

**FRENCH
POLYNESIA
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INFORMATION SEMINAR

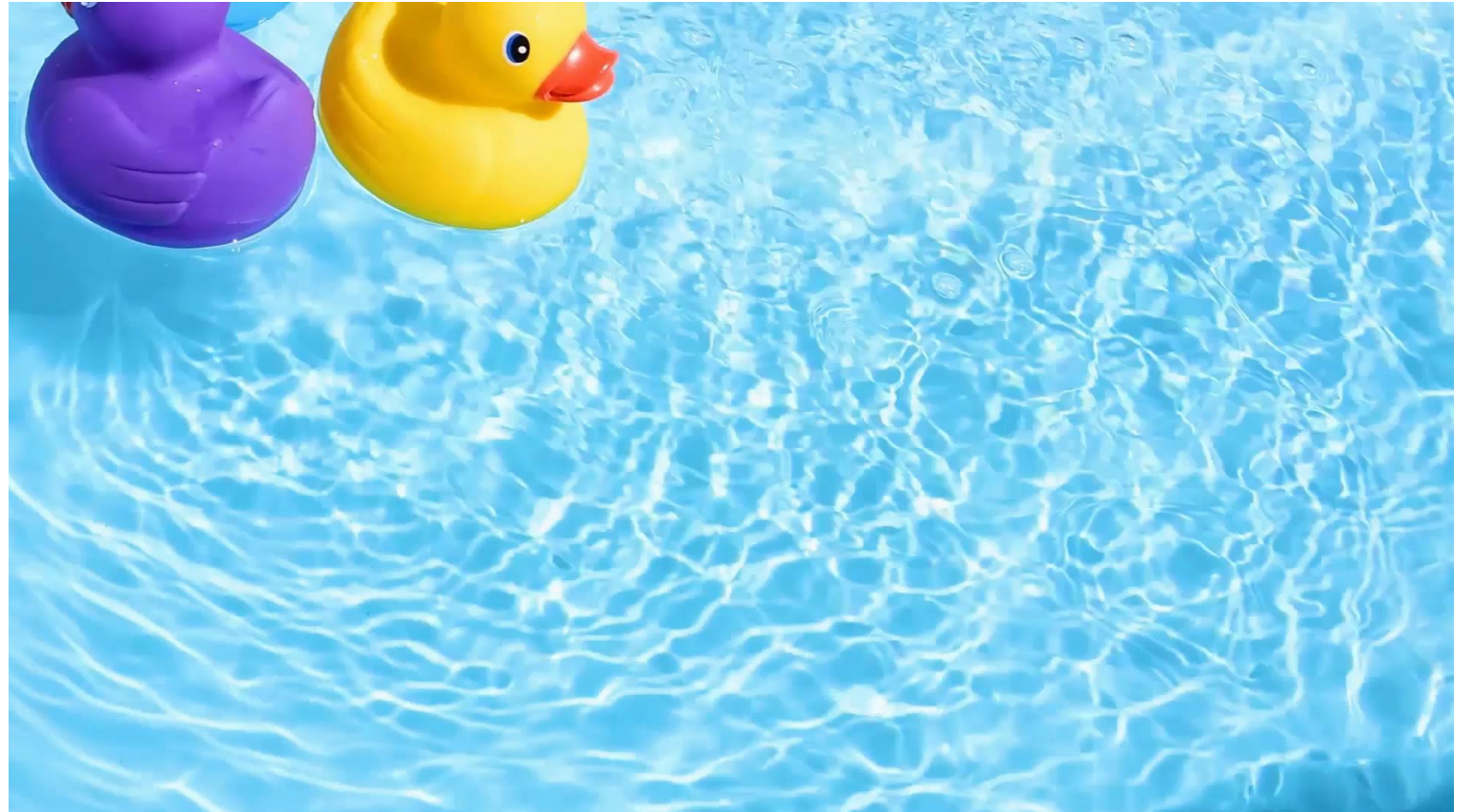
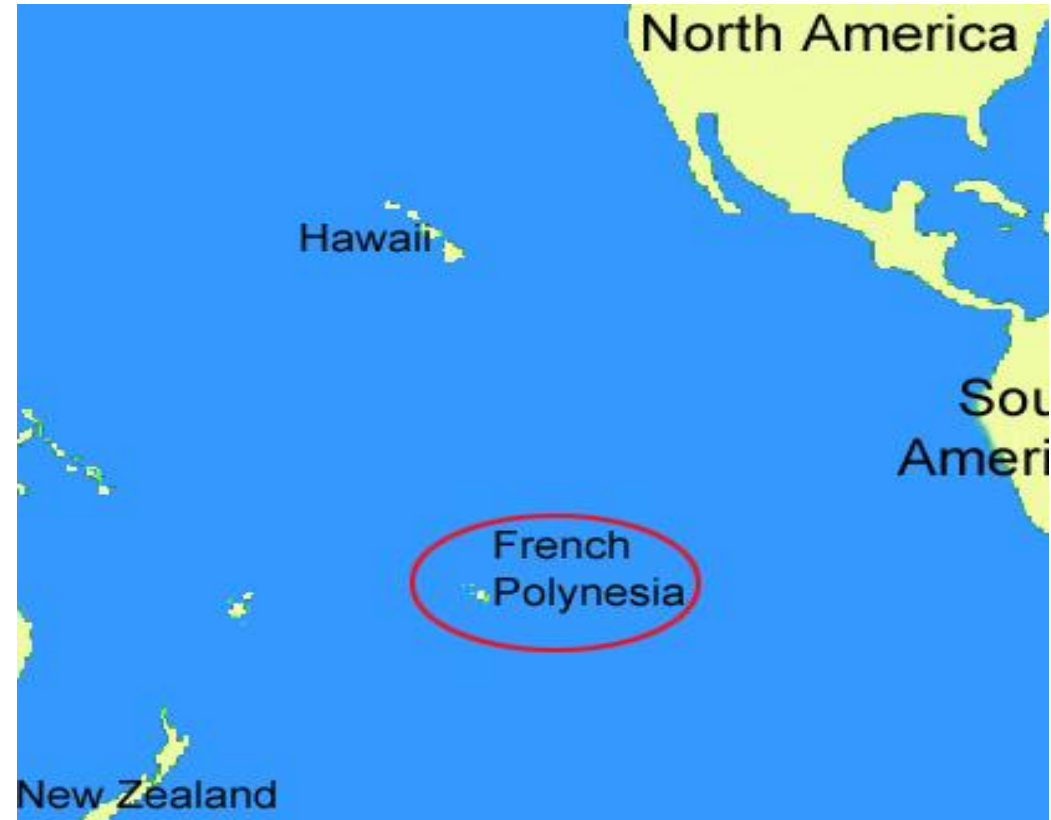


