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Viti Levu, the main island of Fiji, is located approximately 3100 km northeast of Australia and 2100 km north of New Zealand. The nearest Pacific Island Country, Tonga, is 770 km east, and Vanuatu is 1100 km west. It comprises more than 330 beautiful islands, with a total land area approximately the size of Shikoku in Japan. With crystal-clear waters, coral reefs in the sea, white sandy beaches, and lush vegetation, Fiji satisfies every traveller, from resort-goers to active backpackers. Fiji, besides being rich in natural beauty, is also a multi-ethnic nation with a blend of Melanesian, Polynesian, and Indian cultures. This unique cultural atmosphere gives the y a distinct Fijian charm.







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# Column 2 Fiji's Relationship with India

Approximately 40% of Fiji's population comprises Fijians of Indian descent. This demographic began when the British, who ruled Fiji as a colony, settled Indians as sugarcane plantation labourers in 1879. After Fiji gained independence from Britain in 1970, Indian labourers continued residing in Fiji and were involved in agricultural and commercial activities, contributing significantly to Fiji's economic development.