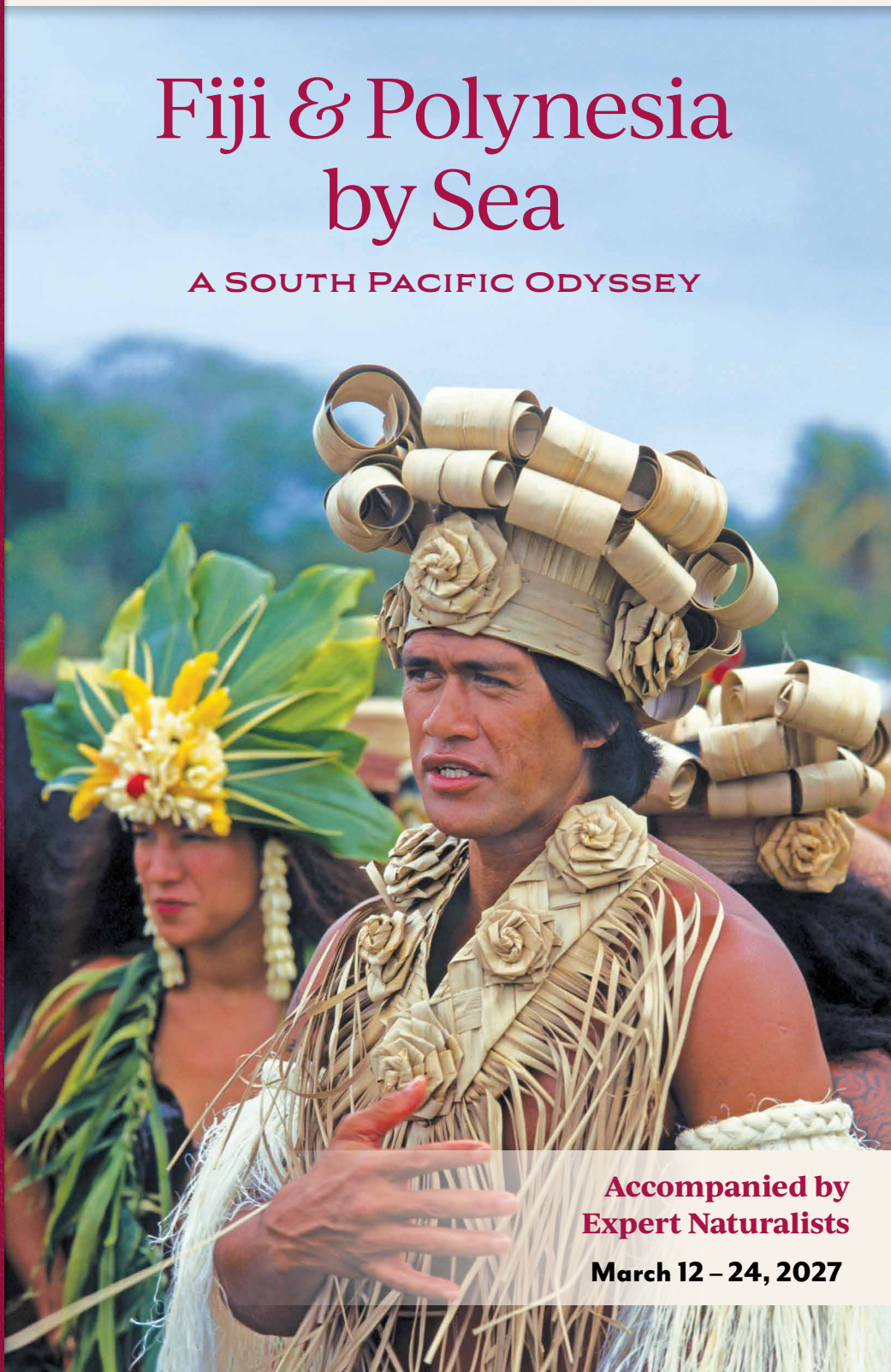
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# Fiji & Polynesia by Sea

