

DFW – Nadi Fiji Day Trip Travel Guide

16 Hours in Fiji!



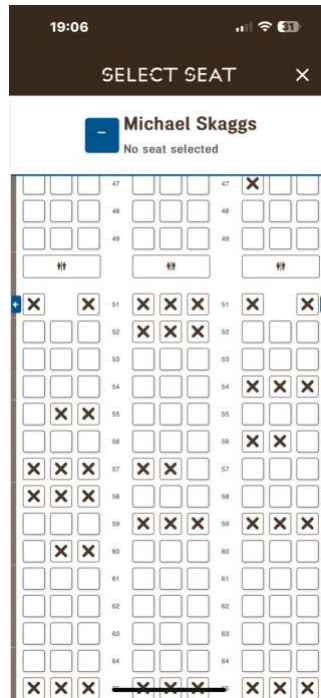
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FJ 890 departs NAN at 2115 every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and arrives DFW the SAME DAY at 1520.

You will need an outbound record locator code to be checked in at DFW. This can be a zed listing on any carrier to anywhere out of Fiji. They asked for this at the Ticket counter and at the gate.

So to make this a true 'day' trip, you need to depart on Tuesday or Thursday. Depart Saturday and you will make it an overnight two day trip.

Once you list, put your record locator in the Fiji app and you can see a seat map. This was accurate 48 hours out and this chart was reality when I boarded. It's great for looking for empty whole rows.



BRING A FULL-SIZE PILLOW – in case you get a whole row. Fijis pillows are smaller than AA's. A full-size pillow makes ALL the difference. I put it in one of those manual shrink wrap bags or keep it clean and compact



Bring a seat belt extender. It's ROUGH over the south pacific (and West Texas yesterday, but I digress). The seat belt sign is off and on all flight. So to say horizontal, you need an extender.



Decline Breakfast. I ALWAYS do just to sleep more and I want to be hungry to eat whatever local fare is available at my destination.



On arrival, customs will have a line. If day tripping, say “I have flight benefits and fly for almost free and I only have two days off so it’s either sit at home or come to your beautiful islands for the day”. This is the phrase that finally made them understand I wasn’t running dope or something ;-)

There are little travel agent offices after you exit into baggage claim. You will have about two hours to grab a cup of coffee and pick an

activity. All the offices are open at 5 am. There are a bunch of islands and boats you can go on and the bus that takes you there is right out the door. I didn't exchange any cash and didn't need to, but taxis do not take cards so if a taxi is in your plans, get Fijian dollars. One Fijian Dollar is about 40 cents US.

I can't recommend the boat Sabre enough.

<https://www.southseasailingfiji.com>

If you like snorkeling, sand, sun, booze and an amazingly fun crew, this is your boat. The captain is the nicest guy ever.



After the cruise ends about 1700, there will be a bus to take you back to the airport. I got to the airport at 1745 and the counter opens at 1815.

You will need a shower at this point. There are two options.

There is a shower in the men's bathroom land side in intl departures. No soap or towels. I took a quick rinse off here just in case the one in the lounge was inop. Bring a hotel bottle of shampoo just in case.

The second shower option is the Fiji Airlines lounge. They take priority pass and allow standbys.

To check in, there is a little TSA check area where they ask you questions and put a sticker on your passport. Do this first.

Then go to the staff traveler check in desk at counter number 12. They will give you a seat assignment.

Security and passport control are a breeze.

The Fiji lounge is really good. I ate there then declined dinner and breakfast on the way back.



The service onboard is world class. They actually come by and write down your meal and drink preference in economy, just like biz. They hand out all the whole bottles of Fiji water you want. This is huge for staying hydrated. Every time I went to the lav, it had clearly been recently cleaned and the TP folded, really over the top! If the flight is empty, they are cool with you standing in the galley and chatting it up with them.



TO SUM IT UP,

GO TO FIJI

NICEST PEOPLE IN THE
WORLD

And, for me, travel is all about
the people.