  
**NAI'A FIJI SCUBA DIVING EXPEDITIONS**

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS INFORMATION.  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

## TRAVEL PREPARATION

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- **COVID-19 Updates:** Please go to <https://www.fiji.travel/faq> and read all the required steps that will be necessary to have a seamless flight to Fiji. Check in times changed to **FOUR** hours.
- **Re-confirm your flights** 72-hours prior to departure and double check flight times and numbers. **The airlines will have their own requirements and you will be notified via email about what is needed.**
- **Check-in four hours prior to your flight.** International airport security can be slow and online check-in is not always possible. You may be denied boarding if checking in less than one hour before departure.
- Pack carefully to **avoid excess luggage fees, which are very costly.** Fiji Airways allows one checked bag at 23kg per bag (50.06 pounds) for normal economy and three bags at 30kg per bag (66lbs per bag) for business class for passengers departing from Los Angeles and San Francisco only. Passengers are allowed one 7kg carry-on bag in addition to acceptable personal items. For economy, this bag must measure a maximum of 55cm x 40 cm x 23cm and for business, 56cm x 45 cm x 25cm.
- Fiji Airways offers a SPECIAL \$75 USD rate each way (LAXNAN/NANLAX and HNLNAN/NANHNL) for a 2nd bag (up to 50lb). This has to be pre-paid at least **two weeks** prior to departure through our office. **If you wish to take this offer, please email us at [explore@naia.com.fj](mailto:explore@naia.com.fj) more than two weeks before departure.** Please be advised that this offer is only valid to those who booked exclusively with NAI'A and Fiji Airway. The office team will advise if you qualify or not for the dive package.
- Lost/delayed luggage problems are usually avoided by personally checking in bags with the carrier taking you to Fiji. If you are connecting from another airline before a Fiji flight, collect your bags from that original flight and check them in again prior to your Fiji departure.

## ARRIVAL IN NADI

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- To clear customs and immigration in Fiji you must show your passport **valid for 6 months** and return ticket. **Citizens of most countries do not require a visa to enter Fiji.** Please check with your travel agent or let us know so we can tell you if you need a visa or not.
- Before departing the airport, **change some money at the bank** in the international terminal.

## TRANSFER TO NAI'A

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- Your cruise aboard NAI'A begins at the Lautoka Wharf at 2:00 pm on **Saturday.** We will provide transport from **Nadi-area hotels at about 1:00pm.**

- If you plan to arrive in Fiji one or more days prior to the charter, you should book Friday night in a Nadi hotel or arrive at the Nadi airport from the outer islands the day before your charter starts.
- If you arrive in Fiji on Saturday morning, you will probably want to book a day room in Nadi in which to rest until pick-up time at about 1:00pm. **Please make sure to notify our office of your pick-up location well in advance.**
- Once onboard you will receive an orientation while your luggage is taken to your stateroom. **Divers will set up their gear right away in preparation for a checkout dive the first afternoon.** After setting up your dive gear, light snacks will be served as we make our way to the dive site.

## VOYAGING

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- NAI'A's precise itinerary is weather dependent, however the first location will provide ideal checkout dive conditions – close to Lautoka, relatively shallow and calm.
- There is an **additional charge for Nitrox** (enriched air) of \$150 per week or \$210 per 10-day trip, with a \$30 reduction when taking the Nitrox certification course on board.
- We offer a **range of PADI scuba diving courses** on board including Open Water, Nitrox, Rescue and many Specialty Courses. **Please enquire in advance** if you are interested, as our instructors need to pre-order the necessary materials before your charter.
- Diving in Fiji can be challenging due to strong currents and deep drop-offs. If you have not been diving in a while or have difficulty maintaining good neutral buoyancy, we suggest taking a refresher course before your trip. You will enjoy the diving more, take better pictures and, of course, avoid damaging Fiji's precious coral reefs.
- The ship is equipped with **cell phones that work in most areas** during the charter. **Guests can be contacted onboard** at +679-779-7789 and atsea@naia.com.fj
- We also have a **satellite telephone** that allows us to maintain contact at all times. The phone number is 8816-316-13518. Please note there is a charge of \$US4.50 per minute to make or receive satellite phone calls.
- We have limited **WiFi** available onboard and you are encouraged to purchase Fiji sim cards at the airport so you can be connected while onboard. If you need to do a lot of work we suggest you purchase both Vodafone and Digicel Sim cards. Both Vodafone and Digicel have tourist packages with calls and data. To have the best coverage in most places we suggest one of each.