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INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH POLYNESIA



Introduction to French Polynesia

French Polynesia is an overseas collectivity of France and its sole overseas country. It comprises 121 geographically dispersed islands and atolls stretching over more than 2,000 kilometers (1,200 mi) in the South Pacific Ocean. The total land area of French Polynesia is 3,521 square kilometers (1,359 sq mi), with a population of 278,786 (Aug. 2022 census).

French Polynesia has 5 different island groups called, the Society Islands archipelago, comprising the Windward Islands and the Leeward Islands, the Tuamotu Archipelago, the Gambier Islands, the Marquesas Islands, and the Austral Islands.

Among its 121 islands and atolls, 75 were inhabited at the 2017 census. Tahiti, which is in the Society Islands group, is the most populous island, being home to nearly 69% of the population of French Polynesia as of 2017. Papeete, located on Tahiti, is the capital of French Polynesia. Although not an integral part of its territory, Clipperton Island was administered from French Polynesia until 2007

Source: [Wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org)



FRENCH POLYNESIA

8-Day Destinations

Day #1: Board on our sailboat in Uturoa, Raiatea at 6:00 p.m. We will have introduction meeting and go out for dinner.

Day #2: Route 1-2 (8 nm 1.5 hours) Set sail around Raiatea to Anapa Pearl Farm with its pearl divers. Group tour involving learning all about pearls. Explore the lagoon or hike through the rainforest to spot Tiare Apetahi, a very rare flower.

Day #3: Route 2-3 (34 nm 6 hours) Set sail to Bora Bora. Anchoring at Motu Toopua, Bora Bora. Enjoy swimming and snorkeling. Take a mooring at the Bloody Mary's restaurant and marvel at their huge list of famous guests.

