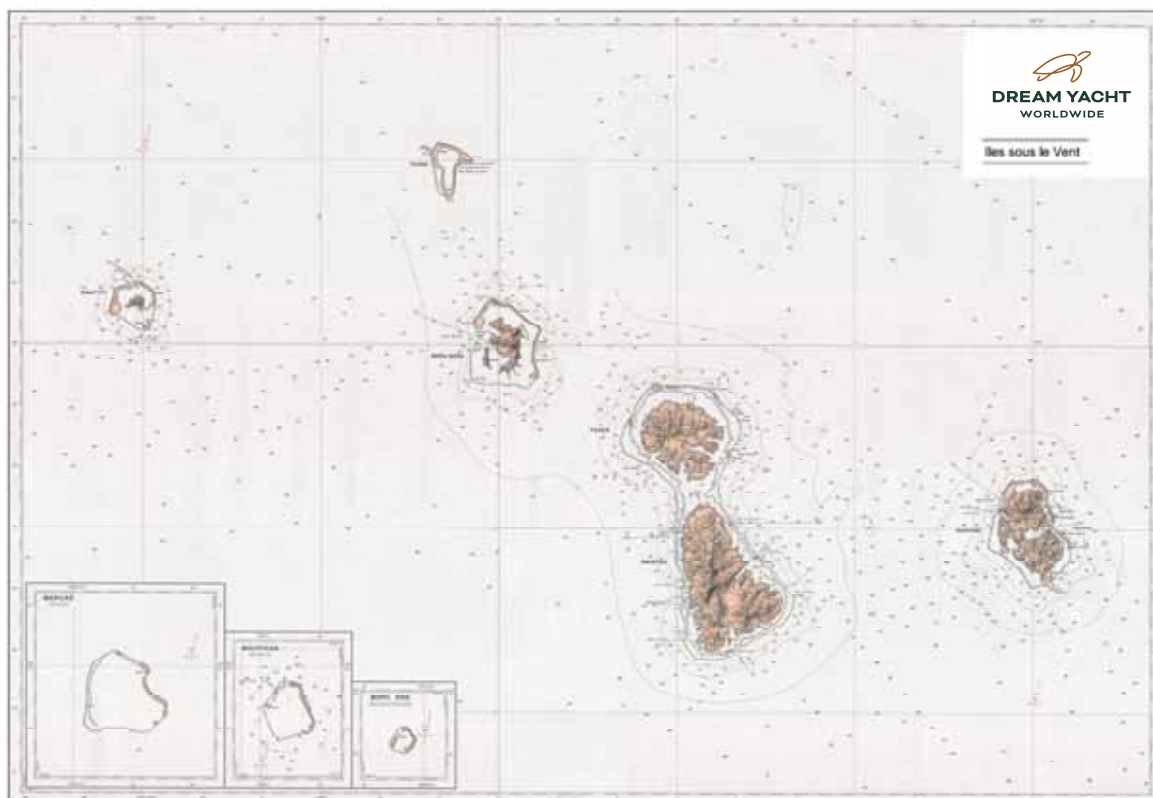


# I les sous le Vent

## Pilot guide





## *Pre-Cruise Information*

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MAEVA! Welcome to the beautiful cruising grounds of the Iles sous le vent, or The Leeward Islands.

The following information will answer many of the questions you might have about the area you will be visiting. This guide is often updated so ask for the **last electronic version** at the base with a pen drive or email request. The base can also provide you the local charts on pdf file for further printings.

For more touristic information, we recommend the website <http://www.guidepolynesie.com>

8AM to 4PM on Sundays

Customer service : Olivier 689 87 233 150

base manager Frederic 689 87 305 502

email : [baseraiatea@dreamyacht.com](mailto:baseraiatea@dreamyacht.com)

skype dyraiatea [www.dreamyacht.com](http://www.dreamyacht.com)

Please contact us whenever needed during office hours.  
Call outside of these hours **only for emergency**.

## *Arrival in Raiatea*

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Should you require transfers from the Airport to the Dream Yacht base, please don't hesitate to contact us or ask your agent.

If your Air Tahiti flight is delayed or rescheduled, please call us so we can prepare your arrival and reschedule your transfer.

Car rental : This is very convenient for provisioning  
Book in advance : [raiatealocation@mail.pf](mailto:raiatealocation@mail.pf) tel 40663406

At the marina you will have ample time to stow your luggage and provisions before commencing a boat

## *The Dream Yacht Tahiti Team*

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Dream Yacht Tahiti

Marina d'Uturoa

Raiatea 98735 BP 2274 Uturoa French Polynesia

tel 689 40 66 18 80 fax 689 40 66 18 76

Opening hours

8AM to 5PM during the week

check-out and chart briefing. In case of an early flight, ask the taxi to bring you to the Uturoa town for a breakfast. Your baggage can be stored at the base.

### After your charter

Your charter ends at 9 AM and if you have a late flight You can leave your baggage in our store room then spend the day touring the island. Car-scooter rental : call Raiatea Location, they come to the base tel 40 66 34 06.

The Snack de l'aéroport is a nice bar and restaurant, nice place where to rest before or after your charter. Good French food specialties Tel 87 745151

Day use possible at VILLA IXORA - Restaurant & Lodge Laure ELZIERE PK 2.5km - Côte Est BP 1298 Uturoa- 98735 RAIATEA Tel 40 66 33 00 - Fax 40 66 32 00

Mail : [villaixora@mail.pf](mailto:villaixora@mail.pf) or Raiatea Lodge: Tel 40 66 20 00 [www.raiateahotel.com](http://www.raiateahotel.com) // email [raiateahotel@mail.pf](mailto:raiateahotel@mail.pf)

### Hotels in Raiatea :

Sunset beach : [www.sunset-raiatea.pf](http://www.sunset-raiatea.pf)  
[sunsetbeach@mail.pf](mailto:sunsetbeach@mail.pf) tel 689 40 663308 ( very pretty 3km from base free transfers )

Raiatea Lodge : [www.raiateahotel.com](http://www.raiateahotel.com) // [raiateahotel@mail.pf](mailto:raiateahotel@mail.pf) tel 689 40 661200 ( nice , 4km from base)

Villa Tonoï : [www.villatonoi.com](http://www.villatonoi.com) // contact@villatonoi.com villa Tonoï : [www.villatonoi.com](http://www.villatonoi.com) [laura@villatonoi.com](mailto:laura@villatonoi.com) tl 689 87298906 ( in town, free transfers)

Villa Temehani tel 689 40 66 12 88 or 87 77 54 87 ( nice 10KM from base )

Opoa Beach Hotel : [www.opoabeach.com](http://www.opoabeach.com) ( far away from our base ) tel 689 40600510

Hinano Hotel contact@hotel-hinano-raiatea.com tel 689 40 661313 ( in town )

Résidence Le Dauphin Suzie TEITI Vini : 87.78.90.74 Mail : [resaledauphin@mail.pf](mailto:resaledauphin@mail.pf) ( in town note : the Hawaiki Nui is closed, definitely

### Airline baggage

Excess luggage charge could be very expensive, especially on the small planes between Papeete and Raiatea or the other islands. Please limit yourself to two soft bags per person as light as possible. If you are over the limit you may have to pay excess baggage charges on the small carrier serving Raiatea.

Airlines company contacts

Air Tahiti Nui Tel: (689) 40 46 03 03

Fax: (689) 40 46 02 22

Email : [reservations@airtahitinui.pf](mailto:reservations@airtahitinui.pf)

Web : [www.airtahitinui.com](http://www.airtahitinui.com)

Air Tahiti inter islands flights (689) 86 42 42

Book your inter-island flights on [www.airtahiti.pf](http://www.airtahiti.pf)

A valid passport is required to enter Tahiti. No visas are required for American, Australian, British or European citizens for a stay of less than 3 months. Citizens of other countries should check your Airline Company or ask their local French Consulate.

### Communication

The VHF is rarely used except for emergency procedures. Cell phones are the preferred method as the mobile reception is pretty good and most people find it easier and simpler. Should you wish to talk from boat to boat, you can do so on VHF Ch. 69, 71, 72. THE VHF's range is about 25 nautical miles unless restricted by mountains, so in case of emergency dial 16 on the local mobile phone to reach the emergency center (MRCC) in Papeete.

We recommend to buy a local SIM card for your mobile (if not blocked on your provider), or rent a mobile at the base. (Book in advance around 20 Euros/week, free calls to the base). It comes with a prepaid credit , free calls to DYC staff and you can buy some more credit for the mobile phone or internet at any Post Office in the islands.

In the islands dial only the 8 numbers: i.e. 87305 502 for the base manager.

**If you want be contacted by the base, it is possible only with a local number, we do not call international numbers.**

### Internet

The Internet is unfortunately basically slow and expensive in French Polynesia.

One can find an Internet cafe in Uturoa, Bora Bora and Papeete town. Some restaurants in the islands offer free wifi. New: There is a free wifi access around the Uturoa market.

#### **3GConnection**

It is also possible to buy an internet SIM card in one of the Vinistores (Papeete and Raiatea) and at the base if ordered in advance for a 3G permanent connection..





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More information:  
<http://www.vini.pt/mobile/international/international-en.htm>

**To contact us:**  
 Customer service Tel : 19 50 - 89 440 - 98 713 Papeete - Tahiti  
[www.vini.pt](http://www.vini.pt) - [www.facebook.com/vinitahiti](https://www.facebook.com/vinitahiti)

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## Currency

Central Pacific Franc (CFP or XPF) is the local money (fixed rate with Euros: 1 euros = 119.33 CFP). Credit cards are widely accepted except by small businesses and restaurants. Amex will be refused in many places including the Dream yacht office, Visa MasterCard preferred. Most bank cards work at the banks' ATM machines, Notify your bank at home of your departure to French Polynesia and check the cash per week limitation.

## Taxiboat

If someone have to join a boat sailing the lagoon, contact a taxiboat :

Raiatea Tahaa : Taxiboat 40 656248

Bora Bora : Taximotu 87 773323 Manu Taxi Boat 87 791162 Lagoon service 87 756957

## Stopover or returning at the DYC base.

Ideally located in the middle of the Leeward's, our base is perfect for a technical stopover: water, diesel, gasoline refill, prov, linen change (**not on Sundays**).

Call the base bay phone 1 day before coming and let us know what you need: pit-stop or overnight, water, diesel, propane, linen change, beverage, provisioning, technical issue, so we can prepare and make you stopover fast and easy. Call again when right in front of the marina, our staff will meet you and assist you for docking. **Stopovers are**

possible during the busy week-ends, but we will offer a better service during the week (especially the Saturdays very busy and minimum staff on Sundays : avoid the Sundays)

In case of unattended late arrival, pick up a mooring outside and dock next morning.

Last night: the Apu bay, the Motu Cerant, the Teavapiti pass or the motu Artificiel moorings are some good anchorages for the last night as less than 1H30 from the base.

## Churches

Usual offices hours:

Protestant church	Sunday	1000-1100
Catholic Church	Saturday	1800-1900
	Sunday	0800-0900



The island people are quite modest and dress up when going to church. Ladies wear dresses and gentlemen wear long pants and a nice shirt.







### Emergency Phone Numbers:

#### **Gendarmerie/ police station**

**Raiatea    Bora Bora    Huahine    Tahaa**  
40663107   40677058   40688261   40656407

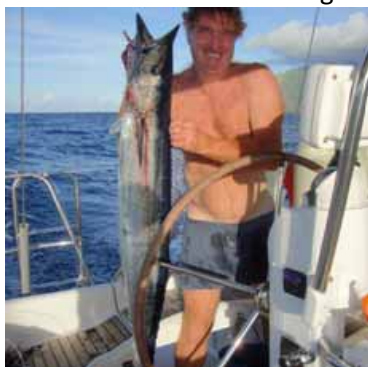
#### **Hospital**

**Raiatea    Bora Bora    Huahine    Tahaa**  
40663503   40677077   40688218   40656331

### Fishing gear, Kayaks & Standup paddleboards

Having a paddleboard or a kayak is a must for exploring the motus surroundings.

A limited number of kayaks, paddleboard and fishing rods are available for rent at our marina. It is advisable to book them by contacting us or your agent at least few weeks in advance. Offshore fishing gear is available for hire through Dream Yacht Charter.



During your passage between the islands you will find tuna, mahi-mahi and thazards, which can be caught and they are all good to eat. Do not eat any coral fish as they could be poisonous (Ciguatera).



Every year many fishing rods are stolen in Bora Bora and Huahine when left in the cockpit or on the rod holders. Make sure to store the rods inside when you don't use them.

### Medical

Your boat comes with a basic first aid kit, so be sure to bring any necessary prescription drugs and specific medicine with you, especially for a long charter. The first aid kit is for an immediate treatment, so do not wait and go to the nearest village to see a doctor and/or go to the pharmacy. There is a pharmacy on each of the Leeward Islands except for Tahaa where there is only a small clinic and a doctor. In Raiatea there are three private doctors (doctor office in Raiatea tel 4066 33 66) and a regional hospital. In Huahine and Bora Bora there is a free health center. (Doctor in Tahaa : Regis tel 4065 60 60)

Hospitals are open 24 hours a day. Emergency health center hours are from 0730 to 1200 and 1400 to 1730 during the week. Saturday hours are from 0730 to 1130.

### Provisioning

Provisioning in Polynesia is a bit expensive and self-provisioning can be a waste of your precious charter time. We recommend that you pre-order your provisioning - just send us the DYC completed list, we will take care of the shopping and have it stowed onboard the yacht on the day of your arrival.

Forget tomatoes, yogurts and cheeses: If you expect the same food as home, you will be very disappointed: Do not look for tomatoes or dairy as they do not grow



in Polynesia and no milk production so tomatoes, yogurts, cheeses are not part of the culinary Polynesian culture and expensive. On an other side the fishes, papayas, mangos and bananas are abundant and really part of the local culture.

**Beverages:** Alcohol, wines, beer, soda available at the base at much better prices than in the town stores. (Especially the wine and beer )

**Vegetables:** try to fit your meals with the local products. Potatoes do not grow on the islands, but excellent papayas and local root vegetables.

**Sea food:** Buy your fish, crabs and lobsters direct from the fishermen when possible (like on the dock near by the NYC base: Elise tel 79 28 87 or in Fare). Wave to the fishermen when you see some at sea, they will be happy to sell you their day catch.

**Ice:** order some ice with your prov as no ice at the marina. Ice is available at the stores and fuel stations in town.

Uturoa is the best place for self provisioning with a morning market and 3 minimarkets. The super market Liaut offers a free delivery. (on Sundays, there is one grocery store in town open in the morning but the LS Proxy on the road to the airport is open until 7PM )

**Re-provisioning:** Please try to reprovision on a week-day as it is difficult to find fresh produce on the weekend. Call the Dream Yacht Charter base at least one day before you intend to pick up your supplies so that all will be prepared on your arrival at the marina.

### Scuba Diving

Bring your SCUBA certification card, your mask, stab and regulator. We can help you organize your dives. Some dive shop will allow you to rent the equipment if you have the proper certification and plan to dive with two or more people.

We do not advise to rent any dive equipment and recommend to dive only with the dive centers as there are some good ones very well organized in each of the islands: Better security, better dive, good spots, more simple and no waste of time.



Contact

**Raiatea HemisphereSub**, Farid or Julien at hemis-subdiving@mail.pf tel 689 8772 19 52

**Raiatea Jean Pierre et Valou, Niyati** 689 87791054

www.niyati-plongee.com

[niyati.plongee@yahoo.fr](mailto:niyati.plongee@yahoo.fr) There are scuba diving companies on Raiatea, Tahaa, Bora Bora and Huahine.

**Bora Bora Diveasy Laurent** tel 87 79 22 55

[contact@diveasyborabora.com](mailto:contact@diveasyborabora.com)

Visit this site <http://www.tahiti-diving.com> for all info on diving the ISLV.

### Things to bring

Travelling light is recommended. In your luggage you should have some of the following items:

**Clothing:** make it simple! A pair of long pants, shorts, skirts, T-shirts, 2 or 3 swimming suits, a sweater, rain-coat, wide brim sun hat or cap, deck shoes & footwear for wearing in the water or on the reef barrier. Don't forget sunglasses (polarized are helpful), lip protection & sunscreen. **Foul weather gear:** You will probably experience rain at some stage during your charter, so you may wish to bring your wet weather gear.

**Dress code:** Women should not wear bathing suits in the villages. Remember locals are not used to seeing semi-nude people outside, so please keep T-shirt and shorts handy when in the villages or near inhabitants. **Snorkeling gear:** Basic masks, fins and snorkels are provided. However, if you have your own you may prefer to bring them with you.

**Misc:** Bring your Driving license, Padi certificate, cell phone, laptop or Ipad, credit cards.

**Mosquitoes** could be a problem when ashore, especially at 5-6 Pm, never aboard. People allergic may want to bring some bug repellent to protect from the mosquitoes and sand flies that bite during that time

**GPS and charts** on your I phone, pad or tablett : before coming download Navionics on your tablet, or I sailor ( only Apple ) , with the charts. This is inexpensive and your tablet becomes a GPS plotter.

### Tips gratuity

Tips and gratuity is not common in the country but welcome in the hotels, big restaurants and on the crewed yachts. **Do not offer alcohol to the locals** or to the crews; offer clothes, books or tips rather than alcohol. Tipping the charter crew is the same as everywhere in the world: just welcome.

### Laundry



Laundry service available at The Bora Bora Yacht Club, the Makai Marina, in Raiatea nearby Uturoa town, at the "Yacht club de Huahine» at the Fare dock. No laundry in Tahaa at the moment.

Raiatea Laundry : contact Nicolas 87 709 901 ( pick up at the base) .

### *DYC sailing area and itinerary*

Polynesia is a huge area and counts hundreds of islands and atolls.

The authorized Dream yacht Charter sailing area extends around the islands of Raiatea Tahaa Bora-Bora Huahine and Maupiti for the Leeward's, Tahiti and Moorea in case of a One way Papeete. No shelter nor possible stopover in Tupai.

**The navigation inside the lagoon is very specific: very easy in the marked channels, very difficult and dangerous outside of the channels.**

Sailing to the Tuamutu, Mopelia or other islands is possible but restricted to specific conditions because of the distances, navigation difficulties, the lack of nautical info, charts details and no, or poor technical assistance.

Mopelia has no cell phone network coverage at all, very limited in the Tuamutu.

If you intend to sail these islands, please contact the base or your agent in advance.

