

STOPOVER HANDBOOK FOR FRENCH POLYNESIA

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The **Stopover Handbook in French Polynesia** brings together practical information, tips, and useful contacts for your stopovers in these magnificent islands. While each island possesses its own unique character, they are united by the Mā'ohi culture—a profound way of life that offers visitors new perspectives, inspiration, and unparalleled experiences. Getting to know this culture gives visitors the opportunity to step into a completely different world. Welcome to these islands which are as precious and fragile as they are sparsely distributed within the vastness of the South Pacific.

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5 archipelagos over
5 million square km:

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Te Mana O Te Moana

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FRENCH POLYNESIA GENERAL MAP

The whole of French Polynesia has been classified as a Marine Protected Area since September 2025 and is subject to in order to maintain its biological diversity, ecological processes, natural resources, and associated cultural values. There are different levels and areas of protection and regulation:

 **Integral natural reserves**
Strictly protected areas mainly managed for scientific purposes
ACCESS FORBIDDEN

 **Habitat /species management areas**
Protected areas mainly aiming to protect particular species or habitats

 **Protected landscapes**
Protected areas mainly aimed at safeguarding the landscape and/or for recreational purposes

 **Regulated fishing areas**
In Tahiti (Faa'a, Pirae, Arue - Tetiaroa included-, Mahina) and Tatakoto : fishing is forbidden or limited, especially fishing with a net.

 **PGEM areas**
In Moorea and in the seven townships of Fakarava, PGEMs regulate fishing and anchoring areas (interdiction indicated by yellow buoys)

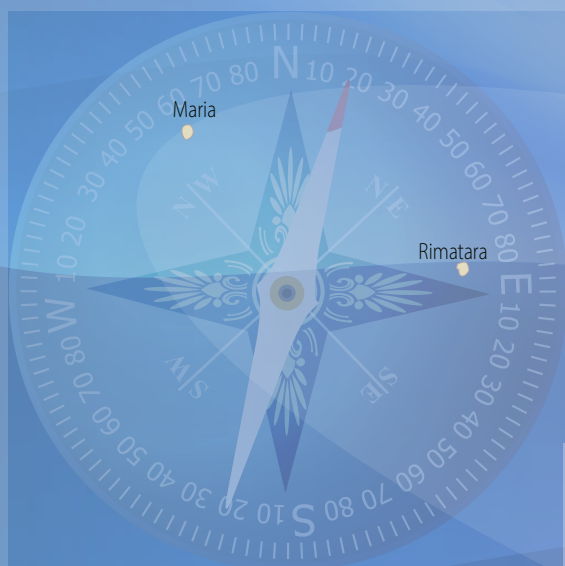
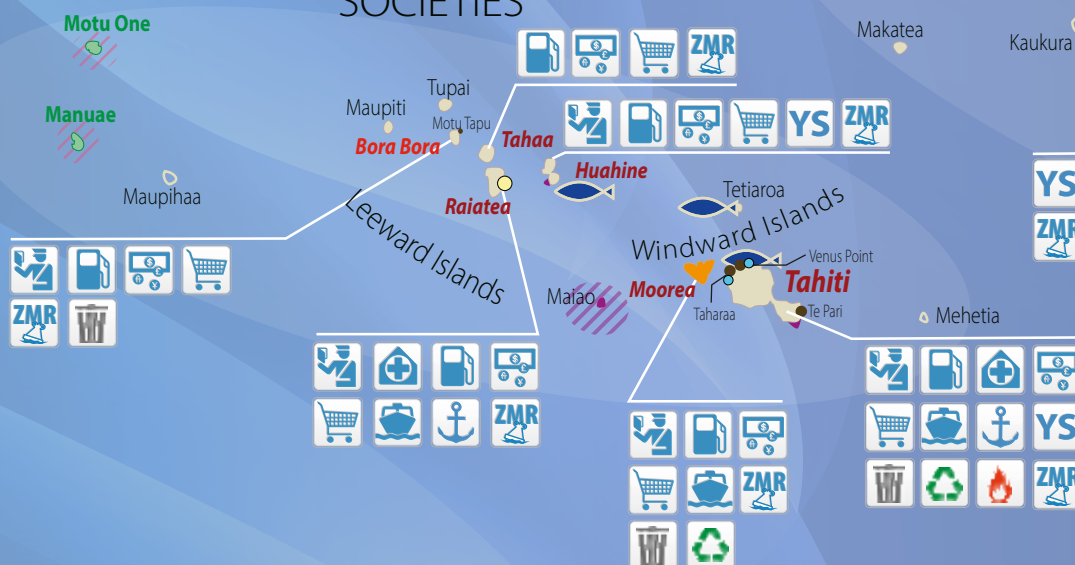
UNESCO

- Three areas have been awarded UNESCO designation:
- The Biosphere label covers the seven atolls of Fakarava.
- In Raiatea, the Taputapuatea site has been a UNESCO World Heritage
- In the Marquesas, seven islands have been awarded specific mixed

 **Rahui: Resource areas managed by the community**
Unwritten rules are defined by the communities themselves. At small scale to learn the regulations regarding anchoring and fishing

 **Marine education area (AME)**
A marine education area is a small scale coastal area managed by the community of a primary school or a training center, in conformity with the article

SOCIETIES



Distances

Tahiti- Hiva Oa	800 NM
Tahiti- Fakarava ...	440 NM
Tahiti- Raiatea	120 NM
Tahiti-Rurutu	310 NM
Tahiti-Mangareva ...	888 NM

AUSTRALS

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MOTUS

Gloucester Islands

uraro
Anuanurunga
Nukutepipi

Marotiri

Hatutaa
Eiao
Motu One
Hatu Iti

Nuku Hiva



Ua Huka

Ua Pou
Hohoi Bay

Hiva Oa

Tahuata

Educational
marine area

Motane

Hanavavae Bay
(Bay of the Virgins)

Fatu Hiva



MARQUESAS

Disappointment Islands
Tepoto
North
Napuka

Pukapuka

Takume

Fangatau

Fakahina

Makemo

Taenga

Raroia

Nihiru

Rekareka

Marutea

Tekokota

Tauere

Haraiki

Hikuera

Amanu

Reitoru

Marokau

Hao

Ravahere

Nengo Nengo

Paraoa

Manuhangi

Ahunui

Tatakoto

Pukarua

Reao

Aki Aki

Vahitahi

Nukutavake

Vairaatea

Tavana

Pinaki

Vanavana

Tureia

Tematangi

Moruroa

Fangataufa

Tenararo

Vahanga

Tenarunga

Matureivao

Maria east

Marutea south

Morane

Mangareva

Taravai

Rikitea

Akamaru

Temoe

Regulated anchorages
ZMR = "Zones de Mouillage
Réglementées"



Islands labeled in **red** require reservations
for designated anchoring areas via

escales.gov.pf

The municipality of **Bora Bora** has
implemented specific regulations for
anchorages around the island.

GAMBIERS

- Boatyard**
- Port of Entry**
- Marina**
- Fuel**
- Hospital or medical care**
- Bank**
- Shopping**
- Yacht Services**

Waste management

- Domestic waste**
- Recyclable waste**
- Hazardous waste**

STEPS TO FOLLOW	WHERE / HOW	
Check whether your vessel has called at ports located in areas infested with coconut palm wood-boring insects within the past 9 months (check the list of infested areas)	Information and questionnaire available on our website	List of infested areas
<u>Prepare the following documents:</u> - the list of ports visited over the past 9 months; - the exit clearance from the last country visited; - the biosecurity questionnaire		
Send the arrival declaration and the documents	By email at phyto.dbs@administration.gov.pf and port.dbs@administration.gov.pf	
Declare any pets on board	By email at animal.impex.dbs@administration.gov.pf	
Check onboard provisions and waste (compliance with regulations)	Do not offload any prohibited items; store them properly and declare their presence to biosecurity officers	
Upon berthing, wait for biosecurity authorization to board and inspect the vessel before disembarking	Yachts and sailboats that have visited a port located in an infested area must contact biosecurity authorities prior to arrival by email at phyto.dbs@administration.gov.pf and port.dbs@administration.gov.pf	
Ensure the vessel is presentable for inspection	Remain calm, cooperate, and ensure the vessel is clean for inspection	

DO NOT DO IT!



Importing food products of animal or plant origin (fruits, vegetables, meat, honey, etc.) without complying with the regulations



Importing plants and plant products intended for planting without complying with the regulations



Disposing of or offloading onboard waste (peelings, food scraps, etc.) without proper containment on any island other than Tahiti



Disembarking an animal on an island without having declared it to biosecurity authorities beforehand

DECLARE !

The importation into French Polynesia and the inter-island transport of food products (fruits, vegetables, meat, etc.) are strictly regulated. Some products are even prohibited from importation into the territory (honey, pineapple, etc.).

Please keep these items on board and contact us by email at phyto.dbs@administration.gov.pf for further information.

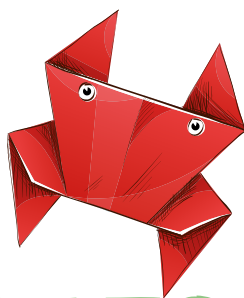
Specific conditions may be required (import permit, phytosanitary certificate); all plants and plant products on board must be systematically declared.

This waste must be leak-proof, sealed, and treated (only the island of Tahiti has the required facilities). It must remain on board and be declared during the vessel inspection.

Entry formalities for animals must be completed with the animal health unit by email at animal.impex.dbs@administration.gov.pf.

Offenders are liable to penalties of up to three years' imprisonment and a fine of up to XPF 3,570,000 (Ref: Country Law No. 2013-12 of 6 May 2013). This document is a simplified guide providing information for guidance purposes only.

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PROCEDURES AND APPROACHES UPON ARRIVAL

WHERE TO START?

PORTS OF ENTRY

There are 13 ports of entry in French Polynesia.

Entry formalities must be completed at one of the following islands: Nuku Hiva, Ua Pou, Hiva Oa, Tubuai, Rurutu, Raivavae, Rangiroa, Mangareva, Moorea, Raiatea, Huahine, Bora Bora or Tahiti. (Decree no. 759, 13/07/87). Vessels must fly the **yellow quarantine flag** until formalities are completed (immigration, customs, biosecurity) and a **courtesy flag**.

UPON ARRIVAL

- **Perform customs and immigration formalities** in Tahiti or at the gendarmerie of your port of entry. Provide a list of passengers and crew, the list of restricted or prohibited goods and all passports with necessary validated visas. Online declaration for entry:
 - demarche.numerique.gouv.fr/commencer/declaration-unique-plaisance-polynesie-francaise
- **Register on the Escales platform** to easily book your anchorages:
 - escales.gov.pf
- **Tahiti & Moorea Entry/Exit Authorization:** If you are making a stopover at Tahiti or Moorea, an entry authorization must be obtained from the Capitainerie du Port Autonome in Papeete by email (trafficmaritime@portppt.pf). An exit authorization must also be obtained.

SEA EMERGENCY

JRCC (sea rescue)

VHF & phone:

M/HF

Inmarsat

■ www.jrcc.pf

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C 582.422.799.192

LONG STAY VISA

Citizens of foreign countries who want to stay more than 3 months must apply for a long-stay visa. The process must be completed before your departure for French Polynesia with the French consular authorities in your

Immigration (Border police / STPAF)

If you enter through Tahiti or Moorea, formalities are to be completed at the STPAF office in Faa'a (Tahiti Faa'a Airport). Otherwise, complete formalities at the gendarmerie of your port of entry. Note that if you make a change of crew during your stay, you must declare to the STPAF in Faa'a and update your pleasurecraft declaration online:

- demarche.numerique.gouv.fr/commencer/declaration-unique-plaisance-polynesie-francaise

Each crewmember must present a valid passport and proof of health insurance coverage. French citizens may stay and work without a visa. Those coming from other E.U. countries (besides France) may stay without a visa under certain conditions. Citizens of all other countries must have a visa with the following wording: "Valid for French Polynesia".

For non-E.U. passport holders, a return ticket to your home country is mandatory. The best option is to book a refundable airline ticket. Alternatively, you may appoint a local yacht agent to handle the exemption from this requirement.

A thorough review of the following websites prior to departure is highly recommended:

- www.diplomatie.gouv.fr
- www.tahiti-airports.com
- www.polynesie-francaise.pref.gouv.fr
- www.service-public.pf/douane

country of origin, or with another French consulate before departing for French Polynesia during your mainland stopover (i.e. Panama).

Find out more about the documents to provide and procedures to follow at:

- www.yellowflagguides.com.

CUSTOMS

Check-in formalities with Customs are to be completed upon arrival. If you enter through the port of Papeete, go to Papeete's Customs Office. When entering French Polynesia at other islands, go to the gendarmerie of your entry port. The Customs form (provided upon arrival) must be filled out and sent to "Direction des Douanes" de Papeete within 24 hours.
dr-polynesie@douane.finances.gouv.fr

Failure to declare one's arrival or departure from French Polynesia is a violation of the Customs Code and is subject to penalty.

A vessel may be temporarily admitted into Polynesian waters without paying import duties and taxes for a period of 24 consecutive months under the following conditions:

- The owner or user of the boat must not be a resident of French Polynesia nor be employed in the country.
- The vessel must be registered outside of French Polynesia. It shall not be sold, rented or loaned to a third party.

Beyond the period of 24 consecutive months, your vessel must depart French Polynesian waters. In order to keep your vessel in the country longer than 24 months, customs importation is required. Please note: A minimum of 6 months is required between visits to French Polynesia.

• More information:

Decree N° 401 CM of March 27, 2013 on

- lexpol.cloud.pf

HARBORMASTER OF PORT AUTONOME DE PAPEETE

Ph. 40 47 48 81 / 89 71 84 47

VHF 12/16

Motu Uta, Papeete

trafficmaritime@portppt.pf

CUSTOMS

Motu Uta, Papeete

Monday to Friday: 8 am to 3 pm

General Inquiries: Ph. 40 50 55 50

Marine Affairs: Ph. 40 50 55 36

Customs Council:

Ph. 40 50 55 58

cce-polynesie@douane.finances.gouv.fr

BORDER POLICE (STPAF)

Monday - Thursday:

7:30 am - 11:45 am / 1:30 pm - 4:45 pm

Friday: 7:30 am - 11:45 am / 1:30 pm - 4:15 pm

Ph. 40 80 06 00

dtpn987-stpaf-usg@interieur.gouv.fr

INSECT AND ANIMAL CONTROL (BIOSECURITY)

To protect French Polynesia, which is free of many pests and diseases, the importation of any animal, plant and/or product of animal or vegetable origin is prohibited. Waivers may be granted under certain conditions by the Rural Development Service. Declaration forms are available on the biosecurity website.

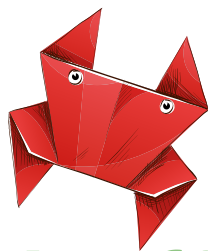
Bringing a pet ashore is strictly prohibited and a criminal offense. The importation of honey is prohibited. Food products of animal and plant origin should be kept and consumed onboard only.

Ph. 40 54 45 85

secretariat.dbs@administration.gov.pf

- www.service-public.pf/biosecurite

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION



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EMERGENCIES

JRCC (rescue at sea)

VHF & Ph.	16
Samu (paramedics) Ph.	15
Gendarmerie Ph.	17
Fire department Ph.	18



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WATER & POWER

Potable water

Available in Tahiti (Papeete, Pirae, Arue, Punaauia, Papara, Faa'a), Bora Bora, Huahine, Moorea, & Rurutu.

Electricity 220 v – 60Hz

Cooking gas: French standard butane only.

Purchase and exchange (at gas stations, with deposit) 5 or 13 kg tank with pressure valve.

MONEY

Pacific Francs (XPF) as of Jan. 2026:

• 1000 XPF	± 8,39 €
• 1000 XPF	± 9,8 US\$
• 1000 XPF	± 14,5 AU\$
• 1 €	± 120 XPF
• 1 US\$	± 106 XPF
• 1 AU\$	± 70 XPF

OPENING HOURS

Stores: 7:30 am to 5 pm, closed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Groceries: 5:30 am to 7 pm, Monday through Saturday, & Sunday morning only (for most shops).

Banks and Administration:

Opening hours 8 am to 4 pm. Closed on Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

COMMUNICATION

Telephone

GSM network everywhere except remote islands

Country code: 689

Information: 44 99 (fee applies)

Local SIM cards: purchase in phone shops, gas stations, or post offices.

Internet

Wi-Fi available at yacht services and tourism offices.

4G/5G network except remote areas.

Internet Service Providers:

Vini, Viti (Ora), Vodaphone

Internet Service Provider by card:

Vini, TahitiWifi & Viti (Ora).

■ www.vini.pf

■ www.ora.pf

■ www.tahitiwifi.com

TRANSPORT

Tahiti-Faa'a international Airport

Ph. 40 86 60 60

■ www.tahiti-airports.com

Air Tahiti Nui - Ph. 40 46 03 03

■ www.airtahitinui.com

Domestic Terminal

Air Tahiti - Ph. 40 86 41 84

■ www.airtahiti.pf

Air Moana - Ph. 40 48 40 00

■ pf.airmoana.com

Maritime Transport (ferries)

Moorea / Leeward Islands

Aremiti - Ph. 40 50 57 91 / 40 50 16 16

■ www.aremiti.pf

Tauati Ferry & Apetahi Express

Ph. 40 50 54 59

■ www.tuateaferries.com

Terevau - Ph. 40 50 03 56

■ www.terevau.pf

Vaeara'i - Ph. 40 46 11 60

■ www.vaearai.com

Taxi in Papeete

Airport – Ferry docks (Gare

maritime): 2000 XPF (day), 2500 XPF (night) - Ph. 89 40 10 30

Vaima Station: Ph. 40 43 72 47

Faa'a Airport station: Ph. 40 86 60 66

Fanfan 4 seats: Ph. 87 77 13 87

Ariane: 8 seats (day): Ph. 87 34 23 67

■ www.taxitahiti.com

Public Transportation in Tahiti

Bus service:

• Departs from the ferry docks (from the west coast all the way to the peninsula)

• Departs from Bank of Tahiti (towards the west coast to Papara)

• Departs from City Hall (to the East Coast)

Ph. 40 54 81 81

■ www.teretahiti.pf

SAILING

French Polynesia's coordinates:

17°32 S / 149°34 W

Time Zone

• French Polynesia:	UTC+10
• Mangareva:	UTC+9
• Marquesas:	UTC+9:30

Winds: East trade winds (5-15 knots) to NE (Austral Summer) and SE (Austral Winter). Sustained trade winds (15-25 knots) July/August.

