

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## *Island Dancer II*



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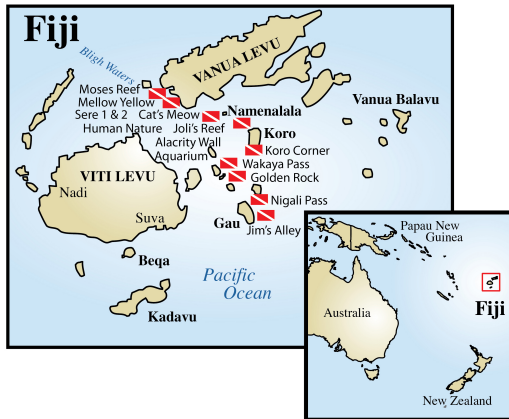
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## WHERE IS FIJI?



## Fiji is located

Republic of the Fiji Islands is an island nation in the South Pacific Ocean east of Vanuatu, west of Tonga and south of Tuvalu. The country occupies an archipelago of about 322 islands, of which 106 are permanently inhabited, and 522 islets. The two major islands, Viti Levu and Vanua Levu account for 87% of the population.

With direct flights from several major cities worldwide, it is an easy destination to add to your dive log. The time zone is GMT+ 12 hours with no daylight savings time.

## ISLAND DANCER II INCLUDES:

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private toilets, showers and sinks. Breakfast (cooked to order), buffet lunch and an elegant chef prepared dinner with tableside service are served in addition to fresh mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks. Beverages (soft beverages, local beer and wine) are complimentary while onboard. The yacht is equipped with hairdryers in each stateroom. Linens are changed mid-week and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. Filled tanks, weights and weight belts are included.

## SINGLE TRAVELERS & SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

All rates are quoted on a share basis; therefore you will be roomed with another person of the same gender. If you would like a private room, the cost is a 65% surcharge and will guarantee you a private room.

## ITINERARY

Throughout the week aboard the Island Dancer II guests will depart Suva to explore the reefs, bommies and walls of Nigali Pass, Wakaya, Koro and Namenalala Islands. Known as the soft coral capital, the brilliant colors on display will dazzle even the most experienced divers and photographers. Drift dives with eagle rays, mantas, turtles, sharks and giant groupers are also on the itinerary. Clownfish, pygmy seahorses, ornate ghost pipefish, and a multitude of nudibranchs bring smiles to every dive! To top off the exiting diving and experience some of Fiji's local culture, a visit to a Fijian village on one of the remote islands is arranged including a Kava ceremony and warrior dance. All guests are required to wear a traditional sulu (sarong or wrap) so either bring your own or we will gladly provide one for you!

With all dives from the mother ship, five dives a day are the norm. Diving begins Sunday morning and ends Friday before lunch when the Island Dancer returns to port. The crew hosts a sunset cocktail party at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner ashore. Saturday morning check out is at 7:30 am. Transportation can be scheduled for guests to the Suva Nausori Airport (SUV) or a local hotel.

## WELCOME

As you prepare for your diving adventure onboard the Island Dancer II, we extend a most hearty welcome. It is important to notify our office of last minute changes concerning your airline arrival and departure times or any changes in your address and telephone numbers. The enclosed information will assist you. Please download the most recent "Know Before You Go" before your vacation from [www.dancerfleet.com](http://www.dancerfleet.com). The Reservations Office and Island Dancer II are in constant communication. In the event of an emergency, family and friends may contact you at the above numbers. If you need to reach the yacht, please call or e-mail the boat. There is a satellite phone onboard; however, it does not have a recorder. Check with your local cell phone provider for service while visiting the Dancer yacht and its destination. Island Dancer II is equipped with Satellite based phone and email for emergency communications. Don't forget to use your

Dancer Fleet luggage tags. They will help the crew identify your bags.

We recommend you travel with a carry on bag that includes a change of clothes, bathing suit, medication and toiletries. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage delay more bearable. In any case whereas your dive equipment is delayed, you will be provided with a 'free' loaner set of equipment.