Maupiti

The access to Maupiti is restricted to: less than 15knots of wind and less than 1,5 meter of wave. Re-fill your water tanks at the Bora Bora YC before sailing to Maupiti as no water there.

#### ***Preparing your charter itinerary:***

You can prepare your charter with an I pad or a tablet : download Navionics or I pilot, then you have the charts on it. Having these charts + this guide is all what needed to prepare your navigation. Using your tablett with Navionics during your charter is very comfortable.

Ovitalmap is a free map browser for a I pad or I phone that can use the google earth photos : this is very usefull in the locations where the charts are not surveyed properly: all the East side of the Bora Bora Lagoon and the Tuamutu It also it gives a good picture of

the anchorages, showing the sand, coral and depth with the color of water. Download it before your charter and get familiar, for sure a nice tool for Polynesia!

### *Mooring balls in the islands*

Some of the restaurants like the Bora Bora Yacht Club, Laprirogue api, l'Hibiscus restaurant in Tahaa have their own moorings they offer to the clients on boats. The Polynesian government started to install some moorings in the leewards like in the Bay Faaroa in Raiatea , off he village of Fare Huahine and many other places.

It is impossible to know in advance if they are in good shape, maintained or not, whatever they are private or from the government.

We can't guarantee they are reliable or not and you can't expect any recourse to the mooring supplier if it breaks.

### *Polynesian way of life*

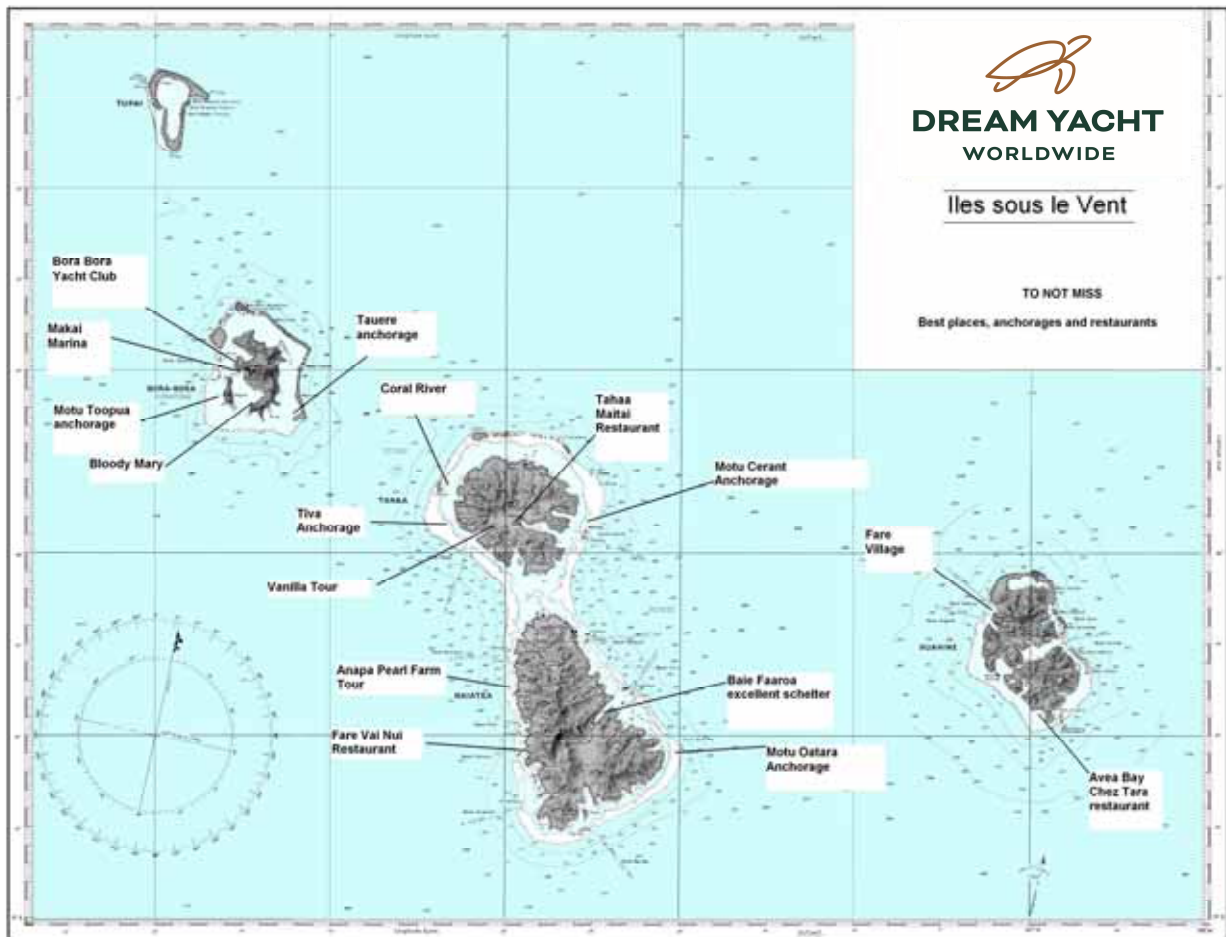
The excellent book "No More Gas" from Nordhoff, Charles, and Hall, James Normann, gives a good idea of the way people are living in the islands.



In " The Cruise of the Snark ", Jack London relates his passage sailing Raiatea Tahaa and Bora Bora in 1901. Very interesting story.









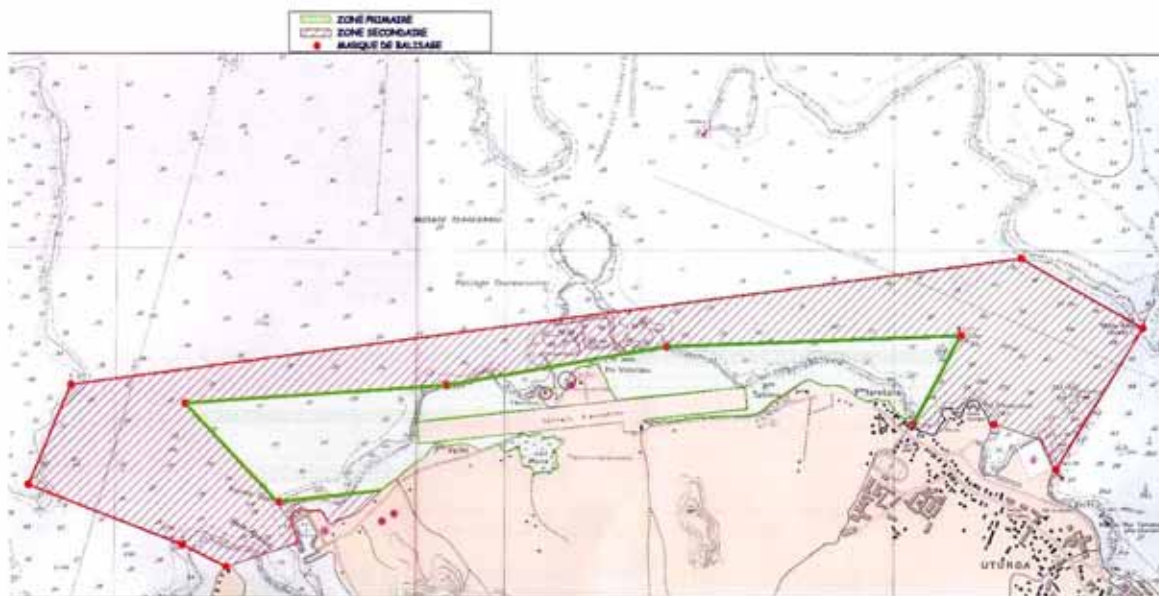
ARRETE N° 0452/CM 12/03/2004 \_\_\_\_\_ ZONE MARITIME REGLEMENTEE DE RAIATEA

Mouillage interdit : en zone primaire à tous navires ;  
en zone secondaire aux navires > 8m de haut ;

Navigation interdite : en zone primaire aux navires > 3m de haut ;

Navires > 20m de haut qui souhaitent traverser la zone maritime réglementée : appel du capitaine obligatoire au 40 60 04 90 avant de traverser.

KITESURF : interdit dans toute la zone maritime réglementée.



## TIPS AND INFO DURING YOUR CRUISE

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### General Information

The navigation info has been written with the support from the Archipels Croisieres skippers who sail the Society Islands all along the year and have a strong knowledge on the lagoons.

This guide will bring you around Raiatea clockwise, then Tahaa anticlockwise. Then we go on with Bora Bora, Maupiti and end with Huahine.

We update the info from time to time but there could be some changes. Please report them and give us your input, that will help us to improve this guide.

### Weather forecast

We have basically two seasons during the year: the wet and warm season from November to April with high humidity. The dry and cool season runs from May to September with stronger winds.

It is generally known that the best months to come sailing are between April & May (fall) and September & October (spring).

The Leeward Islands prevailing winds are easterly – south-easterly between 15-20 knots temporarily increasing to 25 knots. With these conditions, the sea can be choppy with a swell of 1 to 1.5 meter. The Maraamu may occur in the winter months June to August. This wind blows from the southeast between 25-35 knots. Swells during the Maaramu can be up to 2.5-3 meters in open waters and last for a few days. Passages from Bora Bora to Tahaa can be very uncomfortable as exposed to a large swell. Some passes also can become dangerous during this time. Anchoring becomes uncomfortable in many areas and we recommend choosing the best shelters for overnight. Hurricanes or tropical depressions are rare but can occur...

RFO radio broadcasts weather report on VHF Channel 13, FM band 94 MHZ, at 0600, 0800, 1200 and 1700. Call 4044 27 08 for a marine report. All are in French. If you have an internet connection, check these web-sites: [www.windguru.cz](http://www.windguru.cz) and [www.meteo.pf/](http://www.meteo.pf/)

### Lagoons navigation, anchoring, night sailing and GPS

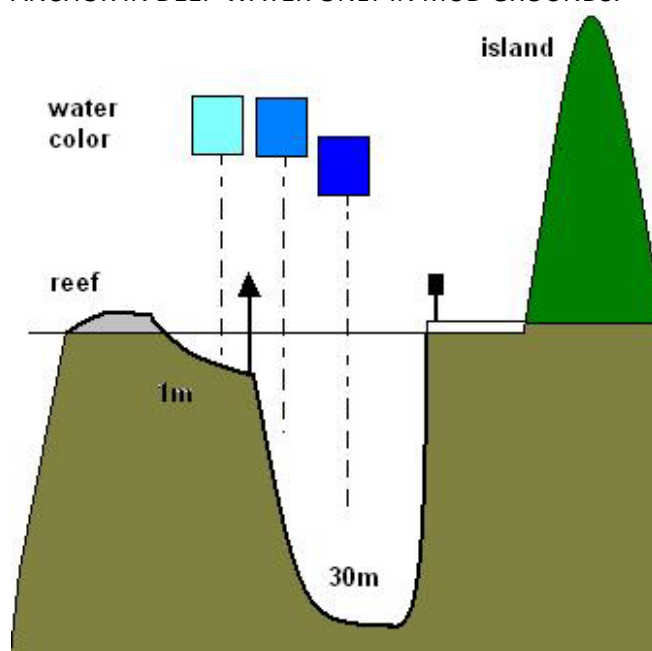
**Most of the anchorages have enough space to put all the chain. Put all the 60 meters chain every time possible.**

Choose to anchor in a coral free sandy ground and with 5 to 10 meters water if possible. Scope 5 times the depth in chain, 3 times when more than 15 meters deep but with a **minimum length of 30meters** whatever the depth is.

The depths in the lagoons are very deep (25 to 40meters) this is where one can sail in the lagoons or very shallow beside the reef (0.5 to 1.2meters, sometimes 2 to 3 meters) which is where one can find some anchorages. There are only few places where one can find the good depth for anchoring with 2 to 5 meters. This is why good anchorages are rare.

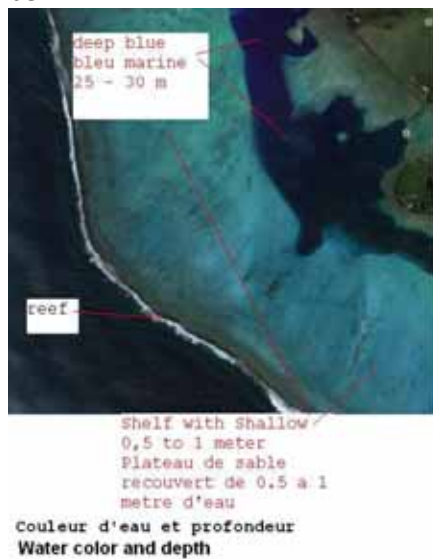
TRY TO NOT ANCHOR IN MORE THAN 30 FEET OF WATER. IN 60 TO 90 FEET OF WATER, THE WINDLASS WILL WORK BUT OVERLOAD AND IN CASE OF AN ANCHOR BLOCKED IN THE OLD CORAL GROUNDS, ONLY A DIVER CAN REMOVE IT.

ANCHOR IN DEEP WATER ONLY IN MUD GROUNDS.



The depths are usually too deep (deep blue) or too shallow (light green blue) for anchoring. This is why there are not many anchorages in the lagoons.

Have a look on internet at the lagoons with Google Earth, this gives a good idea of the possible anchorages. See the photo be



### **Anchorage and difficulty level**

The anchorages mentioned in the guide are rated level 1 to 4 as follows

Level 1 : very easy

Level 4 : difficult

### **Moorings**

Catching a mooring in windy conditions and from the high catamaran bows is much more difficult than it looks: the helmsman does not see anything in front and the hook is easily lost or broken. The best solution is to send a crew on the dinghy with a long line that will be throw to the boat attached to the mooring

with a very long knot ( easy to remove from the high bow when leaving)

### **GPS Plotter**

There is a Plotter inside the boat. If you have an I pad, you can download **Navionics** and the pacific chart, this is inexpensive and very useful.

The **Ovitalmap software** is the more convenient tool to navigate in the lagoons: it is free, download on Apple store.

**Nautical Charts:** The shallow waters, like the shelf near the reef barrier which are a large part of the lagoons cannot be surveyed because of the sand banks and coral in shallow waters, so only the channels and deep water areas have reliable depths on the charts.

***This is one of the reasons why one cannot navigate with a plotter inside the lagoons and passes: the navigation must be done visually.*** **GPS:** We give the GPS positions for many anchorages and passes. This is just a good aid, all navigation must be done visually, never rely only on the GPS!

The official charts, paper or electronic are not well updated: i.e. the overwater bungalows that extend quite far on the sea are not on the official charts. This is why we have to customize and print our own charts.

### **Navigation in the lagoons :**

There are many groundings, as the navigation looks easier that it is with many reefs and coral heads.

**Navigate well in the middle of the channels:** when right in the middle of the passes and channels, the risk is very low. Make sure to not cut the corners..

When you leave the channel to reach a place to anchor, motor slowly with a watcher on the bow as the shallow waters are not properly surveyed on the charts.

### **Anchorage:**

The best place to anchor is in 2 to 5 meters of sand, protected by the coral barrier, no matter if windward or leeward side. While in protected waters inside the lagoon, the most important thing is to find the good holding sandy shallow anchorage rather than the wind protection like in many other sailing areas. Most of the leeward bays are too deep and no real wind protection as the wind comes gusting down the mountains. The windward side has steady winds while the leeward unsettled.

### **Inter-Island Passages**

When planning your sailing itinerary you should bear in mind the following rules which are in place for your safety:

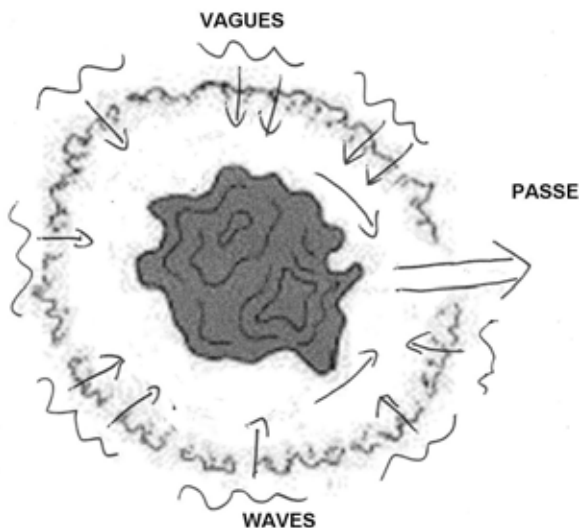
- If you wish to sail from one island to the other, do not leave later than 10am, as you should plan to be at the pass to your destination by 3.30pm. This will allow plenty of time to enter through the pass to your anchorage. Passages should not take more than 6 hours from Raiatea to Bora Bora or Raiatea to Huahine.
- Please do not attempt to sail a direct passage from Huahine to Bora Bora or reverse as the required time will take too long for daylight hours. It is recommended that you use one of the bays on Tahaa or Raiatea before continuing on the next day.
- Sailing in the lagoons of French Polynesia is restricted to daylight hours and you must remain at anchor between sunset and sunrise.

### Tides and Currents

Tides in The Leewards can be classified as virtually non-existent as the range is less than one foot. Currents inside the reef and especially in and close to the passes can be strong, so care should be taken if swimming and snorkeling nearby.

The waves from the existing wind + the swell break on the reef, pushing tons of water inside the lagoon. The lagoon empties by the pass. So we have a permanent stream from the outside to the inside and currents in the direction of the closest pass and in the pass.

The more wind and swell, the more currents in the passes.



### Pearl Farms

There are many pearl farms in the Raiatea, Tahaa and Huahine lagoons, none in Bora Bora. Some of them propose a real nice tour (like the Anapa Pearl on the West coast of Raiatea), some of them are just a boutique with no real interesting visit. If some of them are easy to identify with the pilotis wooden houses, some are just marked by the small red or yellow round balls (like in the North of motu Tautau, Tahaa): do not approach as you can cause some damage with the prop and keels. When you see people working on them, ask them for a visit. Usually they will be pleased to show you their work. Loose pearls can be bought directly at the farm, which are at a better price than in boutiques.



### Water

Water tanks can be refilled in all the Leeward Islands : Raiatea at the Dream Yacht Charter base, at the Sophie boutique Hurepiti in Tahaa, in Bora Bora at the Bloody Mary, and Bora Bora Yacht Club ( 1000cfp/100L), at the Fare main Dock in Huahine. The water is drinkable.





With many places where to refill easily your tanks, the water maker is useless in the Leeward's, this is the most expensive and slow way to have water, also not good for the environment.

### *Overwater bungalows hotels in Bora Bora and Tahaa*

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There are many beautiful five stars hotels in Bora Bora and Tahaa. They try to keep their spots exclusive and quiet and not really keen to have the yachts clients visiting their property. If you wish to visit, go to the bar or restaurants, check in first at the reception.