Swells: Long S/SE swells generally small, 2-4 m during Southern depressions.

Tides: In the Society Islands, there are solar tides only, 20 cm amplitude. Every day of the year high tide is at noon and midnight, and low tide is at 6 am and 6 pm. There are moon tides for the other archipelagos 0.5 to 2 m. There can be strong current and possible tidal bore in the passes in the Tuamotus. Sail through during slack tides.

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CLIMATE AND WEATHER FORECAST

Tropical oceanic climate

Temperatures between 24 °C and 30 °C all year round.

November to April: "Hot season" or Austral Summer (more humid). Cool trade winds over warm ocean, cumulus and frequent showers.

May to October: "Cool season" or Austral Winter (drier). Trade winds, few clouds, and occasional rainfall.

Weather Information **VHF 13**

Weather forecast in French

VHF 13 (Society Islands) :

6:30 am – 12 pm – 4 pm – 8 pm

HF 8803 KHz : 7:30 am – 12:30 pm –

4:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Meteo France contacts:

Ph. 40 80 33 00

■ www.meteo.pf

Radio Weather Forecast

(Polynésie La 1^{re})

AM 738 MHz (5:10 am - 6:26 pm)

Pacific area weather forecast

■ www.windguru.cz

Bob McDavitt forecaster NZ

■ www.weathergram.blogspot.com



DPAM - Polynesian maritime affairs department

Organization in charge of regulating maritime usage areas. Please consult the DPAM website for each of your stopover islands for information regarding the prohibition or restriction of anchoring. (See page 8)

Ph. 40 54 45 82 • escales.dpam@administration.gov.pf

■ escales.gov.pf



NAVIGATION RULES – BUOYAGE

Society Islands

Pass entrance markers:

Red = port / green = starboard (International system A).

Markers in the lagoon:

Red = land side / green = reef side.

Shallow channels (navigable by dinghy only):

Black-and-white stakes must be kept on the landward side.

Marquesas

Limited buoyage, only in bays providing access to the main villages.

Steep coasts and generally weak currents (except in the Bordelais Channel).

Tuamotus

Buoyage in the passes. In some atolls, the channel from the pass to the village is marked, using red = port / green = starboard (International System A). Navigate with the sun overhead or behind you.

EVENTS

Major nautical events :

TAHITI MOOREA SAILING RENDEZ-VOUS – July

Four-day encounter and maritime activities between Tahiti and Moorea.

Open to all sorts of sailboats.

stephanie@archipelagoes.net

■ www.tahiti-moorea-sailing-rdv.com

HAWAIIKI NUI VA'A – October

A three-day outrigger canoe race between Raiatea, Huahine and Bora Bora.

■ www.facebook.com/Hawaikinuivaa/

The **SAGA** – June to August

Summer camps with numerous sailing & water-based activities for children from disadvantaged backgrounds in Tahiti and the islands.

■ www.sagatahiti.com

HEIVA I TAHITI - July

A true celebration of Mā'ohi culture through dance and singing competitions.

■ www.heiva.org

More about events (in French):

■ www.tahititourisme.pf/agenda



TAHITI CREW

Your marine concierge specialist in

French Polynesia

Arrival and departure formalities

Customs formalities

Duty free fuel certificate

Crew placement

Residency card assistance

Concierge service

Receiving parcels and letters

Provisioning

Technical assistance

Boat gardiennage

Guided tours and excursions

Discount card

Whatsapp : (+689) 87 23 55 41

Email : yachts@tahiticrew.com

Sign up on : www.tahiticrew.com

To reserve a mooring in French Polynesia,
please register online at
<https://ESCALES.GOV.PF>

VESSELS CONCERNED



Pleasure vessels



Yachts



Cruise ships

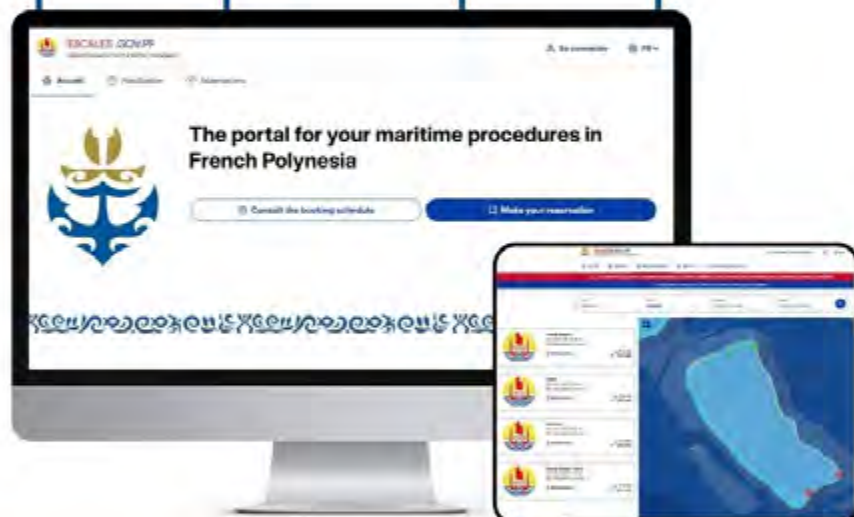
ESCALES ONLINE

Before your stay:
Create your
online account
and register your
vessel

View the
mooring
reservation
schedule

Book your
mooring
online

Complete entry
and exit
formalities for
your vessel



REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Proof of identity of the vessel owner or operator
- Certificate of registry (flag state document)
- Insurance certificate
- Picture of the vessel



CONTACTS

escales.dpam@administration.gov.pf

escales.gov.pf

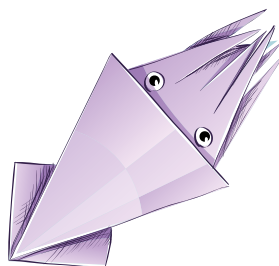
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DPAM
Direction Polynésienne
des Affaires Maritimes
Pō fa'atere'a 'e te fa'atere'a
i te mau 'ahipa rau o te moana

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FIND OUT MORE

WELCOME BRIEFING FOR SAILORS

Welcome to French Polynesia!

To help you make the most of your stopovers, the tourism and maritime authorities, local municipalities, and local tourism committees provide cruiser welcome briefings.

Some committees even offer live, guided presentations with practical advice and local recommendations.

These briefings are available:

- ▶ as in-person presentations from local committees
- ▶ as a download in PDF format on the Tourism Department's website:
 - www.service-public.pf/sdt/plaisance-responsable
- ▶ PDF downloads are also available at:
 - www.yellowflagguides.com

WHICH ONES ARE AVAILABLE?

So far, briefings are available for Hiva Oa, Tahuata, Nuku Hiva, Fakarava, Moorea, Taiarapu Ouest, Huahine, Raiatea, and Tahaa. Additional briefings are currently under development. Feel free to inquire with the tourism committee at each island you visit.

WHAT DO THESE BRIEFINGS INCLUDE?

- ▶ Useful information and contacts for each stopover
- ▶ Practical advice and local recommendations
- ▶ Descriptions of authorized anchorages, exposure to weather, and nearby points of interest
- ▶ Suggestions for continuation of your itinerary

These guides summarize everything you need to know for a successful stopover: best practices, etiquette, and respect for local communities. Stay informed.

DEDICATED MAPS

Maps specifically designed for boaters complement these briefings.

They are also available for download on the Tourism Department's website.

- www.service-public.pf/sdt/plaisance-responsable



Activities around Atuona

- Book a guided island tour through the Tourism Committee to discover the magnificent archaeological sites of Hiva Oa.
- Village Tohu: lively site with many events during cruise ship stopovers.
- Paul Gauguin Cultural Center
- Jacques Brel Cultural Space
- Calvaire Cemetery: the final resting place of Brel and Gauguin
- Atuona Black Sand Beach: perfect for a scenic walk or for surfing and bodyboarding
- Hiking: book a 2.5-hour round-trip hike to the Tehueto petroglyph site
- Local crafts and tattoo artists
- Dive operator: www.marquisesdiving.com
- Snorkeling around motu Hanakee: manta rays are often seen here
- A fishing trip with one of the service providers. Ask the Tourism Committee for contact details.

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Tetamanu

- Quota: 10 yachts
- Duration: 48 hours max.
- Do not go by dinghy in the pass: caution for divers and strong current
- Do not dive without being accompanied by a professional dive center from the island, in order to comply with the number of dive groups allowed per day at this fragile site.
- Do not go to fish parks, they are private properties!
- Do not leave your garbage on shore: keep them until you reach Rotoava or Tahiti. They are only collected in Tetamanu every 6 weeks
- The Catholic church built in 1874 still hosts Sunday services

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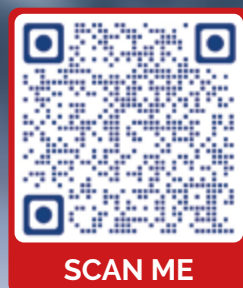
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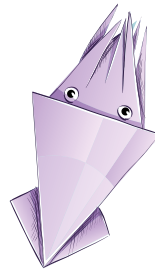


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MARINE SANCTUARY

French Polynesia offers an exceptional diving and snorkeling experience, renowned for the richness and diversity of its marine wildlife. Many iconic species can be observed, such as sharks (around twenty species), manta rays, turtles, and cetaceans, as well as a wide variety of reef and pelagic fish.

Each archipelago has its own distinct underwater identity, from the shark-rich passes of the Tuamotus to the lagoons of Bora Bora, the exceptionally clear waters of the Austral Islands, and the manta rays of the Marquesas. From July to November, French Polynesia is also a prime destination for whale watching and snorkeling with humpback whales. Since 2022, French Polynesia has been designated a vast marine sanctuary protecting sharks, whales, turtles, and other threatened species, with strict regulations in place to ensure their conservation.

Coral reefs, essential to the marine ecosystem, are fragile and require

responsible behavior: respect for anchoring zones, proper waste management, snorkeling precautions, and a prohibition on collecting or damaging corals. Finally, although few species are dangerous, safety and proper conduct is essential, especially during encounters with cetaceans.

Diving in Polynesia thus combines wonder, respect for nature, and the protection of a unique marine heritage. Across all the archipelagos, around fifty dive centers allow visitors to explore the underwater world of a territory as large as Europe.

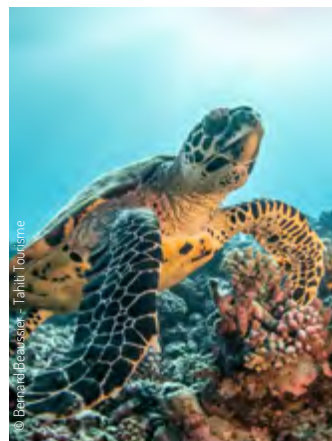


BEST PRACTICES TO FOLLOW

- Use only authorized anchorages
- Do not throw waste into the sea or lagoons
- Do not touch or step on corals
- Respect marine wildlife and maintain proper observation distances
- Consult local professionals and authorities prior to water activities

You can find a list of dive operators on the Tahiti Tourisme website

■ www.tahititourisme.com



CETACEAN OBSERVATION

- Do not approach the group head-on; instead, approach at an angle of about 30° relative to their trajectory.
- Do not exceed 3 knots within a 300 m radius.
- Maintain a safe distance of 30 to 100 m depending on the species observed.
- Do not encircle the animals or separate members of a group.
- Maintain your course and speed. Avoid any sudden changes in direction or engine use.
- All vessels should stay on the same side of the group.
- Do not startle or trap the animals between the reef and the vessel. If an animal approaches, put the engine in neutral. Do not turn it off completely so that the vessel remains maneuverable and detectable by the animal.

USEFUL LINKS

Shark Observatory of Polynesia
■ www.requinsdepolynesie.com

Mokarran Protection Society
■ www.mokarran.org

Te Mana o te Moana
■ www.temanaotemoana.org

Mata Tohora
■ www.matatohora.com

Oceania
Cetacean study and protection
■ www.asso-oceania.com

Environment Directorate
■ www.service-public.pf/diren

EMBLEMATIC SPECIES

SHARKS

About twenty shark species have been recorded in the archipelagos. Blacktip, grey, lemon, and nurse sharks are common. Some passes in the Tuamotus or bays in the Marquesas attract unusually large concentrations of sharks.

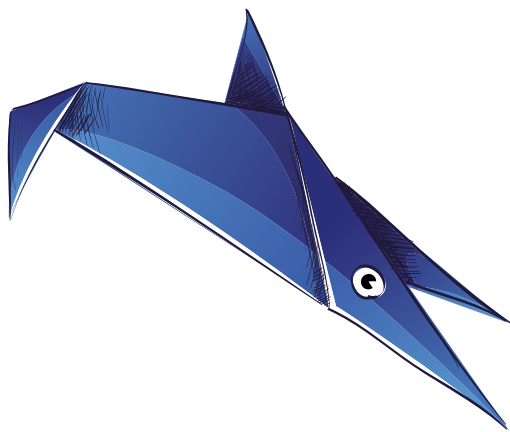
TURTLES

Five species of sea turtles live in Polynesian waters. Green turtles and hawksbill turtles can be seen in the lagoon or beyond the coral reef. Green turtles regularly nest in Polynesia.

CETACEANS

Sixteen species regularly inhabit Polynesian waters. The long-beaked dolphin, often found in bays and passes, and the humpback whale, present from July to December, are the most common. In French Polynesia, these species are the subject of citizen science observation programs.

Furthermore, since 2025, the entire EEZ of French Polynesia has been classified as a Marine Protected Area, known as Tai Nui Atea.



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MARQUESAS



NAVIGATION

- **Generally good weather** with little seasonal rainfall. Winds are steady but influenced by the islands' terrain. Significant swells. Inter-island navigation can be done in a single day among the northern islands and among the southern islands.
- **Steep and open coastlines.**
- **West/north-west currents are weak** (1 knot), but stronger in narrow passages (e.g., Bordelais channel between Hiva Oa and Tahuata).
- **Bays are sheltered** from the wind but exposed to prevailing swells. Quays and docks are available only in some bays.
- **Anchorage are generally on stable, muddy bottoms.** A few small bays have sandy bottoms and coral heads (to be protected).
- **Limited navigation aids:** port entrance beacons are present near main villages.
- **Tsunami Alert:** The Marquesas are not protected by a coral barrier. In the event of a tsunami warning, it is advised to move 2 nautical miles offshore.

NUKU HIVA

10 regulated anchoring areas (ZMR). Sailor briefing and map available at:
■ www.service-public.pf/sdt/plaisance-responsable

ANCHORAGES

From October to February, the southern bays are more sheltered from wind and swell, while from June to September, the northern bays are preferable.

Southern Coast Bays

- **Taiohae Bay:** Provides access to the village of Taiohae. Services include the gendarmerie, ATMs, supermarkets, Tourism Office, and numerous facilities for sailors. Anchorages are generally calm, but can be roly. Part of the bay is reserved for ferries and shipping and is off-limits for anchoring.
- **Small Taiohae Dock:** For dinghies (use available rings; do not tie to the ladder; painters should be long enough to allow movement of tenders). Facilities include toilets, non-potable water, grocery stores, local market, artisan exhibitions, snack bar, yacht services, e-bikes, and a dive operator.
- **Shipping Wharf:** Fuel station (cruising boats can moor stern-to for refueling) and starting point for

a beautiful 3 km hiking trail to the Sentinels.

- **Hakau Bay:** Very well-sheltered anchorage in the western part of Anse Hakatea. Beautiful hike to Vaipo Waterfall (fee: 1000 XPF).
- **Controller (Contrôleur) Bay:** Three coves, each with its own anchorage. Shore access by dinghy to the beach or via the river at high tide. The village offers artisans, archaeological sites, snack bars, a grocery store, and a sports field.

Northern Coast Bays

- **Anaho Bay** (max. 10 boats): Anchor in 12 m depth; do not anchor shallower. Buoys mark the coral reef zone to be protected. **Restaurant Kaniho** – Ph. 87 79 98 27 Excursions to Hatiheu Bay with restaurant, grocery store, and first aid station.
- **Hatiheu Bay:** Anchorage exposed to north-northwest winds and swell. Landing at the dock can be difficult.
- **Hakaea Bay:** Anchorage in Haapapani Cove, well-sheltered and wild. Beautiful white sand beach.