## **PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION**

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your period of stay and you must have a return airline ticket to travel to Fiji. It is the travelers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation to travel into each country on his or her itinerary as well as for re-entry and return to their country. Please check with the appropriate consulate to ensure you have the proper documentation. Always check your passport and visa requirements. US citizens may go to the US Department of State website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for more information. The website also has information for consulates by country to assist with requirements. There are special requirements for children leaving the US and many countries have adopted requirements for the protection of children. Since regulations vary by country, contact your consulate or embassy of your country for the requirement. ***The Reservation Office and staff cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct documentation.***

## **ARRIVAL (Saturday to Saturday)**

The Island Dancer II operates out of Suva, Fiji. A group transfer from the airport to the Island Dancer II is provided to guests flying into Suva Nausori Airport (SUV) on the scheduled day of embarkation. This transfer to the yacht, which is about a 45-minute drive, is scheduled between 7 – 8 am, and is designed to accommodate the majority of guests who take the early morning flight from Nadi to Suva. The preferred early-arriving flight into Suva Nausori Airport (SUV) from Nadi International Airport (NAN) is Air Pacific flight # FJ003. This flight maintains a reliable flight schedule, early flights into Nadi connect easily with this flight, and wait-time between flights is greatly reduced after a long day of travel. Guests are met at the airport baggage area. Please look for a sign that either has Island Dancer II, or your name on it.

If you are arriving in Suva on a later flight and unable to join the group transfer, then you will need to take a taxi to the Island Dancer II which docks next to the Novotel Hotel (formerly the Trade Winds hotel). If you are already in Suva, please make your way to the Island Dancer II anytime before 12:00 p.m. The Island Dancer II, locally known as Sere Ni Wai, typically sails immediately. Check out is Saturday morning at 7:30 am.

## **C-CARDS & DIVE THE WORLD CLUB**

Remember to bring your c-card or proof of certification. The divemaster requires proof of certification before the first dive. If you are a repeat guest, you are automatically enrolled in the *Dive the World Club* and will receive onboard discounts. Your membership is indicated on the Captain's rooming list.

## **GIS (GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM)**

The Reservations Office and the Island Dancer II require each guest to complete a Cruise Application and Waiver prior to departure and diving through our online GIS (Guest Information System). If you have not received a link to complete the online Guest Information System (GIS), please call a Dancer Fleet agent. ***Passengers who fail to complete it prior to boarding, will be denied boarding.*** Many Dancer destinations require passenger information for itinerary approval.

## **INSURANCE**

We strongly recommend each guest purchase comprehensive accident, medical, baggage and trip cancellation and interruption insurance when space is reserved. Trip insurance will protect you from financial disappointment if you are prevented from making your scheduled trip due to illness, family illness or in the event that unforeseen circumstances prevent the airline or yacht from making its scheduled trip. In the event you cancel your trip, be familiar with Dancer Fleet's cancellation policies, which can be found on [www.dancerfleet.com](http://www.dancerfleet.com). More information can be found on Diveassure or Divers Alert Network insurance

on our website.

## **FEES & TAXES (per person)**

Each guest must pay a \$14.69 Park Fee and \$200 VAT and Hotel Tax to be paid onboard at the end of the charter when settling your bill. These may be paid by Visa, MC, American Express, cash or Traveler's Checks. Note: All onboard purchases are subject to a 20% VAT tax.

## **HEALTH**

The Island Dancer II has a comprehensive first aid kit onboard, including oxygen and an AED. You may want to bring motion sickness medication if you feel you will need it. We suggest you bring over-the-counter motion sickness medication or consult your doctor about prescription brands, such as the transdermal patch or Scopace tablets. Currents and winds may cause moderate movement of the yacht at times. We recommend a complete physical before your trip. There is one recompression chamber located in Suva.