### *Swimming Snorkeling*

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The water temperature is perfect and the grounds beautiful making swimming and snorkeling conditions perfect any time of the year. However few recommendations apply:

Always be mindful of currents when swimming and snorkelling, particularly in the vicinity of the passes. Avoid swimming at night time. Do not wear bright jewelry.

We recommend snorkeling with another person and with strong current present or going far from the yacht, it is a good idea to hold the dinghy painter, so you can rest when tired.



Sharks are generally not a problem. You will find white & black tip reef sharks near the reefs but they are quite timid. You will have the opportunity to swim and snorkel with many species of fish & rays which will amaze you.

Swimming and snorkeling in the Bora Bora Lagoon Because of the numerous airport and hotels shuttles, scooters and excursions boats in a permanent rush, special attention must be taken when swimming in the lagoon and around the boat. The shuttles and excursion boat are used to pass full speed close by anchored yachts and some accidents have been reported recently. We recommend you go swimming in qui-

et anchorages far from the shuttles passages and hotels.



### *Environmental protection policy*

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Polynesia is an exceptional place but also fragile. The waters around the island are clear and pollution is minimal. Many of the local inhabitants use the ocean as their main source of food. It is therefore very important that all visitors cruising the Tahitian Islands do as much as possible to protect the undersea environment so the future of Tahiti remains healthy. If all yachts follow the simple rules listed below, we will help preserve this South Pacific Paradise.

**Anchoring and Coral:** make sure to not anchor where the chain and the anchor can damage the coral. In few seconds, one can damage the coral that takes many years to grow. **Do not collect any live shells or coral.** You can buy some at the Uturoa market.

**Garbage:** Only use the garbage disposal bins from the marinas or villages. Take apart the glass, cans, and the plastics so you can put them in the specific disposal recycling bins at the marina and on the main docks of each island.

**Engines and environment impact:** Try to minimize your impact on the environment by filling water on shore rather than using the water maker on board (and the engines). Avoid using the engines & air-conditioning when not necessary. Try not to disturb nature and avoid using the dinghy when paddling is possible (Faaroa River).

### *Approaching Cetaceans in French Polynesia*

French Polynesia is a marine mammal sanctuary since May 2002. Twenty different species are observable in Polynesia.

Cetaceans are approached in a parallel position, 3/4 to the rear (so that the boat does not appear to be a predator) and at very low speed (4 knots at most). We should never interrupt their route or come between 2 animals and even less, a mother and her baby.

Stop the boat at least 30 meters away for dolphins, 50 meters for a whale and 100m if the latter is accompanied by a whale calf, offering the mammal the option to approach if it so desires.

Trying to surprise the animals (especially the whales) or blocking them by playing on the area's topography would give distress, and even dangerous results.

If the approach is successful, we should not be able to observe any change in their activity or movements. It's at this stage that the animals take consciousness of our presence and it is basically up to them on how the rest of the observation unfolds.

When the cetaceans voluntarily approach the boat:

- . Maintain one's route and speed.
- . Do not touch the animals, directly or indirectly (with the aid of an object..).
- . Do not shout or bang on the boat.



## For whales

We approach as they move forward, being able to gain a reasonable 50m distance (unless there is a calf whale), distance at which point a positive or negative reaction will take place. A negative one would result in an avoidance of the boat, a change of direction, a submersion or an acceleration. The best method consists in allowing the animal to decide the distance. When a whale calf is present, a careful approach is possible: it can itself take the initiative of approaching the boat. Beware however as the mother is never far.

For groups of animals, reactions are variable: from indifference to slight interest or temporary participation leading towards a social pattern which could lead to possible dangers towards the observer and the boat itself (confrontation between males).

Never enter water without the presence of a specialized guide.

## End of Observation

Never start the engine as long as animals are visible at the surface and less than 100m from the boat. Move away at very slow speed during at least 300m. The direction of the leaving vessel must be clear and not cause confusion to the animals.

## Conclusions

Any maneuvers or activities that could modify the well being or behavior of wild marine mammals are considered to be a form of harassment. Grabbing, pursuing, blocking, touching, surprising, feeding or the intent of "taming" them are a real threat to coastal cetaceans and lead to most of the accidents that occur between observers and animals. These actions are strictly forbidden in Polynesia.

You can contribute towards their census with the "Groupe d' Etude des Mammifères Marins (GEMM) by bringing along your photos and information to your base or to the Apooiti Club-House in Raiatea.

Please inform of any Cetacean harassment viewings (photos) and/or sightings of dead, beached or sick/injured animals as well as abandoned calves (photos).

[contact@gemmpacific.org](mailto:contact@gemmpacific.org)

Local Phone 87779099

*Manta Rays*

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There were many Manta rays in the Bora Bora lagoon in the recent past, they almost disappeared because of the divers and powerboat pressure few years ago, but one can still see some in the lagoons, like in Maupiti. On the specific Bora Bora Manta Ray site, go through a dive club to see them in good conditions. If you see some while snorkeling, keep quiet and stay at the surface, do not dive down or try to approach them.

### *Fish and underwater hazards*

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Catching and eating reef fish is not recommended without a local's knowledge of the fish caught. There are areas in the lagoon that are infected with ciguatera which is a toxin caused by microscopic algae and it renders fish inedible.

Most fish sold in the markets are deep sea fish which include bonito, tuna, Dorado, or the local 'mahi mahi' and they are all good eating. You can try your hand at trolling for one of these fish when making an island passage. The stonefish is a hazard to be aware of. Frequently found on the edge of the shoreline and in shallow water, if you step on one of their black spines it can deliver a painful wound, that can be long lasting. Wearing plastic shoes can prevent this from occurring & also protect your feet from coral cuts and shells. Fire coral is another hazard to be wary of & should not be touched.

## FUEL & WATER in the islands / EAU & Fuel dans les Iles

	Eau Water	Fuel Gas oil	remarques/ comments
<b>Raiatea</b>			
<b>Marina Uturoa Dream Yacht Worldwide base</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>appelez 1/2 journée avant de venir</b> call us half day before coming
Total fuel station Marina Uturoa	X	X	situé a 50 a l'extérieur de la marina located a 50m outside of the marina
Shell Fuel station Uturoa Dock	X	X	Quai des yachts en ville Yacht dock in town
Marina Apooiti	X		quai d'accueil tel 4066 12 20 visitor dock tel 4066 12 20
<b>Tahaa</b>			
Port de Patio	X		demander à la mairie, tarifs 1500 Fpc le plein, pas simple. Ask the municipality 1500Cfp for filling the tanks, not simple
<b>Tahaa Matai Hamene Bay</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Mouillage ou cul a quai gratuit pour les clients</b> <b>Stern to dock, free for clients</b>
<b>Bora Bora</b>			
Bora Bora Yacht Club	X		Tel 40 676047 ou 87 289450 (very easy access, facile) 1000CFP/100L
Bloody Mary restaurant dock	X		appelez/ call in advance tel 4067.72.86
Fuel station North of Vaitape	X	X	Souvent encombré avec les pêcheurs Often busy with fishermen.
<b>Huahine</b>			
Fare dock : Huahine Nautique	X		Call / appelez Huahine Yacht Club restaurant tel 40 688 315
Relai Mahana Avea Bay Tel + 689 40 60 60 40el 8771 96 55	X		Appelez avant / call in advance
<b>RANGIROA</b>			
Quai de la marina d'Avatoru		X	Pas d'eau a quai/ no water on the dock Matin seulement/ Morning only ask in advance
<b>FAKARAVA</b>			
		X	Pas d'eau a quai/ no water on the dock Contact Fakarava Yacht Services tel 87 75 34 84



## DESCRIPTION OF BALISES (Beacons)



### Marks in the Polynesian Lagoons

#### Lateral marks

When coming from sea into the lagoon,  
keep the lateral marks on:

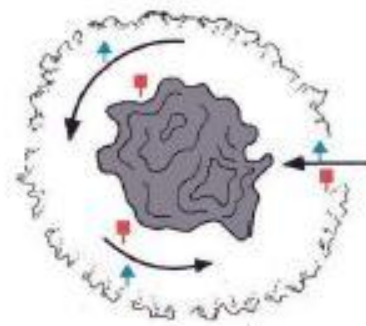
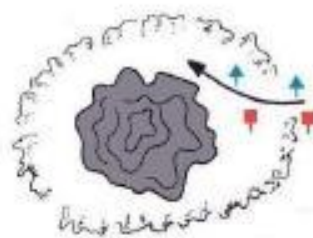


on portside



on starboard side

Inside the lagoons, the direction of Buoyage  
is counter-clockwise so all red marks are on  
the island side, the green marks on the reef side



#### Cardinal marks



NORTH  
sail North  
of this mark



SOUTH  
sail South  
of this mark



WEST  
sail West  
of this mark



EAST  
sail East  
of this mark

### International markers

The Maritime system used in French Polynesia is Buoyage system A which means a green conical buoy to starboard & a red cylindrical buoy to port (this is the opposite to what US citizens have). Beacons and buoys are used to mark entrance into passes and to ports and some large bays. Just remember:

- Port-hand on entering: red cylinder.
- Starboard-hand on entering: green cone

### Inner passage markers



- Red cylindrical topmark on a red or black beacon. Used on the shore/island side to mark the fringing reef. May also be used on coral heads and patches which are isolated from the fringing reef. Should always be left on the shore or island side.



- Green conical topmark – On a black or green beacon. Used on the inner edge of a barrier reef or close to it. Should always be on the left side of the barrier reef or seaward-side.

Be aware of the different colors for each marker as they may come in different shapes and sizes.

In most instances as the water visibility is very good you should be able to see coral heads & patches of coral. These are often marked with only a black stake or a mound of coral.

### Cardinal Marks

Cardinal marks are used to indicate which side of the mark is safe water. They are identified by long cylinder shape, yellow and black in color with two black triangular cones on top marking the four different quadrants.



– North Cardinal Beacon: Yellow on bottom half of cylinder, black on the top half. Both black triangular cones facing with points up.



– South Cardinal Beacon: Black on the bottom of the cylinder, yellow on top half. Both black triangular cones face with points down.



– East Cardinal Beacon: Black on top and bottom of cylinder, yellow in the middle section. Triangular cones facing opposite directions up & down, joined by the base.



– West Cardinal Beacon: Yellow cylinder with a black band in the middle. Black triangular cones have points facing each other.

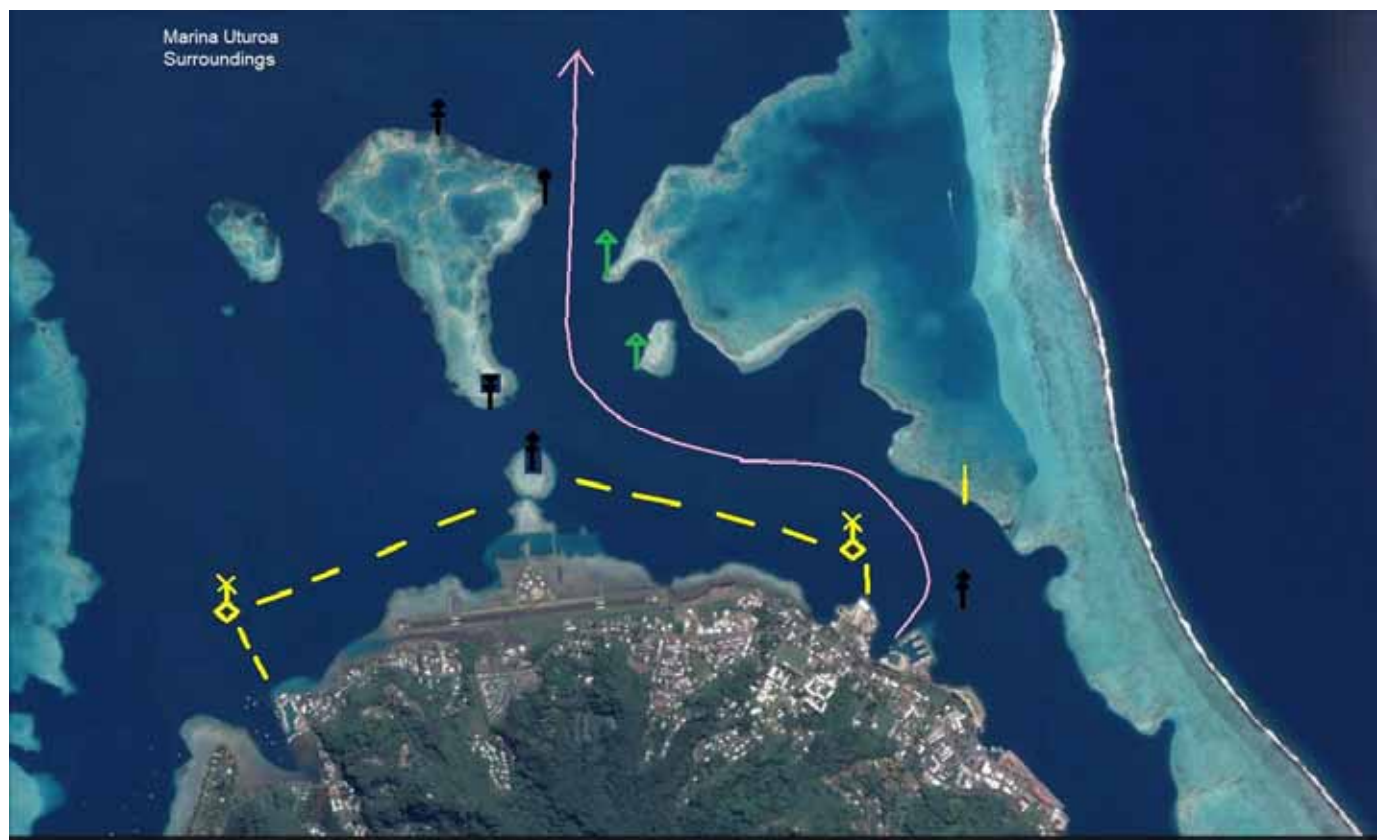
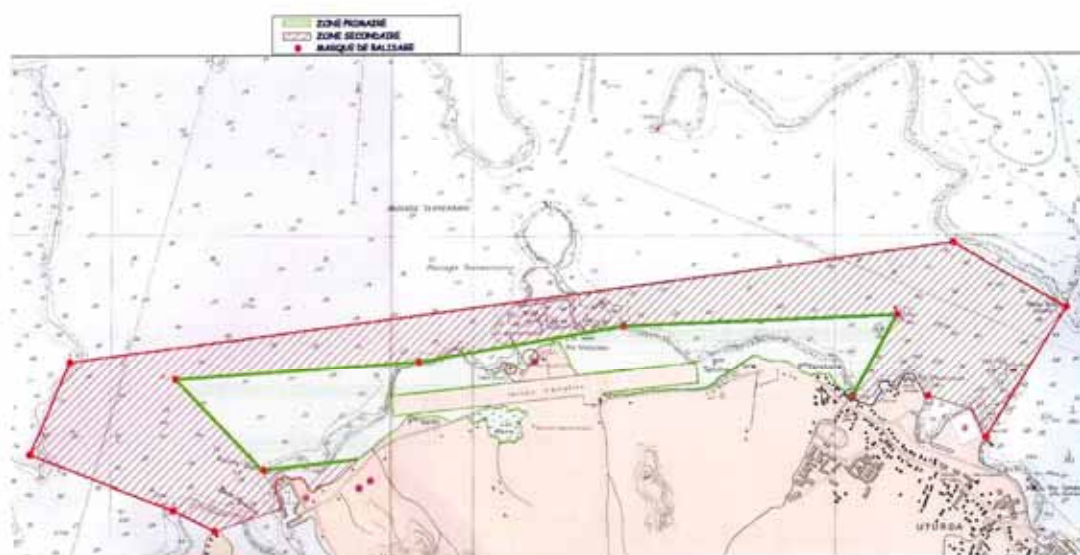
ARRETE N° 0452/CM 12/03/2004 REGULATED MARITIM AREA

Anchoring prohibited : in primary area for all vessels (= « zone primaire » on the map );  
in secondary area for vessels > 8m height (= « zone secondaire » on the map );

Navigation prohibited : in primary area for vessels > 3m height ;

Vessels > 20m height that wanted to cross the regulated maritim area : captain's call to + 689 40 60 04 90 is compulsory before crossing.

KITESURF : prohibited in the regulated maritim area.



Uturoa approach

# RAIATEA

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*Pronunciation:* "Ra-ia-Te-a"

*Former name:* Havaiki

*Budget level:* **Standard**

*Encounter:* Rightfully regarded as being the cradle of all Polynesian civilizations, it keeps very impressive archeological remains. Although it almost has no beaches, it features an impressive lagoon, ideal for experienced divers.



## At a glance

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Main town: Uturoa. Population: 10,100. Located 220 km Northwest of Tahiti, Raiatea is the largest and highest of the Leeward Islands. It is located inside a large lagoon which encloses the neighbouring island of Tahaa, located to the North. Faaroa Bay is the deepest bay in all Polynesia (over 30m or 100ft deep). The bay offers many sights for the visitor and a dinghy trip down the Apoomau river is not to be

missed.



## Uturoa Town

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Uturoa is the best place for a stop over : easy docking at the the Dream yacht charter base, with water, linen change, fuel and gasoline at the marina and the best location of the Leeward's for provisioning. The center of town is a 5 minute walk from the marina. Shopping hours on Saturdays are from 0630 to 1130 and Sunday from 0600 to 0800 (there is only one mini market open on Sunday mornings which is Leogite + the LSproxy at 800 meters from the marina, open the entire day ).

The market is open every day in the morning where you can purchase a range of fruits, fish and local handcraft.

Uturoa the administrative center for the *iles sous le vent* has banks, post office , the regional hospital, pharmacy , doctors, and many Chinese stores that sells everything from clothes to fishing gears .





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**Vinistore:** open Monday to Saturday morning, this store sells Sim cards for mobiles and Ipods: bring your mobile and or I phone.