Upon arrival in Nuku Hiva, pay the garbage tax of 1,050 XPF/ month at the Taiohae Town Hall. Recycling collection is only available in Taiohae, not in the other valleys.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Nuku Hiva Town Hall Ph. 40 91 03 60

Hospital Ph. 40 91 02 00

Fuel station TotalEnergies
Ph. 40 92 06 18

Yacht Services Nuku Hiva
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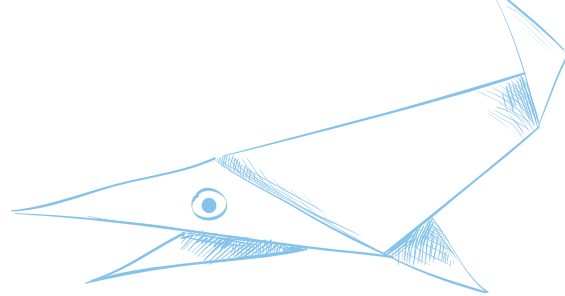
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UA POU



Ua Pou is an island with a warm, welcoming population, fully embodying authentic Polynesian traditions. It is distinguished by two emblematic features: the flower stone and the basaltic peaks, true pillars of the "Marquesan House."

ANCHORAGES

- **Hakahau:** Safe anchorage, sheltered by a breakwater. Services include shops, a medical center, post office, bank, airport, artisan and cultural center, and agricultural cooperative.
- **Vaiehu Bay:** Anchorage in front of the reefs, 7–8 m depth, pebble beach.
- **Hakahetau Bay:** Popular from April to September. Dock for access to the village. Educational Marine Area.
- **Uapo Bay:** In the south, safe anchorage, small enclosed bay.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Ua Pou Town Hall
Ph. 40 91 51 05

Tourism Committee of Ua Pou
Eliza - Ph. 87 72 90 08
FB: Tourism Committee of Ua Pou
maveamai.uapou@gmail.com

UA HUKA

Ua Huka is a preserved island notable for its biodiversity, including endemic birds (such as the *Pihiti*), wild horses, a large collection of citrus trees, and numerous historical sites and museums.

ANCHORAGES

- **Haavei Bay:** Landing on the east side of the beach.
- **Vaipa'e Bay:** Narrow entrance, curved shape, small dock. Recommended anchorage south/southwest of the dock. Services include a medical center, post office, shops, museum, and tourist office. Arboretum. Horseback riding.
- **Hane Bay:** Rough during southern swells. New dock, shops, post office, medical center, Educational Marine Area.
- **Hokatu Cove:** In front of the village; dock on the right side.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Ua Huka Town Hall
Ph. 40 91 60 26

Tourism Committee of Ua Huka
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comitetourismeuhuka@gmail.com

ISLAND ETIQUETTE

- Never trade alcohol or weapons.
- Do not pick fruit from trees; always ask first.
- No nudity, either on the island or at anchor.
- Dress appropriately during visits ashore, especially in villages and in churches.
- Do not use compressors or generators near the coast or dwellings.
- Dispose of household waste only in Taiohae (Nuku Hiva) or at Tahauku Port (Hiva Oa); not on other islands.

The heritage of Nuku Hiva is characterized by numerous Tohua, former sites of Marquesan festivities, and Paepae, large stone platforms on which traditional dwellings were built. These ancestral sites still host most festivals and ceremonies today. The ridgelines and cloud forests from Tekao to Hoomi offer spectacular and unique landscapes.



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FATU IVA

Fatu Iva is accessible only by sea. Discover the ancestral art of *tapa* and *monoi*, or take a hike between the two villages that are home to the island's 600 residents.

ANCHORAGES

- **Omoa Bay:** At the foot of Mount Touaouoho. Dinghy access on the beach at the river mouth or at the dock for dinghies. In the village: medical center, post office, a few shops, museum, tourist office. In the valley, observe the petroglyphs and the Fatu Iva Monarch, an endemic bird.
- **Hanavave Bay (Bay of the Virgins):** Small dinghy dock with drinking water, grocery store, church, first aid, post. Don't miss the hike to the waterfall.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Fatu Iva Town Hall
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Tourism Committee of Fatu Iva
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No trash collection in Fatu Iva.
Take your garbage to Nuku Hiva or Hiva Oa.



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MARQUESAS ISLANDS

HIVA OA

Hiva Oa is truly famous, both for the international artists who spent their final days on the island and are buried there, but especially for its unique sites full of paepae and tiki.

The island will host the next Marquesas Festival in December 2027.

6 regulated anchoring areas. Sailor briefing and map available at:
www.service-public.pf/sdt/plaisance-responsable

ANCHORAGES

- **Tahauku Bay:** Two anchorage zones
- **Inner bay,** protected by a breakwater: Regulated anchorage for 15 vessels / 5–20 days. Be careful not to obstruct ferry traffic.
- **Outer bay:** Regulated anchorage for 5 vessels / 5–20 days. Exposed to swell but suitable for a short stop while waiting for a spot in the inner bay.
- Tahauku dock: Tourism Office, dock for coastal boats, fuel station (jerry cans only), non-potable water, car rental, boat maintenance services, laundry. Provides access to Atuona village (3 km): Brel and Gauguin Centers, grocery store, market, medical center, pharmacy, banks, shops, restaurants, post office, ATM.
- **Puamau Bay:** Regulated anchorage for 8 vessels / 8–15 days. Anchoring depth 8–12 m. There is an underwater paepae right next to the anchorage—ideal for snorkeling; do not anchor on it! Shore access via dock or beach landing to visit the sacred site of Puamau.
- **Naohe Bay:** Regulated anchorage for 4 vessels / 8–15 days. Well sheltered from wind and swell. Provides access to the small peaceful village of 50 inhabitants. No dock or shops.
- **Haianapa Bay:** Regulated anchorage for 10 vessels / 15–30 days. Very well protected from wind and swell. Dock for access to the village and its grocery store.
- **Hanamenu Bay:** Regulated anchorage for 6 vessels / 8–20 days. Calm anchorage but sometimes exposed to swell. Access to a beautiful beach, freshwater spring, and excellent snorkeling spots.

TAHUATA

Just a few nautical miles from Hiva Oa, Tahuata invites you to discover the authenticity of the island of artisanal treasures, welcoming villages, majestic summit ridges, and its endemic kingfisher: the *pahi*.

ANCHORAGES

- **Hanatefau Bay:** Regulated anchorage for 6 vessels / 4 days. Well-sheltered anchorage, often visited by dolphins. Shore access by dinghy via the small wharf at Hapatoni, "the artisans' village."
- **Vaitahu:** Regulated anchorage for 10 vessels / 4 days. Small dock for landing at the island's main village. Services include Tourism Office, drinking water, grocery stores, snack bar, and internet.
- **Hamoeno Bay:** Regulated anchorage for 8 vessels / 4 days. In this uninhabited bay, protected from the swell and wind, lies one of the most beautiful white sand beaches in the Marquesas Islands.

No bank. Car rental available. Educational Marine Area. Small museum at the town hall. Join the locals for a game of pétanque in the late afternoon.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Hiva Oa Town Hall

Ph. 40 92 73 32

Atuona Medical Center

Ph. 40 92 73 75

Hiva Oa Fire Department

- 7 days/week

Ph. 18 ou 40 927 999 / 87 710 499

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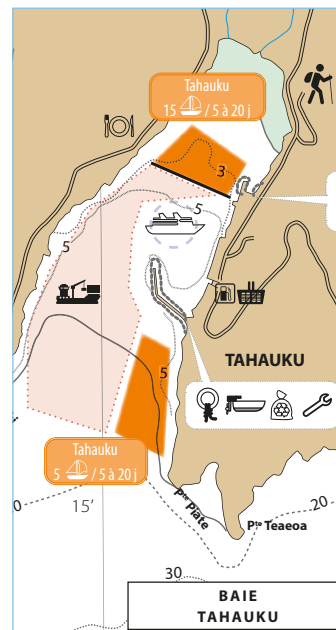
Rental of e-bikes, cars, and camper vans

Ph. 87 31 11 06

Marqueses diving - Ph. 87 24 19 95

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 or Maylee - 87 33 48 12



Upon arrival in Hiva Oa, pay the tourist, water, and waste fees at the Atuona Town Hall.

3 regulated anchoring areas. Sailor briefing and map available at:
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USEFUL CONTACTS

Tahuata Town Hall

Ph. 40 92 92 19

contact@commune-tahuata.pf

Manu Association in Vaitahu

To see the *pahi* (endemic kingfisher), contact Jeanne Barsinas
 – Ph. 87 26 56 19

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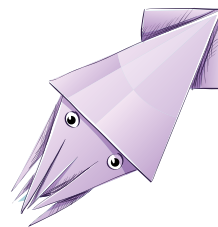
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RAIATEA, TUAMOTUS, MARQUESAS

French Polynesia is home to three UNESCO-recognized sites: a Biosphere Reserve in the Tuamotus, and two World Heritage sites in the Society Islands (Leeward Islands) and the Marquesas.

MARAE TAPUTAPUĀTEA, RAIATEA

Taputapuātea is located at the heart of the “Polynesian Triangle,” the last part of the globe to be settled, thanks to an extraordinary maritime and cultural history. The World Heritage listing includes two forested valleys, part of the lagoon and coral reef, and an area of open sea, all surrounding the Taputapuātea *marae*—a political, ceremonial, and funerary center. It features several *marae* with distinct functions.

Widespread throughout Polynesia, *marae* were spaces connecting the world of the living with that of ancestors and gods. Taputapuātea offers an exceptional testimony to 1,000 years of Mā’ohi civilization. Taputapuātea was the religious and political center of the Tamatoa chieftaincy of Opoa, which flourished in the 17th and 18th centuries through a network of religious and political alliances across Eastern Polynesia, thanks in particular to mastery of canoe construction and navigation. The spread of the cult of the god ‘Oro, to whom this founding *marae* was dedicated, is evidenced by the replication of numerous



“Taputapuātea *marae*” across Eastern Polynesia (Windward Islands, Tuamotus, Cook Islands, Austral Islands...) and by the adoption of the name as a toponym (Hawaii, New Zealand).

This sacred site is inseparable from the traditional territory of the former Opoa chieftaincy of which it was the center: the landscape is dominated by the sacred mountain Tea-ê-tapu, forests containing numerous archaeological remains in the Opoa Valley, the sacred pass Te Ava Mo’a, and the islet (motu) ‘A-tara.

The cultural landscape of Taputapuātea, including these *marae*, has been officially listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site since July 2017.

- www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXbJXHR8-3g
- whc.unesco.org/en/list/1529

FAKARAVA UNESCO BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Since 1977 (nearly 50 years!), the commune of Fakarava has been designated as one of the first UNESCO Biosphere Reserves due to its unique characteristics, natural and cultural heritage.

It comprises seven low coral islands or atolls: Aratika, Fakarava, Kauehi, Niau, Raraka, Taiaro, and Toau. These atolls differ greatly in size, shape, openness to the ocean, population, and the activities carried out there. Their character is unique: they include small closed lagoons like those of Taiaro and Niau—the first being hypersaline, the second brackish—as well as large lagoons open to the ocean, such as Fakarava, which has the largest pass in French Polynesia, 1,600 meters wide.

UNESCO Biosphere Reserves serve as living models, demonstrating how humanity can live in harmony with nature. For half a century, they have been based on a fundamental principle: for conservation to be effective, it must be inseparable from sustainable development and supported by both science and community knowledge.

Biosphere reserves are organized around three main functions: conserve, develop, learn & inspire, and are structured through detailed territorial planning reflected in three

types of zones: core area, buffer zone, and transition areas.

Note: Strict regulations apply to manage, organize, and control the use of terrestrial and marine areas within the reserve.

Anchoring is permitted only in regulated anchorages. For details, see:

- yellowflagguides.com
- or the DPAM website:
- escales.gov.pf

For more general information:

- www.unesco.org/en/mab



MARQUESAS ISLANDS - TE HENUA ENATA

The Marquesas are an exceptional testimony to the territorial occupation of this archipelago—one of the most isolated in the world—by a human civilization that arrived by sea around the year 1000 CE and developed on these remote islands from the 10th to the 19th century. The islands are a major site of biodiversity, combining irreplaceable and exceptionally well-preserved marine and terrestrial ecosystems. Marked by sharp ridges, spectacular peaks, and

cliffs rising steeply above the ocean, the landscapes are unparalleled at these tropical latitudes. The archipelago is an important center of endemism, hosting rare and diverse flora, iconic marine species, and one of the most diverse seabird assemblages in the South Pacific. It is also home to numerous threatened species. Almost free from human exploitation, Marquesan waters rank among the last truly wild marine areas in the world and have been

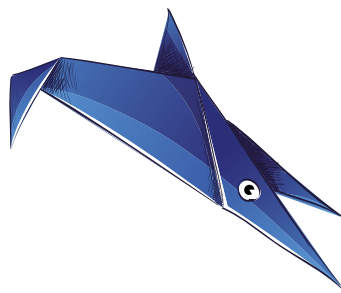
described as an “oasis of marine life in the vastness of the Pacific Ocean.” The site also includes archaeological locations ranging from monumental dry-stone structures to stone sculptures and petroglyphs. The six inhabited islands, as well as the uninhabited islands of Eiao and Hatutu’a, each have their own specific mixed heritage area. In total, more than 300 km² of land and over 3,000 km² of marine areas are listed.

The Marquesas Islands have been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List since July 2024 as a “mixed site,” recognized for both their cultural heritage and their terrestrial and marine natural heritage.

- whc.unesco.org/en/list/1707



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THE TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO

NAVIGATION

Between the Atolls - Caution!

Atolls are visible only at less than 10 nautical miles. Strong currents in the passes. Out of 76 atolls, only a few passes are navigable. During southeast winds or large swells, the outgoing current in the passes can reach up to 6 knots. A tidal bore may form near the passes, either outside or inside the lagoon.

Enter at slack tide. Tidal range: 0.5 to 1 m. Tide tables available at:

■ www.shom.fr/en

Lateral aids to navigation exist in the passes of the main islands, and sometimes in the channel leading to the village.

Inside the Lagoons - Caution!

Sail by sight with someone on the bow, keeping the sun behind you or overhead to distinguish colors, coral heads, and the buoys of pearl farms, which are sometimes located in navigation channels. Recommended anchorages are on the east side (windward), especially in July–August during east/southeast wind events.

FAKARAVA



5 regulated anchoring areas.

Sailor briefing and map available at:

■ www.service-public.pf/sdt/plaisance-responsible

ACCESS

- **Garue Pass:** To the north, very wide but not navigable with north winds or outgoing current. Provides access to the village of Rotoava.
- **Tumakohua Pass:** To the south, not navigable with south winds. Exercise caution in the pass, as many divers are present. Provides access to the village of Tetamanu.

Recommendation: From the village to the southern pass, follow the small marked channel (the main one is unmarked), but remain vigilant for pearl farm buoys.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Fakarava Town Hall
Ph. 40 93 40 40

Rotoava Fuel Station
Draft 3 m at the dock. For >700 L, reservation required: Ph. 40 98 40 11

Fakarava Yacht Services – Rotoava
VHF : 77/16 • Ph. 87 75 34 84
■ www.fakayachtservices.com

Tetamanu Village
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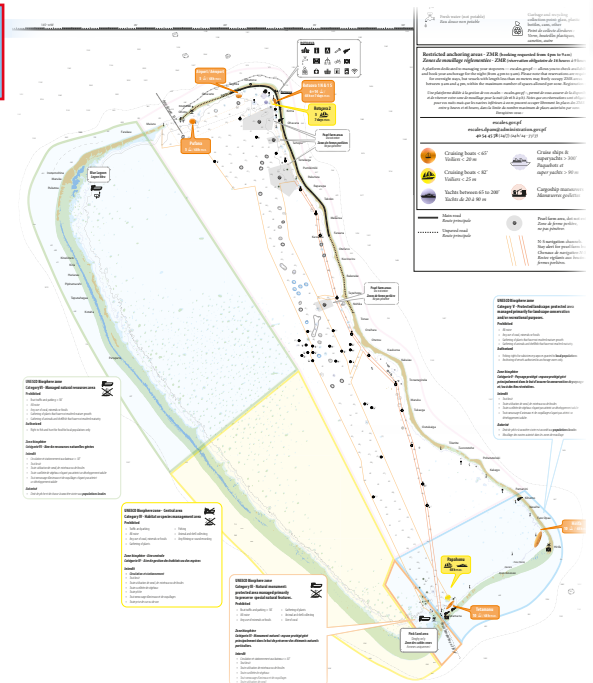
ANCHORAGES

- **North Pass – Pufana:** Regulated anchorage for 5 vessels / 2 days. Beautiful snorkeling and beach. With a good dinghy or a service provider, explore Fakarava's blue lagoon.
- **Airport:** 2 regulated anchorages for 5 vessels / 2 days.
- **Village of Rotoava:** 2 regulated anchorages: 20 vessels / 2–7 days. Tourism Office, dock and fuel station, medical center, post office, ATM, shops, artisan wares. Household waste may be deposited only in the village, after paying the applicable fee.
- **Village of Tetamanu:** Regulated anchorage for 10 vessels / 2 days. On the motu: old coral church. Restaurant and bar. On the other side of the pass: the Pink Sands spot.
- **Hirifa:** Regulated anchorage for 10 vessels / 2 days. Very well sheltered from wind and swell, except with west winds.

Kitesurfing school:

■ www.kitetuamotu.com
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Upon arrival in Fakarava, pay the garbage tax of 1,000 XPF/week for the first week and 500 XPF/week from the second week onward, as well as the tourist tax of 60 XPF/person/day.

