



Tour Name

Clay-Making and Culture

Tour City

Nadi

Tour Snapshot

Get a feel for local Fijian life and learn more about the island's culture with a visit to a family-run clay-making business. Meet the owner, see his beautiful work on display, talk to him about his inspiration and creative process, and watch the talented clay makers in their workshop.

Highlights

- Visit a local, family-run clay making business
- Watch clay makers at work creating one-of-a-kind pieces
- Learn about the history of pottery in Fiji
- Try your hand at creating something from clay
- Take home a unique souvenir to remember the experience

Local Impact: How you taking this tour will benefit the local community:

- Keeping clay making traditions alive by visiting a family-run pottery business.
- A portion of your tour fee is donated to them to help them continue to keep Fijan pottery traditions alive

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Exclusions: Food and drinks, additional souvenirs and personal shopping, tips/gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration:3 hours
- Pickup location:
Hotels in Nadi area. Pick-ups are available outside of Nadi (such as at Coral Coast, Sonaisali Resort, Bay View Cove, or Vuda Lautoka) for an extra fee.
- {label-what3words-location}
- Pickup time: 9.00 AM
- Drop off location:
Your hotel.

Full Itinerary

Experience a side of Fiji many visitors don't see with a visit to a local clay-making business, to witness the unique process for yourself. This Fiji day tour starts with a scenic ride (about 20 minutes) to the lush valley of Nacava, travelling through the charming neighbourhoods of Nadi along the way. Once you arrive, you'll be greeted by the contemporary clay-makers and the owner himself, Taito Lawakele, who will show you around the work area where you can see the many handmade items on display.

After taking a look around, you'll get the chance to watch local craftspeople at work, and learn how the clay itself is made. This interesting process involves the use of a variety of soils, which are mixed and packed down before being made into customised products. Pieces are baked at 1,000°C in a gas kiln for more than eight hours, and intricate items include pendants, candle holders, platters, soap dishes, wind chimes, vases, jewellery, and more. Each clay item in the workshop comes with a story behind it.

A visit here is a great chance to see a side of Fiji that goes beyond beaches and palm trees. There's no better way to know a country and its history than to meet the local artisans. Not only will you be seeing the contemporary clay-makers at work, but you'll also get the opportunity to try making something out of clay yourself — if you're feeling creative, that is.

This unique tour is all about interacting with local contemporary clay makers, and learning about the work from the owner himself. His creations are inspired by his surroundings and life in Fiji, and his passion for his art has inspired his fellow workers to think outside the box and have fun along the way. Before we leave to head back to Nadi, you'll get to take a small part of the island home with you in the form of a beautiful piece of pottery.

Note: *Please be ready and in the lobby at least 15 minutes before your designated pick-up time.*

Additional information

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Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at your hotel for pick up. Please check your hotel details are correct on the voucher. If your details are not correct, it is very important to please email us to confirm your correct pick up hotel using the contact details on the voucher. If you prefer you may also phone the change through to us during business hours.

Additional Information: Note that pick-up and drop-off is available only within the Nadi area. Any bookings outside of Nadi (such as Coral Coast, Sonaisali Resort, Bay View Cove, or Vuda Lautoka) will be an additional cost and are an additional 35-minute drive beyond Nadi.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page.

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