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# - Only Direct Service Between Japan and Fiji -Fiji Airways to Launch New Service on Narita - Nadi Route from 3 July 2018!

Fiji Airways (IATA code: FJ) is to launch a new service between Narita and Nadi on 3 July 2018. This will be the only direct service between Japan and the Republic of Fiji, and returns after Fiji Airways' predecessor, Air Pacific, withdrew the service 9 years ago in March 2009.

The Republic of Fiji is a collection of 333 islands in the South Pacific. As well as being a resort destination surrounded by beautiful seas and coral reefs, it is also a popular honeymoon destination.

Narita Airport is excited to be connected to this new destination and offer a convenient new choice.

We invite our customers to take advantage of Narita's extensive network, which will soon be further expanded by Fiji Airways.

\* Fiji Airways changed its name from Air Pacific in June 2013.



Photograph courtesy of Tourism Fiji

- Launch Date: 3 July 2018 (Tue)
- Route: Narita Nadi New Destination!
- Aircraft: A330-200/300
- Schedule: Three times a week (Tue, Fri, Sun)

Flight No.	Origin	n Departure Time Destination		Arrival Time
FJ350	Tokyo/Narita (NRT)	21:25	Nadi (NAN)	9:05 (Next day)
FJ351	J351 Nadi (NAN) 1		Tokyo/Narita (NRT)	19:30



Photograph courtesy of Fiji Airways

- \* All times are local times
- \* Conditional upon relevant government approval.
- \* Please note that schedules are subject to change without notice.

\* Please refer to the Fiji Airways website for further information (www.fijiairways.com).

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### Bula Japan! Fiji Airways launches direct flights to Fiji

- New three times-weekly direct flights will be the only non-stop link between Japan and the island paradise of Fiji
- · The happiest place on earth is now just nine hours away
- The aircraft will be Fiji Airways' modern, fuel-efficient A330

**TOKYO — Wednesday, 6 December 2017:** Fiji Airways, Fiji's National Airline, today announced the launch of direct flights between Tokyo Narita and Nadi, Fiji three-times a week, subject to regulatory approvals. The direct services will attract more visitors from Japan to Fiji and the South Pacific, which ranks among the world's final travel frontiers.

Starting 3 July 2018, the nine-hour flight will operate from Narita International Airport to Nadi International Airport each Tuesday, Friday and Sunday, offering over 80,000 seats per year between Fiji and Japan.

To celebrate the new flights, the airline plans to offer special celebratory launch fares from Tokyo to Nadi, starting from JP56,200 (includes taxes & surcharges)<sup>1</sup>.

Fiji Airways Managing Director and CEO Andre Viljoen said the three timesweekly flights make Fiji and the South Pacific more accessible to Japanese tourists than ever before.

"We are excited to share with Japan the untouched beauty of our 333 islands. Fiji's unparalleled hospitality and warmth offers Japanese tourists a unique, culturally immersive experience – much more than just another beach getaway," Mr. Viljoen added.

"Our flights have been designed to ensure guests get the most of their time in Fiji. The flight from Narita arrives into Nadi in the morning, with convenient domestic connections on our subsidiary Fiji Link to major tourism spots like Savusavu and Taveuni. Additionally, guests can also easily do boat transfers after arrival to the many wonderful resorts in the beautiful Mamanuca and Yasawa island groups."

The launch of direct Nadi-Tokyo flight services is the latest announcement by Fiji Airways expanding its network across Asia to leverage the growing demand for Fiji as a holiday destination.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fares subject to regulatory approvals

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Mr Viljoen added, "We want to capitalise on the high interest in outbound travel from Japan, with an estimated 13.4 million Japanese residents travelling overseas so far this year."<sup>2</sup>

The sale period of the special launch fare will be announced at a later date. Japanese passport holders do not require a visa for Fiji.

Fiji Airways customers will be able to book flights and baggage via Fiji Airways' sales channels, including its general sales agent offices, website, online travel sites, and reservation centres.

#### **Narita Schedules**

#### Effective July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Flight Number	Origin	Destination	Departure Time (local)	Arrival Time (local)		Aircraft Type
FJ 351	Nadi	Narita	01:25 p.m.	07:30 p.m.	Tuesday, Friday, Sunday	Airbus A330-200/- 300
FJ 350	Narita	Nadi	09:25 p.m.	09:05 a.m. +1 days	Tuesday, Friday, Sunday	Airbus A330-200/- 300

\*Schedule times are local.

\*\* Subject to regulatory approval.

#### Flying to Japan with our best product

On the Tokyo-Fiji route, Fiji Airways will use its most modern aircraft, the Airbus A330, a twin-engine, wide-body craft with 24 Business Class and 249 Economy Class seats.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> JTB Tourism Research & Consulting Co., <u>Japanese outbound tourists statistics</u>



#### Features of Business Class on flights to Fiji:

- Angled lie-flat beds with (8 degrees inclined from horizontal) with customised controls 76" of bed length, and an integrated privacy divider between seats.
- 18 seats with direct aisle access to aisle, and 8 seats with window access.
- Personal device power and connection points
- 15.4-inch display screens

- Hundreds of hours of entertainment options including full length movies, classics, TV shows, documentaries and music.
- Meals designed by celebrity Chef Robert Oliver, exclusively featuring the "Yadra Vinaka" (Good Morning)" breakfast service, a fully customisable ala-carte offering for Business Class Guests.
- Award winning fine wines, spirits, liqueurs and beers.
- A generous 40kg baggage allowance





#### Features of Economy Class on flights to Fiji:

- Ergonomically designed seats with a 7.5" recline plus 1.5" forward articulating bottom
- Connection ports for electronic devices
- 9-inch display screens
- Entertainment options
- Hot meals and alcoholic drinks including beers, spirits and wines
- 23 kg baggage allowance

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**About Fiji Airways:** Founded in 1951, Fiji Airways Group comprises of Fiji Airways, Fiji's National Airline and its subsidiaries: Fiji Link, its domestic and regional carrier, Pacific Call Comm Ltd, and a 38.75% stake in the Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa on Denarau Island, Nadi. From its hubs at Nadi and Suva International Airports, Fiji Airways and Fiji Link serve 69 destinations in 15 countries (including code-share). Destinations include Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, the US, Canada, the UK, Hong Kong, Singapore, India, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands. The Fiji Airways Group brings in 64 percent of all visitors who fly to Fiji, employs over 1000 employees, and earns revenues of over FJD\$815 million (USD \$390m). Fiji Airways rebranded from Air Pacific in June 2013. Visit <u>www.fijiairways.com</u> for more information.

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