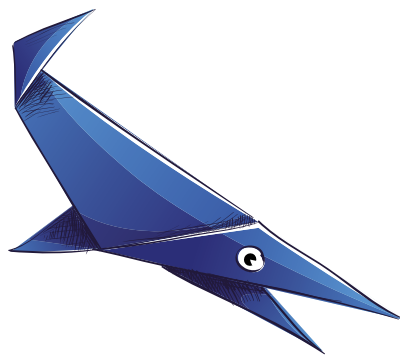


Fakarava Lagoon Pearl Farming Management Committee – Important Information:

- ✓ Please be aware of the presence of pearl farms in Fakarava.
- ✓ Pearl oysters are being farmed below the surface, suspended on lines attached to buoys.
- ✓ It is essential to strictly follow the small marked channel in the north-eastern quadrant of the lagoon.
- ✓ Do not navigate over a buoy field, as this could cause serious damage, for which you will be held responsible.
- ✓ Navigate during daylight hours, with the sun behind you.
- ✓ A nautical chart of Fakarava is available on this website: <https://www.service-public.pf/sdt/plaisance-responsible/>



WHERE?
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THE TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO

Fresh water: Very rare in the Tuamotus. Refill in the Marquesas, or collect rainwater if the boat does not have a desalination system.

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A false pass on the northwest of the island, with space for a few boats.

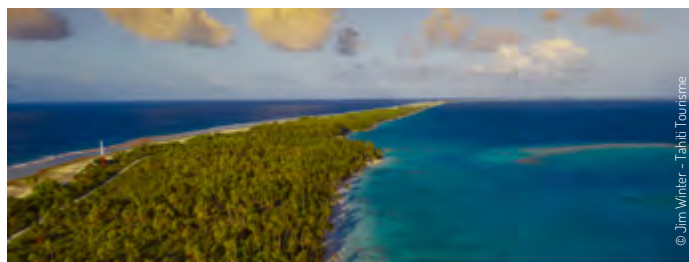
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KAUEHI

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RANGIROA



ACCESS

Avatoru and Tiputa Passes: To the north, marked, with strong currents possible (up to 8 knots). Pass through with incoming current or at slack tide. Lagoon can be very rough in southeast winds.

ANCHORAGES

- **East:** Several beautiful anchorages near the motus to the east and southeast of the atoll, but note there are no aids to navigation to reach them.
- **West:** In good weather, near the Blue Lagoon site.
- **Avatoru:** Main village of the atoll. Access by dinghy. Services: gendarmerie, shops, medical and dental center, post office, banks, fuel station, household waste collection.
- **Tiputa:** T-shaped dock, with the possibility to tie alongside for a short stay. Fuel delivery service available at the dock – Ph. 87 73 40 26. Services: shops, waste collection, snack bars, bike and car rental, dive operators... plus dolphin shows in the pass!

USEFUL CONTACTS

Avatoru Town Hall
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Gauguin's Pearl: pearl farm visitation
Ph. 40 93 11 30

Rangiroa Mihiroa Yacht Service
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Upon arrival in Rangiroa, pay the garbage tax of 3,000 XPF/week and the tourist tax of 60 XPF/person/day at the Avatoru Town Hall.

APATAKI

ACCESS

- **Pakaka Pass:** Southwest (120 m wide – 25 m deep), generally easy to navigate. Close to the main village of Niutahi (dock, airport, grocery store, post office, medical center).
- **Tehere Pass:** Northeast tip of the island. Wide and deep, easy to navigate, but unmarked. Ideal for line fishing and diving.

ANCHORAGES

- **Motu Rua Vahine:** South.
- **Tamaro:** Southeast, in front of the Assam pearl farm and the boatyard. Sheltered from prevailing winds.
- **Teonemahina Point:** Northeast, well sheltered, in a beautiful setting.

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MAKATEA

One of the three raised atolls in the Pacific, located 137 nautical miles from Tahiti, with an unusual historical past, island walks, underground rivers, and coconut crab tasting.

There is no lagoon or pass.

Mooring buoys are maintained in front of the village; check availability by contacting the town hall.

A destination for climbing on 80-meter-high cliffs.

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TIKEHAU

ACCESS

- **Tuheiaua Pass:** Wide and navigable in all conditions except in northwest winds.

ANCHORAGES

- **Motu Teonai:** The fishing village is just at the entrance of the pass.
- **Village of Tuherahera:** South. Marina for 8–10 boats (max draft 3 m), floating dock for dinghies, waste disposal, water tank, shops, medical center, restaurants. Limited fuel supply. Uncomfortable in east winds. No electricity.
- **Tavana Islet**
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- **Motu Puarua:** Bird island; be cautious and respectful, especially during nesting season.

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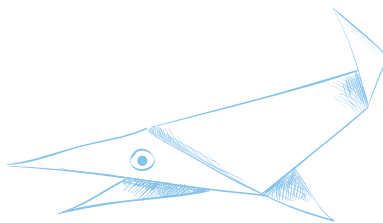


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TUAMOTUS - GAMBIERS - AUSTRALS

AHE

ACCESS

- **Tiareroa Pass:** Nearly always navigable (except when north swell combined with the tide creates strong currents, though this is short-lived).
- **The pass is marked** from the village and the airport.

ANCHORAGES

- **At the village:** A newly renovated dock for ferries; one side of the dock is lower for small boats. Tie up only when no ferry is present.
- **10 m depth anchorage zone:** Sheltered from swell and wind in front of the village, between the dock and the motu where Bernard Moitessier once lived.

- **Sheltered anchorage** north of the atoll: Near Cocoperle Lodge. From the pass to the airport, follow the marked channel, then, if conditions are clear, navigate along the motus toward the lodge, avoiding the pearl farm buoys (poito). In rough seas or poor visibility, call Cocoperle Lodge for guidance.

USEFUL CONTACTS

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Cocoperle Lodge : 2 mooring buoys. Restaurant with reservation, Wi-Fi, various activities (fishing, water sports, coral garden, old forest...).

Ph. 87 73 15 67

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MANIHI

ACCESS

Tairapa Pass: West side.

Shallow area at the entrance: 2.5 m, suitable for catamarans or small monohulls. Navigation is safe for about two-thirds of the lagoon thanks to marked channels.

ANCHORAGES

The municipality has installed 4 mooring buoys at Motu Tatetate.

- **Motu Tatetate:** Near the airport (1.5 NM east of the village).
- **East Zone:** Ideal anchorage at the far east end of the atoll.
- **Village:** 3 grocery stores, medical center, post office, town hall, diesel and fuel (reservation recommended). Temporary tie-up is possible along the dock on the south side of the pass.

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THE GAMBIERS ARCHIPELAGO

RIKITEA

Pass located at 23°14'S, 134°53'W. Wide pass, navigable in all weather conditions.



UPON ARRIVAL

- **Complete your entry clearance** at the gendarmerie in the village of Rikitea.
- **Navigate by day only** and avoid sailing over the pearl farm buoys.
- **You can order 200 L diesel** barrels through the town hall.
- **Note:** The village is restocked by the supply ship Taporo only every three weeks. Imported food is expensive and limited.
- **Reminder:** Fruit on trees is not free to take—always ask permission before picking.

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Ph. 40 97 82 68

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Open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

No bank, no internet, no bakery

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

- **Visit Rikitea Cathedral**
- **Hike up Mount Le Duff**
- **July 14th celebrations** in Mangareva

Tourism Office of Rikitea
Ph. 40 97 83 76

Upon arrival, pay the waste and water fees at the Rikitea Town Hall.

THE AUSTRALS ARCHIPELAGO

RAIVAVAE

Located 450 NM from Tahiti, Raivavae invites you to discover this authentic archipelago. It is the only atoll in the area easily accessible by vessel.



ACCESS

Access **via Mahanatoa Pass:** follow the range markers, illuminated and visible from 5 NM at night. It consists of a 13 m white pylon and a white tower. Then follow the channel to the village of Rairua.

Two regulated anchorage zones (ZMRs) have been established near the village of Rairua. The village also has a gendarmerie for entry and exit formalities, a grocery store, and an airport.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

- **Climb Mount Hiro** for a breathtaking view of the lagoon and its 28 motus.

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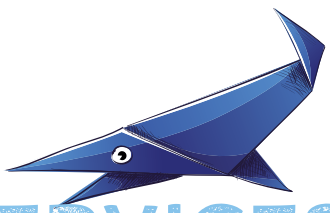
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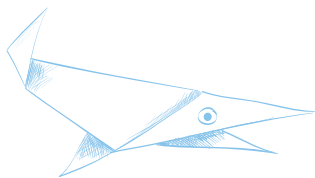
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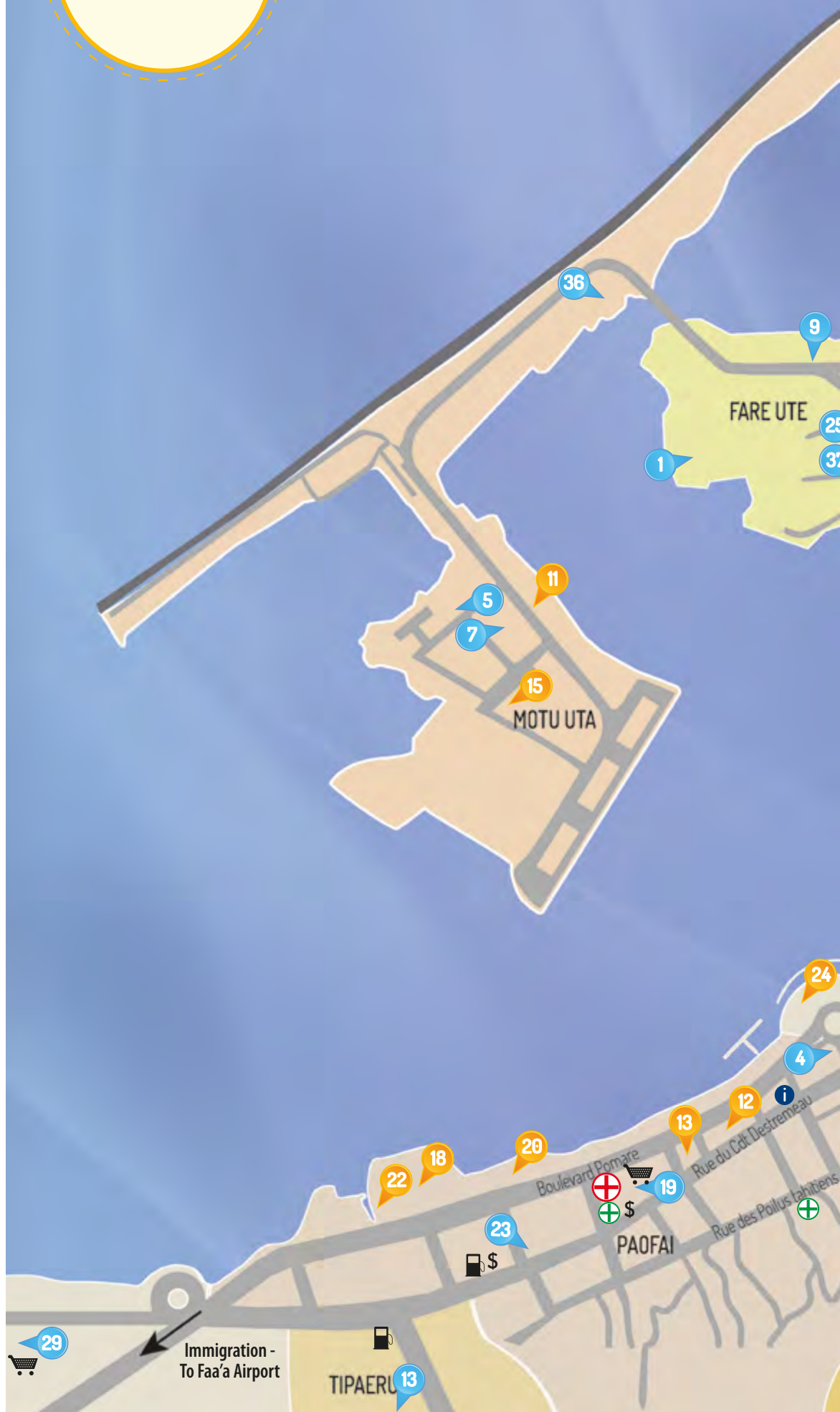
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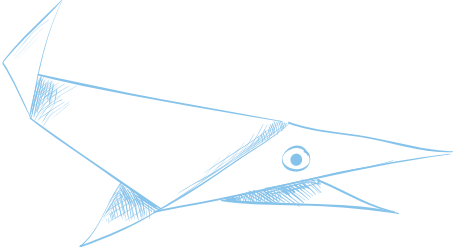
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Tahiti Yacht Agent

Ph. 40 42 55 61 • general@tya.pf

■ www.tahiti-yacht-agents.com

YACHT SERVICES

Fakarava Yacht services

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fakayachtservices@gmail.com

■ www.fakayachtservices.com

Hiva Oa Yacht Services

Ph. 40 92 79 85 / 87 23 22 47

hivaoayachtservices@gmail.com

Huahine Yacht services

Ph. 87 79 77 59

huahineyachtservices@gmail.com

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Ph. 87 70 99 01

orion.raiatea@mail.pf

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■ www.yachtservicesnukuhiva.com

ASSOCIATIONS

Association des voiliers en Polynésie

■ voiliers.asso.pf

MOOREA

Tahitian Historical Society

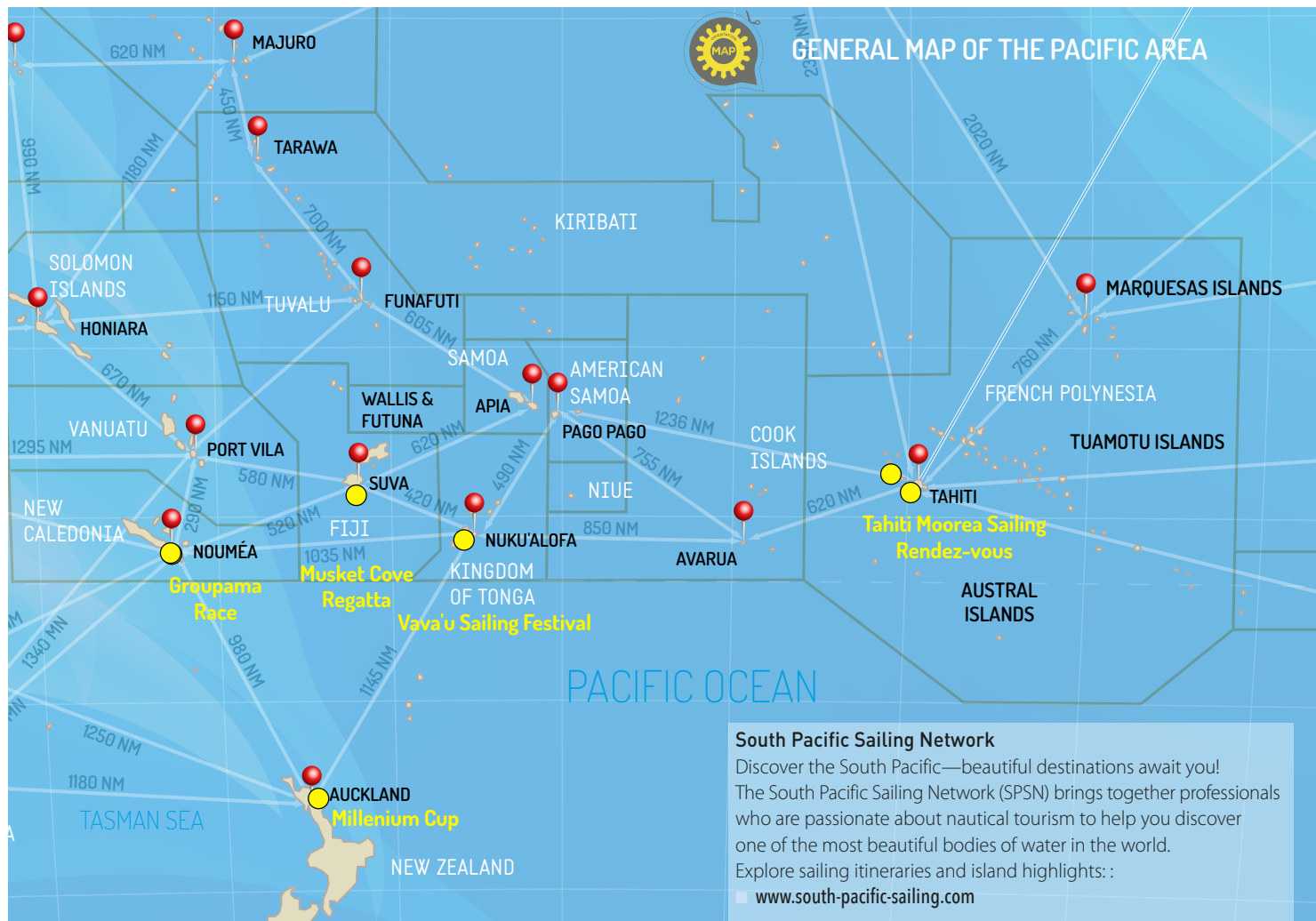
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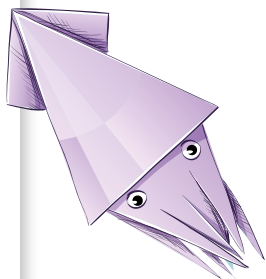
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International sailors:
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You can play a major role in preserving these natural areas, while strengthening the historic bond of mutual respect between islanders and sailors.

You'll soon understand why French Polynesia is considered by many circumnavigators to be one of the most beautiful sailing destinations in the world. It is a true privilege to sail here, to meet the Polynesian people, and to discover their traditions and cultures.

However, it is also a duty, an increased responsibility for sailors to protect and respect them, as well as their ecosystems and coral reefs, just as previous generations of islanders have done.

Today, these fragile islands are facing increasing pressure on their lagoons, partly due to the growing number of

vessels in anchorages that were previously unregulated. It is therefore not surprising that new anchoring regulations and restrictions are being implemented to protect and preserve these islands and their marine environment.