**Post Office:** Post office hours are from 0700 to 1500 weekdays from 0730 to 1130 on Saturday morning.

#### ***Shell Museum***

At PK41 in the South East of the island, Christiane Pierret is managing a nice shell museum. Call for a visit 40600470 or 8774 5393 email cpierret@mail.pf

#### ***Vanilla Plantation Raiatea***

West coast of Raiatea a nice vanilla plantation to visit contact tel 8779 18 07 or 4066 24 18

#### ***Bank hours***

Bank of Tahiti	0745-1145 & 1400-1600
Bank of Polynesia	0730-1145 & 1400-1600
Bank of Socredo	0730-1500

#### ***Hiking Raiatea and Tahaa***

There are many nice hikes to do in Raiatea and Tahaa Mt Tapioi, above the town of Uturoa in the north of the island is remarkable and nice to hike with a beautiful view from the top. Access 5 minutes walking from the DYC base, the 3 Cascades (waterfalls) on the West coast of Raiatea , the Temehani, etc... Contact Kiam 87 27 23 00 or Thierry Laroche [raiatearando@mail.pf](mailto:raiatearando@mail.pf)

Tel 8777 91 23 tel 4066 20 32



The Apetahi flower can be find only on the top of the Temehani mountain. It is endemic.

#### ***Planes and ferries***

Raiatea is a 45 minute flight from Tahiti or a 15 minute flight from Huahine. There are around 3 to 5 flights daily with Air Tahiti Aero. Flights can be booked online:

<http://www.airtahiti.aero/home.php>

By boat: the Taporu VI and the Vaeanu ferry sail to Raiatea 2 to 3 times a week from Tahiti. This is a 12hr crossing with a 1hr stop in Huahine. No booking possible, no reservation, little availability.

Raiatea and Tahaa share the same barrier reef.



***Marina Uturoa Dream Yacht***  
***Worldwide Base***

The Dream Yacht Base is located in Marina Uturoa with dock space and 5 moorings (call the base when coming inside or to book a mooring).



Keys for showers and toilets are available at the DYC office.

**Restaurants** : VILLA IXORA - Restaurant & Lodge PK 2.5km - Côte Est BP 1298 Uturoa- 98735 RAIATEA Tel 40 66 33 00 Mail : villaixora@mail.pf . Excellent restaurant

Snack La Cubana on the main dock 40663424

Snack Tonoï 40663256 500m South of Uturoa town closed on Saturdays, dinners only Tuesdays Friday and Sundays

There are also some “roulottes” in town, (only 6 to 9 PM local takeaway with simple Chinese food).

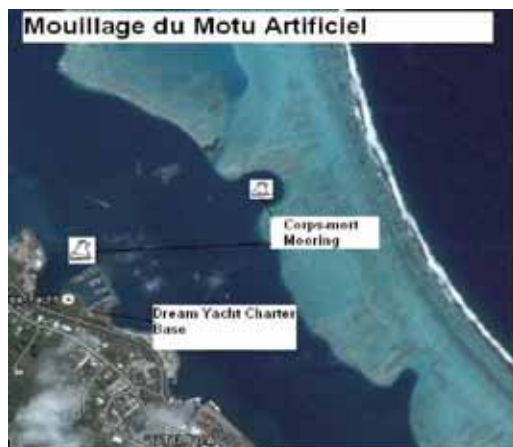


### *Motu Artificiel* L2

The Motu Artificiel is located in the North East of the Dream yacht Charter base, just on the other side of the channel. The passage to enter the North of the motu is narrow, hazardous and very difficult even for cats.. Definitely not recommended,

**do not try to enter the narrow channel.**

Dream Yacht has installed 3 moorings in the middle of the “bay” 150 meters South of the motu by 30 meters of water. See the plan below. This is the perfect place for a late departure or the last day before returning to the base. You are at 5 minutes of the base or the town by dinghy. Beautiful swimming snorkelling area, and nice walking on the reef barrier.



### *Uturoa town dock*

The large dock is only for the inter-island freighters. Do not come alongside, but dock along the fuel station dock. Going out could be difficult when the Maaramu (strong SE winds) is blowing, pushing the boat on the concrete dock. This is a convenient stop-over for shopping, provisioning at the fruit market and

supermarkets, and boutiques. Fuel, gasoline but no water is available at the dock. Above the fruit market in the center of town you will find local, handmade arts and crafts, jewellery, hand-dyed pareos, and other Tahitian novelties for sale.

### *Southeast from Uturoa*

The inner passage is well marked with the standard markers. (See general navigation notes and advice). Follow the charts and the passage markers. Do not rely solely on the markers. Identify each one in its position on the chart. With care, you should experience no real problems.

### *Pass Teavapiti*

This is the main all-weather pass on the East of Uturoa. Very well marked with two big floating buoys outside of the reef, a green conical buoy on starboard and a red cylindrical buoy on port off the Motu Taoru, this pass is used by all the freighters and cruising ships. There is an other one, smaller, located South of Motu Taoru that could be used with good conditions. The motu Taoru is private, no allowed access but one can stay on the motu Ofetaro in the North which is a nice spot. Care of your OB prop with shallow coral waters surrounding this motu.



### *Motu Taoru (Teavapiti Pass) L2*



There is a wide 6 to 8 metres sand bank, good holding that makes a perfect overnight anchorage. The snorkelling around is nice but the vicinity of the pass brings currents that one should care of.

### *Baie Vairahi & Baie Averarahi*

No decent anchorage as these bays are much too deep.



### *Motu Tipaemu L3*



There is enough space for one or two boats on the North West corner of the private motu, which offer a good protection from the East and Maaramu winds. Access from North behind the pearl farm lying on the reef bank North West of the motu.



### *Motu Irihu* L3



Possible day anchorage or overnight in light wind conditions. This motu is not private, so this is a good opportunity to spend the day on it. Not immediate anchorage as the shelf is too shallow but drop your anchor on a 7 meters sand bank on the west of the shelf for few hours, not for overnight. See photo below.

S 16° 47' 795 W 151° 22' 980. Joseph tel 8727 06 87 offers good fresh fish meals on the motu.



### *Pass Irihu or Maire*

This pass, just off the Faaroa Bay, is easy and safe in all weather conditions. It is marked on the north side by Motu Tipaemu and on the south by Motu Irihu + the usual port and starboard markers.

### *Baie Faaroa* L2

Anchor by 15m GPS 16° 49' 03 S - 151° 24' 92 W

4 yellow moorings just of the river entrance 16° 49 S 151°24

This deep, long fjord is beautiful with spectacular mountains on both sides and a view down the valley of Mt Tefaatuaiti, one of the highest points in the Society Islands.

This valley is known for its fruit and vegetable cultures.

Mangrove river: The river Aoppomau that flows into the very end of the bay could be done with the dinghy or better, with kayaks or SUP. There are 4 yellow mooring buoys just off the river entrance and if not available, take one from the ex-Sunsail base in the middle of the bay, maintained and used to store boats during the hurricane. These moorings are free, but not maintained and not sure they will last long. If not available, anchor in the middle of the bay, good holding grounds with plenty of swinging room. Pay attention when approach the end of the bay as it is not always easy to discern the shallows where the outflow of the river joins the bay. From here one can make the only river trip in French Polynesia.





Dinghy to entrance of the river. It is shallow and strewn with natural debris. Do not use the out board inside the river. (No engine allowed in the river), paddle and row for 500 meters to the small wooden dock where there was a botanical garden which is now abandoned.

Excursion: James (tel 8735 95 31) is available to be your guide in the river, he is nice and can organize some Tahitian lunch for you, some traditional fishing parties, provide fruits and vanilla (call 1 day in advance).

Restaurant Vini Lodge Beach located on the North coast of the bay, dinghy access tel 87 784834 / 49908227 closed on Sundays and Tuesdays. Possible water tank refill.

Restaurant Vini Lodge Beach tel 40602245

### *South to Baie Opoa*

Neither Baie Faarepaiti nor Baie Faareparahi offer good anchorage as much too deep.



### *Baie Opoa Marae Taputapuatea*



L2

Entrance to this bay from the north is made by passing between Point Tehotuimatai and the reef Teautavaha, marked by a green conical balise. The bay is too deep to anchor but pick up one of the two yellow moorings for the night. A day anchorage may be found just off the bay on a sand bank in front of the Marae Taputapuatea : 16° 49' 760 S - 151° 21' 680 W by 5 meters of water only for few hours with the captain aboard. Do not go further west in the bay, as there are numerous

coral heads and hazardous grounds.



There is a stone dock at the Marae and it is possible to dock there in very good conditions when the sea is calm. This is just for few hours, not for overnight.

The bay and the village of Opoa are the grounds of the most sacred of ancient religious sites on Raiatea. On shore you will find the Marae Taputapuatea. Walk out to Point Atiapiti to find various marae and stone sites. This Marae is well known by the Maoris from New Zealand, Hawaii and Easter Island as this is from where the ancient Polynesians started their migrations over the pacific.

### *Pass Tea Vamoa (Te Ava moa or Sacred Pass)*

This pass should only be used when leaving for Huahine. Do not attempt to enter from the ocean as there are strong currents in the vicinity of the pass. It is also hard to identify from the sea.



### *Baie Hotopuu*



L2

Point Atiapiti, north of the bay, is marked by an east cardinal beacon. This bay could be dangerous as the reef that extends quite far from the shore is very difficult to see. The bay is too deep for a safe anchorage but 2 good moorings are available for the night.



### *Motu Oatara*



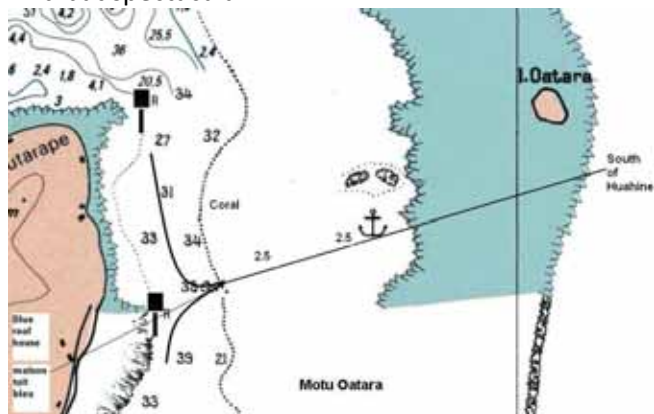
L2

16°51'2.99" S - 151°20'30" W by 2,5m of sand

You can find a good anchorage for cats in 2-3m of water. This is the nicest and safest anchorage in Raiatea, definitely an excellent place for cats, not for monohulls. The monohulls can anchor in 5 meters near by the shelf reef's inner edge, while the cats could enter and do 200 meters on the sand shelf. Align the blue roof houses and the South of Huahine, approach slowly looking for possible isolated coral



heads. Good holding in the sand and perfect protection from the reef and shallow waters. There is a beautiful snorkelling by the reef. The motu is totally wild but spectacular.



#### *South from Baie Hotopuu to pass Punaeroa*

The scenery around the east and south coasts of Raiatea is very beautiful. The views of the coastal mountain ranges are most spectacular. There are no safe anchorages around, but good moorings. The channel to the South of the island is well marked and not difficult.



*Motu Nao Nao Baie Tuatau*



L2



No really good shelter around Nao Nao for overnight. The anchorage is tricky : a nice inner lagoon on the West side but not enough room to swing around or a day anchorage on the North of the motu in 10m of water, not ideal as if you drag a little bit , you will be in 30M of water... The owners of the Motu installed some cables and water pipes with some balls to protect from anchors limiting the anchoring area... Some locals anchor in the small mini lagoon on the West.

But expert local knowledge and attention required as not enough space to swing around. Good snorkelling and swimming may be found off the south western end of the island. Motu Nao Nao is privately owned, no way to walk on.



Pick up one of the 4 yellow moorings in the Tuatau bay for the night then possible.



#### *Pass Nao Nao*

This pass is open to the prevailing South swells and it can be very rough. There is shoal across the narrows which causes it to break easily. This pass should not be used. You may motor-sail around the southern end of Raiatea in clear sunny weather, to the south-western Pass Punaeroa. The channel is only marked by red cylindrical beacons on the island side.



#### *Pass Punaeroa*



Pass Punaeroa usually very easy, this could be rough only when southwest swell running (rare). There are no leading marks, but some red-port and green-starboard buoys. A little motu (island) lies just to the north inside the pass: possible anchorage for cats on the shelf : not easy.

#### *Passe Toamaro*

Approach 73 magnetic, no leading marks but the pass is well marked by two islands and some red-port and green-starboard marks. Motu Toamaro lies on the north and Motu Teopuru on the south.



#### *Motu Toamaro L2*

There is a very good anchorage + one of the best places for dinner in the islands.

There is a good place for anchor but one must clear the coral patches in the North of the motu. Approach slowly from the South along the motu to clear the big coral head in the East then clear also the coral heads in the immediate North of the motu to anchor in 3 to 4 meters on the sand shelf.





Very good local restaurant on the shore with 4 wooden bungalows and one wooden dock (one can refill water but not easy)

Fare Vai Nui tel 40 66 30 96 vini 87 77 03 64

Call in advance as they are not always open.

Wifi motutjean-jacques@mail.pf

### *Pass Tetuatiare*

Easy pass with the two islands of Motu Horea on the north and Motu Tiano on the south mark clearly this pass. No safe anchorage there as the bay is too deep and covered by coral.

### *Pass Rautoanui*

This is an easy, all-weather pass to enter the Raiatea lagoon. The swell is breaking on the reef each side, perfect spot for surfers.



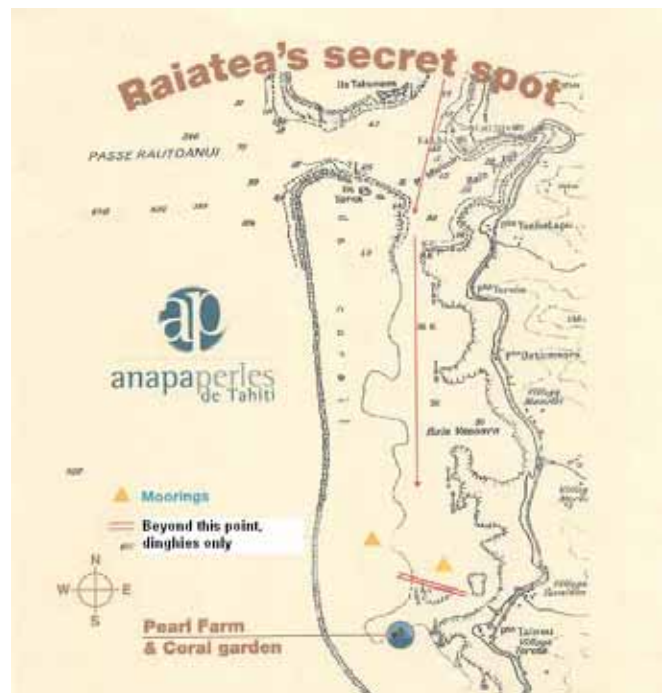
### *Ile Tahunaoe*

The Tahunaoe motu, also named Mirimiri motu is a peaceful place for a picnic on the palm-shaded small beach. Access by dinghy is difficult with many coral heads on the way: care of your OB prop.



*Baie Vaoaara Anapa Pearl Farm*  L2

Moorings GPS position : 16°47.295 S 151°29.74 W



Anapa Pearl farm: 2 moorings available for an over-night stopover good shelter and excellent snorkeling on the reef. Call Summer on tel 87707607 for the pearl farm visit which is a must. Beyond this point, although one may see passage markers, there are no

navigable passages for yachts, only small boat channels. Do not go south of the Pearl farm moorings.



### *Mirimiri Raitaea Lodge Hotel dock L3*

Anchor in 2-3 meters of sandy ground on the inner edge in the West of Pointe Tenape port beacon. GPS position 16°44.65 S 151°29.72W Good holding. Clear the isolated coral heads.

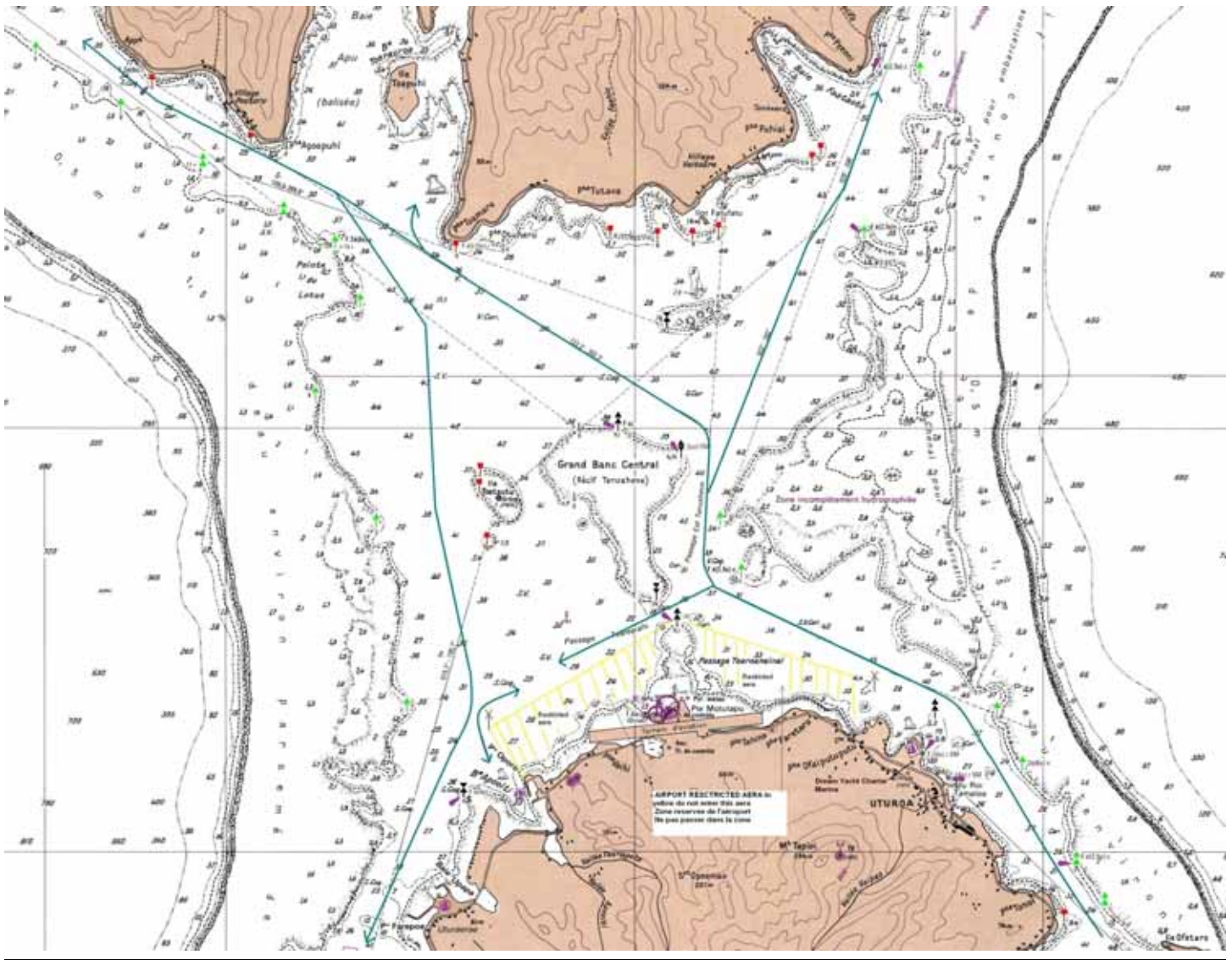


Tie up your dinghy to the Raiatea Lodge wooden dock (Good restaurant tel 662000), there is a roulotte (truck-snack) "Mac Delice" and a small grocery store in walking distance of the dock, 300 meters towards Uturoa. The trail for the Temehani (4 to 5 hours beautiful trekking) starts near by.



