



Coral Coast Half Day Heritage Tour

Welcome to your Coral Coast Heritage Tour. Today's activities will take you on an adventure of Fiji's famed Coral Coast stretch, displaying stunning scenery which combines lush tropical forests and sandy scenic beaches for those picturesque picnics.

Key highlights for the Tour are as follows:

Sigatoka Sand Dunes

The Sigatoka sand dunes represent an extensive dune system covers an area of 650 hectares and comprises a series of parabolic sand dunes of various ages and activities.

The dunes range from around 20-60m tall. The dunes have been forming over millions of years and archaeological excavations here have uncovered pottery more than 2600 years old, as well as one of the largest burial sites in the Pacific.

Evidence of the past is clearly visible throughout the dune system as pottery scatters, stone tools, human remains and other archaeological relics continue to be uncovered by natural processes. In 1999 it was proposed as a World Heritage Site but has not been accepted so far. However, it is on the UNESCO World Heritage Centre tentative list.

The Sigatoka Sand Dunes are famous for their rich archaeological history. The first significant clues to man's arrival in Fiji were discovered at the Park in the late 1980's when a team of archaeologists uncovered an ancient burial site. To date over 50 individuals have been excavated and their arrival has been dated to approximately 2600 years ago. Scatters of pottery shards and other cultural materials found within the dunes have led experts to believe that these early inhabitants are of Lapita origin. Lapita takes its name from an archaeological site in New Caledonia where similar pottery was first discovered.

Tavuni Hill Fort

Tavuni Hill Fort is a semi restored ancient Fijian fort and is a National Archaeological Site.

Tavuni Hill Fort is about 4 km west from Sigatoka on the top of a hill on a small peninsula just past Naroro village, whose people are the guardians of this once fortified village. Although there are many forts like it scattered all over Fiji, Tavuni Hill Fort is the most accessible for visitors. Built in the 18th century by Tongan chief Maile Latumai, this fort was a defensive site used in times of war and is one of Fiji's most interesting historical sites.

The steep 90m-high limestone ridge at the edge of a bend in the Sigatoka River is an obvious strategic location for a fortification. The views over the valley are tremendous.

From this position, the surrounding area could easily be surveyed, both upstream and downstream, and the views are spectacular. Substantial earthworks were carried out to form yavu (bases for houses) and terraces for barricade fencing. There are also a number of grave sites, a rara (ceremonial ground) and a vatu ni bokola (head-chopping stone), as well as some beautiful curtain figs and an ivi (Polynesian chestnut tree) on the site.

Lawai Pottery Village

About 3000 years ago, a group of highly mobile ocean-going foragers arrived in Fiji from the west, bringing with them a distinctive pottery tradition that archaeologists now call Lapita. Although pottery styles and decoration have changed over time, the art of pottery-making has persisted in the Fiji islands to the present day. The history behind traditional pottery making in Fiji is closely inter-twined with Fiji's historical and cultural development as a people and society. The visit to the village will give you a glimpse of this traditional activity which has been kept and preserved, passed down over time from one generation to another.

Below is the scheduled timetable for the tour (subject to change)





Depart Denarau hotels:

0700hrs: Depart hotel
0800hrs: Arrive at the Sigatoka Sand dunes(take 30min. walk through the dunes - on a guided tour and discover the rich history behind one of Fiji's national treasures

Join the Coral Coast passengers from the Sand Dunes pickup point

0915hrs: Depart Sigatoka Sand Dunes for Tavuni Hill Fort
0945hrs: Arrive at Tavuni Hill Fort after which guests will undertake guided tour of the fort
1030hrs: Depart for Lawai Pottery village
1100hrs: Arrive Lawai Pottery village then experience a guided tour of the village with Pottery demo.
1200hrs: Depart Lawai village for Sigatoka town – Lunch & Shop at own cost
1330hrs: Depart Sigatoka town for Nadi.
1415hrs: Arrive at Denarau hotels.

What Does The Tour Include?

- Professional Tour Managers Fiji guide
- 1x Fiji bottled water per person 330ml)
- Fully air-conditioned vehicle which is fully insured through AON Global Insurance
- Professional and nationally accredited public service vehicle driver with not less than 4 years in the tourism industry

Terms and Conditions

*This tour requires a minimum of 2 pax to operate. Timings are subject to change.
**Bookings are required 36 hours prior to date of service use
***Tour Managers cancellation policies apply to these tours
****Tour Managers also offers pick-ups from Lautoka subject to pricing changes