During your visit to French Polynesia, make sure to stay informed about and comply with the new anchoring regulations. These restrictions will help to protect underwater ecosystems and ensure uninhibited access for ferries, cruise ships, delivery boats, and other vessels essential to the smooth operation of the local economy.

They also help reduce conflicts of use within bays, infrastructure areas, and lagoons between different users of the waterway.

Regulated anchoring zones with limits on duration and number of vessels have been established only on the islands of Nuku Hiva, Hiva Oa, Tahuata, Rangiroa, Fakarava, Tahiti, Moorea, Huahine, Bora Bora, Raiatea, and Taha'a. You must pre-book an anchorage at these islands (see briefing). All other islands are without anchoring restrictions.

More information is available on the maritime authorities' website:

■ escales.gov.pf

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Do not leave your waste on small islands, especially in residents' private garbage bins. Waste management is already challenging for many small communities.
- Do not burn garbage on beaches.
- Dispose of household waste only on islands equipped with landfill facilities (such as Nuku Hiva or Hiva Oa in the Marquesas, and most islands in the Societies). If possible, keep your waste on board in the Tuamotus. If you must dispose of trash, only Fakarava & Rangiroa have facilities - after paying a fee at the town hall.
- Recyclable waste (cans, plastic bottles, etc.) can only be processed in Tahiti, Moorea, Bora Bora, and Raiatea.
- Keep hazardous waste on board (expired flares, oils, batteries) until you reach Tahiti, where dedicated collection points are available.

More details:

- www.service-public.pf/diren
- www.fenuama.pf

RESPECT THE LOCAL ECOSYSTEM

- ▶ Familiarize yourself with fishing regulations before casting a line.
 - www.ressources-marines.gov.pf/
- ▶ If fishing is permitted, catch only what you need to eat rather than filling your freezer!
- ▶ Anchor on sandy bottoms only, never on coral.
- ▶ Dispose of household waste only on islands equipped with landfill facilities.
- ▶ Use holding tanks in coastal waters and lagoons.
- ▶ Do not clean your hull while anchored in bays or lagoons to avoid introducing invasive marine species.
- ▶ Respect private property, including seaside property.
- ▶ Do not pick fruit without asking permission.
- ▶ It is illegal to charter your vessel without proper permits during your stopover in French Polynesia.

RESPECT TRADITIONS AND CULTURE

- ▶ Before arriving on a new island or archipelago, take time to learn about its customs, history, and culture.
- ▶ You may barter useful items with local residents, but never alcohol or guns. Offer assistance by sharing skills or know-how, or speaking at the school.
- ▶ Showing curiosity about an island's history, culture, and daily life is an excellent way to enrich your own travel experience while demonstrating respect for your hosts.
- ▶ Learning a few words of the local language (hello, goodbye, thank you, etc.) will go a long way toward goodwill.

Please keep your VHF radio on Ch. 16 when voyaging and also when at anchor in order to provide emergency support to your fellow sailors and the local community.

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<https://www.portdepapeete.pf/>

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TAHITI NUI, THE URBAN AREA



STOPPING IN TAHITI

SAILING TO TAHITI



The port of Papeete can be reached via Papeete pass (most direct route; however, dangerous when very windy and N/NW swells are running). Also accessible via Taapuna pass, then sail inside the lagoon to Papeete (30 min).

Between Papeete (including the pass) and Punaauia, all vessel movements are subject to mandatory prior authorization from the Papeete Port lookout, since you are passing along the axis of Tahiti Airport runways.

Harbour watchtower :

VHF 12 • Ph. 40 42 12 12

USEFUL CONTACTS

SMUR (paramedics) Free call: dial 15

CHPF Public Hospital

Taaone, Pirae • Ph. 40 48 62 62

Urgences

Ph. 40 48 59 11

Paofai Clinic

Papeete • Ph. 40 46 18 18

Cardella Clinic

Papeete • Ph. 40 46 04 00

Urgences : Ph. 40 46 04 25

Gendarmerie (emergencies)

Free call: dial 17

Ph. 40 46 73 67 / 40 46 73 02

Gaz de Tahiti

Cooking gas refills (butane only)

Ph. 40 50 84 00



MARINAS IN TAHITI

MARINA DE PAPEETE

Since January 2026, the marina has been privately managed by Marina Services, which also manages the marinas in Taina, Punaauia, and Vaiares, Moorea.

New services will be rolled out soon. Reservations are now possible. 87 berths with water and electricity, toilets, showers, lounge, laundry facilities, Wi-Fi. Secure access gate, night security.

Reservations and information:

Ph. 87 09 28 10

officemarinapapeete@gmail.com

■ www.marinataina.com

Tahiti Tourism Office

Waterfront, Papeete

Ph. 40 50 57 11 / 40 50 40 50

■ www.tahititourisme.pf

YACHT CLUB DE TAHITI

East Coast : Access through the passes of Arue and Taunua. 25 mooring buoys, 160 berths, water, electricity, restrooms, laundry, fuel, bar-restaurant, snack bar, sailing school and diving center. Nearby supermarket, fishing cooperative, sports area and fresh market. Limited space for visitors; reservation recommended.

Yacht Club of Tahiti

Ph. 40 42 78 03 • VHF 06

yctahiti@gmail.com

■ yctahiti.org

Fuel Station Marina d'Arue.

Every day from 6 am to 7 pm, except Monday. Draft at the quay: 10m.

MARINA TAINA

West Coast : Access via Taapuna pass or through the channel of Papeete's Port. 500 berths, 186 mooring buoys, water, electricity, restrooms, laundry, tax free diesel fuel, bar-restaurants, repair shops and technical service providers (electricians, mechanics and refrigeration...), dive centers, chandleries. Shops and supermarket 24/7. Dock for large yachts (max 60 m). VHF 09 • Ph. 40 41 02 25 / 87 78 92 46

marinataina@mail.pf

■ www.marinataina.com

Fuel Station Total Marina Taina

Draft 14 m - length max : 70'

Open Monday to Friday: 6:30 am –

12 pm & 1 pm - 4 pm ; Sat and Sun

6:30 am - 4 pm. No duty-free fuel on Saturday and Sunday.

Ph. 40 43 36 06



JAMES NORMAN HALL MUSEUM

Located in Arue and built in the 1930s, the home of the co-writer of the Bounty Trilogy still stands as it was in 1951 (at the time of his death). Its collection includes a 3,000-volume library and the author's typewriter.

Ph. 40 50 01 60

contact@jamesnormalhall.com

f Maison James Norman Hall



THE HOUSE OF CULTURE - TE FARE TAUHITI NUI

A complex offering a media library, performance halls, exhibitions, cultural fairs and events including Heiva Tahiti in July, Hura Tapairu in December and the International Oceanic Documentary Film Festival (FIFO) in January-February.

Ph. 40 54 45 44

■ www.maisondelaculture.pf



PAPEETE'S CENTRAL MARKET

A place of constant activity that is both interesting and culturally exciting.

Monday to Friday 5:30 am to 4 pm, Saturday 5:30 am to 1 pm, and Sunday 4:30 am to 10 am.

Market participants come from all over the island to converge on this strategic location -- truly the economic heart of Tahitian social life.



MUSEUM OF TAHITI AND HER ISLANDS TE FARE MANAHA

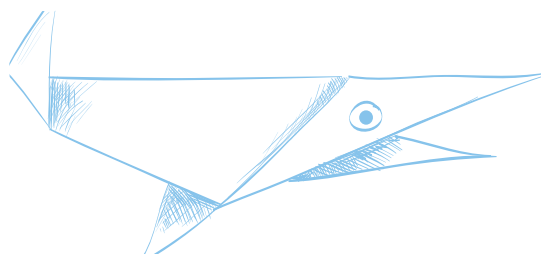
Polynesia's most important museum, fully restored in 2022. Blends ethnography, archaeology, natural environment and fine arts. Open Tuesday to Sunday. Landscaped museum park with ethno-botanical walkway.

Ph. 40 54 84 35

■ www.museetahiti.pf



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TAHITI ITI, THE RURAL AREA

STOPPING IN THE PENINSULA

Also called *Fenua Aihere*, a wild land known for its tranquility and magical landscapes.



ANCHORAGES

EAST COAST – TAIARAPU EST

- **Tautira Lagoon:** Navigable via well-marked channels. Anchorage at the mouth of the Aiurua River, small dock on the south side. Access to the valley and the beautiful black sand beach.

WEST COAST – TAIARAPU OUEST

- **Papearii Anchorage:** Access via Temarauri Pass, well sheltered. Visit the Gauguin Museum and the water gardens.
- **Phaëton Bay Anchorage:** Access via Teputa Pass. Large anchoring area, very well protected (cyclone hole) and near numerous services in the town of Taravao. Suitable for long-term stays.

Regulated anchoring areas must be reserved for overnight stays. Sailor briefing and map available at:

■ www.service-public.pf/sdt/plaisance-responsable

- **Haitama Anchorage:** Regulated anchorage for 3 vessels / 3 days. Access ashore via Puunui Marina. Nearby: La Plage de Maui restaurant.
- **Oututaata Anchorage:** Regulated anchorage for 5 vessels / 2 days. Provides access to the village of Vairao (Tourism Office, handicrafts, ATM, snack bars, water, waste disposal...).

THINGS TO DO

Excursion to Te Pari: explore caves and lava tubes. Excellent opportunities for **scuba diving and snorkeling**.

Tahiti Iti Diving
■ tahitiitidiving.com

Mokarran Diving
■ www.mokarran-diving

MARINAS

- **Tahiti Nautic Center**
Phaëton Bay, Taravao.
Access via Tapuaeraha Pass. 20 berths at the dock, 25 on land. Services: water, electricity, sailing club, dive operator, haulout, boat ramp, rigging, repairs.
Ph. 87 74 85 60 / 40 54 76 16
tnc@mail.pf

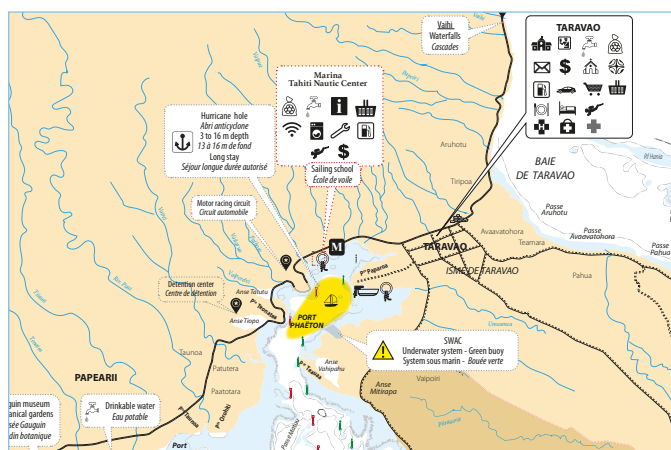
Mado Sails Taravao
Sailmaker
Ph. 89 34 96 83
madosail.vdt@gmail.com
■ www.madosails.com

- **Marina de Puunui**
Opening in February 2026. Berths available only for unattended vessels. Dinghy dock, restaurant.
haumeamana@gmail.com

USEFUL CONTACTS

Gendarmerie de Taravao
Ph. 40 54 73 05
Taravao paramedics
Ph. 40 57 76 76

Taiarapu Ouest Tourism Committee
Bernadette Taputu-Wasna:
Ph. 87 78 86 40 / 87 33 26 47
comite.tourisme.taiarapououest@gmail.com



BELVEDERE OF THE TARAVAO PLATEAU

Follow the road through "country style" scenery with cows grazing, to a viewpoint built on the isthmus of Taravao with an orientation tablet, traditional shelter (*fare pote'e*) and picnic tables. 500 m higher is the second highest natural viewpoint. There is a footpath between the two viewpoints.



THE MYTHICAL WAVE OF TEAHUPOO

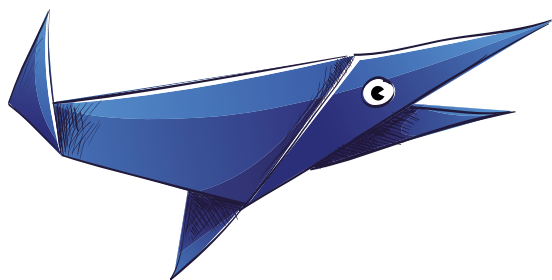
Surfing excursions are available year-round, depending on weather conditions. Contact the Tourism Committee for information on surf schools, kitesurfing schools, and water sports excursions in the Taiarapu Ouest area.



VAIPOPO RIVERS AND VAIROI GROTTO

A guide is recommended for access. The hike can be done either by boat or on foot. It is also possible to swim in the cave. Check with the Tourism Committee for more information.





WHERE? WHEN? HOW? DISCOVER

SAILING TO MOOREA

- **Access from the east: the channel between Tahiti and Moorea** is subject to intersecting swells from the east and south, with seas that can be choppy and busy with inter-island ferries, which have priority.
- **The passes to the north and northwest** of the island are wide and safe.

8 regulated anchoring areas are reserved for overnight stays. While moorings are being installed, anchor carefully to protect the coral. Sailor briefing and map available at:
■ www.service-public.pt/sdt/plaisance-responsable

ANCHORAGES



- **Vaiare Bay:**
ZMR of Patae, 2 vessels / 2 days.
Access via Vaiare Pass.
Anchor on a beautiful sandbank with excellent snorkeling areas.
Nearby: Vaiare Marina, Motu Ahi, the Vai'are shopping area, and a bit further, the village of Afareitu.
- **Pihanea Point:**
ZMR of Vaipahu, 2 vessels / 2 days.
Access via Avaroa Pass. Anchor in 3–5 m over sandy bottom. Well protected except from north winds.
- **Paveau Point:**
ZMR of Maharepa, 2 vessels / 2 days.
Access via Avaroa Pass. Anchor in 3–5 m over sandy bottom. Well protected except from north winds. Access to the village and shops of Maharepa.
- **Maatea Bay:**
ZMR of Maatea, 1 vessel / 2 days.
Access via Teruaupu Pass. Anchor in 3–5 m over sandy bottom, with access to the village of Maatea.
- **Around Haapiti:**
3 ZMRs of 48 hours in this area:
Vaiana: 2 vessels
Opaura: 2 vessels
Haapiti Quay: 5 vessels
Well sheltered from winds between N and SE.
Access via Matuvau Pass.
Anchor on sandy bottom, with shore access via Haapiti Quay (water and trash disposal).
Surfing, snorkeling and hiking available.
- **Cook's Bay:**
ZMR of South Paopao, 20 vessels / 7 days.
Several shore access points at the head of the bay: supermarket, restaurants, water, trash disposal, fuel. At the north end of the bay: Paopao dock, tourism office, and artisan market.
- **Opunohu Bay:**
To anchor at Opunohu, you must reserve a berth at the dock or a mooring at Moorea Marina. From there, by dinghy, go to the entrance of the bay to visit the Tihoti Tiki site or to admire the stingrays.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Moorea Town Hall
Ph. 40 55 04 55

Afareaitu Hospital
Ph. 40 55 22 22

Gendarmerie
Ph. 40 55 25 05
Emergencies: 40 55 22 26

Nautical Brigade
Ph. 87 704 657

Fuel Stations

Mobil Pao Pao
Cook's Bay
Dock for refueling jerrycans (4 m draft)
Ph. 40 56 13 25

Mobil Vaiaie
Near Pacific - Toa Shopping Center
Jerrycans
Ph. 40 56 27 69

Moorea Tourism Office
Ph. 40 56 50 55
Vaiana 87 73 14 24
f Comité du Tourisme de Moorea - Moorea Tourism Committee
■ www.mooreatourisme.com



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MARINAS

VAIARE MARINA

Since January 2026, Vaiare Marina has been managed by Marina Services. New services will be rolled out soon. Reservations are now possible. 85 berths, max. draft 4m. Dock, drinking water, restrooms, electricity in the marina; sailmakers, mechanics, shops, and food trucks nearby.
officemarinavaiaie@gmail.com
Ph. 87 08 61 28

MOOREA MARINA

Opunohu Bay
Secure dinghy access dock, laundry, waste collection, water, restrooms, and restaurant.
For visiting boats:
3 berths at the quay (water, 220V)
3 moorings – pre-booking possible
Ph. 87 07 07 68
mooreamarina@gmail.com
FB : marinamaorea
■ mooreamarina.com

MOOREA PGEM

Please respect the Moorea Marine Spatial Planning Plan, which defines the various uses of the lagoon. The zones are marked and delimited by buoys and yellow stakes.

For more information, contact:
Ph. 40 550 476



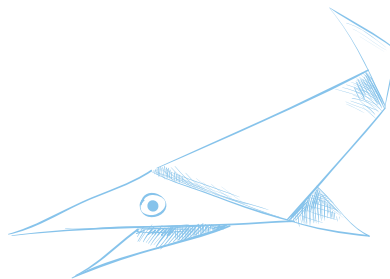
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CAUTION

The users of Moorea's lagoon are numerous: ferries, activity providers, fishermen, locals, and sailors...
Navigate with care.

Reminder: When snorkeling, make sure to use a surface marker to be clearly visible to others.

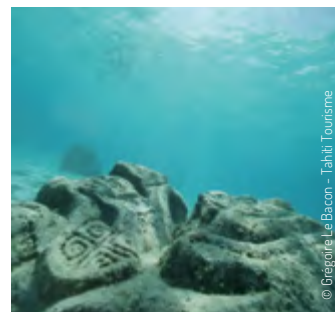
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SUBMERGED SCULPTURES

by Guy Tihoti

At 3 m depth, west of the pass in Opunohu Bay, submerged sculptures create an underwater art trail.