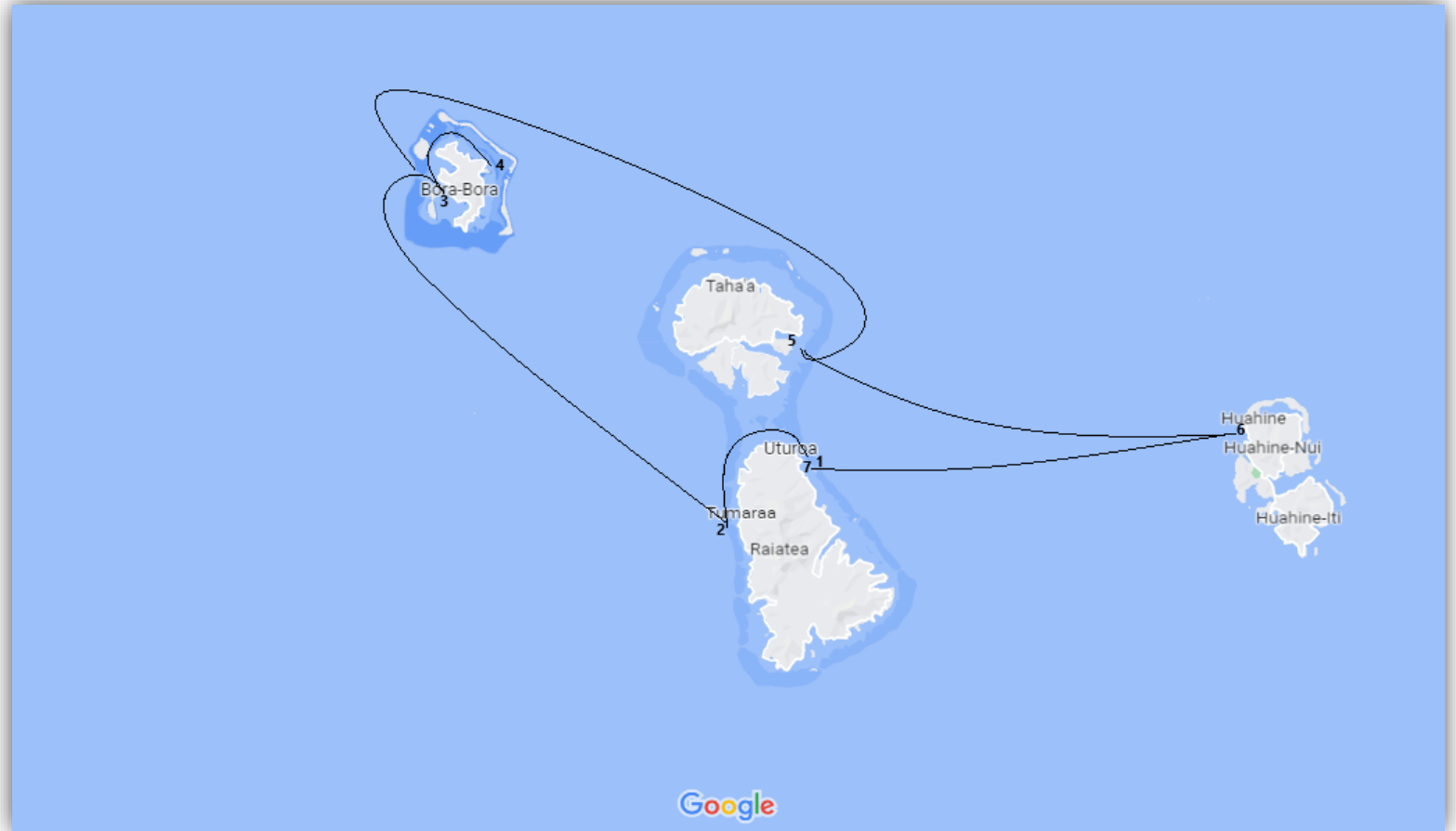
Day #4: Route 3-4 (5 nm 1 hour) Move to the east side of lagoon (Bora Bora), where you can swim with turtles, rays, sharks, and fish. In the afternoon, sail the southern shore of the island and explore the magnificent coral reef.

Day #5: Route 4-5 (40 nm 6.5 hours) Set sail to the east side of Taha'a and explore the amazing coral reef of Passe Toahotu. Stay onboard for dinner.

Day #6: Route 5-6 (27 nm 4.5 hours) Set sail to Huahine and visit 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.

Day #7: Route 6-7 (28 nm 4.5 hours) Set sail to Raiatea and dine onboard and sail back to Uturoa, Raiatea. Sleep aboard.

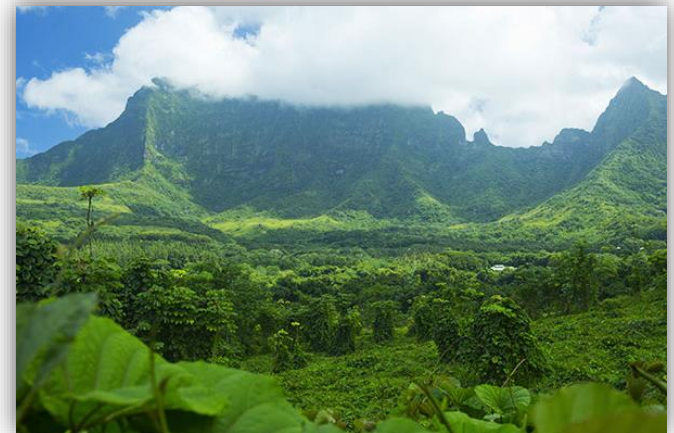
Day #8 After breakfast, take group pictures, wave farewell and disembark at 9:00 a.m.



Itinerary and time are subject to change due to weather conditions.

RAIATEA

- ★ Raiatea is considered as the largest island of the Leeward Islands. In the heart of Polynesians, the island has a certain magic connotation. It is must-see island.
- ★ According to the legend, the priests set out to build a new *marae*, making sure to uphold the custom that no one should speak or move during construction. Terehe, a descendant of the royal family disobeyed and went for a swim in the river. Wrathful, the gods awoke an enormous eel from the depths that swallowed the girl. The beast, having trouble digesting, stirred and eventually devoured the heart of the island, splitting it into two separate parts. This is how Taha'a and Raiatea were born.
- ★ Geology has since proved that they initially formed just one island several million years ago. Today, the two islands share a history, a heritage and a lagoon.



BORA BORA

- ★ This island has an area of 38 km² and is only 9 km wide at most. Its terrain is made of a basaltic chain that reflects its volcanic origin and offers an impressive landscape. The highest peak is the famous Mount Otemanu and rises to 2,385.17 feet high (727 meters). 3 beautiful bays sculpture the main island, offering the locals and tourists postcards beaches and landscapes.
- ★ The coral reef has only one pass called the Teavanai Pass, to the west. It is the only gateway for boats wishing to enter this magical place.
- ★ The island is so famous it is also for its history and the presence of American troops during the Second World War from 1942 to 1946. We owe them many facilities on the island and in particular the airstrip that has been for a while the longest in Polynesia.



