



# **Coral Coast Construction & Renovation in Fidji**

# **Introduction:**

We have initiated the construction project to support the local community by sheltering those in need and start reconstructing some of what had been lost during the cyclone disaster. This project is based in the Sigatoka area and is a fantastic opportunity to provide tangible benefits and assistance to the local community in general and schools in particular. Bring out your carpentry skills and participate along with the local community in the construction project.

In addition to the basic project, you may also take part in landscaping the surrounding area, painting local schools and renovating classrooms. Many of the schools we work with do not have the funding to renovate their classrooms or build libraries and resource centres and this is where you can participate. In the past, we even built a library for a village school. In many areas of Fiji, thousands of families live in inadequate accommodation and children attend school in crumbling buildings. Our construction project allows them to move to new, better-quality homes and for the children to receive

an education in secure, new classrooms. On average, you will be working for about 6 hours a day on the project.

# **Participant Criteria & Requirements**

Minimum age: 16

Minimum English level: Basic

Required qualification: None

Due to the active nature of this program, a decent level of fitness is required. Participants above 16 and below 18 are required to present a parental consent letter and participants below 16 are required to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

# How and when to arrive

#### Meet us upon landing:

- Airport Nausori International Airport (SUV)
- Nadi International Airport (NAN)

#### Arrival Time(s):

Sunday 06:00 to 18:00 (both airports)

#### Location

Coral Coast is the coastline connecting Suva and Sigatoka stretching over a large area along the Southeast coast of Fiji. The location is perfect, sitting along a beautiful stretch of coastline, and has the best beaches on the island with a chilled out atmosphere.

The area lives up to its reputation as a spot for adrenaline junkies, offering a wide variety of activities to get your heart racing, from surfing and shark feeding to four-wheel-drive tours. For a more laid-back experience try a round of golf on the championship course, or enjoy a spot of fishing. Offering lush rainforests, rivers and waterfalls at your back door and a beach looking across to Beqa Island which is world-famous for fire walking.

## **About the Accommodation**

Participants will stay at our beach front centre, which is located in the Sigatoka area, yet it can vary depending on the project you are enrolled with. The accommodation is dorm style with a private bathroom. There are refrigerators at the accommodation for the participant's convenience. The house has a garden as well as a volleyball court.

	Standard Room
All meals included	Yes *
Free beverages	Yes **
Persons per room	4-6
Wifi in public areas	Yes
Laundry facilities	Yes ***
Safety box	Yes
Lockable rooms	Yes
Hot shower	Yes
Private bathroom	Yes
Bed linen	Yes
Towels	No
Air conditioning	No
Fan	Yes
Mosquito protection	Yes

<sup>\*</sup> Three meals per day during weekdays and two per day on weekends and public holidays

# **Food Arrangements**

We serve breakfast and dinner at a normal time during the weekend. Breakfast is western style and lunch and dinner are typical Fijian style.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Water, tea, coffee and milk

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> At an additional fee

### **Facilities**

ATM's: There are many ATM's near the Centre which is about a 5 to 10 minutes from the house

The local supermarket is a 5-minute walk from the centre

Personal SIM card for your mobile: You can buy at the local shop

The closest City is Nadi about one and a half ride by car/bus from our Centre

The closest town is Sigatoka town which is 10 mins away

About 10 mins to Medical Centre

# **Mandatory Orientation Day**

On the Monday of your first week at this location, you will join our orientation day, to familiarize you with the surroundings as well as local culture. Your program will continue as usual from Tuesday onward throughout the rest of the week.

### **Schedule**

#### Monday

On Monday, after breakfast, you will start planning the project with the coordinator assigned to you. Once you plan the project and receive the relevant information, you can have lunch and then leave to work at the community location. Once your work for the day is complete, you can return to the centre and attend a meeting where you can provide feedback regarding the first day at your placement.

## Tuesday to Friday

Your day will begin a bit early. You will be taken to our project site and assigned with particular tasks for the day. A coordinator will be around to guide you during the project. After lunch, you will work at the community location where you will continue to with construction and renovation activities.