

Schoolies Alternative

Fiji – Teaching & Building Tour

14 Day/13 Nights Departing November 2009
(Also available for 2010 school leavers)

Day 1 Nadi

Stop by the colourful Sri Siva Subramaniya Swami Temple, set against a backdrop of verdant jungle-clad mountains or perhaps sample a coconut-infused curry from one of Nadi's many great restaurants. Meet the group and leader before heading off onboard a local bus for the rural Fijian village. Set against a backdrop of sugar cane fields, this idyllic countryside is easy to explore on foot. Enjoy free time to get to know the surrounding countryside, including lush gardens and peaceful Hindu temples, or head to the markets to snap up a bargain and sample some Fijian fare.

Days 2-13 Teaching & Building

A rotating schedule of building and teaching allows free time to take part in and plan community activities. Get to know fellow team members, locals and the village itself more as the days pass. There are many ways to contribute to the community; part of the adventure is collaborating with locals to determine how and where they need support. Of course it's not all work - play games with cheeky kids, share meals and jokes with the project team and become a valued member of the local community. There may even be a chance to teach village adults English and in return learn about their culture. It's not just about hard work either, there will also be plenty of opportunities to head out beyond the village and discover more of rural Fiji. The lush landscape has some great walks, so be adventurous and explore.

Day 14 Nadi

Sadly, this pacific island adventure has come to an end, so celebrate a great two weeks of achievements over a final dinner with new-found friends. The journey ends on return to the bustle of Nadi.

inclusions

Tour leader to accompany the group throughout.

Accommodation – Private multishare house (13 nts)

Meals – All meals while on project site

Allow USD \$100 for meals not included.

Transport – Minivan

Activities –

Teaching and building are available as separate options within the project. Most adventurers choose to do both, though it is not mandatory.

Building:

Undertaking labouring work usually broken into 3 phases you will assist and learn from skilled local tradesman. The building project will be run by a local foreman. You will take part in the following activities depending on what phase of the project you are working on.

Phase 1 - Digging, brick laying, concrete mixing

Phase 2 - Brick laying and basic carpentry

Phase 3 - Plastering and painting

Not every building is the same so you may get to do more than just the activities listed above. The breakdown above is based on a 2 room classroom block. Depending on the aim of the Project building activities may vary.

Teaching:

Liaising with teachers and your leader you will conduct classes individually or in pairs in English, Maths, Sports, Creative Arts and other subjects.

Additional activities range from sports, healthcare and conservation depending on the needs of your community.

Our projects in this region are undertaken in partnership with a local NGO who seek to empower communities and promote social change through mutual co-operation, self education and an active community. All projects undertaken are identified by the community, who play an active role in their realisation.

PLUS Transfers - roundtrip airport to hotel transfers on a group basis for day 1 and day 14 of trip.

Trip notes, including the itinerary and trip map on received of deposit/confirmation of trip program;

Access to country specific pre-departure information;

Operation of the above itinerary

Important Notes

Alterations to itinerary:

Your timetable will vary depending on the needs of the community, balancing this will be dependent on an agreement between the community, your leader and other project members.

The itinerary is provided as a guide only, each project is unique and we encourage you to adapt to the specific needs of your community and how they may shape each of your days on the project site.

Local Partner:

Please note this Volunteering trip is operated by our experienced local partners.

Transport while at the project base:

Project bases do not have their own vehicle, you will be required to walk to and from school and local villages and markets when necessary. Local transport can be used for longer journeys but may require a walk to your nearest transport hub.

Accommodation while at project site:

There is no twin share option on this project. All accommodation provided is on a multishare basis.

Community donations:

We encourage anything that can aid teaching such as pens/exercise books/activity books/arts materials and sports equipment. Any donations should be used as part of lessons or directed through your leader or teachers to be dispersed on need or merit and not given as a handout.

Weather:

Please note that as a tropical country, we can have extreme weather from hot temperatures to extreme humidity and torrential downpours.

exclusions

- Visa fees – each member of the group must carry a valid passport (valid for at least 6 months beyond the duration of your trip) and have obtained the appropriate visas
- Other meals not mentioned on the itinerary
- Travel insurance (compulsory) - Please also note that comprehensive medical and travel insurance is compulsory for all travellers. You will need to give the policy number to your leader on Day 1.
- Tips, personal telephone charges....
- Entrance fee during free time
- Medical advice - Please refer to your GP or local travel clinic for up to date travel health advice for the area(s) you are visiting.

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