### *Marina Apooiti*

A very small marina always filled with the charter bases. There is a visitor dock and some moorings balls outside of the marina. Even the first night is charged (!). Call Jean Michel at the marina on VHF channel 12. La Voile d'Or tel 40661297 perfect for a sunset drink and dinner.





## Passages between Raiatea and Tahaa

Between Raiatea and Tahaa, one can find the green lateral marks all along the reef sides while in the middle the “Grand Banc Central” is marked with some cardinal marks: a South in the South, a East in the East and a North in the North.

To the west of the Grand banc Central, there is a small coral patch, marked with 3 red lateral beacons on its western side.

### Airport restricted area

The area in yellow on the above chart and marked by the X yellow marks, all yachts must sail outside. Pay special attention when coming from the West coast and pass outside of the yellow X mark off the Apooiti marina and also outside of the X mark in the East of the airport north of the Uturoa Marina.

Looking at the Raiatea chart you will see the G.B.C. in the middle of the lagoon between Tahaa and Raiatea.



North and slightly east of the G.B.C. is another shallow area also marked with the Cardinal System: One North, one East and one West beacon. This small banc can be sailed around completely also.



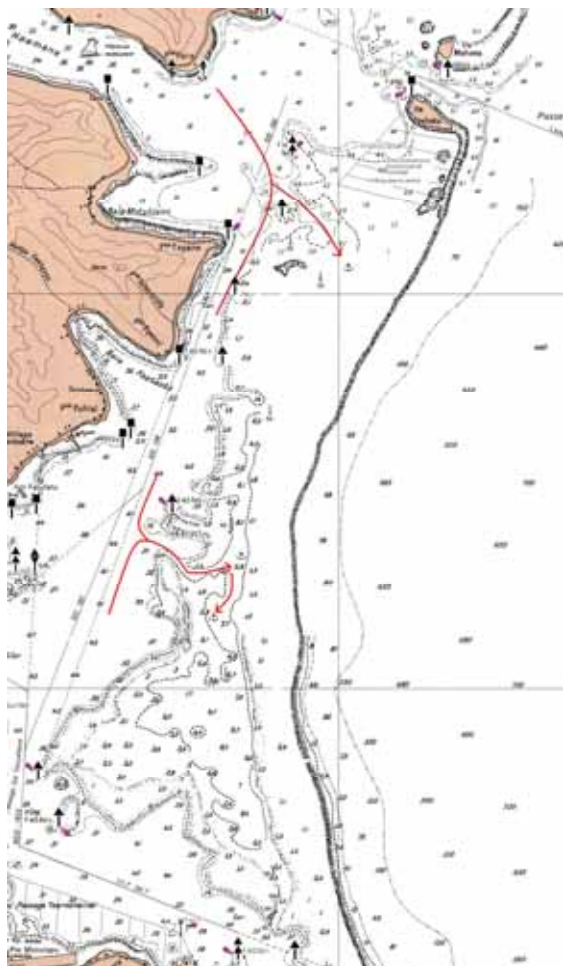
## Bearings

There are plenty of landmarks to use for fixing a position when in the G.B.C. area: the Mt Tapioi above Uturoa and Pte Toamaru at Baie Apu on Tahaa.



*Lagon Moemoea L3*

The East side of the GBC has an inside lagoon used by the small ferries and speedboats between Tahaa and Uturoa. (Moemoea means “dream”). Look at the plan below. The 2 entrances are a little difficult and require a good experience with reef and coral navigation but also a good light as we have to navigate between some reef and coral patches. Once inside, there is plenty of space to anchor in a very calm and well protected area. There is a small pass in the South but the entrance is too narrow and shallow



# Tahaa

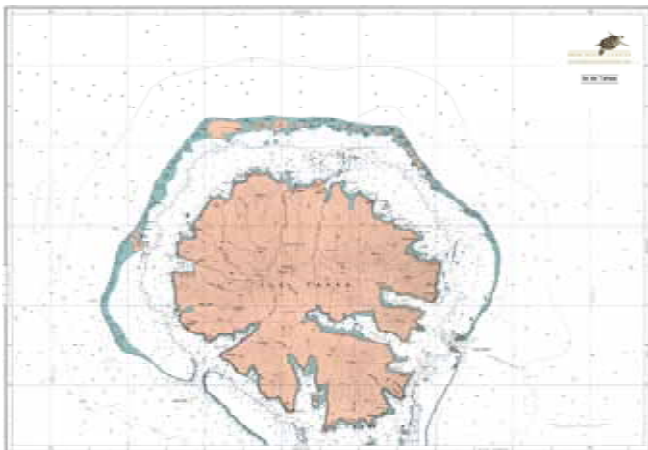
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Nickname: The Vanilla Island.



Budget level: Standard

Encounter: Tahaa is, without a doubt, the Society island providing the greatest feeling of being far away (along with Maupiti). A small mountainous island with a sumptuous lagoon, to really feel like Robinson Crusoe on any of his many motu.



At a glance: Tahaa is located in the same lagoon as its neighbour Raiatea. Population of the island of Tahaa: 4,500 spread over eight districts. Tahaa is a circular shaped island with a mountainous interior cut by sumptuous bays. The island's charm resides in the diversity of its eight districts, relatively isolated and very different from one another, although united by a same desire of hospitality. It features a lagoon with many large, idyllic motus on which a few hotels are located.

## Planes and ferries

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By plane: No airport right on Tahaa, you have to use the Raiatea airport right across the lagoon. Raiatea

airport is 40 minutes by plane, a direct flight from Tahiti, or via Huahine (Between 3 and 5 daily flights). Then take one of the many shuttle boats connecting Raiatea and Tahaa (a 15-minute boat ride). By boat: There are boat connections from Tahiti, figure on about a 12-hour crossing with, on the way, a stop on the island of Huahine.



The island is nearly round and lower than Raiatea (590m (1800 ft.) at Mt Ohiri). One can sail all around and many nice anchorages can be found. The 2 best shelters are each side, Tiva in the West and Motu Cerant in the East that offers the perfect grounds: shallow sandy grounds. There are many fjord-like inlets, vanilla farms and one of the nicest snorkelling spot at the Coral River in the North of Tautau motu.



Baie Haamene





Haamene bay , well marked with lateral marks, is the longest fjord on the island. The end of the bay is well protected by the reef extensions each side.

The village offers few facilities, grocery, pharmacy, a craftwork market and an excellent restaurant, the Tahaa Matai.

Beautiful walks could be done from the village to the Baie Hurepiti passing over Mt Taira, with a possible Vanilla center visit 1,6 KM from the dock. Nice walk also on the track to Patio, not all the track is practicable but you can reach the top of the hill with a nice point de vue. Is is also possible to reach Apu Bay.



### *Hibiscus restaurant L2*



Here you will find several mooring buoys for an overnight stay. Call the restaurant (Leo) on VHF ch. 68 to arrange. There is a restaurant & bar with occasional local dance exhibitions. Call Leo 8779 28 81 to book the restaurant and possible island tours.



### *Haamene Village - Tahaa Maitai L3*



In the North of the bay you can pick up one of the 3 good yellow moorings ( 1500CFP/ night) possible refill included tel 87 240210 or anchor in 6 to 8 of water, muddy ground and not excellent holding. The reef is marked with black beacons. The restaurant Tahaa

Maitai offers some of the best food on the island. Notice to whisky amateurs: Bruno has something like 30 different whiskies in his cave.

Call Bruno, the chef at 4065 70 85 and book your dinner. Closed on Saturday lunchtime, Sunday dinner and all Monday.

### *Pass Toahotu*



This all weather pass is identified by usual port and starboard entrance markers but no leading marks. This is the best pass to sail Huahine with NE winds.



### *Motu Mahaea ou Motu Cerant N1*



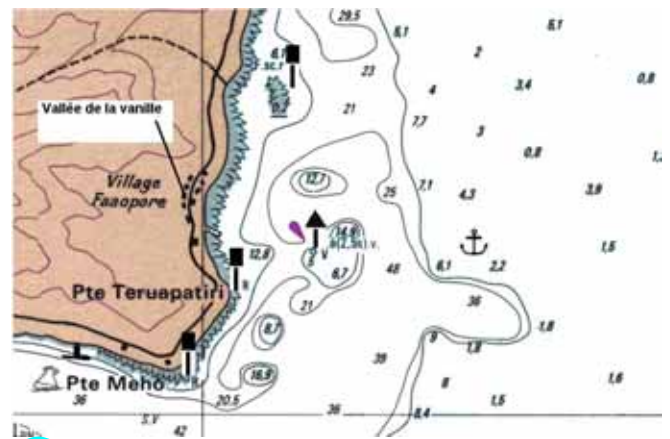
This is one of the nicest and safest overnight anchorage of Polynesia. 16° 38' 20 S – 151° 25' 23 W, by 2 m



of water for cats, monohulls should anchor on the edge by 5 m.



Just west by 300 yards and north of this motu is a good all weather anchorage. The motus around are private but the snorkelling on the reef and the crystal clear waters makes this place a paradise. Keep a good distance from the motu as the area is not safe due to unexpected coral heads.



*Faaaha Bay Vallee de la Vanille L2*

No way to anchor in the bay and beware of the numerous pearl farm buoys. There is a long dock at the end of the bay for the fishermen and excursion boats. There are some moorings on the right side when entering the bay from the previous restaurant that are not maintained.

Pick up one of the mooring balls at the end of the bay, 1500CFP per night, possible water refill included tel 40 656591, dinghy to the small harbour then do a nice ½ hour walk to the village of Faaopore where the Vanilla farm is (In the immediate North of the Faaaha Bay) The moorings near by the Pte Meho, are not always maintained, so check them before. They are difficult to find as just above the water and can't be seen from far. Do not expect to find them easily. The last info we have is that these moorings are not maintained..

Call Ryan to visit the nice vanilla plantation  
Tel 4065 74 89

### *Baie Raai*

This bay is exposed to the easterly winds. There are some small coral heads away from the fringe reef in the south. Do not anchor here.



*Sand shelf between Motu Mahaea or Motu Cerant and motu Tuahine*

All this area between the main marked channel and the reef is very difficult as many coral heads that can't be easily seen. If you enter this area, motor very slowly with someone at the bow. I would suggest to follow the edge between the light green (1 meter) and the light blue (3-4 meters), only with high sun (10AM-3PM)



#### La Pirogue Api - Motu Moute N4

The hotel extends the entire motu with 4 beautiful bungalows, a bar and an excellent restaurant (only upon reservation: Contact Nadia au 87275600 or email [contact@hotellapirogueapi.com](mailto:contact@hotellapirogueapi.com) )



Really a paradise island and refined local cooking. The access could be difficult so the easiest way is to start from the Motu Cerant anchorage and follow the edge of the sand shelf, motoring slowly with a crew on bow to clear off the few coral heads on your way. One can anchor in front of the motu by around 5 meters of sand. Make sure to clear the coral heads when swinging around. Two moorings are available, call Nadia.

#### Motus Atara and Mahavana

Very difficult access from the main channel (read the info above)  
These two islands have beaches on their inner sides. There is an area within 600 yards of the island on top of the barrier reef suitable for anchoring in 30 feet of water. Dinghy over to the motu. Stay clear of any odd coral heads on the reef top when anchoring.



#### Motu Tuuahine-Motu Raoro L2



#### Vahine Island

On this motu, renamed Vahine island, is a nice resort with bar, restaurant and bungalows. Vahine Island 4065 67 38. This is not possible to anchor as the

ground is covered with coral heads. No moorings there so no way to stop at the hotel or around.



#### Tahaa North Coast



No night anchorages are to be found along the motus on the northern coast of Tahaa. There are few day anchorages along the coasting, or you may carefully select anchorages on the barrier reef from which to dinghy to the many motus spread along the northern edge of the reef. Note that some of the motus are private, so please respect the word 'tapu' or 'tabu' if displayed. Ask permission before exploring the motu. There is a lot of coral to the north of Tahaa and the channel must be cleared carefully, attention to be paid there.



#### Three Beacons anchorage L4

In the immediate North of the 3 red port beacons, approach slowly and drop your anchor in 2-3 meters of sandy grounds, good holding. Clear off the isolated coral patches. Excellent spot for exploring and snorkeling near the motus.



#### Patio village L3

To the west of the passage area, there is a jetty for Tahaa's main village, Patio. You can pick up one of the 3 good yellow moorings ( 1500CFP/ night) possible refill included tel 87 354889 or may anchor only with good conditions off in 50 feet of water. Avoid the reefs which lie to the southwest.

Patio has a small dispensary, a gendarmerie, some shops and a telephone booth.

### *Baie Pueheru*

No safe anchorage as the bay is too deep. Be careful of the fringe reef.

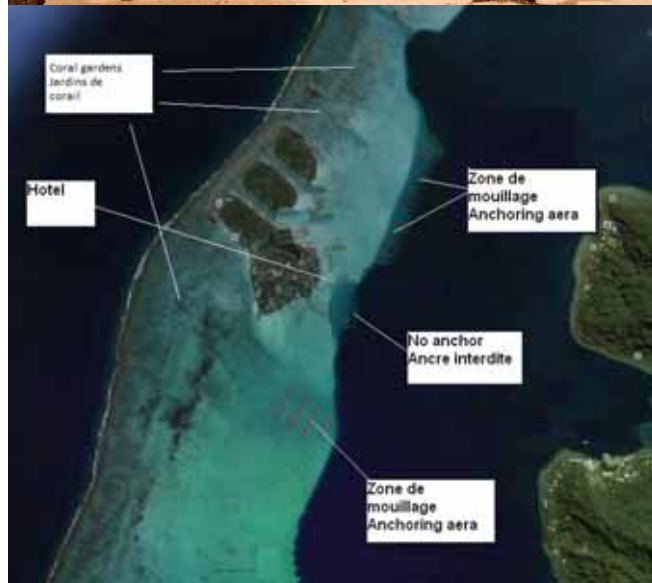


### *Motu Tautau - Coral gardens L2*

The Tahaa Private Island hotel covers the eastern side of the motu. This is a 5 stars spa hotel. Restaurant, spa and activities should be booked at the reception.

No anchorage in front of the hotel as there are some cables and water hoses. One can anchor in the North in front of the coral river in 4 to 10 meters of sand or 50-100 meters in the south of the bungalows on the edge between the self of sand and the deep blue. GPS 16° 37S 151°33.44 W. Catamarans can do 20 to 30 meters on the shelf while the monohulls must anchor on the edge.

Sandy grounds, good holding, but these anchorages are fine with steady conditions and less than 15 knots of wind. We recommend them as day anchor, over-night on a mooring ball in the Bay of Vaioarea, Tapuamu or the Tiva anchorage.



With the dinghy you can go to the Coral garden in the South of the TauTau ilet. There is also a ice one jsut North of the 3 ilet.

The famous Coral river is much too crowd and the coral damaged by thousands of visitors a and covered by algus , not a good place anymore but there are some very nice other Coral gardens.

Good snorkelling along the reef on the west side of the motu and in the North of the 3 motus.







### Baie Vaioarea la Orana pearl farm L1

A nice Pearl Farm visit in this small Bay where you can pick up one of the farm moorings.

Call Philippe from the la Orana Pearl farm tel 87 71 30 78 or 87 76 59 03 [pearlmantahaa@mail.pf](mailto:pearlmantahaa@mail.pf)



### Baie Tapuamu L1 Domaine de Pari Pari

Anchor by 16° 36' 870 S - 151° 32' 800 W in 25m.

The southern point of the bay is marked with a north cardinal beacon as well as red balise. There is now a large concrete dock in Baie Tapuamu as well as several warehouses. It is reserved for the inter-island freighters which sometimes arrive by night. Pick up a mooring (1500 CFP/ night possible water refill included tel 87 333045) or anchor in the middle of the bay then dinghy to the dock.

Domaine de Pari Pari : Free visit and tasting : call them for the local excellent Rum distillery, oil and vanilla product tel 40 65 61 74 [paripari@mail.pf](mailto:paripari@mail.pf)

Total fuel station: difficult access keep the right side entering slowly in the small harbour. Come and check with the dinghy before coming with the boat. One can refill fuel gasoline and water.



### Tiva Anchorage L1

Anchorage 16° 38,7 S 151°32,8 W North of the remarkable Tiva red roof church

You can anchor on the shelf of sand, enter by the North of the first green mark West of the Tiva church in 4 to 6 meters of sand. This is a very nice and wide all weather anchorage. Moving West, there is a huge 3 meter sandy and coral free shelf where to anchor, one can go more than 150 meters on the shelf, excellent holding in the sand.



### Baie Hurepiti- Vanilla Tour L3



The bay is beautiful and an excellent shelter but the access difficult. There are numerous coral shoals along the northern side of this bay and the water is not clear so it's difficult to see the coral patches. Favour the south side to clear the reef extending from the North until the middle of the bay. Do not anchor in Hurepiti as the ground is covered by old coral, so one can have the chain and anchor blocked. The only way is to pick up one of the 2 moorings from the Vanilla Tour We strongly recommend to ask them an assistance for entering the bay till the mooring.

Before tying up one of these buoys, call Alain Plantier (VHF 9 tel 40 65 62 46 or 87 35 86 39) and ask permission.





### *Vanilla Tour*, Ethno botanical Excursion 4 WD car.

This tour is to be booked in advance for minimum 4 persons maximum 8. Cristina and Alain Plantier were sailing around the world until they dropped the anchor in Hurepiti in 1985. Email [vanilla.tours@mail.pf](mailto:vanilla.tours@mail.pf)



Tie your dinghy at their small wharf, and they will welcome you in their traditional fare surrounded by a beautiful garden. You will visit their vanilla plantation and then take you on a spectacular drive up over Tahaa, describing all the vegetation and flowers along the way. You will stop at an agricultural experimentation station, where you will be shown the intricate process off pollinating and drying vanilla as well as the new techniques being applied to agriculture in French Polynesia.