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OPUNOHU VALLEY

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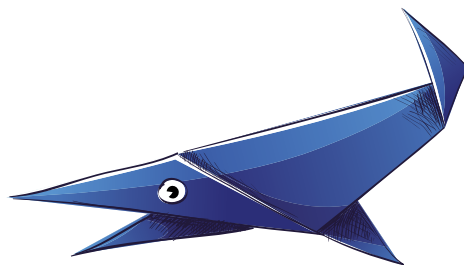
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OF THE LEEWARD ISLANDS

WILD HUAHINE

ACCESS

- **Two passes to the NW:** Avamoa and Avapehi, navigable in all weather, close to Fare.
 - **Eastern pass: Farerea**, providing access to a single anchorage area.
- Main Quay for Local Transport and Ferries in Fare:**
- Temporary docking along the quay is allowed for provisioning, after ensuring you do not obstruct local transport or ferry traffic. Contact the harbormaster: VHF 12 • Ph. 40 86 62 86



11 regulated anchoring areas. Sailor briefing and map available at: www.service-public.pt/sdt/plaisance-responsible

Upon arrival, check with the town hall regarding household waste fees.

ANCHORAGES

WEST COAST

- **Two ZMRs near Fare:**
Afaiorio: 15 vessels / 2 days
Huimoo: 8 vessels / 2 days
Anchorages are located between the two passes, with dinghy access to the villages of Fare and Fitii. Nearby: Tourism Office, artisan shops, restaurants, supermarket, ATM, and services.

Huahine Yacht Services

Laundry, provisioning, boat cleaning...
Ph. 87 79 77 59

Huahine Yacht Club

Restaurant & bar, services for yachts
Ph. 40 68 70 81

Maitai Lapita Village Huahine Hotel

Nice hotel featuring a small museum on Huahine's archaeological remains. Dance show on Saturdays.
Ph. 40 68 80 80

Port Bourayne

Three ZMRs inside this bay (very well sheltered – cyclone hole) and the large ZMR Faaua for 20 boats on the sandbank near the reef. Discover Hana Iti beach. Siki is the friendly guardian.

Haapu: ZMR for 6 vessels / 2 days.

Access to the picturesque village of Haapu, grocery store, vanilla plantations, and hiking trails. Water and trash disposal available at the town hall.

Avea Bay

Two ZMRs, 15 vessels / 2 days. Exceptional anchorage on sandy bottom. Beach, snorkeling, Anini marae, car rental, and artisan shops.

Le Manaha Hotel

With restaurant and services for yachts (water, trash disposal, activities), and dance show on Thursdays.
Ph. 40 66 28 87

Snack Tara

Serving traditional Tahitian meals on Sundays
Ph. 40 68 78 45

EAST COAST

Tefarerii

ZMR for 3 vessels / 2 days: anchorage sheltered by Motu Murimaora, south of Farerea Pass. Excellent snorkeling.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Huahine Town Hall

Ph. 40 60 63 21

Gendarmerie

Ph. 40 60 62 05

Clinic / Emergencies

Ph. 40 68 82 48

Two fuel stations in Fare

(for jerrycans only)

Huahine Tourism Office

Ph. 87 30 52 18
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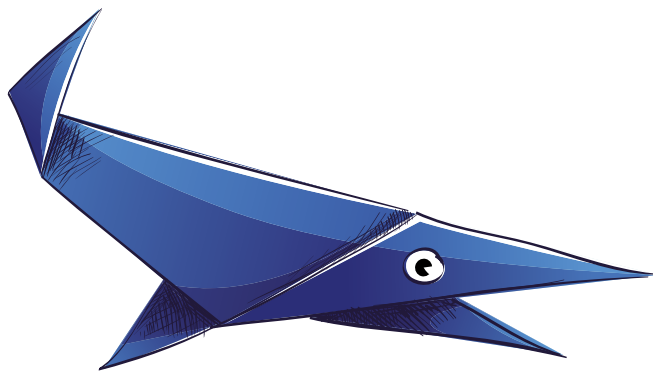


THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN HUAHINE

- **Shell Museum** near the airport, where Frank will teach you how to identify shells, including the poisonous ones!
- Fare Pote'e **Maeva**, a true architectural treasure and a museum about the history of Huahine's marae.
- Centuries-old stone fish parks in the northern lake.
- **Marae Manunu** on Motu Maeva and **Marae Anini** in Parea.
- Feed the sacred eels at Faie.
- Visit Peter Owen's **farm** and **pottery** in Faie (boat shuttle every hour).
- Paint your own **pareo** at one of the pareo workshops on Huahine Iti.
- Take a **4x4 island tour** with a guide to discover the best viewpoints and Huahine's legends.



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Sailing in the double lagoon of Raiatea and Tahaa is magnificent.

Follow the markers and be cautious of pearl farm buoys and fishing nets. Respect private areas: docks, beaches, gardens, and motus, many of which are not open to the public.

Be careful when sailing north of Raiatea and do not enter the restricted area near the runway. Note that Raiatea Airport is also accessible by dinghy.

12 regulated anchoring areas. Sailor briefing and map available at:
■ www.service-public.pt/sdt/plaisance-responsable

ANCHORAGES

UTUROA VILLAGE

- **Aito North:** ZMR for 20 vessels / 2 days. Anchor on a sandbank.
- **Aito South:** ZMR for 11 vessels / 2 days. Dinghy access to the village. Nearby: Tourism Office, restaurants, shops, market, supermarkets, pharmacy, ATM...

EAST COAST

- **Vairahi Bay:**
ZMR for 10 vessels / 2 days.
Dock, access to the village of Avera via the Fishermen's Marina. Nearby: small shops, pharmacy, horseback and hiking trails, and other activities.

Ranch Cardichon

Ph. 87 22 21 65 • Cardichon Valley

- **Motu Tipeamau:**
ZMR for 5 vessels / 2 days.
Anchor in turquoise waters. Snorkeling and surfing at the pass. Private motu – access prohibited.
- **Faaroa Bay**
ZMR for 10 vessels / 2 days.
Excellent sheltered anchorage, with a dinghy dock at the head of the bay, a water and waste collection point, navigable river (by dinghy), botanical garden, and the Mystery House. Transfer available to the Taputapuatea archaeological site (UNESCO World Heritage).

SOUTHERN RAIATEA

- **Fareatai**
ZMR for 5 vessels / 2 days.
Anchor at the edge of turquoise waters. Access to a pearl farm and a shell museum.
- **Tuatau**
ZMR for 4 vessels / 2 days.
A small basin in front of the village allows dinghy access or temporary docking along the quay. Experience the simple atmosphere of a fishing and farming village. Small grocery. Great snorkeling around the private motu of Naonao.
A little further, at Hoeta Point, the new **Apatoa** Hotel & Restaurant with dinghy dock.
Reservation: Ph. 87 29 65 50

WEST COAST

- **Toamaro**
ZMR for 3 vessels / 2 days.
Tehurui Bay (or "Bay of 100 Waterfalls")
Access via Toamaro Pass. Beautiful anchorage with views of Bora Bora. Snorkeling and surfing. Dinghy access to shore via the Fare Vai Nui Restaurant dock, one of the best eateries in Raiatea. Village of Vairao nearby.
Fare Vai Nui - Ph. 87 77 03 64

- **Tevaitoa**
ZMR for 4 vessels / 2 days.
Enter via Rautonui Pass. Dinghy access to the village via the marina. Grocery store, public beach, artisan shops.
- **Uturaerae**
Large ZMR for 30 vessels / 7 to 30 days.
In front of the technical area. Shore access via the small dock at the sports ground behind the shipyard.
Nearby:
Fish & Blue
Seafront restaurant
Ph. 40 66 49 25
- **Motu Tiatai**
ZMR for 10 vessels / 2 days.
Beautiful anchorage on a sandbank.



USEFUL CONTACTS

Uturoa Town Hall - Ph. 40 60 03 80
Gendarmerie - Ph. 40 60 03 05
Police - Ph. 40 60 05 69
Uturoa Hospital - Ph. 40 60 08 00
Dental clinic - Ph. 40 66 31 31
Pharmacy Uturoa - Ph. 40 66 34 44
Air Tahiti at Uturoa airport
Ph. 40 60 04 44

Tahiti Tourisme Raiatea
Tourism office
Ph. 40 60 07 77

RECOMMENDED ACCESS

East Coast of Raiatea

- **Te Ava Piti Pass:** the most navigable pass to reach Uturoa.
- **Iriru Pass:** aligned with Faaroa Bay, bordered by two motus; narrow but deep.

West Coast of Raiatea

- **Rautoanui Pass:** wide and leeward, providing access to Uturaerae.
- **Puaneroa Pass:** access to the southwest of Raiatea.



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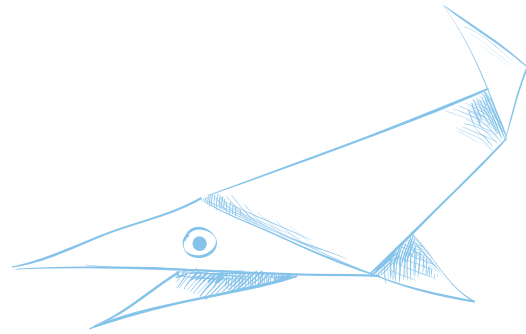
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YACHTING SERVICES

Two fuel stations with direct quay access:

Shell - Ph. 40 66 32 32
Marina in downtown Uturoa – draft 7 m

Total - Ph. 40 66 31 24
Uturoa Marina – draft 5.7 m

Boat maintenance and care:

Haulout and maintenance area at Uturaerae

Two shipyards and a boat storage area

Chandleries, sailmakers, and boat repairs



THE TE MEHANI EXCURSION

Providing an exceptional viewpoint, the Te Mehani plateaus are home to various plants and small trees that are endemic to Raiatea and strictly protected. The *Tiare 'Apetahi* is one of these plants -- the emblem of Raiatea celebrated in many local legends. Unfortunately, it is threatened by extinction.

Remember:

- ▶ Please remain on the designated hiking paths to protect our ongoing ecological restoration efforts. We are replanting rare endemic species, including the sacred *Tiare 'Apetahi*, to ensure they flourish for future generations.
- ▶ Do not step on, cut or pick any plant.
- ▶ When approaching *Tiare 'Apetahi*, please remove your backpack and keep a respectful distance. To help protect this rare plant, groups are limited to 5 people. Touching the vegetation is strictly prohibited.
- ▶ Using the services of a professional guide is recommended.

The Te Mehani Rahi plateau is mostly private. Please contact the Tuihana Association or the Agriculture Authority (Service du Développement Rural) prior to any hike.

The Te Mehani 'Ute'Ute plateau is a designated protected area. To preserve its fragile ecosystem, access is strictly regulated and requires prior official authorization.

Information

Agriculture Authority

Ph. 40 60 21 02

Tuihana Association

Ph. 87 79 37 12 / 87 70 97 12

■ www.tuihana.org

Raiatea Randonnée - Ph. 87 77 91 23
raiatearando@mail.pf

Kiam Marti Randonnée - Ph. 87 27 23 00

MARINAS & MARINE SHOPS & SERVICES

• Uturoa Marina

Some visitor berths. Drinking water, electricity, restrooms and showers. Dinghy access. Note: the gate closes at 6:00 PM.
Ph. 87 22 50 11 / 89 78 18 07
marinadeuturoa@portppt.pf

Dream Yacht

Charter boats for hire
Ph. 40 66 18 80

Te Mara Nui - Dive Operator

Ph. 87 72 19 52

Raiatea Activities

Kayak, kitesurf, etc.
Ph. 87 79 26 27

Alunox Marine

Aluminum and stainless steel welding and fabrication
Ph. 40 66 46 30

• Apooiti Marina

Northwest Raiatea
Visitor quay, dinghy dock, water, dive operator, restaurant, sailmaker, two charter boat bases, artisan shop, and grocery store.
VHF12 • Ph. 40 66 12 20
marinaapooiti@gmail.com

Aveia Sailmaking
regineaveia@yahoo.fr

La Voile d'Or Restaurant

Ph. 40 66 12 97

Hémisphère Sub

Dive Operator - Ph. 87 72 19 52

Tahiti Yacht Charter

VHF 69 • Ph. 40 66 28 80

The Moorings - Sunsail

Ph. 40 66 35 93

• Uturaerae Marine Services

Haulout, various repair and rigging shops

Raiatea Carénage

Haulout, boat storage, repairs, rigging
VHF 68 - racs@raiatea-carenage.com

CNI - Chantier Naval des îles Sous-le-Vent

Haulout, boat storage, repairs
contact@cnilslv.com

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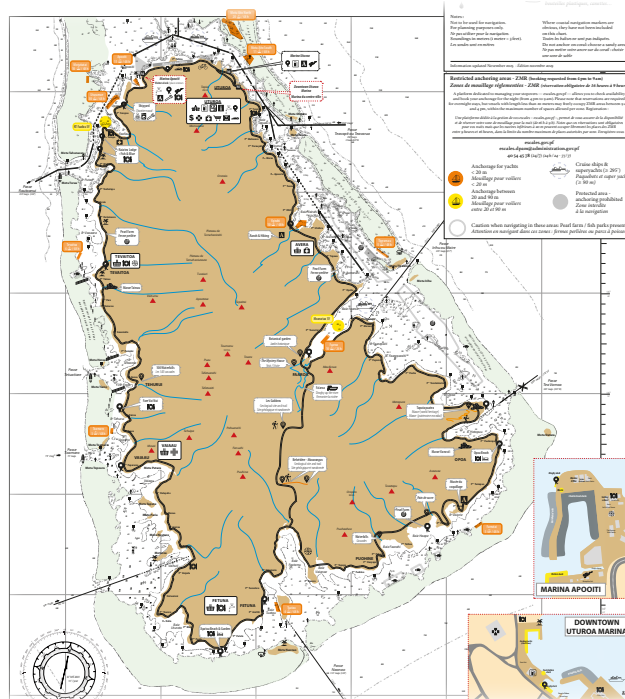
Sailmaking and laundry services
laverie.orion@mail.pf

Artimon Sailmaking

pierre.artimon@gmail.com

Marinalu

contact@marinealu.pf



SUGGESTIONS

Esland Bike

Electric bike rentals to explore Raiatea in a unique and memorable way.

Ph. 87 72 12 71 / 87 73 97 79
esland.bike@gmail.com

■ www.esland.bike

Mystery House

"The Leaning House"

Guided tour. Walk a path of optical illusions that defy the laws of gravity.

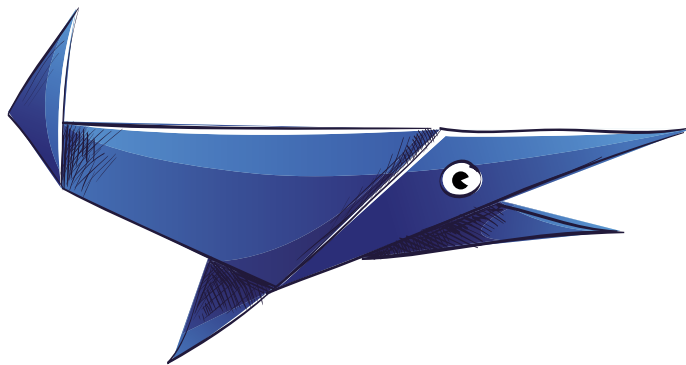
Ph. 87 74 33 12 / 87 21 05 96
go@mysteryhouse.fr

■ mysteryhouse.fr

Raiatea Quad

Half-day quad tours of the southern part of the island.

Ph. 87 79 27 66
raiateaquad@gmail.com



WHERE? WHEN? HOW? TAHAA,

Tahaa is the only island in the Leewards that can be circumnavigated while staying entirely within the lagoon, sheltered from the swell. It is also nicknamed “Vanilla Island” due to its many vanilla plantations.

12 regulated anchoring areas. Sailor briefing and map available at:
■ www.service-public.pf/sdt/plaisance-responsible

ACCESS

Toahotu Pass to the east, 30 m deep and 200 m wide.

Paipai Pass to the west, opposite Tiva, 36 m deep and 250 m wide.

ANCHORAGES

EAST COAST

Haamene Bay

• Vaiapua

ZMR for 2 vessels / 2 days.

Anchorage at the entrance of the bay, dinghy access to shore via **Hibiscus Restaurant** Ph. 87 79 28 81

Nearby: car rental and grocery store.

• Haamene

ZMR for 2 vessels / 1 day. · Anchorage at the head of the bay, in front of the village. Shore access via the ferry quay. Grocery stores, ATM, snack bars, pharmacy, and doctor. Hiking on the Traversière trail. Also, an excellent menu at **Tahaa Maitai Restaurant** – Ph. 40 65 70 85

• Motu Mahaea

Large ZMR for 40 vessels / 1 day.

Anchor over sandy bottom, good holding but exposed to east winds. Meals possible with reservation on **Motu Mahaea** – Ph. 87 28 64 37 On the other side of the pass, on Motu Toahotu, enjoy traditional Maa Tahiti on Sundays – Ph. 87 28 26 81

• Faaaha

ZMR for 4 vessels / 2 days.

Dinghy access to the pearl farm and **Motu Pearl Farm Restaurant** – Ph. 40 65 66 25 Short Walk to Vanilla Valley

• Motu Moute

ZMR for 2 vessels / 2 days.

Anchor over sandy bottom in less than 3 m, no aids to navigation – proceed with caution and good visibility. **Eden Private Island Restaurant** – open for lunch and dinner, reservation only – Ph. 87 27 56 00

• Atara

ZMR for 2 vessels / 2 days.

Motu Atara is private – do not walk on the motu. However, snorkeling in this area is excellent.

Household waste

The only place to dispose of garbage is at the quay in the village of Tapuamu.

