

BASE GUIDE

DREAM YACHT  CHARTER

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION!



PACIFIC OCEAN | TAHITI

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BASE ADDRESS

Marina Uturoa
Uturoa,
Raiatea 98735

GPS POSITION: 16 °43'22 S 151°27 W

OPENING HOURS: 7:30am – 5pm

BASE MAP



BASE CONTACTS

If you need support while on your charter, contact the base immediately using the contact details in this guide. Please contact your booking agent for all requests prior to your charter.

BASE MANAGER & CUSTOMER SERVICE:

Base Manager: Frederic Banneville

Phone: +689 87 305502

Customer Service Manager: Francois Guais

Phone: +689 87 284 264

BASE FACILITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input type="checkbox"/> Luggage storage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilets | <input type="checkbox"/> Bar |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showers | <input type="checkbox"/> Supermarket / Grocery store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry | <input type="checkbox"/> ATM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi | |

BASE INFORMATION

LICENSE

Sailing license required: No Yes

PAYMENT

The base can accept: Visa MasterCard Amex Cash

EMBARKATION TIME

Boarding time is 02:00pm.

YACHT BRIEFING

The chart and technical briefing take approximately one hour. All briefings are conducted on the chartered yacht and will take 40-90 minutes, depending on yacht size and crew experience

The team will give a detailed walk-through of your yacht's technical equipment, information about safe and accurate navigation, including the yacht's navigational instruments, as well as mooring, anchorage and itinerary help. The safety briefing introduces the safety equipment and your yacht's general inventory.

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STOP OVERS

Stopovers are free for first and last nights of the charter. Recommended stopover during the charter for linen change, water, etc, call the base one day ahead to organize. Stopovers are not allowed on Sundays.

DISEMBARKATION TIME

Please be at the marina at 8am on the last day of the charter for refueling and docking with DYC staff assistance.

Possible overnight at the marina, arrival needs to be before 4pm for refueling and docking.

The team will inspect your yacht's equipment and a general visual check of its interior and exterior. A diver will check its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. General inspection will take approximately one hour.

BAGGAGE

Please only take soft bags and not suitcases, as they would be too cumbersome onboard.

BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- Base emergency telephone number: +689 87305502
- Marina emergency telephone number: +689 87225011
- Coastguard emergency telephone number: 16
- VHF emergency channel: 16

HOW TO GET THERE?

ACCESS BY PLANE

Fa'a'a International Airport, also known as Tahiti International Airport (PPT): All international flights arrive in Papeete and there are some connecting flights every day to the islands, including two or three per day for Raiatea.

Raiatea Airport (RFP): The airport is 4km from the base, which is a 15-minute journey by car/shuttle. There are regular flights from Papeete with Air Tahiti.

TRANSFERS FROM THE AIRPORT TO OUR BASE

If you need organized transfer from the airport, please contact our base manager. Major car rental companies operate from the airport, please refer to airport website for info, working hours and contacts. Taxis are regularly available in front of the airport buildings.

ACCESS BY ROAD

Our base is located just north of the Uturoa village.

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PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service: Yes No

LOCAL SUPERMARKET

Champion Raiatea
Uturoa, French Polynesia

Day	Time
Monday-Saturday	6am – 7pm
Sunday	6:30am – 1pm

Opening hours may differ during public holidays and are subject to change without notice.

FUEL AND WATER

Fuel and water are conveniently located 50 meters from the marina entrance.

HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:

- [Sunset Beach Motel](#)
- pk 5 Uturoa, Raiatea
- [Raiatea Lodge](#)
- BP 680, Uturoa, Raiatea
- [Villa Tonoï](#)
- Uturoa, Raiatea
- Villa Temehani
Call: 689 40 66 12 88 or 87 77 54 87
- [Opoa Beach Hotel](#)
- pk 37, Ôpoa 98735

RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:

- [Raiatea Lodge](#)
- Snack Tonoï
Call: 40663256

AREA GUIDE

LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

The South Pacific island of Tahiti and its neighboring islands in the French Polynesia may be the closest you will ever come to paradise on earth.

Tahiti, which sits within a cruising ground of five groups of islands, is bursting with exciting marine life, emerald volcanic peaks and vivid exotic flowers. Tahiti is part of the Society Islands, an archipelago made up of the Windward and the Leeward Islands. It's the perfect destination for a yacht charter.

This area boasts some of the most famous, spectacular landscapes in the world, including the idyllic Bora Bora for romantics, as well as Raiatea, Huahine, Taha'a, Tupai, Maupiti and Moorea.

Cooled by the Pacific Ocean's trade winds, Tahiti enjoys a pleasant, sunny climate. It's volcanic landscape and warm tropical waters have created a diverse ecosystem of interesting plants and animals.

Whatever itinerary you choose, a Tahiti sailing vacation is unmatched for sheer beauty, sunny skies, wonderful beaches and friendly smiles.

