## **Country Profile: Fiji**

Fiji is a South Pacific island nation consisting of over 350 islands and islets, of which approximately 100 are inhabited. The capital is Suva. On December 5, 2006, in the fourth coup since 1987, the Commander of Fiji's military force deposed the lawfully elected government of Fiji. There is currently an unelected interim government in place established by the military. The coup has had a negative effect on Fiji's economy. Tourist facilities are available. The Fiji Visitors Bureau, which has a wide range of information of interest to travelers, can be contacted via the Internet at <a href="http://www.bulafiji.com/">http://www.bulafiji.com/</a>. Read the Department of State <a href="Background Notes">Background Notes</a> on Fiji for additional information.

## **COUNTRY OVERVIEW**

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<b>Country Name:</b>	Fiji
Continent:	Oceania
Capital City:	Suva
<b>Boundary Countries:</b>	No land boundaries
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Ba Hospital, Labasa Hospital, Nadi Hospital, Rakiraki Hospital, The Colonial War Memorial Hospital (Suva), Taveuni Hospital, Lautoka Hospital
Main Cities:	Suva, Levuka, Lautoka, Savusavu, Lambasa
Country Size:	18,270 sq km
Population:	918,675

## **COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION**

Language:	English (official), Fijian (official), Hindustani	
Currency:	Fijian dollar (FJD)	
Predominant Religions:	Christian 53% (Methodist 34.5%, Roman Catholic 7.2%, Assembly of God 3.8%, Seventh Day Adventist 2.6%, other 4.9%), Hindu 34% (Sanatan 25%, Arya Samaj 1.2%, other 7.8%), Muslim 7% (Sunni 4.2%. other 2.8%), other or unspecified 5.6%, none 0.3%	
National Holidays:	Independance Day, second Monday of October (1970)	
Economic Status:	On December 5, 2006, the Commander of Fiji's military force deposed the lawfully elected government of Fiji. There is currently an unelected interim government in place established by the military. The coup has had a negative effect on Fiji's economy.	
Security:	Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF): Land Forces, Naval Forces	
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Major Airports: 28, Airports w/paved runways: 3

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