NORTH

• Tetimaru

ZMR for 3 vessels / 2 days.

Anchor on a sandbank, 2–10 m deep. Beautiful anchorage facing a string of motus, but sometimes exposed to the wind. Coral garden nearby. **Vahine Island Hotel** offers day pass access including lunch. Reservation required – Ph. 40 65 67 38

• Patio ZMR

ZMR for 4 vessels / 2 days.

Anchorage in front of the main village of Tahaa. Dinghy access via small marina. Pharmacy, grocery store, bank, car rental.

• Tuahi

ZMR for 3 vessels / 2 days.

Lovely anchorage right at the edge of the drop-off, sheltered from NW to NE winds only. On the motu: lunch and activities are available. Reservation required – Motu Tuahi Tahaa

The coral garden in northern Tahaa is located in the *hoa* (channel) of Motu Oromahana. Contact Homai, aquatic guide, for an informative guided tour of the area. Ph. 89 52 14 55



WEST COAST

• Pueheru

ZMR for 2 vessels / 2 days.

Access to **Love Here Pearl Farm**.

• Vaioarea

ZMR for 2 vessels / 2 days.

At the north end of the bay, a dock provides access to the village: small supermarket and 2 grocery stores. Access to **la Ora Na Pearl Farm**.

• Tapuamu

ZMR for 6 vessels / 2 days.

Well sheltered from SE winds. Small port with fuel station (jerrycans), water, grocery store, and trash disposal. Nearby: **Pari Pari Rum Distillery** with floating bar.

• Hurepiti Bay

Pending installation of the ZMR, 3 moorings at the head of the bay belong to Vanilla Tour, which offers 4x4 excursions. Dock access for clients only. **Noé Plantier** offers a beautiful botanical-focused tour of Tahaa. Ph. 87 35 86 39

• Apu Bay

ZMR for 20 vessels / 2–30 days.

Shore access via the second large dock inside the bay, belonging to **Champon Pearl Farm**. Visit the beautiful **Champon Pearl Farm** property. Reservation required: Ph. 40 65 66 26

Bakery

Open only early morning (6:00–8:00 AM)

Maru Iti Massage

Massage, energy, traditional Chinese massage or *taurumi* (traditional Polynesian massage) . By appointment only – Maru Iti Massage

Tahaa Yacht Club

Offers numerous services for yachts Ph. 87 27 53 57

Snack Le Ficus

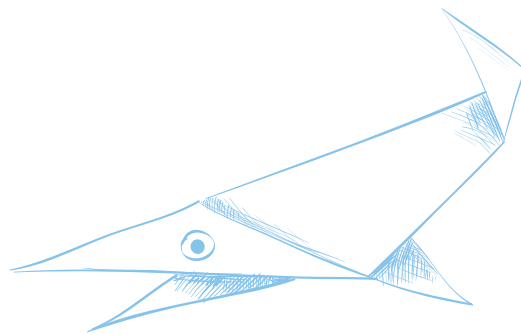
Open certain evenings Ph. 87 30 20 66

Fare Vanira

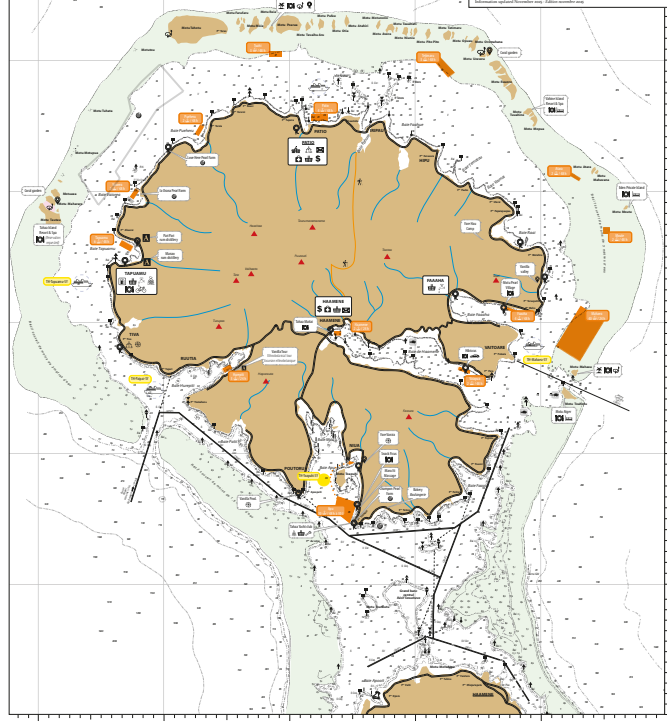
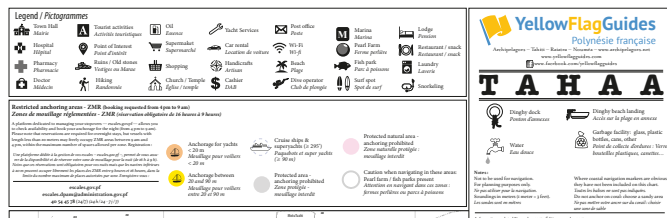
Vanilla plantation



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THE VANILLA ISLAND



To visit the coral garden on your own:

- Avoid using fins that could damage the corals.
- Wear protective clothing rather than sunscreen. Even reef-safe sunscreens introduce foreign substances into the water.
- Dinghy almost up to the reef, but leave one person in the dinghy to monitor swimmers – currents can be strong.
- The surrounding motus are private: you may only walk along the shoreline.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Patio Town Hall

Ph. 40 60 80 80

Gendarmerie

Ph. 40 60 81 05

Haamene dispensary

Ph. 40 65 67 51



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Every year in May, a friendly sailing race with no rules is organized around Tahaa.
champonb@mail.pf



THE SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

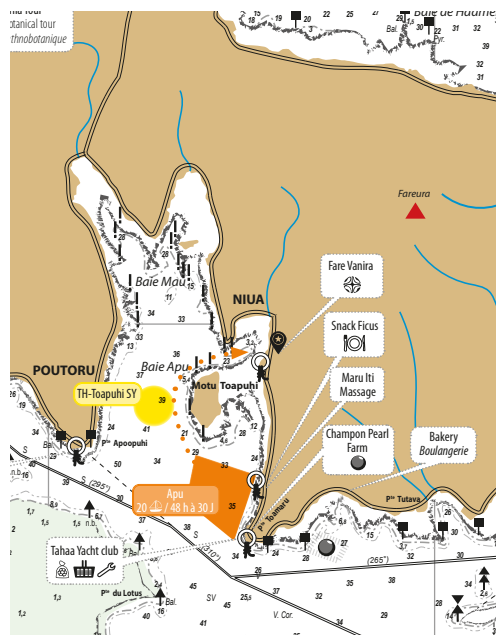
Visiting a local church on Sunday is a highlight. The passionate singing, the beautiful dresses of the mamas, and the intoxicating scent of flower garlands make this cultural immersion an unforgettable experience.



VANILLA OF TAHAA

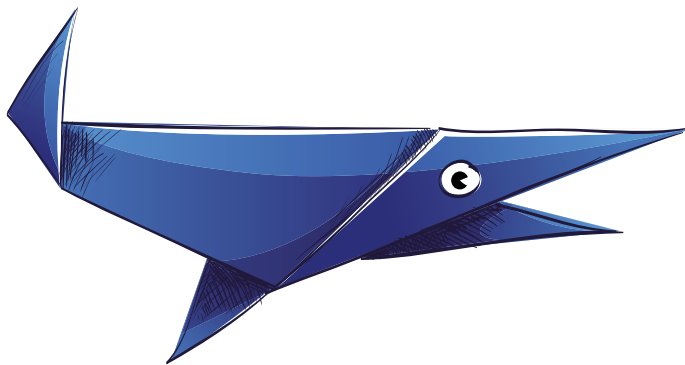
Vanilla tahitensis is a climbing orchid renowned for its exceptionally large, fragrant pods. Because the *Melipona* bee—the orchid's natural pollinator in Mexico—is absent here, each flower must be hand-pollinated with precision and speed during its single morning of bloom.

After a patient nine-month wait for the pods to mature, the labor-intensive curing process begins. The vanilla is sun-dried and aged for an additional two to four months to develop its signature complex aroma.



BAIE DE APU





WHERE?
WHEN?
HOW?

BORA BORA,

Bora Bora, also known as the Pearl of the Pacific due to the beauty of its beaches, its crystal-clear waters, and the wide range of activities available.

ACCESS



If possible, notify **Bora Bora Mooring Services** (BBMS) of your arrival at least 24 hours in advance to ensure a mooring buoy is available. Otherwise, contact them on VHF channel 9 upon entry.

Caution: When approaching from the west, stay well clear of the southern reefs; currents and swells can cause dangerous leeway.

There is only one entry into the lagoon: Teavanui Pass, 10 m deep, located on the leeward side of the island. The pass is navigable in all weather conditions, except during strong westerly winds.

NAVIGATION

It is not possible to circumnavigate Bora Bora from the south, and the northern passage is only accessible to vessels with a draft of less than 2 meters. Maritime traffic in Bora Bora's lagoon is heavy. Stay vigilant.

MOORING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Anchoring is strictly prohibited in Bora Bora in order to protect the lagoon, its coral reefs, and the underwater equipment installed between the motus and the main island. To make your stopover in Bora Bora easier, 100 mooring buoys have been installed across five different zones around the island, managed by BBMS.

Discharging grey or black water is strictly prohibited in Bora Bora's lagoon. Your vessel must be equipped with black water tanks if you plan to stop here. BBMS provides pumpout services, water refills, and sorted household waste collection. Reservations and information are available directly from BBMS.

Booking and information:

Bora Bora Mooring Services
VHF 9 • Ph. 89 44 08 88
bbmoorings@gmail.com

- 2 regulated anchoring areas (ZMR) for vessels < 20 m : Taimoo and Faanui
 - 8 anchorages around the island for vessels > 20 m
- Reservation via**
■ escales.gov.pf



YACHT SERVICES
Dock Acces, Wifi
Trash Disposal, Shower, Parking
Day Pass : 3.000xpf per boat
Deductible from dinner

SERVICES

- .Water Refilling
100xpf / Litre (water and service)
- .Laundry Service
8.500 XPF / machine
- .Storage and Logistic
5.000 XPF / hour



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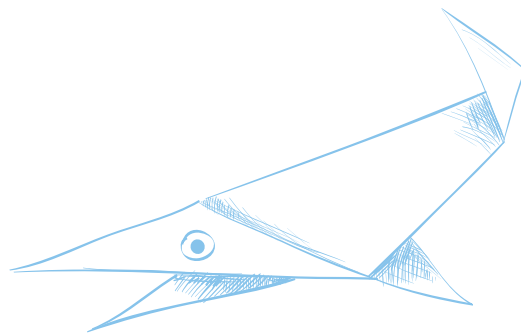
RESTAURANT
Open every day, for lunch and dinner
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Bora Bora Yacht Club



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THE PEARL...



MOORING AREAS

5 mooring areas managed/BBMS:

- **Behind Motu Topua**
Sheltered waters with sunset views.
Access to several snorkeling sites.
Daypasses at **Conrad Hotel**.
- **Povai Bay**
Shore access by dinghy in front of the **Bloody Mary** restaurant, or to the beautiful Matira Beach.
- **In front of Bora Bora Yacht Club**
Shore access to the **Yacht Club**, or further on, to the **Vaitape** dock.
- **In front of Vaitape village**
- **Southeast, in front of Motu Taurere**
One of the most scenic mooring areas. Beach access, snorkeling, activities, snacks bars, restaurants.

2 regulated anchoring areas (ZMR) with reservation via

- escales.gov.pf
- **North, in Taimoo Bay**
ZMR of 5 vessels / 36 hours.
Ideal for dinghy trips to beautiful snorkeling sites and manta rays.
Convenient also for reaching the airport by dinghy.
- **Faanui Bay**
ZMR of 5 vessels / 36 hours.

SERVICES FOR CRUISERS

Fuel Station

TotalEnergies

Fueling available at the dock (3 m draft).

Shuttle Service

Air Tahiti shuttle operates between the airport on a motu and the Vaitape dock.

Marine Supply Stores

Sin Tung Hing Marine

Faanui Bay • Ph. 40 67 63 57

Marine Service

Vaitape • Ph. 89 40 60 38 38

RECOMMENDATIONS

Restaurants & Bars

Bora Bora Yacht Club

Farepiti Point. Dock, ice, toilets, laundry, free Wi-Fi.
Ph. 40 67 60 47
contact.bbyc@gmail.com

■ boraborayachtclub.org

Restaurant & bar St James

Vaitape Bay. Access by dinghy.
Reservation required.
Ph. 40 67 64 62
■ saintjamesborabora.com

Le Bloody Mary

Povai Bay - Ph. 40 67 69 10

Bora Bora Beach Club

Matira beach. Restaurant, bar, shop.
Ph. 40 67 52 50
f Bora Bora Beach Club
contact.boraborabeachclub@gmail.com

Le Conrad Hotel

Motu Topua. Daypasses available
Ph. 40 60 33 00.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Bora Bora Town Hall

Ph. 40 50 58 00

Police

Ph. 40 67 70 41

Gendarmerie

Ph. 40 60 59 05

Fire Department Free call: dial 18

Health Center

Ph. 40 67 70 77

Lafayette Pharmacy Bora Bora

Ph. 40 67 70 30

Post office

Ph. 40 67 70 24

Bora Bora Tourism Office

Ph. 40 67 76 36
info@borabora-officiel.com
■ borabora-tourisme.com

...MAUPITI, THE SEDUCTRESS

22 NM from Bora Bora, Maupiti charms visitors with its authentic character, far from the tourist crowds.

ACCESS

Oniau Pass. Located to the south. Navigate only in daylight, preferably at slack tide. The narrow pass generates strong tidal currents; exercise caution and prepare to abort if there is a southerly swell over 2 m.

At the entrance, line up the red/white range marker to guide you through the most difficult section, then continue following the buoys to the anchorage. The lagoon is partially navigable for shallow draft vessels.

ANCHORAGES

- **Pointe Patito**
Main dock, 30 m long, to the south. Water from the tank available. Fuel is very limited (at Electra).
- **Motu Pitiahe**
North of Pointe Tamaupiti, just outside the pass. Good for fishing and snorkeling. Access to the manta ray cleaning station at less than 10 m depth, where these majestic animals come for their spa treatment -- being cleaned by smaller fish.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Maupiti Town Hall

Ph. 40 60 15 55

Medical Center

Ph. 40 67 63 66

Health Clinic

Ph. 40 67 80 18

• Motu Tiapaa

Very sheltered anchorage in the entrance channel, 6–8 m depth. Polynesian BBQ every Saturday on the motu.

• Pauma

200 m east of the dock (2 m draft), depth 5–6 m. Provides access to the village, shops, bank, bicycle rental, and snack bars.

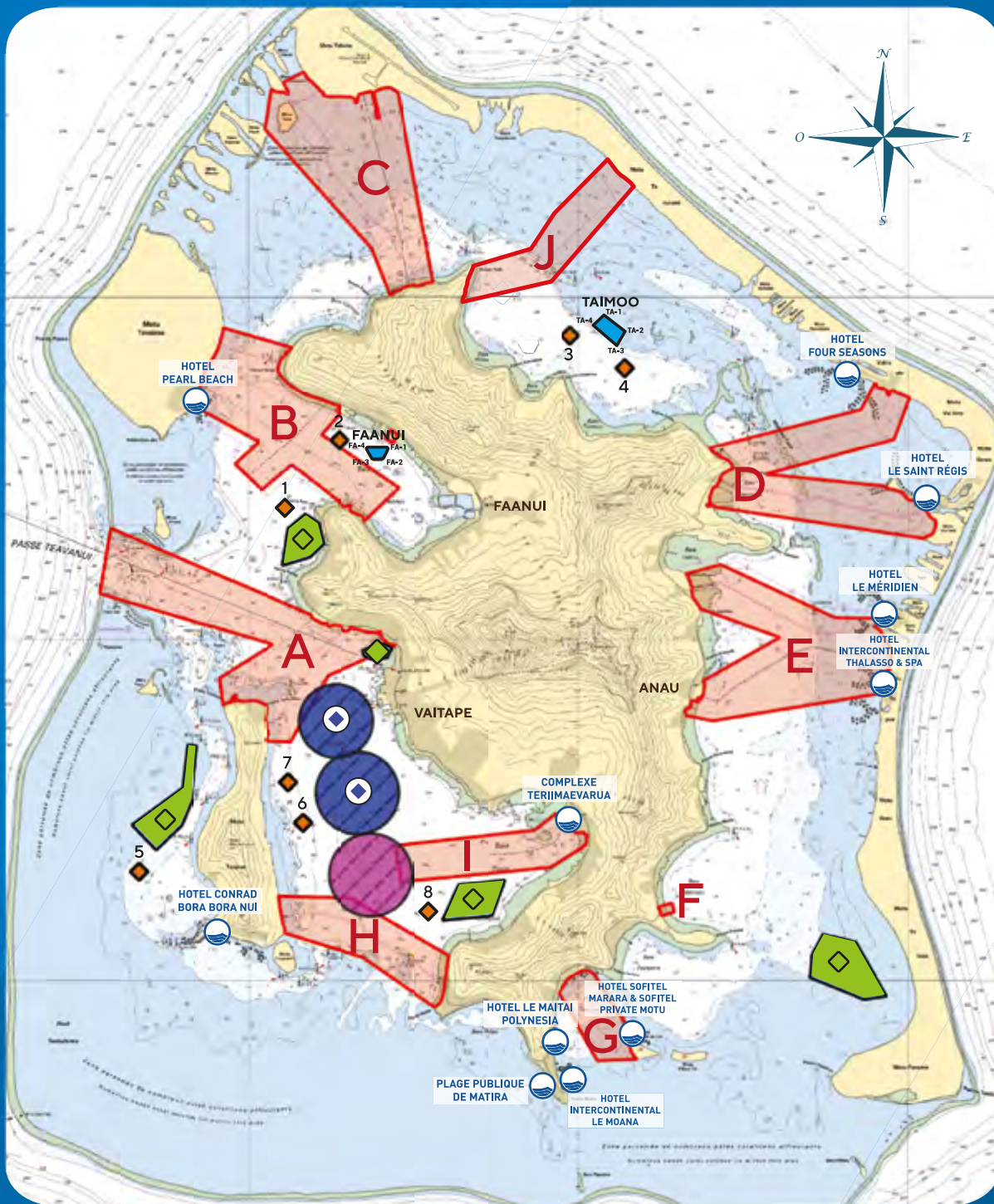
THINGS TO DO

- Hike Mount Teurafaatii
- Bike around the island
- Taste varo (local crustaceans)