Dancer Fleet yachts and their staffs are unable to accept any medication brought onboard for safe keeping including those that require refrigeration. Should a guest have a medication requiring temperature control, they will need to travel with a travel cooling case or small storage cooler with several blue ice packets. The crew will be happy to store and recharge the blue ice but are unable to accept possession of or responsibility for the proper care and storage of medication. This should be kept in your stateroom.

There is NO smoking allowed inside the yacht or on the dive deck. Smoking is only permitted on the rear of the sun deck.

## **THE YACHT**

The Island Dancer II, locally known as Sere Ni Wai, is a 101' yacht with a wide 22' beam. Built and powered for comfort, safety and stability, she is diesel-powered, cruises at 10 knots and has 240v/50hz and Australian plug voltage power onboard. Accommodations include 4 deluxe staterooms with a double and single berth and 1 owner's stateroom with a queen bed. All staterooms have climate controls.

The Island Dancer II sleeps 10 guests in privacy and comfort. She features a roomy, air-conditioned salon and dining area, forward sun deck, lounge and deck chairs, a multi-system TV/DVD unit for video camera playback, a compact disc player and cassette deck. Guests who are shooting digital photography may view their images on the entertainment center in the salon. Please be sure to bring the appropriate connection cables to fit your particular equipment.

Diving amenities include Nitrox (unlimited Nitrox is \$100 per week), individual dive bins and a hot, fresh water shower on the aft deck. The Island Dancer II has a camera table built into the dive deck. There is a charging station in the salon for your use. Transformers are not required as 110v power is available. The yacht is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items. We highly recommend extreme caution and care be taken if you plan to travel onboard with electronic equipment. (laptops, ipads, ipods etc) This equipment should always be stowed after use to avoid the risk of damage.

## **FOOD**

The menu onboard is varied and plentiful, with a variety of American feasts, barbecues and local cuisine. If you have any special dietary requirements, please be sure these are noted when completing the GIS. You will awaken to fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals and juices. Lunches are buffet-style, featuring hot soups, homemade breads, salads and sandwiches and/or entrees. Dinners are served each evening and include salads, vegetables, seafood, beef or chicken with a fresh homemade dessert. Once onboard, please speak to the chef about any special needs. Certain special dietary and beverage requests may not be available due to the remote nature of this location.

## **BEVERAGES**

The Dancer's selection includes fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, iced tea, coffee, and a limited selection

of local beer and wine, which are complimentary. Due to the high duty charged on liquor, we suggest you bring your special brand from the U.S. Due to local regulations; the bar will be closed while the boat is in port. Drinking and diving do not mix. Once you consume alcohol, you become a snorkeler until the next day.

## **CLOTHING**

Please plan to travel light, as on all live-aboard dive yachts, space is limited. We recommend that you pack your gear in soft luggage such as a duffel bag for easy stowage and to add to your comfort in your cabin. Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear; sunscreen and swimsuits are a must. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for evenings. Dress is always casual and informal. Additional items you may want to bring are sunglasses and walking shoes for your time on shore.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

There is a variety of nightly entertainment, including diving, fish identification presentations, movies, games and more. If you have a favorite movie, digital presentation or a video to share, we encourage you to bring it along. The crew especially loves new releases of DVD's, movies, CD's, recent magazines and books. A small library of books for exchange is maintained onboard as well as fish identification books for reference.

## **CELEBRATING A SPECIAL OCCASION**

Whether it's your anniversary, birthday, honeymoon, wedding or you are celebrating a 100<sup>th</sup> dive, please let us know so the crew can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the US office prior to traveling so the crew is notified in advance.

## **DIVING CONDITIONS**

November through April is the Fijian summer where water temperatures run 80-84F (27-29C) and then start cooling for the winter season. May through October the water ranges 76-79F (25-27C) before starting a climb again for summer. A 1.5 – 3mm wetsuit is recommended for the summer and a 3 – 5mm wetsuit for the winter. Diving is conducted either from the dive deck on the Island Dancer II or from its tender depending on the weather and current conditions present.