## A South Pacific Odyssey



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**March 12 – 24, 2027**

Embark on an enriching 10-night voyage through the extraordinary South Pacific. This immersive journey explores the natural beauty, cultural heritage and traditions of Fiji and Polynesia. Begin in Nadi, the gateway to Fiji's diverse landscapes and cultures, before venturing to the remote French territories of Wallis & Futuna, where ancient Polynesian customs remain central to daily life. Continue to Samoa, where lush rainforests and traditional villages provide insight into the country's enduring cultural identity. Discover the Kingdom of Tonga with visits to the enchanting Vava'u island group and the pristine shores of Fulaga, renowned for their dramatic limestone landscapes and strong community traditions. Throughout the voyage, deepen your understanding through engaging onboard lectures led by experts.

## Exclusive Highlights

- Embark on a 10-night cruise across turquoise horizons as you sail through the islands of Fiji and Polynesia.
- Uncover the quiet French territory of Wallis & Futuna.
- Enjoy meaningful cultural encounters during multiple stops in Samoa and extended time in the Fijian Islands.
- Explore the brilliant reefs of the South Pacific on several snorkeling and swimming adventures.



***Above: Aerial view, Fijian archipelago***
***Cover: Samoan cultural attire***

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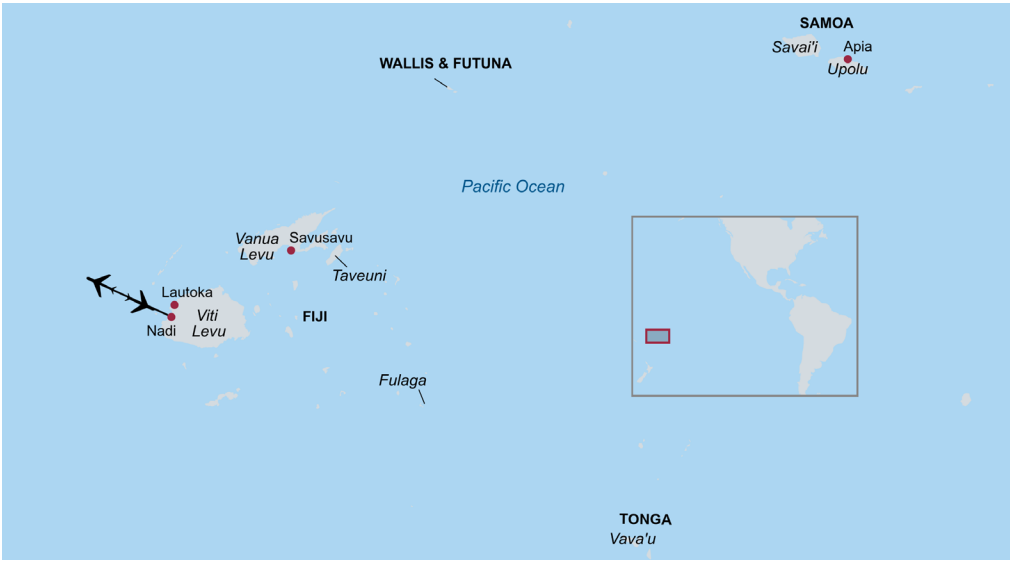
Sincerely,

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Senior Travel Program Manager



*Robert Louis Stevenson Museum, Apia, Samoa*




**Days 1-2 | March 12-13**

Depart your home city for Nadi, Fiji. Cross the International Date Line.

**Day 3 | March 14** **L-D**

## Nadi, Fiji | Lautoka | Embark

Arrive in Nadi, Fiji, and embark *Heritage Adventurer.*

**Day 4 | March 15** **B-L-R-D**

## Savusavu, Vanua Levu

Savusavu, Fiji's second-largest island, is affectionately known as "Fiji's hidden paradise." After breakfast, venture out on your chosen excursion. Either explore the biodiversity of the Nakawaqa Rainforest or enjoy a cultural tour. Later, join a Welcome Reception.

**Day 5 | March 16** **B-L-D**

## Futuna, Wallis & Futuna

Arrive in Futuna in Wallis & Futuna, a remote French territory between Fiji and Samoa. Unlike Wallis, which has stronger French influences, Futuna remains deeply rooted in traditional Polynesian culture, offering a rare glimpse into a way of life largely untouched by tourism. Ashore on Futuna, witness lush landscapes, where taro is cultivated on terraced slopes; visit the striking Poi Basilica and enjoy snorkeling in the brilliant reefs near Alofi Island.