TOP THINGS TO DO IN TAHITI:

- 1. Visit the Anapa Pearl Farm:** While on Raiatea, head to the Anapa Pearl Farm with its pearl divers, rare aquatic reserve and coral garden. Make a tour reservation, then take a mooring at the farm and learn all about pearls. Afterwards, explore the lagoon or hike through the rainforest to spot Tiare Apetahi, a very rare flower.
- 2. Anchor at Bora Bora:** During your Tahiti yacht charter, anchor at Motu To'opua on Bora Bora and enjoy swimming and snorkeling. Take a mooring at the Bloody Mary's restaurant, enjoy a cocktail and marvel at their huge list of famous guests. Please note, you will need to use the mooring balls as you cannot anchor in the lagoon.
- 3. Drift snorkeling at Taha'a:** The coral garden at Taurere Bay is the most renowned snorkeling spot on Taha'a. Don your snorkel and float through channels of moving water while the current carries you over the breathtaking coral. It's easy to see why it's one of the most popular things to do in Tahiti, as you'll get to see an amazing variety of coral, sea anemone and fish, even octopus and rays!
- 4. Navigate the mangrove river:** The river Aoppomau that flows into the very end of Fa'aroa Bay can be explored by dinghy (with no motoring) or better, with kayaks or paddle board. The peace and quiet of this tropical jungle is wonderful, with only bird songs to accompany you. Above the trees, catch glimpses of towering Mount Tefatuaiti.

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- 5. Visit Huahine Lagoon:** One of the top things to do in Tahiti, sail to Huahine and explore Fare's shops and restaurants and pick up fresh fruit on a Sunday at the market. Explore Maeva village with its archaeological sites and head to the lagoon for some amazing photographs.

CURRENCY: Pacific franc (CFP)

VOLTAGE: 220V

DIALING CODE: +689

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

To sail Tahiti make sure your documentation is in order to travel, including a valid US passport. No visas are required for US citizens for stays of less than three months.

Talk to us to make sure you have the correct documents before you travel.

INTERNET

The Internet is slow and expensive in the region. You can access Wi-Fi at our marina, at Uturoa market and in some restaurants. You can find internet cafes in Uturoa, Bora Bora and Papeete town.

We recommend you buy a local sim card for your mobile (if not blocked on your provider), or rent a mobile at the base for a 3G permanent connection if ordered in advance. You can buy an internet SIM card in one of the Vinistores (Papeete and Raiatea).

ENVIRONMENT

- Respect your surroundings and leave only footprints in the sand
- Only use the engine or genset when needed (fill up your tanks for the water maker at the docks when you can)
- Recycle your garbage in the correct containers at the marina
- Respect regulations around marine reserves and private islands where disembarking is not permitted

REGULATIONS

Sailing in the lagoons of French Polynesia is restricted to daylight hours and you must remain at anchor between sunset and sunrise.

The authorized sailing area extends around the islands of Raiatea, Taha'a, Bora Bora, Huahine and Maupiti for the Leewards, as well as Tahiti and Moorea in case of a one-way Papeete charter. No shelter or stopover is possible in Tupai. Mopelia has no cell phone network coverage at all, and it is very limited in the Tuamuotu. If you intend to sail these islands, please notify our base in advance.

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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 important that all visitors cruising the Tahitian Islands do as much as possible to protect the environment so the future of Tahiti remains healthy. Do not anchor where you risk damaging coral and do not collect any live shells or coral. Take care of your garbage and do not disturb nature. Stay 100ft away from dolphins and 160ft away from a whale (330ft if it has a calf).

Catching and eating reef fish is not recommended. There are areas in the lagoon that are infected with ciguatera, which is a toxin caused by microscopic algae and it renders fish inedible. Fish sold in markets are good for eating.

Women should not wear bathing suits in the villages, so keep a t-shirt and shorts handy when in the villages or near locals.

Information subject to change without notice.

SAILING CONDITIONS

SAILING AREA

Begin your Tahiti sailing vacation on the island of Raiatea, the second largest of the Society Islands and the heart of Polynesian culture. Explore its archaeological remains and impressive lagoon.

Sailing the Tahiti islands is not complete without visiting Motu To'opua, which sits under the recognizable peaks of Bora Bora and is part of the ancient volcano. This is a perfect spot for a spot of swimming and snorkeling. Follow this with a visit to the famous Bloody Mary restaurant at the Bora Bora Yacht Club.

Sail to Huahine while sailing Tahiti's islands and visit the small village of Fare, where you will find a warm local welcome in this Polynesian village. Browse the boutiques and get a bite to eat in the small restaurants.

There are special conditions to sail to the Tuamotu.

WEATHER

Tahiti has two seasons with the wet and warm season between November and April and the dry, cool season between May and September (averaging 75°F) with the driest months in June and August.

The best time to visit Tahiti is between April/May and September/October.

TEMPERATURE

Climate in Tahiti:

- Summer high: The February high is around 87°
- Winter low: The July low is 69°

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WIND SYSTEMS

The Leeward Islands' prevailing winds are easterly and south easterly between 15 and 20 knots, increasing to 25 knots. With these conditions, the sea can be choppy with a swell of three to five feet.

The maraamu wind can blow June to August from the southeast between 25 and 35 knots. Swells can reach 8-9ft in open waters and last for a few days. Passages from Bora Bora to Taha'a can be uncomfortable, as exposed to a large swell.

The navigation inside the lagoon is very specific and easy with marked channels. Stay in the channels as it is very difficult and dangerous outside of the channels. Take care anchoring as lagoons are very deep - only anchor in less than 30ft of water on sandy coral-free ground.

For mooring in Tahiti, restaurants like Bora Bora Yacht Club, La Pirogue Api and Hotel Hibiscus have their own moorings you can use. There are some moorings in the Leewards, such as Bay Fa'aroa in Raiatea, but you are responsible for checking the rope is in good shape.

LOCAL FORECAST

You can find Tahiti weather forecasts on the [WindGuru](#) website or on VHF Channel 13 (in French).