

Island romance

If you love the idea of a tropical island wedding but are worried it's all too hard or costly, simply speaking with your travel agent could be the first step in creating the wedding of your dreams, and having your honeymoon all in one.



Details: Fiji Airways; fijiairways.com
 Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort; outrigger.com/hotels-resorts/fiji
 Sigatoka River Safari; sigatokariver.com
 Kula Wild Adventure Park; fijiwild.com.au
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NOW THAT FIJI AIRWAYS flies directly from Adelaide to Nadi, planning a destination wedding has become that much easier. And resorts have fine-tuned their offerings to provide wedding co-ordinators to assist every step of the way. Ben Johnson from Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort answers a few commonly asked questions.

IS THERE A BETTER TIME OF YEAR TO HOLD A WEDDING?
 April to October traditionally falls in high season, but book a Tropical Dream wedding in the summer months (November to March) for an amazing bonus of three nights at Castaway Island (top).

HOW FAR AHEAD DO WE NEED TO BOOK?
 As we only host one wedding per day we recommend confirming your date as soon as possible to avoid disappointment; ideally 12 months in advance.

WILL MY MARRIAGE BE RECOGNISED IN AUSTRALIA?
 Yes, you will receive an International Marriage Certificate which simply needs to be lodged when you return home. Our wedding co-ordinator will guide you through the entire process with no fuss and no stress.

CAN YOU CATER FOR EVERYTHING IN HOUSE?
 With your appointed wedding co-ordinator on site, we are your one stop shop for

everything from Wavelength, our in-house hair salon, to Bula Shots, our videographers and photographers. We can also take care of any special decoration requests.

No matter the number of guests, or the style of wedding, Outrigger can tailor a package to your needs, including a return visit for your first anniversary. When selecting the location of your ceremony, Bure Ni Loloma (opposite page) has surely one of the best views in Fiji, or you may choose a barefoot wedding on the sand. There are a variety of venues for the reception also, either indoors or in the gardens.

Accommodation is available in ocean and resort view rooms or private burees (top), with your own Talai butler to serve drinks and canapes each evening. 🍷



TAKING CARE OF YOUR GUESTS

While a wedding is all about the bride and groom, you'll also want to make sure your guests enjoy themselves.

First up, what to do with the youngest guests? Fijians are famed for their love of children and the Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort is no different. Their popular Meimei (nanny) service is affordable and allows parents to relax by the pool at Vahavu (left), which is reserved for adults only, and later kick up their heels at the reception.

Those wanting a little more activity can have a game of tennis, hit a few golf balls on the driving range, or visit nearby Kula Wild Adventure Park. With native wildlife, elevated boardwalks, a roller-coaster zip rail through the trees, waterslide and a water park, you might

even consider taking the kids with you on this outing.

If that doesn't get the heart pumping, Sigatoka River Safari (above) is for you. What starts as a leisurely cruise, pausing to explain the locals' traditional lifestyle, includes lunch with the villagers, and a taste of the infamous kava, before the jet boat is put through its paces with some circle work, thoroughly drenching all on board. For those with less strenuous pursuits in mind there's Bebe Spa Sanctuary perched on the hillside overlooking the resort. A wide menu of treatments is available in beautiful surroundings and you can finish the experience with a cocktail while you watch the sun set from Kalokalo Bar.



SALIFE travelled to Fiji as a guest of Fiji Airways and Outrigger Resorts. Fiji Airways currently flies direct from Adelaide to Nadi on Fridays and Mondays. The flight takes five to six hours each way. Specials from Adelaide to Nadi start at AUD\$588 return (economy ticket including taxes) and include checked baggage, meals and refreshments. Outrigger Resorts have two locations, Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort on the Coral Coast and Castaway Island.