

EXPEDITION 378 South Pacific Paleogene Climate

The information provided herein was prepared by the IODP Travel Office to assist you and/or your organization in arranging travel for your participation in the cruise. We respectfully ask that you take the time to become thoroughly familiar with this information as soon as you receive it.

As a reminder, you and your funding organization will be responsible for the following:

- 1) Travel expenses en route to and from the ship, including airfare, lodging, meals, taxis, and other miscellaneous expenses.
- 2) Airline reservations - all reservations must be arranged through your travel agency or organization's travel office. U.S. funded participants should contact the U.S. Science Support Program for assistance with booking flights.
- 3) All costs associated with obtaining required visas.

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RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION

The IODP Reconnaissance sheet is attached separately. This provides essential logistical information regarding your participation in the cruise (the ship's schedule, your expected arrival dates in port, port agent's name, and address). We suggest a copy of this be carried with you to the port city should you need the port agent's name and telephone number for directions to the ship's exact docking location. Please note, unless advised in advance, transportation from the airport to the hotel is the traveler's responsibility.

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VISA INFORMATION

Check with your local consulate or embassy for visa requirements. If your nationality requires a visa to enter Fiji or Tahiti, the standard rule is to apply at least 20 days before your trip. However, we strongly recommend that you apply for a Fiji or Tahiti visa as soon as your flights are scheduled.

U.S. Visa Holders - Non-U.S. participants who hold U.S. visas, such as an H1B, J1, or TN, and who plan to return to the U.S., should ensure that their visas do not expire during the cruise. ***IODP will not be liable for any costs incurred to participants as a result of inadequate or expired visas.***

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PASSPORT INFORMATION

Passports are required for all participants because the ship is **Cyprus** registered. **Passport information MUST be sent to IODP** – IODP is required to forward this information to the agents in the port cities prior to your arrival to satisfy Customs & Immigrations requirements, and to facilitate your entry into the country and your embarking/disembarking the ship. If you have not already sent this information to Donna Hoover (hoover@iodp.tamu.edu), please do so at your earliest convenience.

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LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

This letter explains the purpose of your travel and should be used only if questioned by officials en route to your destination. A letter will be sent electronically to each participant closer to your departure.

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HOTEL INFORMATION

Nadi, Fiji – January 2020

Fiji Gateway Hotel
<https://www.fijigateway.com/>
Queens Rd, P O Box 9891 Nadi Airport, Fiji Islands
Tel: (679) 673 4755
Email: reserve@fijigateway.com

To guarantee reservation, book through hotel website or call hotel directly. There are no group rates for this expedition. If you choose not to stay at the group hotel, it is our recommendation that for security purposes you choose a four-star or higher hotel.

The Gateway Hotel will be the meeting location for the shuttle transport to the ship.

Amenities:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Fitness Center
- Flat screen TV with satellite, Air Conditioning, Refrigerator, Tea & Coffee Facilities, Ensuite Bathrooms

Hotel Transportation: Across the road from Nadi International Airport, 26km from Lautoka Port. Taxi service from airport hotel to port is ~USD \$30.

Check-in/Check-out Time: Check-in is 2 p.m. and checkout is 10 a.m.

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Papeete, Tahiti – March 2020

Hotel information for Tahiti will be provided at a future date.

REQUIRED NOW – FLIGHT INFORMATION
IODP is required to provide the Port Agent with a complete Travel Manifest. **This is mandatory for Immigration Notification.** Without advance notification, entry may be denied. **Once your flight arrangements are confirmed, please provide an electronic copy of your flight itinerary to:**

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