## MEDIA RELEASE



## Bula Vava'u

Fiji Airways announces twice-weekly flights from Nadi to Vava'u, Tonga

**Wednesday, 10 February 2016:** Fiji Airways, Fiji's National Airline, has announced plans to commence twice-weekly flights to Vava'u, Tonga starting April 2, 2016.

Fiji Airways Managing Director and CEO, Andre Viljoen stated, "The new route offers a seamless addition to Fiji Airways' South Pacific network. The Tongan culture is guided by values that are rooted in family and respect; visitors are treated more like family than tourists. This ethos is aligned with Fiji Airways mission – just as we welcome you to our home when you step on board, Tongans welcome you to their tropical paradise when you arrive."

Vava'u is located 568 miles southeast of Nadi, Fiji. This northern region of Tonga has more than 60 islands surrounded by coral gardens, remote beaches, and breathtaking lagoons. A tropical playground with pristine turquoise waters awaits visitors year-round that seek adventures in snorkelling, kayaking, off-road trekking, kite surfing, sailing, diving, and big game fishing. But the island's most fascinating attraction is whale watching. From June to November, visitors can observe, and even swim with, the Humpback whales that have returned to care for their young in Tonga's warm waters.

The new flight schedule offers easy connectivity from our international gateways, with especially short connectivity for our North American travellers connecting through Nadi, Fiji. It also makes it convenient for former Vava'u residents now living in the United States to return home.

Vava'u Tonga Flight Schedule, Effective 2 April 2016:

Flight Number	Origin	Destination	Departure Time (local)	Arrival Time (local)	Day of Week Operation	Aircraft Type	
FJ 275	Nadi	Vava'u	8:00am	11:10am	Saturdays, Wednesdays	ATR 72 600	<u>'</u> -
FJ 274	Vava'u	Nadi	4:00pm	5:20pm	Saturdays, Wednesdays	ATR 72 600	<u>'</u> -

<sup>\*</sup>Schedules are subject to change.

Bookings start today, and can be purchased through the Fiji Airways website, <a href="www.fijiairways.com">www.fijiairways.com</a>, or by calling the <a href="fiji Airways Global Reservations Centre">Fiji Airways Global Reservations Centre</a>. Join the conversation at #BulaTonga. To learn more about Vava'u visit <a href="http://www.tongaholiday.com/islands/vavau/">http://www.tongaholiday.com/islands/vavau/</a>

1



###

About Fiji Airways: Founded in 1951, Fiji Airways Group comprises of Fiji Airways, Fiji's National Airline and its subsidiaries: Fiji Link, its domestic and regional carrier, Pacific Call Comm Ltd, and a 38.75% stake in the Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa on Denarau Island, Nadi. Fiji Airways aims to be the leading global boutique airline, and has a fleet of brand new wide body A330s and refreshed B737 aircrafts. Fiji Link has a fleet of ATR 72, ATR42 and DHC-6 Twin Otter aircraft. From its hub at Nadi International Airport, Fiji Airways and Fiji Link serve 48 destinations in 12 countries (including code-share). Destinations include Australia, New Zealand, USA, Hong Kong, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands. The Fiji Airways Group brings in 64 percent of all visitors who fly to Fiji, employs over 1000 employees, earn revenues of over FJD\$769 million (\$372m USD\$), and directly contribute a significant portion of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Fiji Airways rebranded from Air Pacific in June 2013. Visit <a href="https://www.fijiairways.com">www.fijiairways.com</a> for more information.

## ISSUED - 10 February 2016

Fiji Airways Executive Office For press queries please contact: Shane Hussein Manager Public Relations and Communications Fiji Airways | Nadi, Fiji Ph: +679 673 7425; Cell: +679 9906164

Shane.Hussein@fijiairways.com