

DESTINATION INFORMATION- TAHITI

This is a sophisticated tourist destination where you can be as accessible or remote as you wish. Pick-up a mooring and dine ashore at a local island or 5-star hotel restaurant, or choose a secluded anchorage and BBQ aboard under a blanket of stars. Enjoy the sweet ambience of this unique tropical paradise.

COORDINATES	15°00S, 140°00W	
LANGUAGE	French and Tahitian; English widely spoken	
BIGGEST ISLAND	Tahiti	
WEATHER	Climate is tempered but cooled by sea breezes and there are two main seasons: humid (hot and wet) from Nov to Mar, and cool and dry from Apr to Oct. Temperatures vary little throughout the year and range between 21 and 31C (70-88F).	
BEST TIME TO CHARTER	May-November	
AIRPORTS	F'a'a'a International Airport in Papeete (PPT) and Raiatea Airport (RFP)	
TIME	UTC-10 (winter), UTC-11 (summer)	
CURRENCY	French Pacific Franc (XPF); Visa, MasterCard and AmEx accepted in most areas. ATMs are common on Tahiti, with a few on the smaller islands.	
ELECTRICITY	220 V, 50 Hz/60 Hz	
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	1 Jan	New Year's Day
	5 Mar	Gospel Day
	Mar/Apr	Easter Monday
	1 May	Labor Day
	8 May	Victory Day
	May	Ascension Day
	May/Jun	Whit Monday
	29 Jun	Internal Autonomy Day
	14 Jul	Bastille Day
	15 Aug	Assumption
	1 Nov	All Saints' Day
	11 Nov	Armistice
	25 Dec	Christmas Day
MAIN PORTS AND MARINAS	Marina Taina near Papeete, Tahiti Nautic Center in Taravao (both on Tahiti island)	
RECOMMENDED BEACHES	Tahiti and Her Islands are surrounded with spellbound beaches but some of the most famous include La plage de Maui on Tahiti, Matira Beach on Bora Bora and Les Sables Roses on Rangiroa.	
CULTURAL	Local women dress in bright pareos and men in the equivalent, but casual dress is expected of the visitor (except in Papeete where bathing suits and shorts are confined to the beach).	

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