## WHAT TO BRING

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- Weather conditions vary widely throughout the year and throughout the years. We strongly recommend you visit our [webpage](#) for **up-to-date air and water temperature information.**

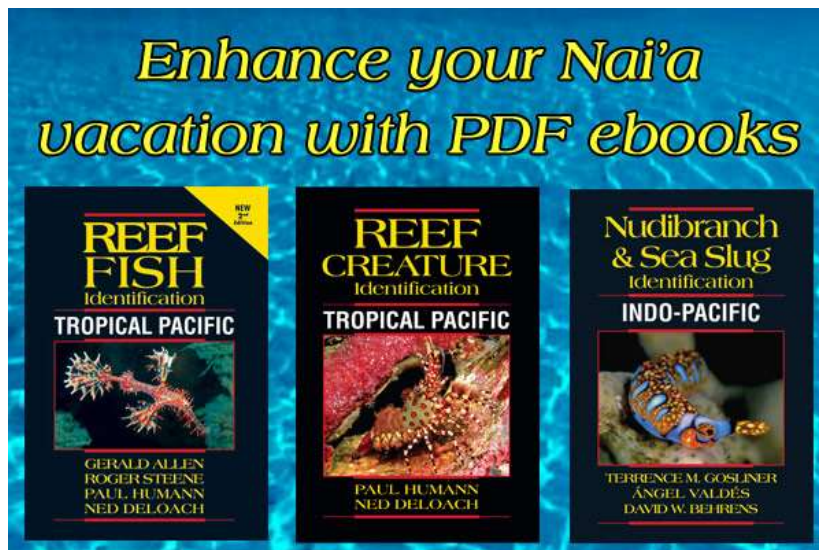
- If you get cold easily, **plan on bringing extra layers**. We offer 4-5 dives a day, which can quickly cool your core temperature. Warm divers stay under longer and manage more dives per day so don't skimp on protection.
- We require all divers to carry **dive computers**. If you do not have one, you can rent one onboard. If you bring your own, please be sure to **read and understand the manual** before your trip and bring the manual with you. Remember that your dive computer is a lifesaving device.
- Pack a warm sweater and pants - life at sea is cooler than in shore-based resorts, especially after multiple dives each day. We want you to enjoy the starry night sky and the fresh air!
- If you are prone to **ear infections or swimmers' ear**, bring a small spray or dropper bottle containing a mixture of two parts medical grade alcohol to one part vinegar. Spray or drop this into your ears following every dive and snorkel.
- **We cannot offer laundry services** for guests, so please bring enough clothes or laundry soap to wash clothes in your sink.
- A **wide-angle lens** for Fiji's famous soft coral reefs is a must, but you will also find plenty of fish and tiny critters to warrant a **macro lens**.
- Bring a **laptop** so you can review, store and share your photos during the trip. We have a large TV in the salon for showing photos and videos via HDMI, VGA, Thunderbolt or USB.
- While we offer a selection of wine, beer and spirits onboard, we cannot promise every type of **alcoholic beverage**. If there is a certain type of beverage that you want onboard, we encourage you to bring it from home or duty free.
- Save some weight! We have lovely locally made Pure Fiji shampoo, cream rinse, shower gel and body lotion for your use while on-board.
- Please limit plastic waste! Bring your own **water bottle** to refill from our onboard carbon filter.
- Feel free to bring your choice of **music, books or videos** for your entertainment. NAI'A has a limited collection of paperback books and a very large collection of eBooks, music, and movies that you are welcome to use.
- Don't forget your **diving (and) nitrox certification card(s)**!
- All cabins, the salon and camera room are equipped with US (110V) and Australian (240V) Standard electrical outlets. If your devices are of another type, you should bring your own **power adapters**.

