



Fiji

Treasure of the South Pacific

The word alone is enough to invoke images of white sandy beaches, crystal clear blue water and swaying palm trees. With a range of diverse locations such as waterfalls & rivers, sand dunes, lush rainforests, mountainous terrain, steep valley's with tropical vegetation, rugged ridges, high peaks and picturesque cityscapes, Fiji's locations have featured in renowned films and television series in multiple languages. With easily accessible locations, English-speaking local cast & crew and competitive tax incentives, Fiji is fast becoming the film destination of choice in the South Pacific.

For filming in Fiji, overseas productions are required to apply for a film permit, whether or not they wish to access the rebate. Production companies are required to provide:

Application for Filming Permit, (available on the Film Fiji website), Scanned bio data pages of Cast and Crew, Flight Itinerary Details, Equipment List, Script/ Storyboard of the Film, Budget, Proposed Filming Locations and Other Relevant Information for Productions

Made up of roughly 330 islands, the Fiji Islands are located about 3,000 km east of Australia and 2,000 km north of New Zealand. Of these 330 islands, 130 are inhabited, with the majority of the population living on the two major islands: Viti Levu and Vanua Levu.

Getting to Fiji is easy with daily international flights to its two international airports. Once here, travelling between locations can be done with ease with well-maintained highways, secondary roads, numerous wharves & jetties and 13 domestic airports on the outer islands of Fiji.

Filming In Fiji

Film Fiji, the film commission of the country, is tasked to develop and promote the audio-visual Industry in Fiji. As the film commission of the country, all audio-visual tax incentives are administered by Film Fiji.

To ensure that productions have a stress-free, enjoyable experience while filming here, Film Fiji offers a range of other services. These services include location services, granting of film permits and facilitating necessary approvals from authorities such as the tax department, immigration and other government departments.

Film Fiji also provides advice on production budgets, assists with administrative procedures and to further assist production companies,

has a number of licensed audio-visual agents that offer a range of services including logistical support, accounting services and legal services, to name a few.

Film Tax Incentives

The Fiji Government offers six main streams of audio-visual tax incentives that are administered by Film Fiji.

One of these incentives is the Film Tax Rebate. The Film Tax Rebate is available to fully-funded off-shore productions. A Production entity is eligible for a 75% tax rebate, calculated on Total Fiji Expenditure, when it lodges its application at the end of the production. The applicant for rebate must meet all the requirements for Film Tax Rebate set out under Regulation 6 of the Fiji Income Tax (Film-making and Audio-Visual Incentives) Regulations 2016.

What is Total Fiji Expenditure?

Total Fiji Expenditure means the production expenditure on goods and services purchased from and paid to a Fiji resident.

There is no minimum percentage of the film that needs to be shot in Fiji. However, there needs to be a minimum Total Fiji Expenditure of FJ\$250,000 (USD117,497 approx.) for large format films, feature films, short films, television shows and television commercials. The maximum allowable tax rebate is FJ\$15 million (USD7.05 million approx.).

Productions must first apply to Film Fiji for a Provisional Approval. The submission of a detailed budget and script is essential.

Details of other incentives offered by the Fiji Government can be obtained from our website.

Cast, Crew and Culture

Fiji has a rich history and is a melting pot of different cultures, races and traditions made up of indigenous Fijians, Indian, Chinese, Pacific and

European people. Our diverse population gives casting directors multiple options to choose from when filming.

This diverse range of people is reflected in Fiji's architecture. These include the indigenous I-Taukei people who first occupied the land, other Pacific Islanders, Asian and Indian migrants who have settled in Fiji since the late 1800s.

As you travel throughout the country, you'll see colonial dwellings in and around town centers, churches both quaint and grand, mosques, Sikh & Hindu temples and traditional bures (thatched traditional Fijian homes).

Due to the large number of productions that have visited Fiji, from large motion pictures to reality TV series to TVC's, Fiji has eager, experienced workers willing to take on any challenge. To add to this advantage, Fiji boasts a competitive wage rate and hours & terms of employment, both of which are negotiable.

While Fiji has three main languages: English, Fijian and Hindi, English is the official business language.

Film Industry

With our diverse locations and various tax incentives, Film Fiji enjoys a robust film industry.

In 2019, 107 productions were shot in Fiji including 17 fairly large productions that applied to access the film rebate. This included the return of Blumhouse Productions to Fiji with their silver screen adaptation of ABC's television series Fantasy Island, MGM Television & Amazon Prime Video's 'World's Toughest Race: Eco-Challenge Fiji' and various members of the Survivor franchise.

These franchisees included Survivor USA, Survivor Australia, KohLanta (Survivor France), Survivor Germany and Sweden Robinson (Survivor Sweden). You may access other important information on our website: film-fiji.com

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