

### Overview

MINIMUM AGE: 17  
DEPARTS: Jan / Aug  
LENGTH: 3 to 6 months  
ROLE AVAILABLE: Community Worker

### Why Fiji?

Fiji is a group of islands in the South Pacific. Volunteers will find its people are warm, friendly and gentle. They are also extremely generous despite often having little in the form of material possessions and wealth. The country is an enchanting mix of cultural traditions, strong religious faiths and stunning scenery. Everything runs on Fiji time so if you are in a rush this is not the place for you! Happiness, a laid back approach and the ability to smile is the key to enjoying Fijian life here.

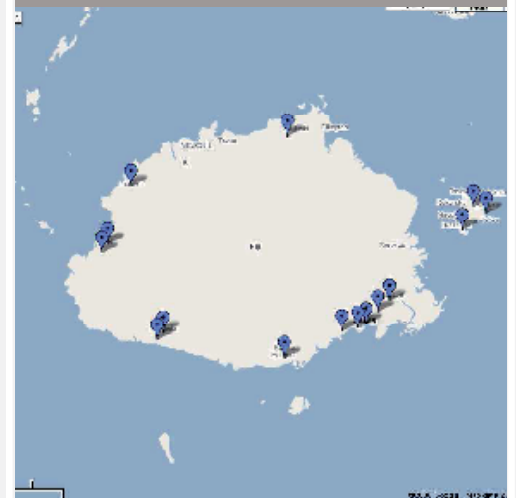
### Where are the placements?

Placements are located largely on the main island of Viti Levu, and a small number of placements are on the surrounding islands.

### Is it for me?

Community placements in Fiji involve volunteers working with non-governmental organisations such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army and National Trust. There are also a few placements in international schools, non government assisted schools, kindergartens, a special school for children with various disabilities, an orphanage and with a remote village's development committee.

### Placement Locations



Placements in Fiji require volunteers to be pro-active, willing to take the initiative, open minded, culturally sensitive and have a positive attitude. You will need to make the effort to immerse yourself in the local community and work hard to make a real contribution in your role. The work is challenging, conditions are tough, accommodation is basic and the food is... alternative! BUT the entire experience is truly exhilarating and enormously rewarding.

### Accommodation and Food

Accommodation will vary from living in a hostel on site, to staying in a home stay with a local Fijian family. Food will be provided but no pocket money is paid due to the poverty of the local community. Fijians eat almost anything at any time. Dalo (or taro) and cassava are root vegetables and with bread and fruit are the staple diet in rural areas. Food is taken on a beautiful home-made reed mat. No need for utensils. The more noises you make the more you show your enjoyment!

### Travel

Volunteers will have opportunities to travel around Fiji and are encouraged to do so as it is a great way to visit fellow volunteers and learn more about the country.

### Need to know

- Pre departure briefing: All volunteers will be invited to a group briefing prior to departure .
- On arrival: All volunteers will have a three day orientation in Fiji.

### What's included

- Interview (face to face or by phone)
- Pre-departure briefing
- Airport pickup
- Accommodation and food
- In-country orientation & support
- 24/7 emergency support

### Costs

The costs shown are for Lattitude placements departing in 2011. (Please note that these prices may change for placements departing in 2012.)

Lattitude fees (these are exact costs)

Lattitude application fee	\$125
Lattitude contribution fee	\$2900
Lattitude teaching skills course	N/A
Lattitude in-country orientation	\$275

You will also need to budget for the following (these are approx costs)

Travel insurance (6 months)	\$340
Return airfares (approx cost of group flight)	\$1200
VISA	N/A
Police check	\$43
<b>Total cost (approx)</b>	<b>\$4883</b>



"Everything is new and exciting, you learn to adapt and change your lifestyle, any materialistic item that was once important to you, is now easy to live without and your perception of the world completely changes. All that matters to you are the new friends you make and the family back at home. Once you can say 'Bula Vinaka' and drink kava at full tide you're already apart of the family."

Mariah Hommelhoff, Community Work, Rukuruku School, Ovalau Island