**Day 6 | March 17** **B-L-D**

## Wallis

Arrive in Wallis, encircled by a pristine lagoon dotted with 13 uninhabited islets. Wallis is flatter than volcanic, rugged Futuna and is the center of administration for the territory. Depart on an island adventure to see Lake Lalolalo, the sacred mound of Talietumu and the island's oldest church. Gain insight into the island's rich World War II history.

**Day 7 | March 18** **B-L-D**

## Savai'i, Samoa | Apia

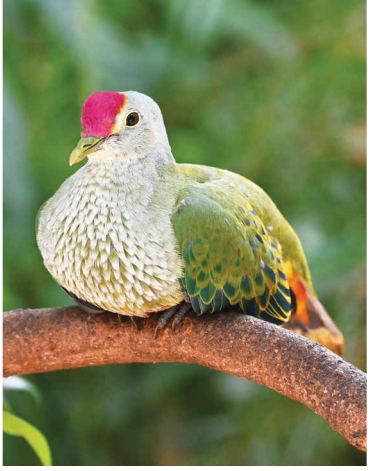
Step into the wild heart of Samoa on Savai'i, the largest island in the archipelago and one of the last places in the South Pacific to retain its natural beauty and heritage. Here, traditional Samoan life thrives — villages remain close-knit, customs are proudly preserved and the welcoming spirit of fa'a Samoa (the Samoan way) is alive in every smile and ceremony. Disembark and depart on your chosen excursion, either a tour to the bountiful Tafua Rainforest Preserve or a cultural tour of Palauli village.

Return to the ship for dinner.


Talietumu, Wallis



*Traditional Fijian thatched-roof house*



*Crimson-crowned fruit dove*

**Day 8 | March 19** **B-L-D**

## Apia

Apia is Samoa's bustling capital, located on Upolu. The city is the central hub for commerce, culture and government, featuring colorful markets, historic sites and lively waterfronts. Visit the Robert Louis Stevenson Museum, explore the Vailima Botanical Garden and browse goods and wares at the lively Fugalei Market. Spend the afternoon snorkeling and swimming at the beautiful Palolo Deep Marine Reserve, a protected underwater sanctuary with shallow reef gardens, a central "blue hole" lagoon and numerous tropical fish species.

**Day 9 | March 20** **B-L-D**

## Day at Sea

Spend today cruising the open waters. Take in ocean views from the deck or join our lecturers for enriching talks.

**Day 10 | March 21** **B-L-D**

## Vava'u, Tonga

Welcome to Tonga, a sovereign Polynesian kingdom comprising around 170 islands. Tonga is known as the "Friendly Islands" because of its welcoming people and community spirit. Vava'u's crystal-clear turquoise waters and Polynesian hospitality are a highlight for all visitors.

Join your chosen excursion. You may either enjoy a nature tour of Vava'u with a visit to Mount Talau or take a deep dive into the fascinating world of pearl farming, plus a visit to a local vanilla plantation.

This afternoon, experience the natural beauty of the popular Swallows Cave. The cave gets its name from the birds (swallows or swiftlets) that nest in the nearby walls.

**Day 11 | March 22** **B-L-D**

## Fulaga, Fiji

Tucked away in Fiji's remote Lau archipelago, Fulaga is a stunning, crescent-shaped island encircling a serene lagoon. This untouched paradise is known for its mushroom-shaped rock formations, white beaches and tiny islets dotting the waters. Fulaga consists of three traditional villages and has about 400 residents.

On today's excursion, join a kava ceremony,



*Coral reef*

*Vanilla plantation, Tonga*





Bouma National Heritage Park, Fiji

a special custom involving formal exchanges of respect and equality between hosts and guests.

**Day 12 | March 23** **B-L-R-D**

### Taveuni

Taveuni is Fiji's third-largest island and is often called the "Garden Island" for its rainforests, waterfalls and rich biodiversity.