TAHA'A

- ★ Also, Taha'a is a must-see island. Only 2.5 miles separate the island from Raiatea, both sun-soaked islands are surrounded by the same emerald waters. As it partly made of a string of motu, the island is only accessible by boat, a specificity which makes it even more attracting.
- ★ With its surface area of 55mi² and its 5,000 inhabitants, the island is essentially known for its vanilla plantations, as it provides 80% of the Polynesian production.
- ★ Easily navigable, the lagoon fortunately presents great moorings which makes yachting and pleasure sailing agreeable. Here you are facing a real open-air aquarium, a godsend to nautical service providers.



HUAHINE

- ★ The island is divided into two parts connected by a bridge of a hundred meters: Huahine Nui and Huahine Iiti.
- ★ Real Eden, the island is a haven for anyone seeking tranquility and calm. White sand beaches and coral islets have been sprinkled on a blue lagoon that could recall the Bermuda sky. A lush nature marvels many tourists and the island embodies the Polynesian beauty.
- ★ Like the small creeks scattered around the island, Huahine wants to be secret, fragile and silent. Only archaeological remains attest to the wealth of ancestral heritage. But perhaps you will be able to make the stones speak and lift the mystery that hangs over the “island of the woman”. Huahine abounds with food and fruit crops, the locals kindness can be read on every smile and in every look.



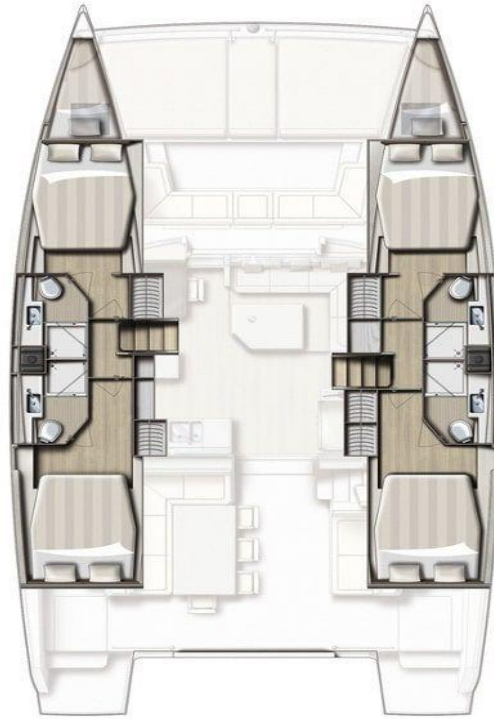
OUR CATAMARAN



SPECIFICATIONS

- Our boat selection will be Bali 4.3 + 2. Its hull type is catamaran. This has LOA of 43 ft. long. It has 23 ft. wide beam. Its draft is 4 ft. depth.
- It can carry up to 12 persons. There are 12 lifejackets available on this sailboat.
- There are 4 double cabins plus 4 heads with hot showers units. This boat has Roller Main Sail and Roller Genoa.

800 Liter Water Tank
800 Liter Fuel Tank
2 X 57 HP Engines
220 V Socket
Air Conditioning
Generator
Watermaker – Desalinator
Davit
Electric Anchor Windlass



Electric Toilet
Freezer
Icemaker
Refrigerator
Grill (Barbecue)
Wind Instruments
VHF Radio
Lazyjacks
Dinghy with Outboard Engine
Swimming Ladder
Bimini
Dodger



CAN WE USE WIFI ONBOARD?

Unfortunately, there is no WIFI system on our catamaran. We may not have internet working when we are far from land at sea at least 25 miles away. If we get closer to the island, the internet may be working. When internet is working, we can use HOTSPOT if necessary.

Please be encouraged to buy eSIM from Airalo. You can download Airalo app from Play Store or Apple Store. You can try to ask your cellphone company if they offer you affordable international roaming charges in Tahiti. You can find if there are other competitors beside Airalo.

<https://www.airalo.com/>

<https://www.phonetravelwiz.com/best-esims-for-french-polynesia-guide/>

EXTERIOR



Stern



Forward Deck



Forward Deck



Cockpit



Cockpit



Grill

CABIN AND HEAD



4 Cabins



4 Heads

MAIN GALLEY & SALOON



Main Galley



Saloon



A blue and white sailboat is positioned in the center of the frame, floating on clear, turquoise water. The boat has a white cabin and a blue hull. A yellow sail is visible on the mast. In the background, a large, rugged mountain with green vegetation rises against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and scenic, suggesting a tropical or island location.

YOUR CAPTAIN AND FIRST MATE

YOUR CAPTAIN



Captain Troy Stilwell

SAILING CERTIFICATIONS

- ASA 101: Basic Keel
- ASA 103: Coastal Cruising
- ASA 104: Bareboat Chartering
- ASA 105: Coastal Navigation
- ASA 106: Advanced Coastal Cruising
- ASA 107: Celestial Navigation
- ASA 114: Cruising Catamaran
- ASA 119: Marine Weather Endorsement
- ASA 120: Radar Endorsement
- USCG Affiliated Captain Diploma
- International Proficiency Certificate
- Boater Safety Certificate
- CPR, AED & First Aid Certificate

“Near the border of Maine, USA, I was born in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. When I was 3 years old, my parents and I sailed on Northumberland Strait for lobster fishing with his friends. I grew up and I knew nothing about sailing. I obtained the sailing certifications from American Sailing Association (ASA) in November 2010. Every summer, I work and volunteer at the sailing club for disabled sailors. I also teach sailing lessons to the Deaf/Hard of Hearing people. For more than 10 years, I chartered different sailboats in California, New England and France. I mostly teach online ASL classes at my college in Toronto, Canada.”