### *Passe Papai (or Tiva Pass)*

Used by all ferries and interisland freighters, this pass is exposed to the prevailing South swell and could be difficult in bad weathers. In such conditions, use Passe Rautoanui on Raiatea to the south. Pay attention and keep some distance from the reef as the currents and the swell make this pass more difficult than the others.

When approaching from Bora Bora, keep some good distance from the reef until you clearly see the entrance and follow the leading markers on a bearing of



When leaving by this pass, head well out and westward to clear the "hump" of the barrier reef to the north before setting a course for Bora Bora. The pass is marked by the usual red and green balises. The north reef is marked inside by a East cardinal beacon.

Keep well clear of the ferries and inter-island freighters: they have priority in all passes.



Inner passages: When sailing from the pass towards the G.B.C. area and Uturoa, keep some distance from the reef on your Starboard as the reef shelf extends quite well to the East. One has to sail close to Bay Apu before heading south in order to clear the reef.

North of Baie Hurepiti, the red roof of the church of Tiva is remarkable and can be seen from far at sea when coming from Bora Bora. The Pass Papai is one nautical mile south of this church.

### *Baie Patii*

This is not a good anchorage, too deep.



### *Baie Apu Restaurant le Ficus -ex-Taravana*

### *Yacht Club* *L2*

Moorings buoy 16° 40,83 151° 29,13

Baie Apu was a famous spot is the past when the Yacht Clubs were operating, but these are now closed and there is little of interest here now.

### *Restaurant le Ficus*

Dinghy access just in the north of the ex Yacht Club big dock (not allowed): Polynesian parties on Fridays and on request the others days. Excellent local food and authentic Tahitian atmosphere. Bring your own wines and beers. Call to book the mooring and the restaurant, payment cash only.

Tel Ieremia 87349 838

No way to anchor as much too deep, but you will find 4 private moorings owned by the pearl farm that sells pearls for sale. Call Monique to book a mooring and farm visit Tel 40656626

There are also 3 moorings « Dream Yacht Charter » dedicated to our Lagoon 620 especially the Wednesdays or Fridays. Do not use them unless calling the DYC Base before taking one for the night.



### *Dave tours L3*

Baie de Toerauroa immediate North of the islet Toapuhi (Approach by the west of Toapuhi)

Dave proposes a mooring (not easy to find, call Dave before) and an island tour on 4W. He can help for finding fruits, veggies and vanilla

Contact Tel 4065 62 42 or 8773 78 52

### Baie Faaoto and Baie Motutiairi

Located further around Tahaa's south coast, both of these bays do not provide any correct night anchorages because too deep.

# Le ficus

restaurant Tahaa  
local atmosphere



**every tuesday evening**  
as from 7 pm  
traditional dance,  
group of musician's local musique  
(ukulele, guitare, songs...)

**B.B.Q. party**  
every thursday



**baie of Apu**  
moorings for boats  
pontoon, beach...

buffet, traditional dishes,  
**four Tahitien !** (stone  
embedded oven in ground)



information & reservations  
Ramona: **255 401**  
Ieremia: **349 838**

Le ficus



# Bora Bora

Nickname: The South Seas Pearl

Former names: Vavau, Pora Pora

Budget level: De luxe and upscale

Encounter: Bora-Bora has the reputation - certainly not overdone - of being the jewel of the South Seas. It is true that its immense lagoon LITERALLY TAKES THE BREATH AWAY of all its visitors. It impossible to resist its enchantment and its beauty.



At a glance: Bora-Bora no longer needs an introduction, it is well known for having "the most beautiful lagoon in the world". Bora-Bora's some 6,000 inhabitants know that they are living inside a true Tropical Garden of Eden, and their main occupation (as well as their greatest pride) consists in sharing their lifestyle, and making your stay unforgettable. In Bora-Bora, you will quickly get the feeling that everything is oriented towards perfection. The tourist is King.

Hotels and tourist activities are very developed, but with a strict respect for the environment and the preservation of the ecosystem: However, like everywhere in Polynesia, the beaches are rather deserted, and the tourists, after all, make themselves very discreet. This mythical destination remains a mandatory detour, even if its authenticity tends to fade away with time. This is why it is recommended not to stay there more than 3 or 4 days and keep some time for the neighbouring Tahaa, Raiatea and Huahine.

*Water: Bora Bora has to produce her water with big water-makers making the water cost more expensive than in other islands.*

**Snorkeling in Bora Bora is not allowed by yourself** (you need to go with local people ; our cruising boats work with MAHOI NUI TOURS tel 87 79 19 11)

*Because of the numerous airport and hotels shuttles, scooters and excursions boats in a permanent rush, special attention must be taken when swimming in the lagoon and around the boat. The shuttles and excursion boat are used to pass full speed close by anchored yachts. We recommend you go swimming in quiet anchorages far from the shuttles passages.*

## Planes and ferries

The busy Bora-Bora airport is located on the islet (Motu Mute), but there is a free shuttle service to the dock of Vaitape, the island's village.

Motu Topua is part of the ancient volcano of Bora Bora. The crater was located between Topua and the bay formed from Point Pahua to Point Raititi.



Approaching from Raiatea, one can't see the reef corner extending far in the South West but there is a lighthouse which could be seen from a few miles away.

## Passe Teavanui

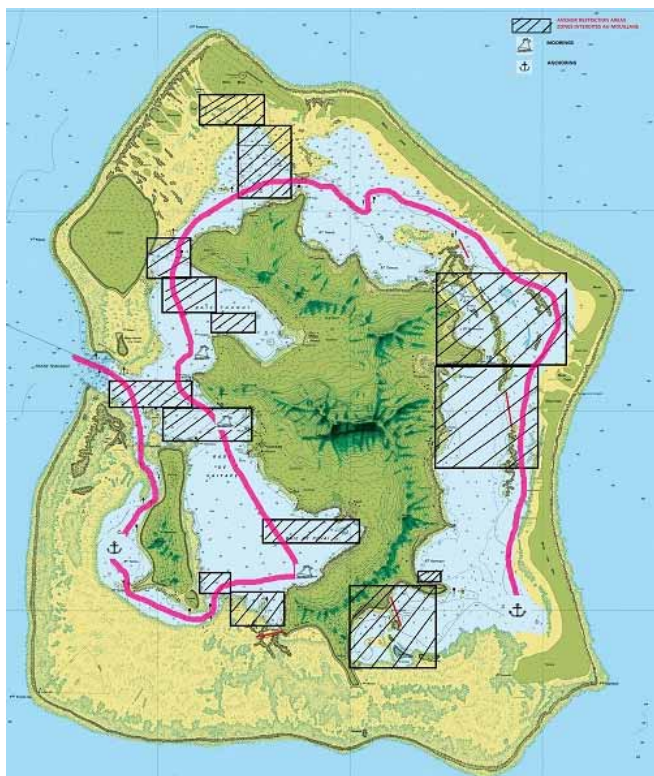
This easy all weather pass is wide and well marked with the usual red- port floating beacon and a green-starboard one.





Approach on 113 magnetic on the bearing lights in front of Vaitape.

## BORA BORA LAGOON NEW REGULATIONS



### 2019 Bora Bora Lagoon anchorage restrictions See the routes and restricted area on this map

In order to protect the lagoon and to regulate the navigation of all kind of boats (cruiseship - powerboats - sailboats) and nautical activities (jet ski - nautical excursions...) in Bora Bora, the Polynesian Administration is working on a new regulation plan for the use of the lagoon.

**sailboat need a clearance to enter the lagoon (call BBMS:borabora moorings services VHF09 or 89 440 888) ; sailboat are not allowed to anchor in all the lagoon and have to use only BBMS moorings**

Sailboats always have the opportunity to sail on the entire lagoon of Bora Bora and using moorings areas. Customers are also informed of the night moorings areas during the briefing at the base, and will be notified of any changes.

**or paddles obviously exposed on the deck. Take a mooring at the Bora Bora Yacht club or the Makai marina and walk or dinghy to the village.**

Don't tie up your dinghy to the airport ferry boats dock and do not leave the dinghy unattended anywhere around. No garbage disposal on the wharf, only at the Makai Marina or the Bloody Mary restaurant.

#### Tupai :

This atoll located 15NM in the N-NO of Bora, do not offer any shelter nor any pass to enter. No possible stopover there, but a good fishing area...



Vaitape is the main village of Bora Bora. There are some local restaurants, a Tourism board office, a gen-darmerie, a post office with public phones, and a dispensary on the seaward side of the main street. There are one or two walking paths on the island. One of these brings you to the old World War II cannon sites. To find the path, start just across the road south of the fuel station.

Church services on Sundays

Catholic mass: in Vaitape at 0830

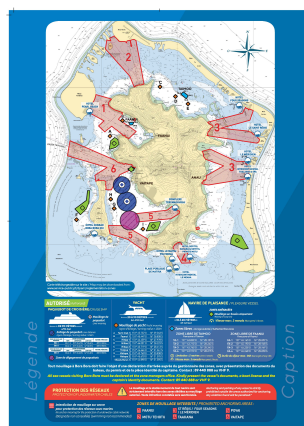
Protestant: in Vaitape at 1000

### Bora Bora Yacht Club



The Bora Bora Yacht Club in the bay in front of the pass, has BBMS mooring buoys and an easy-access dock to refill water (1000cfp/100L). This is a very good shelter with the prevailing East and South East winds. Good restaurant and nice welcome, wifi, tel 40676047 87289450

Overnight allowed on BBMS moorings



Laundry near by : Bora Bora Laverie 4067 62 67 contact@boraboralaverie.com

There is a busy fuel station with an easy access as well protected from the prevailing winds. For a night anchorage, choose the Makai marina which is very close to Vaitape. Thefts are often reported when yachts stop at the Vaitape dock. AGAIN, DO NOT USE THE VAITAPE DOCK. Do not leave your dinghy unattended.

### *Baie de Povai*

#### *Bloody Mary restaurant*

In this bay there are many shops and curios, as well as the Bloody Mary Restaurant at the south point of the bay: tel 4067.72.86. BBMS Moorings available

### *North of Pointe Raititi*

Follow the coast by dinghy to the beaches of Pte Matira where there are several large hotels and some shops, galleries and places to buy snacks.

No way to go south of Pointe Raititi to Matira, the passage is too shallow and full of coral reefs. This passage is possible only with small boats or dinghies, not our yachts. Do not try!

### *Topua Iti*

Excellent snorkeling around on the coral gardens, but pay attention to the current.

### *Topua*

This is one of the nicest stop overs in Bora Bora, easy access and beautiful spot. BBMS moorings available.

with nice beaches and good snorkelling off the coast and on the barrier reef shelf.

Rays spots : on the East of Topua, there is a spot for manta rays in 4 to 6 meters and a small grey ray spot in 2 meters of sand : easy to find as they are spotted by the hotel excursion boats.



### *Motu Tapu*



This island is private, and you will not be allowed access to it.



### *Baie Faanui*

Anchoring in this bay is not recommended due to depth and very gusty winds.

### *Wharf of Faanui*

This wharf is reserved for inter-island freighters which come alongside by night as well as by day. Do not berth here.

### Airport area



Be sure not to anchor in this channel, there are important communication cables from the mainland to the airport on the bottom of that channel. One can anchor either side. From these anchorages, you can dinghy to the airport and this is a good place from which to explore the area of motus and coral heads between Teveiroa and Motu Mute. On the West side GPS 16°27.490 151° 45.50 for a good snorkeling around motu Muta Iti. Some are private, so please respect their privacy.

Note that the dock marked on the chart at the southern end of the channel to the airport is also private.



### *Passage to the Easter lagoon*

There is no real channel marked in the Lagoon East so it is advisable to maintain a crew member forward on the bow as a spotter for the length of this passage.

This area is one of the most spectacularly beautiful that you will find in the islands. It is also a popular spot for kite or windsurfing. It is definitely better to navigate this passage in bright sunlight and not before 0900 or after 1500 hours.

Once the Point Tahī cleared, sail to the immediate North of the red cylindrical balise . Ignore the south cardinal beacon that you clear North. Sail East to Temahu and then sail along the motus, keeping a distance of 20-30 meters from the bungalows to reach *Taurere*. *It is very busy and could be dangerous with full speed noisy airport and hotel excursion shuttles.*





We strongly recommend the passage along the over-water bungalows and avoid the area mentioned on the chart above.

As far as there is no more channel nor marks beyond Temahu, pay attention in the shallow waters with possible isolated coral heads.



Follow the motus and the numerous hotels: stay at 20-30 meters from the bungalows to keep the reefs banks on your starboard.

After the last hotels, there is a big red boat cradle then 2 wooden docks at the last one with a wooden house at the end, the Eden Beach dock, head the Pointe Paoaoa on Starboard as there is a reef bank in the south. You will find some 10 meters depths and then come back to port to reach the Tauere anchorage.



From both dinghy trips may be made to the inlets in the motus and across the motus to do some beach-combing on the outside shores. Good snorkelling along these shores; but be careful of inshore currents.

### *Motu Tupe Lagoonarium Tereva beach*



The Lagoonarium offers to swim in the midst of fish, rays and sharks without any danger. The best time to go is in the morning. Please note that it is closed on Saturdays. BBQ picnic Tel 4067 71 34 site [www.boraboraisland.com/lagoonarium/](http://www.boraboraisland.com/lagoonarium/) North of the motu Tupe, Tereva proposes an access to his beach with a BBQ ( bring your food) good swimming spot and local atmosphere. Téléphone 8725 01 25

Note that some motus are private and most of the hotels are not keen to welcome charter boats. Re-spect the *Tabu* signs.

After Motu Tape, head south staying in 10 feet of water. Arriving at the southern end of the central reef, sail in 25 to 30 feet of water (in the dark blue water) to avoid coral heads. Use a lookout on the bow.

Between Motu Piti Aau and Taurere . Remember there is no channel and no marks, so pay attention to the grounds and coral patches on the way.

### *Taurere*



This is a wide and easy moorings area of sand (BBMS AVAILABLE ). From here, dinghy around Point Faaroone and anchor south of the motu in sand. Close by is a beautiful coral garden and excellent snorkelling. Note: The current could be strong due to the swell on the barrier reef. Be careful when swimming and snorkelling in this area. Possible Tahitian lunch on the motu (Mauna Motu Taiarui Louis tel tel 87338070).



### *From « Pointe Paoa to « Pointe Matira »*

This area surrounded by hotels is to avoid and there is no moorings. The navigation is not clear with many coral patches. **The passage between the Pointe Tauere and the coral reef marked by a green beacon full of coral heads and possible only with small outboard boats. This passage is dangerous for yachts. Do not use this passage!**

**No mooring allowed around Matira and the motu Iti uu Uta and Iti uu Tai**



### *Bora Bora to Huahine*

This passage should be made in two sections. Leave Bora Bora at 1000 for Raiatea and anchor there overnight. This is good opportunity to stop at Dream yacht base to restock with provisions, water, ice, etc. The following morning leave for Huahine planning to arrive no later than 1500 hrs.

### *Bora Bora to Tahaa*

This passage could be very rough when the Maraamu is blowing, so choose the right day and leave Bora Bora early. It could take 4 to 8 hours depending on the weather conditions.





# Huahine

**Pronunciation:** "Hoo-a-Hinay".

**Nicknamed :** The Wild Island.

**Former name:** Matairea

**Budget level:** Standard

**Encounter:** Huahine, magical and wild island, often regarded as the most beautiful and gentle of the Leeward islands.





## At a glance

Main town: Fare.

Population: 5,700.

Huahine is composed of two islands with rough and enchanted mountains, separated by a narrow channel and connected by a small stone bridge. The deep bay of Maroe separating Huahine Nui (the big island in the North) from Huahine Iti (the small island in the South) is said to have been dug by the canoe of the god Hiro and is without a doubt one of Polynesia's most beautiful bays, and also the largest.



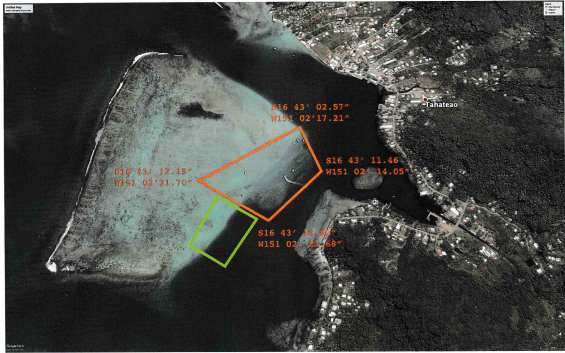
Si vous ne protégez pas mon lagon, qui le fera? Et si ce n'est pas aujourd'hui, ce sera quand?

If you don't protect my lagoon, who will?  
And if it's not today, when?

BP 448 Fare  
Huahine 98731  
Tel: 87745784  
Tel: 87766435

**Bienvenue à Huahine!**  
Nous demandons aux plaisanciers et bateaux de charter en visite à Huahine de vous ancrer sur les sites sablonneux du lagon pour protéger notre environnement marin et ce jusqu'à la mise en place de mouillages permanents. Sur le site de Fare, **la zone en rouge est une zone à forte concentration corallienne à éviter absolument pour l'ancrage** (dégâts irréversibles sur les fonds marins). La zone en vert est une zone sablonneuse qui peut accueillir de nombreux voiliers et catamarans. Vigilance dans la zone verte, il y a du corail vivant ici et là. Nous encourageons donc les plaisanciers à vérifier leur ancre et leur chaîne en plongeant chaque jour pour éviter la destruction des fonds et ainsi permettre la régénération des coraux.  
**Maururu pour votre coopération et passez un merveilleux séjour à Huahine!**

**Welcome to Huahine!**  
We ask that all boaters visiting Huahine anchor in sandy areas of the lagoon to help protect our marine environment until we have installed permanent moorings. The photo below shows the zone in red that has a large presence of corals—**please do NOT anchor in this red zone** (irreversible destruction of the reef). The green zone is mostly sandy and can accommodate many sailboats and catamarans. But be careful even in the green zone, there is live coral here and there, so we encourage boaters to check their anchor and chain by diving everyday where depths make it possible, to avoid destruction to the coral and permit their regeneration.  
**Maururu for your cooperation and have a wonderful visit in Huahine!**



## Planes and ferries

By plane, a 30-minute direct flight from Tahiti or from Raiatea Huahine's neighboring island (a 15-minute flight). There are also connections by boats leaving from Tahiti.