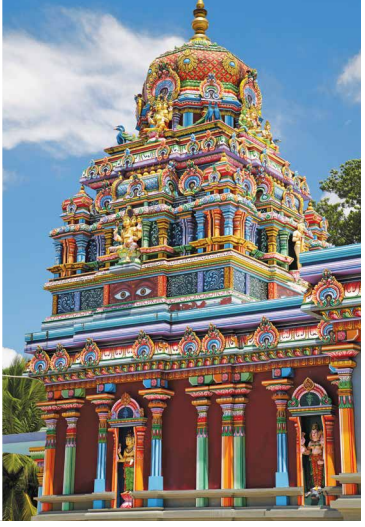
Following breakfast, depart for your chosen excursion. Join a visit to Bouma National Heritage Park, renowned for its endemic plant species, scenic trails and community-based conservation model. Or, spend time snorkeling and exploring the underwater world. This area is known for its celebrated diving and snorkeling, thanks to its vibrant coral reefs and incredible marine biodiversity.

Tonight, raise a toast to celebrate your South Pacific adventure during a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

**Day 13 | March 24** **B-L**

### Lautoka | Disembark | Nadi | Return to Home City

Disembark the ship after breakfast. On the coach journey to Nadi, enjoy some enriching stops that showcase Fiji's beauty and heritage. First, wander through the lush Garden of the Sleeping Giant, a botanical haven famous for its stunning collection of orchids and native plants nestled at the foot of the Sabeto Mountains. Stroll along peaceful pathways, cross lily ponds and enjoy the tranquil beauty of one of Fiji's most celebrated gardens.



*Sri Siva Subramaniya Swami Temple*

Continue to the brightly colored Sri Siva Subramaniya Swami Temple, the Southern Hemisphere's largest Hindu temple. Admire its soaring, rainbow-hued tower, adorned with hundreds of intricately carved figures depicting Hindu gods and warriors.

Later, depart for your flights to your home city from Nadi.

*Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.*



*Kava ceremony*

## All About Kava

Kava is a traditional ceremonial drink made from the root of the kava plant. It has been consumed for centuries across the islands of the South Pacific, particularly in Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and Vanuatu. More than just a beverage, kava has deep ancestral roots and plays a central role in social life, politics and community bonding throughout the Pacific. It's a bridge between people and sometimes between the physical and spiritual worlds. Before drinking, participants may say prayers, chant or call upon ancestors.

The drink is traditionally prepared by mixing ground kava root with water. The mixture is kneaded and strained, producing a cloudy, earthy-tasting liquid. The flavor is often described as bitter, peppery and slightly numbing.

Offering kava to a guest is one of the highest forms of welcome in many Pacific cultures, and participating in a kava ceremony allows you to engage with living cultural heritage.

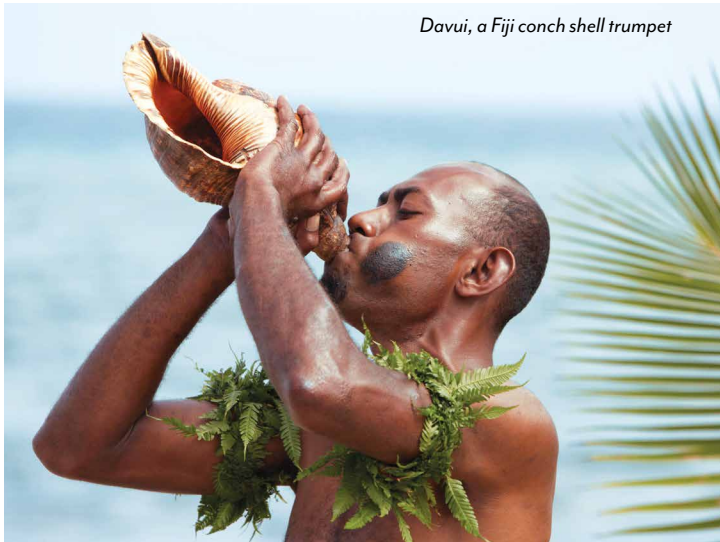


*Apia Town Clock*



*Rainforest hike*

*Davui, a Fiji conch shell trumpet*



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