YOUR FIRST MATE



Captain Paul Eddie

SAILING CERTIFICATIONS

- * ASA 101: Basic Keel
- * ASA 103: Coastal Cruising
- * ASA 104: Bareboat Chartering
- * ASA 114: Cruising Catamaran
- * International Proficiency Certificate
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- * CPR, AED & First Aid Certificate

“I was attending the university in England when a Scottish family invited me to sail on their sailboat from England to sail along the coast of Spain for a month. While it was a great experience and I will never forget it, I didn't pursue it actively until many years later. Later on, I took up scuba diving and from that, I would hear about the thrill of sailing. I love water and started to pursue sailing and got certified with American Sailing Association (ASA). In my free time, I enjoy swimming, biking and traveling to new places. Originally from Canada, I now reside in Virginia, USA.”

**WHERE, HOW
AND WHAT TIME
WILL WE MEET?**



Where, how and what time will we meet?

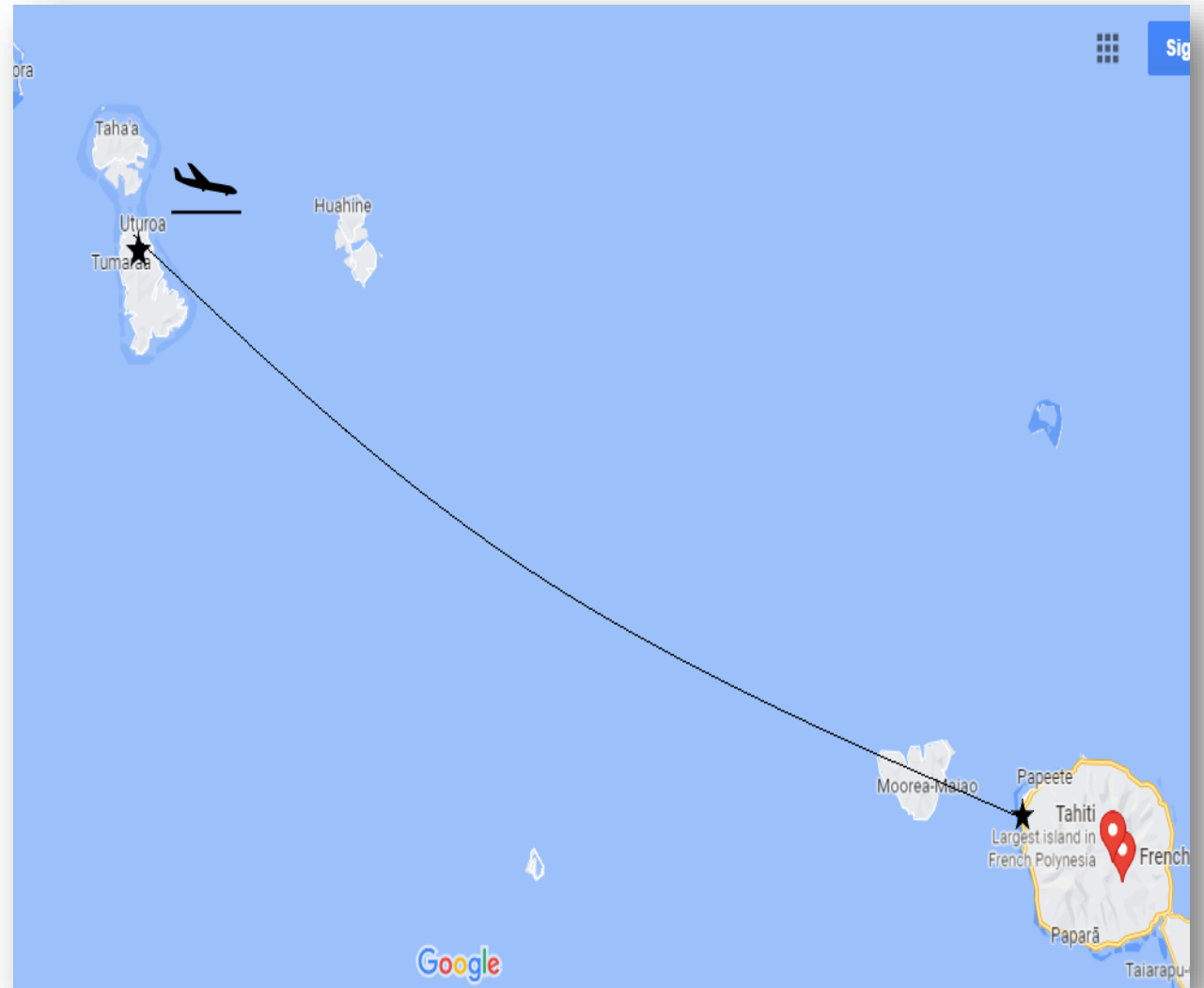
It is your responsibility to buy your own airfare from your country to Tahiti.

You need to buy your airfare for flying to Tahiti from your home country but you need a domestic transportation to reach Raiatea from Tahiti. You can pick one of two choices below:

Option #1: Air Tahiti – 1 hour domestic flight
Fare: \$179-358 USD (Non-stop).