One can find many *marae*, religious sites used in ancient religious ceremonies, around the island. Walk or cycle out from Fare heading north for approximately two miles towards the village of Maeva along Lac Maeva. There is a whole series of ancient religious stone grouping and *marae* on the edge of the *lac*. For more information, you may wish to buy the booklet "Huahine" at the village stores or at the Bali Hai boutique.

## Passe Avamoa

This pass, well marked with the usual red and green beacons and with an east cardinal balise on the south reef is the main pass for Fare. Approach on 113 magnetic towards the two leading marks at Pte Matapiri. Stay well out until the pass can be clearly identified and the leading marks lined up.

### *Passe Avapehi*

This is the second pass for Fare.

Marked with three green conical beacons and a south cardinal beacon (inside the lagoon) this is the second pass for Huahine. Approach on 89 magnetic to the two white beacons at Pte Papatea.

### *Moorings in Huahine*

There are some moorings in Fare, Anaiti and Haapu Bay that are installed by the Polynesian government, managed and maintained by private companies. There is a fee per night to pay for them. Fare village main dock: only the inter-island freighters are allowed to use it. These freighters can come at any time in the day or night.

Possible temporary dock space on request only : contact harbor master : VHF 12 tel. : 40 68 82 11/ 87 74



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*Fare*  L2

This is the main village and administrative centre for Huahine. Fare is a beautiful tiny village with a pleasant water front, there is a market, a few stores, small good restaurants, bars, banks, Post office and car rental services.

Mairie Huahine tel. : 40 60 63 21 Gendarmerie tel. : 40 60 62 05 Infirmerie / Urgences tel. : 40 68 82 48 Pharmacie - Fare tel. : 40 60 61 41 Station Gasoil Mobil Fare tel. : 40 68 81 41 Station Gasoil Total Fare tel. : 40 68 80 54 Comité du tourisme tel. : 87 73 40 42 huahine-info@tahiti-tourisme.pf

**Fresh water at the dock** and services for yachts Call Huahine Nautique tel 40 688 315 [www.huahine-nautique.com](http://www.huahine-nautique.com)

Huahine Yacht Club good restaurant and bar +689 40 68 70 81

The hôtel Hôtel Lapita Village with a restaurant, bar and a small museum proposes some excursions tel 40 68 80 80.

The dive center can also provide water Blue Pacific Adventure tel 8771 96 55. They will give you an appointment at the main dock and bring a water hose. Horseback riding excursions are also available at the *Petite ferme* located between Fare and the airport. Telephone 4068 82 98.



*NW of Point Ofaiorio*  L2

16° 43' 186 S – 151° 02' 336 W, by 5 meters of water.



Anchor on the shelf in the East side of the shelf, in the South of the green beacon, good holding by 3 to 5 meters of water or pick up one of the moorings along the sand bank edge in the South. (contact Huahine Nautique for the moorings tel 40 688 315 [www.huahine-nautique.com](http://www.huahine-nautique.com))

### *Baie Haavai*

A red cylindrical marker marks the southern point of bay Haavai.

Avoid this anchorage due to depth and little swinging room.

### *Inner Passage*

When sailing in the inner passage, head the markers. This passage is well marked all the way south to Baie Avea.

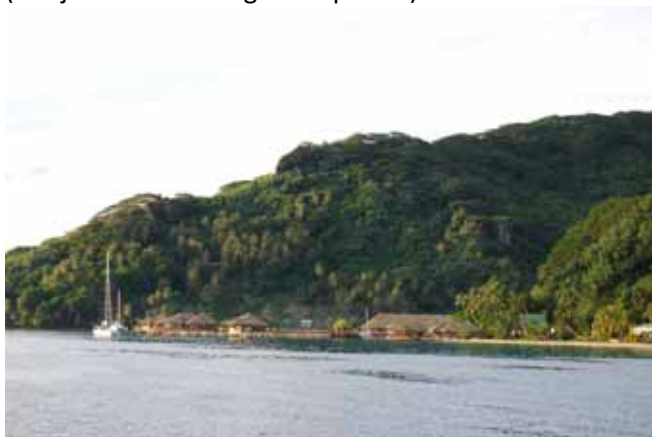
Possible anchorage between Fare and the Hotel Royal Huahine near by the West beacon, by 6 meters 16° 44' 943 S - 151° 02' 843 W.



*Hôtel Royal Huahine*  N1

The Royal Huahine is not only a beautiful resort but also a very good restaurant. This is also the perfect place for a breakfast. Call Tel – 40 60 60 50 for book-

ing: emails [resa@royalhuahine.pf](mailto:resa@royalhuahine.pf) or reception@royalhuahine.pf [www.royal-huahine.com](http://www.royal-huahine.com)  
 Mooring available or anchor in the East of the hotel (not just off the bungalows please).



### Port Bourayne

Port Bourayne offers a nice landscape. There is no good anchorage but one can sail in this inner lagoon. The entrance is well marked with a South cardinal in the North and a South on the Motu Vaieea.



The entrance to passage Honoavaree is marked by some white wooden sticks. It is possible to dinghy in and reach the Baie Maroe. Clear the numerous coral patches in the passage.



### Motu Vaioarea L3

You will find a good anchorage south of Motu Vaioarea in 10 to 15 feet of water. Watch for the coral heads. From here you can dinghy to passé Honoava.



### Mt Teapaa ex-Hotel Hana Iti L2



16° 46' 912 S – 151° 01' 679 W, by 7m of water. This hotel was built at the foot of Mt Tepaa and destroyed by a hurricane in the nineties.



Pick up one of the moorings (Baie Association pour la protection maritime de l'espace de Haapu. tel.: 87 215 138 [www.huahineavenir.sitew.com](http://www.huahineavenir.sitew.com)) or anchor in about 30 feet of water. Watch for a few coral patches.

The passage narrows heading south; however, the inner edge of the barrier reef remains easy to see and the shoreline marking are good.



### Baie Haapu L1



Baie Haapu, mooring on anchor in the bay is not recommended due to strong squalls of wind, but pick up one of the moorings for the night. Contact Baie Association pour la protection maritime de l'espace de Haapu.

tel. : 87 215 138 [www.huahineavenir.sitew.com](http://www.huahineavenir.sitew.com)



### *Baie Avea Restaurant Chez Tara L1*

16° 48' 755 – 150° 59' 470 W, by 11m of water. In the way to Avea, follow the red cylindrical balises on the shore.



The bay is very well protected, even is the strong SE winds (Maaramu) are blowing. The North side of the bay is 10 to 15 meters deep while the South sand shelf is very shallow with a nice sandy edge. Go snorkeling following this edge to see the manta rays gliding along. Dinghy to Pte Tiva to the white sand beaches or the reef for good snorkelling.

From Avea, you may rent a car and tour the island. Call Huahine land for touring the mountain and an outstanding photo safari, Telephone 4068 89 21.

### *Restaurant Chez Tara*

There is a nice restaurant on the beach "chez Tara", traditional Tahitian oven every Sunday. Call Tel : 40687 845 Tel mobile : 8772 98 76

### *Relais Mahana*

You can rent a car at this hotel and refill the water tanks at the dock : ask the reception or call Tel + 689 40 60 60 40 - VHF 69

Good snorkeling at the Tiva point. Nice walking along the shore to the West side of Tiva, where is the well preserved *marae* of Anini.

### *Passe Araara*

This pass is dangerous due to shallow depth and swells. It should never be used, including by dinghy.

### *Passe Tiare*

On the east coast, this pass is also dangerous and should not be used.

### *Passe Farerea*

This pass could be reached south or north around Huahine. Either route is fine but could be rough.

We do not recommend this side of Huhine as there are few protected anchorage and not as interesting as the West side.



# Maupiti

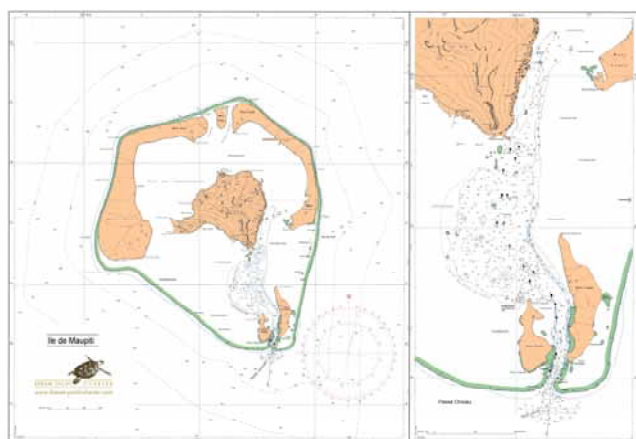
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**Pronunciation:** "MaO-Piti".

**Nickname:** The Secret Island

**Former name:** Vaitu, and sometimes Maurua

Maupiti is the smallest and the last of the Leeward Islands. It is also the least visited, but all the connoisseurs will tell you that this very preserved island looks like a "small Bora-Bora" forty years ago... A cocktail of tranquility with an immaculate turquoise lagoon.



## At a glance

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Main town: Vaiea . Population: 1,150 mostly in the main town. Maupiti is a splendid gem with white sand beaches everywhere you look, unforgettable diving, and few other tourists. No technical assistance at all in Maupiti. No easy provisioning excepted fishes from the fishermen. No water so please make sure to start from Bora with the full water tanks. (easy refill at the Bora Bora Yacht Club)

## Planes and ferries

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You can get to Maupiti by plane from Tahiti or Raiatea. There are no flights from Bora Bora, but it is possible to escape there round trip with the Maupiti express ferry, in one day (about 1h each way by boat) and spend 5 or 6 dreamlike hours on one of Maupiti's immaculate beaches. This is a good idea when the conditions make the pass too rough.

## Pass conditions & restrictions

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No water at the dock in Maupiti so re-top your water tanks at the Bora Bora Yacht Club just before leaving Bora Bora.

The access to Maupiti is restricted to :

Swell and waves <1.5 meters & Winds <15 knots Approach mid day (high tide). The passage to Maupiti depends of the conditions of the pass, there is only one which is very narrow and exposed to the prevailing swells from South, making the pass difficult and potentially dangerous as soon as there is more than a 1.5m swell or more than 15 knots of wind.



No water at the dock in Maupiti so re-top your water tanks at the Bora Bora Yacht Club just before leaving Bora Bora.

If intending to sail to Maupiti, contact Camille from the pension Kuriri Village near by the pass, Camille is a good sailor and will let you know what the conditions at the pass are. Tel 40 67 82 23 or 87 74 54 54. This is only an information on the pass conditions Only the captain is responsible for taking the decision to enter or not the pass. Start early in the morning (not later than 8AM) so you could reach Bora Bora before the night if you can't enter. You can also look at the winguru.cz web site that gives the swell and wind predictions. If the conditions are too rough ( more than 1,5m wave or more than 15knts of wind, take a day trip from Bora Bora with the ferry.



#### *Vaiea L1*

The village runs from N to S of the main island to the east at the foot of the cliff of Mount Tiriano. Vaiea comprises the majority of inhabitants of Maupiti. It consists of houses along the beltway, a small church, town hall, post office, a police station and a restaurant. The village is spread over a mile along a narrow coastal strip. You can navigate on the inside of the channel from the pass to the village pier. Anchor in sandy grounds on the right of the channel at 200 m in the E dock Pauma by 5-6 m or pick up one of the moorings. Dinghy to the village where is one snack-restaurant near by the post office. Walking around the island takes less than one hour. Good snorkeling on the coral heads approaching the reef barrier. There is one dive shop: [info@maupitidiving.com](mailto:info@maupitidiving.com)



#### *Motu Pitihae Manta Rays Anchorage L1*

Very nice overnight anchorage in the immediate West of the motu. Anchor in 2.5m on the sand shelf or pick up a mooring. Restricted Manta Ray reserve in the North. Please keep a good distance from the rays and do not touch nor disturb them.

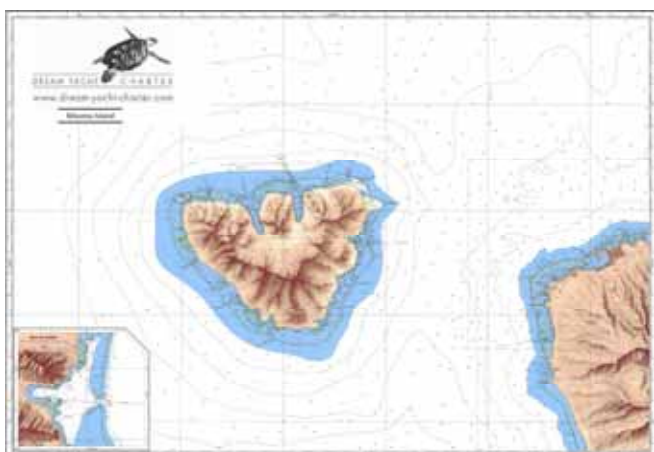




# Moorea

*Pronunciation: "Mo-o-Re-A".*

*Budget level: Upscale*



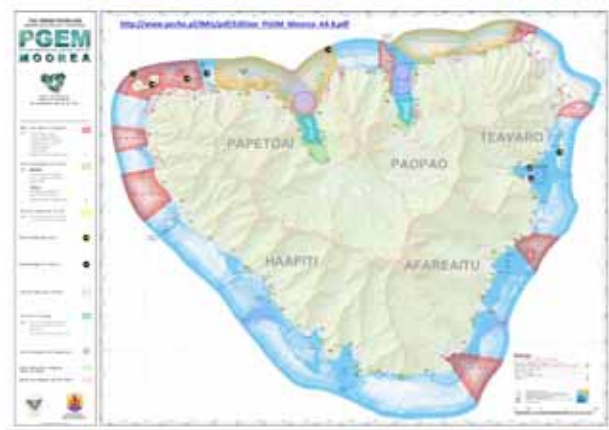
**Encounter:** The Sister Island is located right in front of Tahiti, but it has only 17,000 inhabitants, i.e. about the population of a small village. On weekends, it is a getaway for many people from Tahiti, but the island is large enough and tourists enjoy tranquility and serenity there. With its turquoise color lagoon and its gorgeous scenery, it provides a true heaven for relaxation.

**At a glance :** There is no main village, but a few tourist centers like Maharepa, Papetoai and Haapiti where the majority of hotels and guest houses are concentrated and share an enchanted backdrop. Moorea's population: about 17,000 people equally spread in six small districts. Moorea is only 10 nautical miles (17 Km) from Tahiti, and benefits from a splendid 50 km<sup>2</sup> lagoon completely surrounding the island. The two major bays of Cook and Opunohu, on the North coast,

give a particularly fascinating charm. Its beaches are among the most beautiful and best maintained in French Polynesia.

**How to get there:** By plane: aboard Air Tahiti flights, which sometimes stop in Moorea before flying to the Leeward Islands. By boat: **Many fast ferries** shuttle back and forth between Papeete and the port of Vaiare (East on the island of Moorea) several times a day (a 30min to 60min trip depending on which boat), between 6 and 9 AM and 3 and 6 PM.

**Navigation :** This is a pleasant stopover when starting or ending in Papeete. Passage from Tahiti : 8 NM. The passage from Tahiti is fast but no wind. Passage from the Leeward's 90 NM from Huahine. The passage from the leeward's is always very long and upwind. In case of "Maaramu" (strong SE), the conditions are very rough and uncomfortable. 15 to 24 hours depending on conditions. The navigation around Moorea is restricted by the PGEM (local lagoon usage).



Check on the Web site:

[http://www.peche.pf/IMG/pdf/Edition\\_PGEM\\_Moorea\\_A4-8.pdf](http://www.peche.pf/IMG/pdf/Edition_PGEM_Moorea_A4-8.pdf).

Only few anchorages are allowed:



*Marina Vaiare L2*

Tel: 4056 26 97 or 4056 45 58 VHF: 12. This marina is located right in front of the well marked pass. Mainly occupied by residents or Papeete ferries, there is some availability for passage boats. The place is noisy (power plant nearby and ferries traffic).



### *Motu Ahi N1*

Enter the first pass in the South of Vaiare, then follow the motu on your right to a beautiful anchorage on moorings. Good shelter and nice snorkeling along the barrier reef.



### *Baie de Cook L1*

This is a spectacular huge bay accessible by an easy pass well marked. The best shelter is in the east between the shore and the reef shelf, sandy ground, good holding and restaurants close by. There is a possible anchorage by the end of the bay in deep unclear water, muddy grounds. Good hiking start.



### *Baie d'Opunohu L1*

Everything is very similar to the Cook's bay: easy pass well marked best shelter in the East and possible deep unclear anchorage by the end of the bay. Nice place to walk from a bay to the other or on the hill.



### *Mouillage des Tikis N2*

In the West of the bay, access to the anchorage by a marked channel . Anchor in sand grounds, good holding.

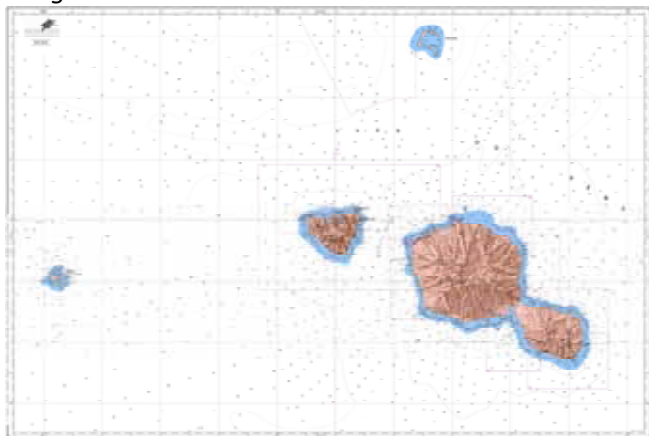
# Tahiti

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**Nickname** The New Cythere (name given by Bougainville in 1768)

**Former name:** Otahiti

**Budget:** Standard



**Encounter :** Tahiti is the largest island in French Polynesia, it offers a good balance between the pleasures of the lagoon, breath-taking inland scenery and the excitement of its capital city Papeete.

## At a glance

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It is the largest and the most populated island in French Polynesia. Even if Tahiti is not the tourists' favorite island, it is without a doubt one of the most interesting to visit. It's impressive volcanic formations are perfect for hiking or 4x4 excursions, and the discovery of waterfalls deeply buried in thick vegetation. Its lagoon make all level diving activities possible, its surfing spots are unique. The numerous handicraft markets and exotic shops offer an extraordinary abundance of traditional cultural memories.