Maupiti Tourism Office

President: Tehei Taputu
Ph. 87 72 81 25
■ maupititourisme@gmail.com





AUTORISÉ (Authorized)

PAQUEBOT DE CROISIÈRE / CRUISE SHIP



+ DE 90 MÈTRES
+296 feet

Évitage de paquebot / Liner distance
rayon d'évitage / turning radius = 150m

ZONES DE MOUILLAGE	NOM	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	RAYON D'ÉVITAGE
BO-1	BO-1-V	151° 45.42' W	16° 28.28' S	400 mètres
BO-2	BO-2-V	151° 45.24' W	16° 30.30' S	450 mètres
ZONES DE MOUILLAGE DE DÉSENGAGEMENT	NOM	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	RAYON D'ÉVITAGE
BO-3	BO-3-V	151° 45.26' W	16° 31.38' S	450 mètres

Zone de dégagement de paquebots

Mouillage de paquebot
Liner mooring

YACHT



20 À 90 MÈTRES
66-296 feet

Mouillage de yacht / Yacht mooring
rayon d'évitage / turning radius = 150m

1	Yacht Club 1	151° 45.752' O	16° 29.243' S
2	Faanui 1	151° 45.449' O	16° 28.838' S
3	Hitiiaa 1	151° 44.051' O	16° 28.223' S
4	Hitiiaa 2	151° 43.719' O	16° 28.413' S
5	Toopua 1	151° 44.664' O	16° 31.361' S
6	Vaitape 1	151° 45.760' O	16° 30.838' S
7	Vaitape 2	151° 45.670' O	16° 31.075' S
8	Bloody Mary's 1	151° 44.898' O	16° 31.595' S

NAVIRE DE PLAISANCE / PLEASURE VESSEL



10 À 20 MÈTRES
33-66 feet

ZONES AMÉNAGÉES

Mouillage sur bouée uniquement
Mooring on buoy only

Vitesse max : 3 noeuds / Max speed : 3 knots

Zones libres - ancrage autorisé // Authorized free zones

ZONE LIBRE DE TAIMOO

Free zone of Taimoo

TA-1	151° 43.830' O	16° 28.155' S
TA-2	151° 43.710' O	16° 28.260' S
TA-3	151° 43.765' O	16° 28.345' S
TA-4	151° 43.910' O	16° 28.215' S

Limitation : 5 navires / Limit: 5 vessels

Vitesse max : 3 noeuds / Max speed : 3 knots

ZONE LIBRE DE FAANUI

Free zone of Faanui

FA-1	151° 45.165' O	16° 28.899' S
FA-2	151° 45.190' O	16° 28.948' S
FA-3	151° 45.238' O	16° 28.949' S
FA-4	151° 45.268' O	16° 28.898' S

Durée du séjour max : 36h / Max length of stay: 36h

Tout mouillage à Bora Bora doit faire l'objet d'une déclaration d'arrivée auprès du gestionnaire des zones, avec présentation des documents du bateau, du permis et de la pièce identité du capitaine. Contact : 89 440 888 ou VHF 9.

All sea vessels visiting Bora Bora must be declared at the zone managers office. Kindly present the vessel's documents, a boat license and the captain's identity documents. Contact: 89 440 888 or VHF 9.

PROTECTION DES RÉSEAUX PROTECTION OF UNDERWATER CABLES



Interdiction de mouillage sur ancre
pour protection des réseaux sous-marins
No anchor mooring for the protection of underwater cable networks
(Baignade non conseillée) (swimming not recommended)

Le mouillage et le stationnement de tout navire sont strictement interdits hors des zones dédiées au mouillage autorisé. Toute infraction constatée sera sanctionnée.

Anchoring and parking of any vessel is strictly prohibited outside the areas authorized for anchoring. Any violation found will be penalized.

ZONES DE MOUILLAGE INTERDITS / PROHIBITED ANCHORING AREAS :

A	Zone A	C	Zone C	E	Zone E	G	Zone G	I	Zone I
B	Zone B	D	Zone D	F	Zone F	H	Zone H	J	Zone J

ENVIRONMENTAL APPROACH

It is clear that there has been a significant increase in the number of sailboats or pleasure crafts in our lagoon waters over the past decade. Therefore, the establishment of public services and reception sites adapted to the needs of nautical tourism is more than essential. We absolutely must preserve our environmental heritage.

Bora Bora has chosen a lagoon management policy thanks to the public-private partnership, with the establishment of zones in the lagoon dedicated to moorings (see: Order of the council of Ministers No. 2442 / CM of November 22, 2018 and Order of the Council of Ministers No. 651 / CM of June 2, 2020 available on www.service-public.pf/dpam) and public services such as the supply of drinking water, the recovery of wastewater as well as the collection of waste from sailboats and pleasure craft. The equipment of these public services is installed on the Vaitape quay and is managed by the company Bora Moorings & Services.

The town asks all visitors to respect its environment, particularly its lagoon, and above all not to frequent the so-called ecotourism areas reserved only for approved tourist providers. For all access to ecotourism zones or information on approved service providers, please contact Bora Bora Activities at 40 67 76 36 or by email: boraboraactivities@mail.pf

SENSIBILISATION (Awareness)



Pêche réglementée :
Se renseigner sur les zones de pêche avant auprès de la municipalité.



Dans le lagon, l'observation et les visites des baleines et des mantas sont interdites sauf par le prestataire agréé par la Direction de l'environnement.



Noise



Trash disposal



Collection of coral and plants prohibited



Seashell and shellfish collection prohibited



Collection of endemic species prohibited

Comité du Tourisme de Bora Bora

Bora Bora

COURSE toward
environnemental excellence



The BLUE FLAG, What is it?

An international eco-label in 49 countries (+4000 beaches & marinas) established according to 4 strict criteria:

- Education & awareness,
- Environmental management,
- Waste management,
- Water management.

Bora Bora has been receiving the Blue Flag since 2000

The goal is to preserve the environment, to encourage proper behaviour by the local population, the professionals, and the tourists.

More informations : blueflag.org

Dreamlike dipping in the lagoon

Bora Bora maintains permanent control over 12 swimming sites, for a water of excellent quality all year long.

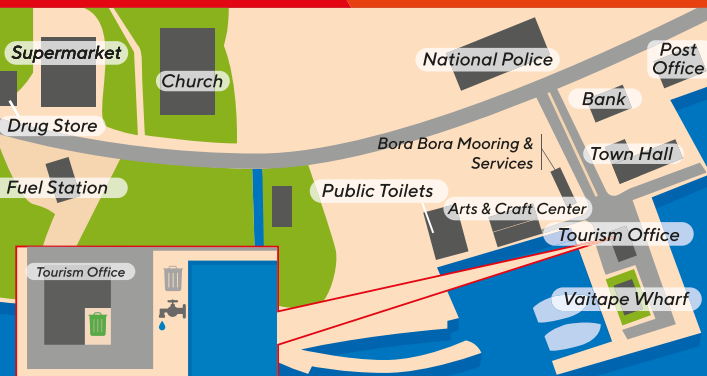
This is the result of a thorough sanitation program with modern and recent infrastructures.

You can enjoy the lagoon's wonders under the best conditions of hygiene, respect for the environment and safety.

Visibles sites - see map



CITY OF VAITAPE



BORA BORA TOWN HALL

40 60 58 00



MUNICIPAL POLICE & FIRE BRIGADE

18 (FREE) // 40 67 70 41



NATIONAL POLICE

40 60 59 05



MEDICAL & DENTAL CENTER

40 67 70 77



TOURISM OFFICE

40 67 76 36



WASTE COLLECTION POINT

89 44 08 88



WATER POINTS

VAITAPE WHARF 89 44 08 88

YACHT CLUB 89 45 00 00

BLOODY MARY'S 40 67 72 86

◀ TO FAANUI

- Public Works
- Drug Store / Pharmacy

TO ANAU ▶

- Matoru Beach
- Medical & Dental Center

For further information, contact the Town Hall of Bora Bora

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- 100 maintained moorings
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SERVICES OFFERED

- Three 100% potable water stations: Yacht Club, Vaitape Wharf & Bloody Mary's
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- Lagoon passenger transfers
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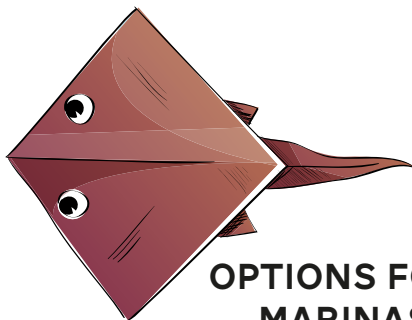
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Prior declaration required before arrival in Bora Bora

Penalties apply in case of non-declaration.
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BBMS is not yet listed on the DPAM Escales website; for Bora Bora moorings, you'll need to go directly through BBMS.

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OPTIONS FOR BOAT STORAGE: MARINAS AND HARDSTAND

DRY BOAT STORAGE

Three of our archipelagoes offer ways for you to either dry store your boat in a boatyard, or leave it anchored with security services.

WINDWARD ISLANDS

Sail Tahiti

Boat-sitting or management services during your time away.
Ph. 87 24 28 75 / 87 32 88 45
contact@sailtahiti.com

Tahiti Nautic Center

Taravao PK 58 (Phaeton Bay)
• **Repairs:** diesel & outboard motors, fibreglassing, etc.
• **Boatyard:** hauling up to 25 tons, cradle storage.
• **Long-term storage,** in water (20 berths) or on land (30 spots).
• **Shipchandler,** sale of outboard and inboard motors, sail making, carpentry.
Ph. 87 74 85 60
tnc@mail.pf

Technimarine Sarl

Motu Uta - Papeete
• **Repairs:** aluminium, steel, stainless, fibreglass, mechanical.
• **BoatYard:** all boats up to 25 m, 3 travelifts (70, 75 and 300 tons)
• **Caretaking and mechanical services.**
Ph. 40 43 02 22
87 71 70 61 / 87 22 21 49
exploitation@technimarine.pf
■ www.technimarine.pf

Moorea Marina

Opunohu Bay - Moorea
Boat storage at dock or at anchor.
■ mooreamarina.com

LEEWARD ISLANDS

Chantier Naval des ISLV

Uturaerae PK 6, Uturoa - Raiatea
• **Lifting up to 22 tons / 24 m draft.**
• **Boatyard & Repairs:** fibreglass, epoxy, carbon, wood, welding, stainless, aluminum, sail repairs.
• **Mechanical & electrical services,** diesel, electronics, painting, refrigeration, rigging.
• **Servicing** of Plastimo life rafts.
• **50 long term spots on land,** fenced and guarded.
Ph. 40 66 10 10
Whatsapp: 87 33 38 64
contact@cnislv.com
■ www.cnislv.com

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• **Repairs:** fibreglass, epoxy, carbon, wood, welding, stainless, aluminum, sail repairs.
• **Sail making, rigging, mechanical services,** refrigeration, painting, antifouling, and varnish.
• **Boatyard:** travelift to 50 tons; marine railway to 70 tons.
• **Caretaking:** on adjustable metal cradles; fenced-in work area.
• **Store,** cooking gas refills.
• **Rescue,** salvage.
Ph. 40 60 05 45 - VHF 68
rcs@raiatea-carenage.com
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Boat Maintenance and Services

• **Shipyard:** rigging, mechanical & electrical services. Caretaking / maintenance in your absence.
Ph. 87 74 95 60 - bms@mail.pf

UNIQUE IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Under French Polynesia's welcoming customs regulations, your vessel may remain in the territory for up to 24 months under the Temporary Admission (Boating) regime. Whether you choose a modern marina in Tahiti or Moorea, a professional dry-storage yard in the Marquesas or Tuamotus, or a secure mooring with a professional caretaking service, your yacht is in expert hands.



TUAMOTUS

Apataki Carénage Services

Access through Pakaka pass (marked) or Tehere.
• **Boatyard:** long term dry storage.
• **Hydraulic trailer** (17 tons).
• **Store, antifouling,** primer, resin, other small items.
Ph. 87 72 78 13 – 87 71 45 29
– 87 71 61 39
apatakicarenageservices@gmail.com
■ www.apatakicarenage.com

MARQUESAS

Maintenance Marquises Service Hiva Oa

• **Repairs, mechanical & electrical services,** refrigeration, onboard instruments, air conditioning, hydraulic systems.
• **Boatyard and caretaking:** boats up to 18m and 25 tons.
Ph. 87 73 90 45 / 40 92 75 05
direction@maintenancemarquises.com
■ www.maintenancemarquises.com

Yacht Services Nuku Hiva

• **Caretaking:** for boats at anchor – services to be defined by contract.
• **Hull cleaning.**
VHF 72 • Ph. 40 92 07 50 / 87 22 68 72
ysnukuhiva@hotmail.com
■ www.yachtservicesnukuhiva.com

Nuku Hiva Maintenance

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nukuhiva.maintenance@gmail.com

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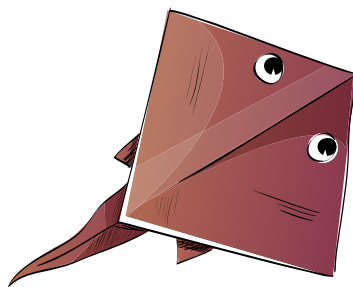
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EXIT FORMALITIES

CONTINUING THE VOYAGE

DEPARTURE FORMALITIES

Immigration & Port Exit:

If departing from Tahiti or Moorea, register your exit with Papeete Port Yachting Service (contact details on page 5) and finalize your online customs and immigration declarations via the official portal before departure.

Customs & Clearance:

Visit the customs office within 24 hours of your planned departure. For Monday departures, complete this on the preceding Friday. If your next destination requires an Exit Clearance, obtain one from the Papeete Autonomous Port at Motu Uta (trafficmaritime@portppt.pf). This clearance is also required to access duty-free diesel.

Border Control (STPAF):

Entry and exit regulations for non-residents are managed by the Border Police (STPAF). Non-EU citizens are required to contact the Border Police directly to ensure all visa and stay requirements are met upon exit.

Tahiti Faa'a Airport

BP 6362 – 98702 Faa'a
dtpn987-stpaf-usg@interieur.gouv.fr
Ph. 40 80 06 00

IMPORTATION OF MARINE EQUIPMENT AND PARTS

Customs & Duty Exemptions for Visiting Vessels

Under the Temporary Admission (TA) regime, visiting vessels are granted a suspension of duties and taxes.

This exemption extends to spare parts, specialized equipment, and components required for the repair or maintenance of the vessel while in French Polynesia.

Declaration Procedures

All spare parts and equipment must be declared to Customs

under the DAUP (Single Administrative Document) unguaranteed model, utilizing Tariff Code 99.08.00.00.

Please note: Non-residents are not entitled to standard postage-free allowances. Consequently, a formal customs declaration must be filed for all temporary imports, regardless of their declared value.

Eligibility for Replacements

To maintain duty-free status on imported replacement parts, the original (replaced) equipment must be handled in one of three ways:

- **Destruction:** Supervised destruction (official certificate required).
- **Re-export:** Customs declaration upon departure.
- **Nationalization:** Payment of applicable duties and taxes to release the item for local consumption.

Imported equipment that is not for repair or a direct replacement (e.g., new optional upgrades) is subject to full duties and taxes and does not qualify for exemptions.

Exceptions to the Rule

Tax suspension may also be granted as a derogation in the following cases:

- For reasons of general public interest.
- When parts are listed on the initial entry declaration but delivered at a later date.

Logistical Advice

Depending on the value of the equipment, we recommend utilizing a licensed freight forwarder or purchasing through local merchants. We strongly advise requesting quotes and checking local availability before ordering parts from outside French Polynesia.

VAT Refunds on Departure

If you purchase equipment or fueling supplies immediately prior to departure, and the merchant applies the Final Exportation regime (DAUP Model E100), you may be eligible for a VAT refund. If you choose to pay the tax in full, no formal exit formalities are required.

FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE OR INFORMATION

We recommend contacting the
Customs Advisory Office (Cellule Conseil aux Entreprises)
located in Motu Uta
Ph. 40 50 55 58
cce-polynesie@douane.finances.gouv.fr

YACHT TRANSPORT & SHIPPING

If you wish to depart French Polynesia and have your vessel repatriated by sea, several specialized shipping options are available. Companies such as Freight E Com provide expert guidance on the logistics and scheduling.

DUTY-FREE FUEL

- Duty-Free Fuel Authorization: This permit is issued exclusively by the Papeete Customs Office and remains valid for six months.
- If you are using a maritime agent, they can facilitate this authorization on your behalf immediately upon your arrival in the Marquesas.

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