

DRAVUNI ISLAND, FIJI

Part of the Kadavu Group, Dravuni Island is the quintessential Fiji brochure beach escape. With pristine white sand beaches and vibrant coral reefs, this island is a picture-perfect paradise for a day enjoying the water

KEY INFO

Currency: Fijian Dollar (1 USD = 2.25 FJD)

Population: 125 (925,000 Fiji)

Emergency #: 911

Drinking water: Tap water is not drinkable

Time Zone: GMT+12

ID Requirements: Photo ID

Languages: Fijian, English & Fijian Hindi

Drive on the: Left (if there were roads)

Pharmacy: None

Bug Spray: Recommended

Wi-Fi: None

Post Office: None

PORT LOCATION

Ships tender about 0.8 nautical miles from shore, and land at a floating jetty on the beach

Getting Around: Dravuni Island is small and totally remote island, so the best (and only) way to explore is under your own steam. There are inland trails to hike in addition to the beautiful beaches.

Port Facilities: None

Port Address: No address

WHAT TO DO ON DRAVUNI ISLAND?

Hike to the Inland Peak: Hike to the island's highest point, 150m (490ft) above sea level for beautiful views of the surrounding islands and ocean. Trail starts in the village.

Snorkel from the Beach: Great snorkelling is available within swimming distance. Dravuni Island is within the Great Astrolabe Reef, which is the fourth-largest coral reef in the world.

Visit the Local Village: About 125 people call Dravuni home. Interact with locals in their village and tour the island's main buildings, including the local school.

Explore the Local Market: Locals present a pop-up market for cruise ships, featuring handmade crafts and delicious local fruits, including coconuts ready-to-drink.

Relax on the Beach: And, of course, you can do what islands like Dravuni were created for, relax on the beach. Sunbathe on the silky white sand and refresh yourself with a dip in the sea.

DRAVUNI ISLAND SOUVENIRS

Dravuni Island is a great spot to pick up a truly local souvenir, as there is very minimal tourism on the island. Locally made crafts include **handwoven baskets**, showcasing traditional weaving techniques that have been passed down for generations, and **tapa cloth**, which is made from the bark of the paper mulberry tree and decorated with Fijian patterns. You'll also find wooden carvings, including **cannibal forks** (a nod to Fiji's former taste for humans) and **kava bowls** (a taste they are yet to shake).