Option #2: Ferryboat – 6 hours 28 minutes trip
Fare: \$74-98 USD & one stop in Huahine.

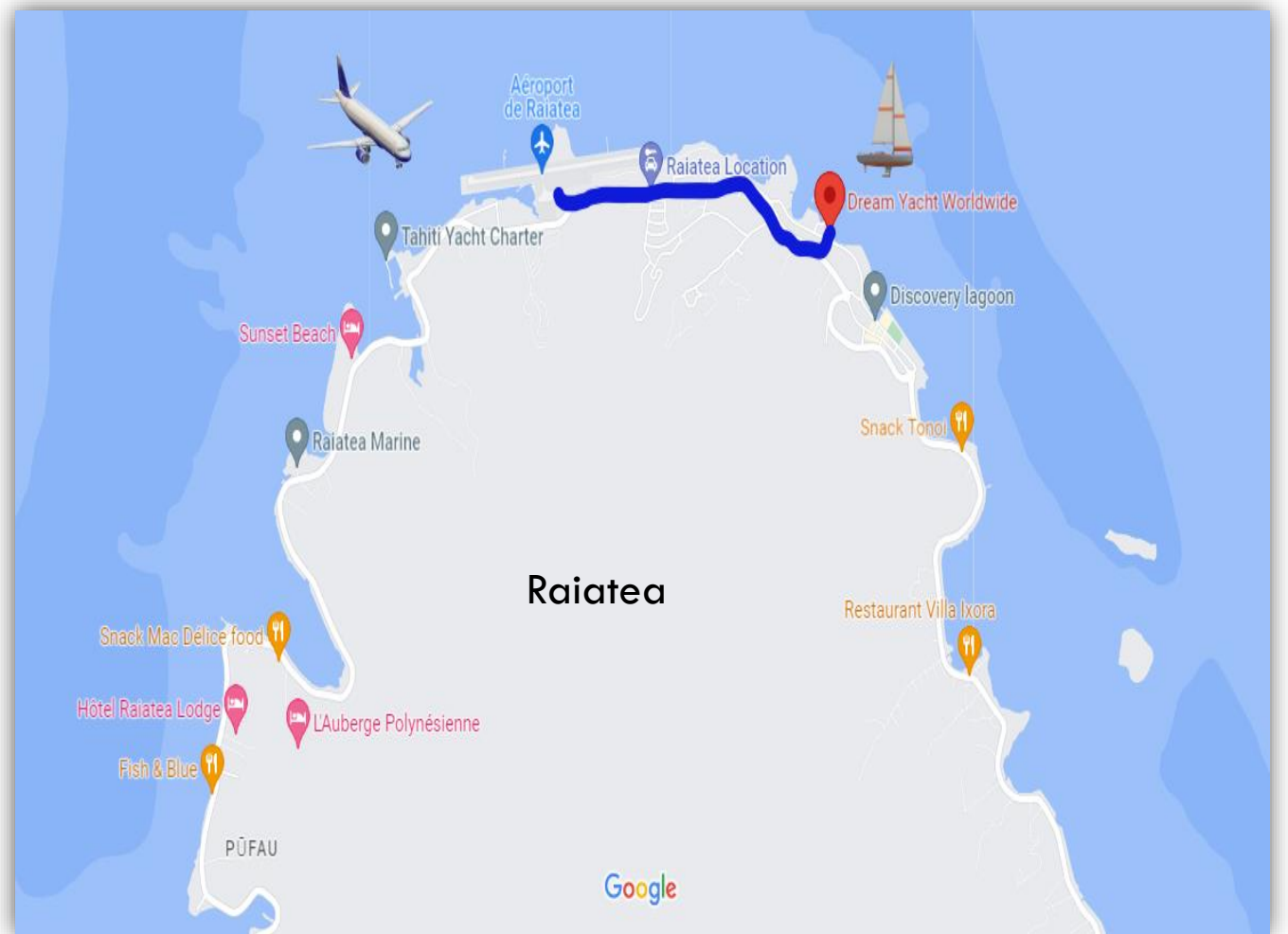
(You can ask travel agent for flying to Raiatea via Tahiti.)



Where, how and what time will we meet? (to be continued)

After arriving in Raiatea by air or ferryboat, you can take a cab to our location of our catamaran below:

Dream Yacht Charter Tahiti
Dream Yacht Charter.
Marina Uturoa BP 2274
98735. Uturoa, Tahiti.



A tropical beach scene with a row of palm trees and a thatched hut on the shore. The sky is blue with some clouds. The water is calm and reflects the sky. The text "MEDICAL EMERGENCY & SAFETY RULES" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY & SAFETY RULES

YOUR SAFETY IS OUR MAIN RESPONSIBILITY ON OUR SAILBOAT

- 3 B-I Fire Extinguishers (small) or 2 B-II fire extinguishers (big)
- Fire blanket for stove
- First Aid Kit / thermal blanket
- Disinfectant wet wipes
- PDF lifejackets
- Light/smoke Flares
- Spot Satellite Messenger
- Sail Plan
- Mobile phones / DCS - VHF radio
- Marine Weather
- Dinghy with outboard engine
- Automatic/manual Bilge Pumps
- Wood cones
- Emergency tiller
- Emergency anchor (backup)



SOME
DIFFERENT
SOURCES ARE
AVAILABLE
WHERE YOU
CAN GET MORE
UPDATE
INFORMATION
ABOUT COVID
TRAVEL
RESTRICTIONS.

TAHITI TOURISME

<https://tahititourisme.pf/en-pf/>

CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html>

TAHITI

<https://tahititourisme.com/en-us>

Will you sign a liability waiver?

Like any kind of a transportation, there is always risk involved. You will be requested to sign our liability waiver form after boarding on the first day. This is for you to be responsible and acknowledge your own risks. Be assured that we are trained professionally and experienced to ensure the safety of you, our guests, and our sailboat. Unfortunately, there is always unforeseen risk which we have no control over of being sudden ill, injured or killed by accident, disease, natural disaster, terrorism, war and crime.

Travel Medical Emergency Insurance

Please be encouraged to buy your Travel Medical Emergency Insurance Policy! It will help protecting you from a financial trouble if you seek urgent medical care overseas. Some insurance companies are not covering the costs of Covid-19 medical emergencies. Some of them will charge you very high for adding covid-19 medical emergency insurance. Please double check with your travel medical insurance company before buying the travel medical emergency insurance policy. The U.S. Medicare may offer the insurance but please check with The U.S. Medicare office at first before you will fly.



YOUR CONFIDENTIALITY WILL BE RESPECTED AND PROTECTED

- If you have any health condition and you don't wish to share it with us, your privacy will be respected. The copies of our medical forms and envelopes will be distributed to you and the guests. You can fill out the medical form and put it in the envelope and seal it. Keep it in your cabin or give it to your partner.
- If you are unconscious, we will give your sealed envelope to the doctor or EMS paramedic.
- We urge you to share your information with us if you have any food allergies. For your safety, we (including our guests) must know immediately. Please bring your extra Epi-pen if possible.



An open suitcase is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The left side contains a red bag, a pair of pink sneakers, a pair of red sneakers, a white power strip, and a book titled 'EMONY, SHICKET! BATHING' with a yellow cover. The right side contains a dark blue t-shirt, a blue t-shirt, a pair of blue jeans, a black and white zebra-print shirt, and a pair of black sandals. The text 'WHAT THINGS WILL YOU NEED TO BRING?' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the suitcase.

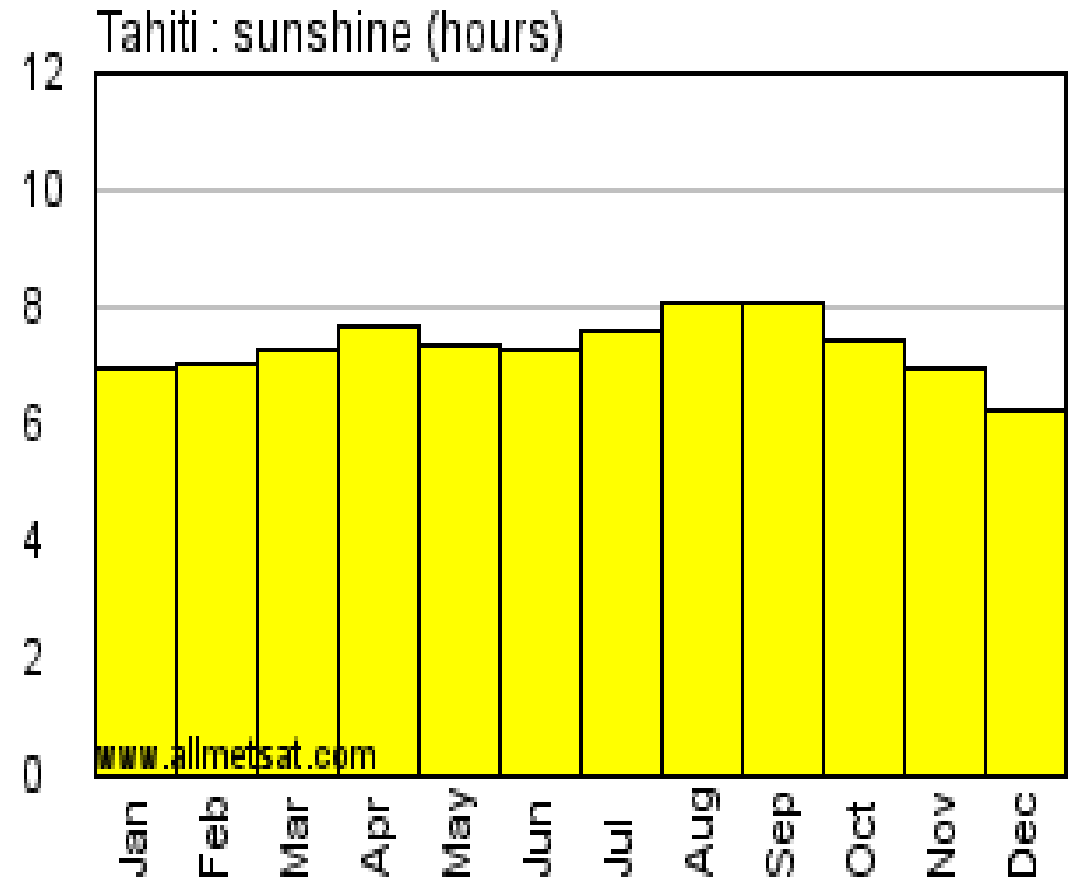
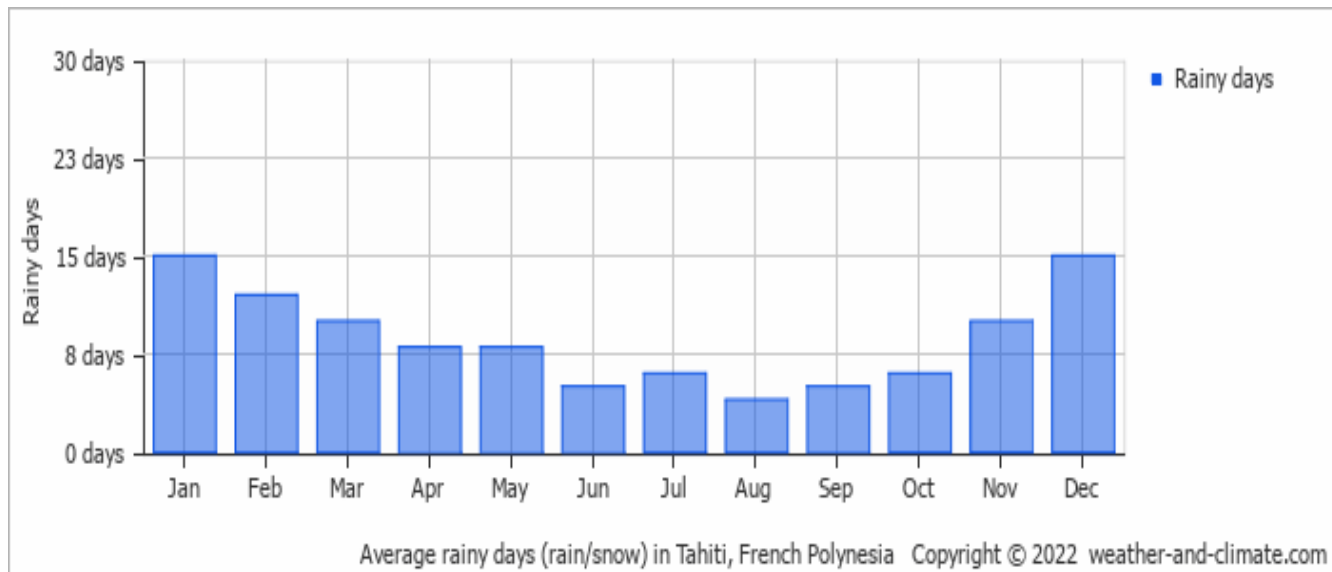
**WHAT THINGS WILL YOU NEED
TO BRING?**

THE WEATHER IN FRENCH POLYNESIA

Climate in French Polynesia

What is the best month to go to Tahiti?

The best time to visit Tahiti is between May and October. Although the temperatures are balmy year-round, Tahiti's winter season enjoys less humidity.



WHAT TO PACK FOR A HOLIDAY IN FRENCH POLYNESIA IN SEPTEMBER?

The weather in the Pacific islands is fairly constant, but with a rainy season from November to March. Pacific Islands such as Fiji, the Cook Islands, Tahiti and French Polynesia, Samoa and Vanuatu enjoy a tropical climate. Average daytime temperatures in the Pacific islands range 75-89°F (24-31°C), with little variation throughout the year, making them ideal beach holiday destinations during any month. Cyclone season is in the humid summer months (November to April), however few of these make landfall.

(<http://www.climateandweather.com/weather-in-australia-pacific>)

What do you need to wear for sailing?

Wind jacket

Shorts

Flashlight or headlamp

Deck shoes

Sun lotion

Sunglasses

Sunhat

Sailing gloves





PROVISIONING PLAN

ENJOY MEALS AND DRINKS ONBOARD

- In June 2024, we will send out copies of the provisioning forms to all of you to fill out. We will collect them from you by deadline date and we will follow what you wish to eat and drink onboard. After that, we will give you a week schedule for different meals.
- We will provide fresh water, milk, coffee cream, sugar, natural sweeteners, American coffee, regular tea, soft drinks and fruit juices.
- If you wish to go out to eat onshore, please let me know. This is for saving the food from wasting.
- Please bring your own snacks.
- We will not be responsible for providing alcohol beverages. You are more than welcome to bring them on your own. Please be responsible drinker and respect for other passengers too.



FOOD MENU FROM OUR CRUISE ON FRENCH RIVIERA LAST MAY 2023



Cinnamon Toast Quinoa



Lentil Soup & Garlic Bread



Zucchini Pasta



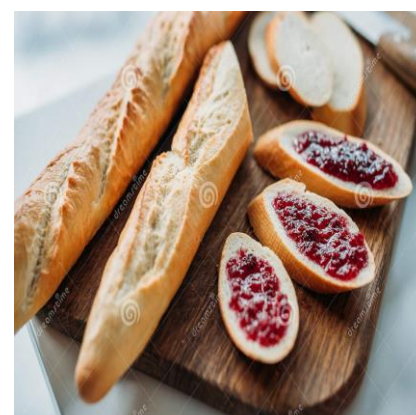
Dal



Margarita Pizza



Cheese Blintze



Baguette & Jam



Chicken Pesto Sandwich

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?