## Planes and ferries

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The Faaa-Papeete international airport (code PPT) is the hub for **air transportation**, to get to from abroad as well as to fly to the nearby islands. By boat: The port of Papeete is the focal point of all sea traffic, whether international or inter-island **by ferries**. For this, there are several companies offering sea transportation on freighters, catamarans, fast boats and cruise **ships**.

Banks: « **Banques de Polynésie** », « **Banque de Tahiti** », « **Banque Socredo** ».Hospital : Papeete has a big modern hospital.

## Navigation :

Tahiti is not a sailor destination but a very convenient location for a charter end or start, with the international airport (very close to the marina Taina, the town of Papeete, the big supermarkets for provisioning. This is also a perfect stopover on the way to the Tuamutu there are few anchorages and marinas but this guide covers the only recommended and convenient place: the marina Taina. We do not recommend the main town harbor which is definitely not safe.

Passage from the Leeward's: 100 NM. The passage from Huahine is long, rough, uncomfortable right against the prevailing winds and waves, especially difficult when the "Maaramu" (strong settled SE) occurs. Count 15 to 24 hours depending on the conditions.



### Marina Taina

Tel 4041 02 25; 8778 92 46 email [marinataina@mail.pf](mailto:marinataina@mail.pf) . This is the Dream Yacht Charter start and end location for Tahiti.

Access by the Taapuna pass 6NM in the South of the main Papeete pass. The marina is well maintained and has all modern marina facilities: restaurant, laundry, wifi, showers, fuel station, taxis and airport proximity. The big Carrefour supermarket is at 200 meters, perfect for a charter provisioning.

The meeting point for the charters is at the marina office.

Call the marina in advance to book a berth or a mooring. No possible anchorage off the marina: only moorings managed by the marina office.



### Marina Papeete Town

Ideally located in the town center with all stores, market and boutiques, this marina just launched will offer all modern marina services soon.

Contact Tél. Marina de Papeete : 40 47 48 54  
email : [marinadepapeete@portppt.pf](mailto:marinadepapeete@portppt.pf)

Adresse postale :  
Marina de Papeete  
BP 9164 Motu Uta  
98 715 Papeete - Tahiti



### Atoll de Tetiaora



Tetiaora is outside of the Dream yacht Charter sailing area. Please contact the base if you intend to go there. No pass nor any safe anchorage around this atoll. Only the Tahiti day charter boats come and stay on their own moorings in the West of the atoll: they bring their clients inside by dinghy over the coral barrier. No mooring nor any facility for passage boats and the barrier passage is often dangerous: We strongly recommend to not go to this atoll.

## *Passes*

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When planning your passage through one of the passes – either leaving or entering, bear in mind there is often a strong, continuous current outwards. Also do not attempt to take the dinghy through or into a pass and be careful when crossing a pass inside the lagoon. Take care also when swimming and snorkelling as the waves and currents around the passes can be dangerous.

### *Entering and leaving passes*

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When leaving a pass make sure you follow the bearing out of the pass for around 1 mile to get clear of the reef and any cross currents before setting your next course.

When entering a pass, always stay well out from the reef and turn in on the bearing once you have positively identified it. Do not cut corners and in bad weather conditions, use your motor with the mainsail up when entering or leaving the pass.

You will find confused water off the reef due to reflected wave action and the long ocean swells tend to build up as they approach the reef edge.

Always take notice of wind direction, strength and the currents and in case of an engine failure be prepared to use your jib or the anchor in an emergency and again always have your mainsail up.

If you find there is a heavy swell or if you experience poor visibility due to a squall, stand off until the squall passes and then enter the pass.

Make sure you arrive off a pass no later than 1530hrs to allow for these situations and do not enter or leave a pass in darkness. You want to allow at least an hour before sunset to get your anchor down & settle into your anchorage for the night.

Please remember you must also give way to any kind of motor boat and especially inter-island freighters that have limited manoeuvrability.

### *Island Passes*

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Depending on winds and swell conditions, some passes are better avoided, while others are very easy. The information given in this section is for quick reference. For full description see the pertinent section under the numbers given. Magnetic bearings have been rounded to the nearest figure.

### *Raiatea – East Coast*

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#### **Passe Teavapiti**



The GPS Waypoint between the Red and Green Buoys is - S 16°44'.563 W 151°25'.182

Teavapiti is the main all weather entrance and exit on the east coast for the port of Uturoa. Leading marks are 257° magnetic. When clearing the pass inside the barrier reef, the leading marks to approach the port are to the north on 303° magnetic.

#### **Passe Irihu**



The GPS Waypoint is center of the entrance on S 16° 47'.186 W 151°22' 874. Passe Irihu is usually an all weather pass but sometimes it is hard to see from the ocean when returning from Huahine. Approach on a bearing of 205° magnetic

### Raiatea – South West Coast

#### **Passe Punaeroa**



Well marked but only to be used when there is no swell running, as it sometimes closes **over**.

#### **Passe Toamaro & Passe Tetuatiare**

Enter and exit in good conditions only for access to local bay areas. Approaches are on 073° magnetic.

#### **Passe Rautoanui**



The GPS Waypoint is center of the entrance on S 16°45'.506 W 151°30'.438 Passe Rautoanui is the second all weather pass of importance on Raiatea for western approaches. Leading marks on 072° magnetic.

### Tahaa

#### **Passe Papai - Tahaa West Coast**

The GPS Waypoint is center of the entrance at S 16° 40'.289 W 151° 32'.394. This is one of the main passes for both Tahaa and Raiatea and may be used in most weather conditions. In strong southwest to south winds, this pass can experience heavy top breaking swells across the entrance. In these conditions use Passe Rautoanui. Leading marks are on 005° magnetic.

#### **Passe Toahotu - East coast of Tahaa**



The GPS Waypoint is center of the entrance S 16° 39'.038 W 151° 25'.268. This pass can only be used in good weather. The approach is made on 281° magnetic.

### Bora Bora

#### **Passe Teavanui**





The GPS Waypoint is center of the entrance on S 16°29'.498 W 151°47'.063 Passe Teavanui is the only pass through the reef and is generally all weather. However, in strong westerly winds the swells will break on the bar across the entrance, though these conditions are rare. The approach is on 090° magnetic.

### Huahine

#### **Passe Avamoa – North West Coast**

The GPS Waypoint is center of the entrance on S 16° 42'.491 W 151° 02'.850 This is the main pass for Fare on the NW coast. Leading marks are 114° magnetic.

#### **Passe Avapehi**

The GPS waypoint is centre of the entrance on S 16° 43 '.509 W 151° 03'.215 This is the second pass for Fare with the approach on 089° magnetic.

#### **Passe Farerea - East Coast**

The only fair weather pass on the east coast but should not be attempted during strong easterlies. Approach on 251° magnetic.

### Maupiti

#### *The Onoiau pass*

GPS point outside of the pass: 152°14,47 W  
16°29,10 S



**This is the only pass into Maupiti. The pass is very narrow and exposed to prevailing swells from the south.**

The best conditions to enter the pass are:

Swell and waves <1.5 meters

Winds <15 knots

Approach mid day (high tide)

The pass could be dangerous as soon as you experience more than 1.5m swell or more than 15knots of wind.

If intending to sail Maupiti, contact Camille from the pension Kuriri Village which is near the pass. Camille is a good sailor and will give you the current conditions in the pass. (Camille phone 67 82 23 or 74 54 54). You can also contact Alain on 70 13 69. **Only the captain is responsible to take the decision to enter or not the pass, no one else.**

Start early in the morning (no later than 8am) so you can reach Bora Bora before the nightfall if you are unable to enter Onoiau pass. You can also look at the [www.winguru.cz](http://www.winguru.cz) website that gives swell and wind predictions.

On approach to Onoiau pass, keep a good distance from the reef until you align the entrance on 352° magnetic. Make sure there are no other vessels heading out and stay right in the middle as the pass is narrow.

# Leeward Islands Itineraries

## One week cruise

### 1st Day

Start from DYW base at 12h30 to Motu Mahaea or Motu Cerant (Tahaa). Beautiful snorkeling near the reef, swimming in crystal clear waters. Night on anchor or move to the Haamene bay for a dinner at the restaurant Tahaa Maitai, chez Bruno, excellent chef. Book in advance 4065 70 85

### 2nd Day

Tahaa – Bora Bora 22 N miles. Start early to Bora Bora by the Tiva pass, anchor West of the motu Topua. Swimming, snorkeling with the manta rays and sharks, then take a mooring at the Bora Bora Yacht Club. Good restaurant and you can refill with water at the dock

### 3rd Day

Explore the East side of the Bora Bora lagoon. Many possible spots for anchor. Visit the Lagoonarium and swim with the rays, sharks, turtles... Possible Tahitian lunch on the motu (Mauna Motu Taiarui Louis tel 87 24 77 86)

### 4th day

Bora Bora – Raiatea 22 NM. Start very early for a rough and long passage to Mirimiri pass, then sail south to the Anapa Pearl farm. Take one of their moorings and call

Summer for a free visit snorkeling of the farm. (Tel: 87707 607). Anchor on the mooring for the night

### 5th Day

Snorkeling on the reef around the boat. Pearl farm visit then sail to Tahaa. Call Alain Plantier for a mooring buoy in the Hurepiti bay (tel 4065 62 46 VHF 9) Night on the mooring.

### 6th Day

After the breakfast, excursion in the Tahaa mountain with Vanilla Tours. Come back by noon, lunch, and then anchor South of the Tautau Motu. Explore the Coral River between the Tautau motu and the motu Maharae. Overnight on a mooring Baie Tapuamu, visit the Rum distillery and diner at the restaurant **Restaurant La Perle de Tahaa** : Tel 87706207 ou 40637856

Perle de Tahiti

### 7th day

Sail to Apu Bay for a mooring at Dave tour, in the North of the Bay. Excursion with Dave. Dinner at the excellent local restaurant "Ficus" Apu Bay.

### 8th day

Back to the Marina DYW, at 8AM, stopover at the fuel station at the entrance of the marina for fuel and diesel refill, then call the base for docking assistance. Debriefing and paperwork at the base.

## 10 Days Cruise

### 1st Day

Start from the DY base at 12 h30, to the Motu Mahaea or Motu Cerant (Tahaa). Beautiful snorkeling near the reef, swimming in crystal clear waters. Night at the Haamen e bay, anchor in the North of the village, din ghy to the restaurant Tahaa Maitai, chez

Bruno, excellent chef. Book in advance 40 65 70 85

### 2nd Day

Tahaa – Bora Bora 22 N miles. Fast downwind passage to Bora Bora, anchor West of the motu Topua. Swimming, snorkeling, then take a mooring at the Bora Bora Yacht Club. Good restaurant, refill water at the dock, laundry service if needed.

### 3rd Day

Explore the lagoon. Sail to the East side of the Bora Bora lagoon, many possible spots for anchor. Visit the Lagoonarium and swim with the rays, sharks, turtles... Possible Tahitian lunch on the motu Tauere (Mauna Motu Tiarui Louis tel 8724 77 86)

### 4th Day

Bora Bora – Raiatea 22 NM Start very early for a rough and long passage to Hurepiti Bay Tahaa. Call Alain Plantier to book the tour for tomorrow. Night on the mooring, and dinner aboard.

### 5th Day

After breakfast, excursion in the Tahaa Mountain with Alain Plantier, then sail to the Tautau motu for the Coral River snorkeling.

### 6th Day

Sail south to the Anapa Pearl farm in the East coast of Raiatea. Take one of their moorings and call Summer for a free visit snorkeling of the farm. (Tel: 87707 607). Anchor on the mooring for the night

### 7th Day

Anchor up for Huahine 25 NMiles 5-6 Hours. Anchor in Fare a typical small village. Boutiques, bar and restaurant on the sea front.

### 8th Day

Early sail to the South and anchor in the beautiful bay of Avea. Anchor in 12 m of sand off the beach. Good snorkeling on the coral heads and go for a walk along the shore. Restaurant “Chez Tara” on the beach and refill water at the “Relai Manaha” dock.

### 9th day

Passage Huahine- Raiatea, downwind, good fishing towing a line for tunas or mahi mahi. Enter the Irihu pass and anchor for the night on a mooring in the Faaroa Bay. Contact James for the mangrove river tour, ask him for fruits, veggies, vanilla.

### 10th Day

Take the kayaks or dinghy along the mangrove river (no engine allowed there). Visit the botanical garden beyond the wooden dock. After lunch, sail to Apu Bay, Mooring at Dave tour, North of the motu in the Apu Bay. Excursion with Dave. Dinner at the Ficus, restaurant really local atmosphere and food.

### 11th Day

Back to the Marina DYW, at 8AM, stopover at the fuel station at the entrance of the marina for fuel and diesel refill, then call the base for docking assistance. Debriefing and paperwork at the base.



## 2 Weeks Cruise



### 1st Day

Start from the DYW base at 12 h30, to the Motu Mahaea or Motu Cerant (Tahaa).

Beautiful snorkeling near the reef, swimming in crystal clear waters. Night on anchor or at the Haamene bay for dinner at the Tahaa Maitai, chez Bruno, excellent chef. Book in advance the mooring and the restaurant 4065 70 85

### 2nd Day

Anchor up for Huahine 25 Miles 5-6 Hours . Stopover off Fare, a typical small village. Boutiques, bar and restaurant on the sea front.

### 3rd Day

Early sail for a breakfast at the Royal Tahitian resort. After breakfast, go on and anchor in the beautiful bay of Avea. Good snorkeling on the coral heads and go for a walk along the shore. Dinner at the restaurant chez Tara. Refill water at the Relai Mahana.



### 4th day

Passage Huahine- Raiatea, downwind, good fishing towing a line for tunas or mahi mahi. Enter the Irihu pass and anchor for the night in the Faaroa Bay. Contact James for the mangrove river tour, ask him for fruits, veggies, vanilla.

### 5th day

Take the kayaks or dinghy along the mangrove river (no engine allowed there) Visit the botanical garden beyond the wooden dock. Sail to the Toamaro Motu on the east coast for a local dinner at the Fare Vai Nui.



#### 6th day

Sail to the Punaeroa pass and cross to Bora Bora, anchor on the west side of motu Topua.

#### 7th day

Explore the lagoon. Sail to the East side of the Bora Bora lagoon. Many spots for anchor. Visit the Lagoonarium and swim with the rays, sharks, turtles... Possible Tahitian lunch on the motu near Taoere ( Mauna Motu Taiarui Louis tel 8724 77 86)

#### 8th Day

Back to the west of the lagoon, dinner at the Bloody Mary's. Refill water there.

#### 9th Day

Day sail to Tupai, a deserted atoll, very good fishing then back to the Makai marina for dinner.

#### 10th Day

Passage for Maupiti 3 hours sailing. Check the condition of the pass call Camille from Maupiti .If the conditions are too rough, postpone or take the ferry for a day visit of Maupiti.



#### 11th Day

Visit the island walking around, snorkeling the reef and dinner at the only restaurant near by the post office.

#### 12th Day

Sail to Bora Bora, mooring at the Bora Bora Yacht Club. Refill water, laundry and dinner ashore

#### 13th day

Sail to Tahaa Hurepiti Bay

Call Alain Plantier for a mooring buoy in the Hurepiti bay and book the tour for tomorrow (tel 4065 62 46 VHF 9) or anchor in the bay. Night on the mooring.

#### 14th day

After breakfast, excursion in the Tahaa mountain with Alain Plantier. Night at the Haamene bay, take a mooring at the Hibis-



cus restaurant or anchor in the North of Motu Mahatea, excellent snorkeling

### 15th day

Back to the Marina DYC, at 8AM, stopover at the fuel station at the entrance of the marina for fuel and diesel refill, then call the base for docking assistance. Debriefing and paperwork at the base.



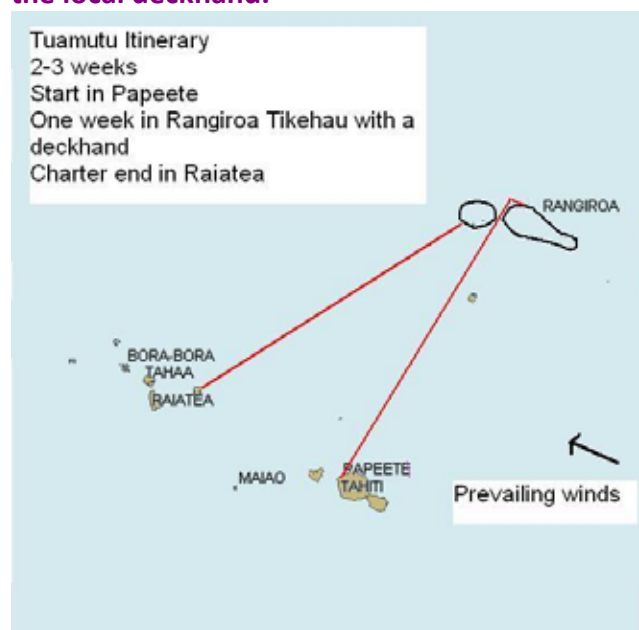


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## Tuamutu

### Papeete Raiatea 3 weeks itinerary

This is the easiest way to sail the Tuamutu: we avoid the up wind passages and the navigation inside the Rangiroa lagoon becomes simple with the local deckhand.



**Day 1:** Embarkment, paperwork's, briefing, boat presentation in Papeete Tahiti. Provisioning at the supermarket near the marina.

**Day 2 :** Day sail to Moorea Cook bay for swimming and snorkeling. Dinner ashore at the restaurant

**Day 3 :** Start in the evening for Rangiroa 200 NM

**Day 5:** Arrival at the Rangiroa anchor near the pass, relax, swimming and snorkeling



**Day 6- 13:** Local deckhand embarkment for one week exploring the lagoon

**Day 13 :** Sail to Tikehau , overnight on anchor in the the inner lagoon of Tuheiava pass.

**Day 15 :** Early start for the passage to Huahine 190 NM



**Day 16:** Arrival at fare Huahine, restaurant in town



**Day 17 to 20 sail the Leeward's Huahine – Tahaa – Bora Bora- Raiatea**



**Day 21:** Back to the Marina DYC, at 8AM, stopover at the fuel station Total at the entrance of the marina for fuel and diesel refill, then call the base for docking assistance. Debriefing and paperwork at the base.

## Dream Yacht base Uturoa Marina

### Recycling facilities / Tri des déchets

Thanks to help us to improve our island cleanness by using the recycling bins of the marina during your stopover or at the end of your charter. (Cans, plastics, glass)

Aidez nous à garder notre ile propre en triant et utilisant les bacs de tris de vos déchets (cannettes, plastiques, verre)







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