- Our crew would greatly appreciate current news, nature, science, or other **magazines**, as they are hard to come by here.

## FISH AND CREATURE IDENTIFICATION

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- The authors of the [REEF FISH ID](#) series, Paul Humann and Ned DeLoach, have been aboard many times and their excellent books include virtually all the cool critters you will see diving with NAI'A. Nine books, including the three books that cover the tropical Pacific, are now available as eBooks that you can purchase directly by clicking the banner below. Why not load them on your iPad to study before the charter and consult after each dive?



## FIJI REEF FISH by Mark Rosenstein

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- Mark Rosenstein has been studying reef fish for twenty five years. His first charter aboard the NAI'A was in 2004 and he has returned, on average, once a year ever since. This is the first field guide to show every form of every fish in Fiji likely to be encountered by scuba divers and snorkelers. It includes 866 species from 92 families with over 1200 photos, most of which were taken off the NAI'A. Fishes are presented in taxonomic order with a comprehensive index cross-referencing scientific and common names. Available to order online through [www.fijireeffish.com/book/](http://www.fijireeffish.com/book/).

## VILLAGE VISIT

- At this time we will not be doing a Village visit. Fiji is getting close to 100% vaccinated but we are not there yet. We need to do all we can to protect the vulnerable villagers. I hope you understand.

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## ONBOARD PURCHASES

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- We carry a wide **variety of NAI'A souvenirs** onboard, including t-shirts, shorts, hats, sweatshirts, fleeces, rash guards and beautiful handmade jewelry.

- We carry a full range of quality AquaLung dive **equipment** and Suunto dive computers onboard for **rent**. Please inform our office as soon as possible if you need anything so we can be sure to have the correct size available for your trip.
- Please note that we have a variable **fuel surcharge**. This is dependent on the current price of oil. We will let you know 3 months before your charter if the surcharge will be necessary. If so this will be added to your onboard bill.
- For **purchases made while onboard**, we accept US dollars, Fijian dollars, Visa, MasterCard and American Express. Please be aware that there is an additional charge of 2.5% on Visa and MasterCard and 3% for American Express.
- There are no handicrafts for sale in the villages we visit, but you may find time to go to the market before or after your trip. For purchases of anything on land, the **currency used in Fiji is the Fiji dollar**. This may be exchanged at the airport and in towns, plus withdrawn from ATMs. Please note that handicrafts merchants, taxi drivers, etc. do not accept credit cards. Check xe.com for the most up to date exchange rate.
- Please note that we will charge US\$15.00 per person for the **Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)** that you need if you are flying back to the US. The Fiji Government has agreed that CFC certified hotels/ships can administer these tests, so this will be done onboard before you depart. For those who require a **PCR Test** the cost is US\$120.00 (subject to change) and you will need to spend an additional two nights in Fiji. We will make the arrangements for the PCR test to be done as soon as you depart the ship.

## **DISEMBARKING & DEPARTURE**

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- Departure flight details, hotel room bookings and onward travel arrangements should all be made prior to the trip. All of this is confirmed during the trip via email or phone to our office.
- On the day the charter ends, continental breakfast will be available before we bid you farewell at 8am. Air-conditioned vehicles will transfer you to your hotel in Nadi or to the airport.
- If your flight home departs in the evening, we recommend you **book a day room** where you can store your luggage while you tour for the day and relax and shower before the flight.
- The departure tax for Fiji is already included in the ticket you have purchased to enter the country.
- After you return home, our **Cruise Directors will send you the dive log, guest & crew photos, contact information and a link to our blog** so you can remember your wonderful trip!

Please let us know if we can provide any further information.  
Vinaka!