## **DIVING**

The crew of the Island Dancer II, with their unique combination of talents, offers the ultimate service. While onboard, you may pick a buddy of your choice, or dive with one of the crewmembers. The yacht offers up to five dives per day (2 on the last day) including night dives. The Island Dancer II provides 80 cubic ft. tanks, weight belts and weights.

Diving is conducted either from the dive deck on the Island Dancer II or from its tender depending on the weather and current conditions present. Enjoy a fresh water shower on the back deck after your dives and dry off with a warm towel.

All diving onboard the Island Dancer II should be within the limits and standards of the training agency that certified you. All dives should be planned no decompression dives.

## **DIVE GEAR SUGGESTIONS**

We suggest you pack the following: mask, fins, snorkel, regulator with pressure gauge, depth gauge, buoyancy compensator, dive computer, dive light, mirror, safety sausage, Dive Alert and/or other safety devices. Dive computers are mandatory for each guest. Each piece of gear should be marked with waterproof paint or tape.

## **CONSERVATION LAWS**

Conservation laws do not permit spear fishing or collecting.

## **RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT**

A full line of Aqua Lung rental gear is available onboard including regulators, BCs, dive computers, and night lights. If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the crew will loan you equipment free of charge.

## **CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES**

Several diving specialty courses are offered onboard including Nitrox, Advanced Open Water, UW Photography, Master Diver and more. Open Water Certification Courses & Check-Out Dives are offered as well. A list of available courses and prices are available on our website.

## **PHOTO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT**

The Island Dancer II offers a complete digital photo facility including a PC for downloading photos. The photo pro is available for free coaching with equipment rental. Photo equipment is available to rent separately or as a complete set up. The Island Dancer II has a strobe charging station and a camera table available for your camera and video equipment. Guests should bring their own battery chargers.

*Please refer to our web site, [www.dancerfleet.com](http://www.dancerfleet.com) for detailed information and costs of rental equipment, certification courses, and photo/video equipment.*

## **UNDERWATER VIDEO/DVD**

Our Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the Island Dancer II to share with family and friends. Video of the week/DVD (includes all guests and crew) are USD \$65 per person.

## **SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS**

There is a mini-boutique onboard, which sells a selection of logo clothing including t-shirts, caps, CD's and miscellaneous items. One day during the week, the crew will have a 'boutique day'. The Island Dancer II accepts cash, traveler's checks, American Express, Visa & MasterCard. Sorry, no personal checks, or Discover Cards. Many credit card companies are charging a conversion fee. If this happens to you, please contact your credit card company. If you would like to purchase additional boutique items after your trip, feel free to visit [www.dancerfleet.com/shop](http://www.dancerfleet.com/shop).

## **FRIDAY**

After diving on Friday, the Captain or assistant will collect payment for purchases made throughout the week. The Island Dancer II returns to port at approximately 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. to provision and fuel. This is your opportunity to shop, take a local tour or just relax. These tours plus hotel arrangements can be arranged prior to traveling through Dancer Fleet. The Island Dancer II crew will host a sunset cocktail party Friday evening. Dinner is not served onboard this evening and the crew will assist you with your dinner reservations and arrange transportation to a local restaurant.

## **GRATUITIES**

Crew gratuities are not included in the charter. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the crew has provided. When settling your account on Friday, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the crew. Payment can be made by cash, traveler's checks or credit card.

## **CHECKOUT**

Saturday morning after a continental breakfast, you will depart for the Suva Nausori Airport (SUV) at approximately 7:30 a.m. A group transfer is provided to the airport for guests departing this morning. For guests departing later in the day, if you do not want to travel to the airport with the group, you may relax at the Novotel Hotel and then make your own way to the airport. If you are extending your stay, arrangements can be made for transportation to your local hotel in Suva.

## **CAPTAIN'S LOG**

Each week we post the Captain's log of the previous charter. Please feel free to visit [www.dancerfleet.com](http://www.dancerfleet.com) and go to the Captain's log to find out water temperature, visibility, and sightings and our facebook page.

**Wishing you a wonderful vacation. Please don't hesitate to call or email us if you have any questions.**