

Lautoka, Viti Levu, Fiji

Fiji's second city earned its nickname from the sugar cane that perfumes the air — especially during crushing season. Skip the polish of Nadi and discover an everyday Fijian town with soulful Indo-Fijian food, a giant produce market, and easy taxi rides to hot springs and orchid gardens.

 Docked (Queens Wharf)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Fijian Dollar (FJD)  English & Fijian

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Queens Wharf, working industrial port

Walk to Center: ~1.5 km, but hot & dusty; take a taxi or shuttle

Best For: Authentic markets, hot springs, orchid gardens, Indo-Fijian food

Don't Miss: Lautoka Open-Air Market and Garden of the Sleeping Giant

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  FJ\$5–10 to city center ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Garden of the Sleeping Giant** — Founded by actor Raymond Burr, this stunning hillside garden holds over 2,000 Asian orchid varieties and a boardwalk...
- **Sabeto Hot Springs & Mud Pool** — Slather on warm volcanic mud, let it dry in the sun, then rinse in natural geothermal pools.
- **Lautoka Open-Air Market** — One of the largest produce markets in the South Pacific — a riot of tropical fruit, fresh coconuts, kava root, and...
- **Viseisei Village** — Said to be the oldest settlement in Fiji and the landing place of the first Fijians.
- **Koroyanitu National Heritage Park** — Hiking trails through native highland forest with waterfalls and panoramic views toward the Yasawa Islands.

BEST WALKS

- **Lautoka City Center Loop** ~2 km · 30-45 min · Easy — Start at the open-air market, walk past Shirley Park waterfront, swing by the Sri Krishna Kaliya Temple, and browse the main shopping...
- **Botanical Gardens Stroll** ~1 km · 20 min · Easy — A small, shaded garden near the colonial Governor's Mansion with tropical orchids, lily pond, and a respite from the midday heat.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	84°	74°	16d
Jun	81°	70°	6d
Aug	80°	69°	7d
Sep	82°	70°	11d
Oct	83°	71°	15d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:19AM–6:00PM · Jun 6:38AM–5:42PM · Aug 6:29AM–6:00PM · Sep 6:06AM–6:05PM · Oct 5:41AM–6:10PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sunday closures are real. If your ship docks on a Sunday, the market and most shops will be shut. Plan on a booked excursion rather than independent exploration.
- Eat the sugar. Lautoka's large Indo-Fijian population means the curries are legitimate — try Singh's Curry House or any small local

Lautoka, Viti Levu, Fiji — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Lautoka Botanical Gardens | Lush botanical gardens showcasing Fiji's diverse plant life. | 2 | Lautoka Jame Masjid | Lautoka's main mosque, a significant place of worship. |
| 3 | Koroyanitu National Park | Mountainous national park with hiking, waterfalls, and cultural villages. | 4 | Sabeto Hotspring Mudpool Fiji & Tours | Natural hot springs and therapeutic mud pools for relaxation. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |