

The essence of *Tahiti* — from the sea.



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# dreams can come true *sailing in Polynesia*



**TAHITI YACHT CHARTER** is a 100% Polynesian company.  
Our proud aim: to help our visitors enjoy the wonders of authentic Tahiti & her islands.

We like to laugh and share.  
We invite you to join us & sail  
around our paradise islands.

Our attitudes are pure Polynesian,  
heart and soul.

Like the ancients, we know where best  
to moor, the best coral gardens to  
explore, the finest secluded beaches.  
After all, we've grown up here.

Picture your own  
*private yacht*

in a tranquil bay where you will most  
likely be all alone under the stars,  
coconut palms swaying in the breeze.  
Swim in our turquoise lagoons  
surrounded by a host of exotic colored  
fish with the oddest of names, like  
clowns, surgeons, parrots, damsels  
and angels...

Your *tailor-made* cruise

itineraries according to your wishes,  
with or without our crew, choose your  
own dates, flexible programs,  
assistance 7 days a week, two home  
bases – *Raiatea* in the Leeward Islands  
& *Rangiroa* in the Tuamotu Islands.

## Tahiti Yacht Charter pluses

A fleet of new and recent, fully-equipped, monohulls and catamarans. Detailed charts and navigation notes. Pre-arranged vacations and cruises, down to the last detail. International and inter-island flight reservations. Accommodation bookings in hotels or in family guest houses throughout the different archipelagos.

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# Raiatea, the Sacred island



Set out from our home base, to explore the town of Uturoa – visit the marketplace with its displays of fish straight from the lagoon and ocean, bunches of succulent tropical fruit, sweet-smelling exotic flowers

- Sail towards the island's south. Explore the *Aopomau River* surrounded by a tropical jungle.
- Go back in time at the sacred open-air temple, the *marae of Taputapuatea*, the oldest in Polynesia
- Moor near the islet of *Nao Nao* where you can swim with tropical fish and admire the colorful corals
- It's a short sail beside the reef across to Taha'a, as you admire *the infinite greens* of slopes thick with coconut palms.



## Tahiti Yacht Charter pluses

Our Raiatea home base is at the Apooiti Marina, just over a mile from the airport and 3 miles from town. There are 2 restaurants and a dive center at the marina. You can sail to neighboring islands Huahine and Bora-Bora in about 5 hours. Taha'a shares its lagoon with Raiatea.



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# Taha'a, the Vanilla island



There's no airport on Taha'a.  
The only way to get there is by water.

As you sail across the channel, you are very likely to be greeted by our friendly dolphins.



The little sister island of Raiatea has kept her unspoiled peace.



- 80% of all Polynesian vanilla grows on Taha'a. Visits to a *vanilla plantation* and also to a *pearl farm* are fascinating experiences.



- Numerous little islets (we call them *motu*) are dotted around the lagoon, bathing in the limpid waters.

- After a snorkel in the *coral garden of Tautau*, you'll be able to catch a magnificent sunset behind the peaks of Bora-Bora as the cocktail hour beckons.



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# Huahine, the garden of Eden



The southernmost of the Leeward Islands, Huahine is considered the best preserved, the most magical and the most mysterious...

- for it's way off the beaten track and its evocative name derives from *hua* « sex » and *hine* meaning a woman,
- for its many archeological sites and its unusual blue eyed eels, thought to be sacred.
- As you sail around the two parts of the island, *Huahine Nui* — the big — and *Huahine Iti* — the small — you'll see the evidence of its rich agricultural tradition: *banana*, *vanilla* and *coconut plantations*.



And part of its charm - it is seldom visited by tourists!



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# Bora-Bora, the pearl of the Pacific

The world-renowned, mythical island that combines the essential geography of a « high island » – soaring peaks, coral reef and lagoon.

- Its lagoon is claimed to be one of the world's finest for its infinite palette of *colors* and *light*, ranging from the purest greens to sparkling turquoises, to endless blues.
- A shark and manta ray-feeding outing is not to be missed.
- Other possibilities include jet skiing, parasailing, water skiing – but you just have to sail away from the village and the grand international hotels to rediscover the special tranquility of our Polynesia.



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# Maupiti, the untouched island



The resemblance to Bora-Bora is striking. It lies just 25 nautical miles west of Bora-Bora but access is not assured every day due to weather conditions. That explains the relative isolation of Maupiti.

- You'd best take a competent guide to show you *the thousand and one hidden spots*, valleys, petroglyphs and breathtaking viewpoints from which you can marvel at *shades of blue* just like those of its more famous sister island.
- A mask and snorkel are all you'll need to explore the silent world of the lagoon and take your place for an *endless ballet* of angelfish, damsels and parrotfish.
- They say that on moonless nights, *the reef teems with crayfish*.



## Tahiti Yacht Charter pluses

Our local Maupiti guide is just a call away — he'll guide you through the narrow and sometimes tricky pass and show you the best moorings.



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## Leeward Islands

# Some ideas for a 15-day itinerary

### *Day 1: Raiatea – Taha'a*

We welcome you at Raiatea Airport. Set sail for Taha'a, stopping at Mahaea motu for your first swim

### *Day 2: Taha'a – Huahine*

Sail the 5 hours to Huahine, stopping in the Bay of Avea

### *Day 3: Huahine Lagoon*

Optional excursions – island tour, visit to archeological sites, the sacred eels, Bay of Maroe. The village of Faré.

### *Day 4: Huahine – Raiatea*

Sail back to Raiatea (5 hrs), Bay of Faaroa, explore the River Aopomau by dinghy

### *Day 5: Raiatea Lagoon*

Visit the marae of Taputapuatea, moor at Nao Nao motu.

### *Day 6: Taha'a Lagoon*

Sail to Taha'a in the same lagoon, Tautau motu, coral garden, sunset over Bora-Bora

### *Day 7: Taha'a Lagoon*

Hurepiti Bay, visit a vanilla plantation (optional)

### *Day 8: Taha'a – Bora-Bora*

5 hour sail across to Bora-Bora

### *Day 9: Bora-Bora Lagoon*

Shark and Manta Ray Feeding (optional)

### *Day 10: Bora-Bora Lagoon*

Possible excursions & activities – lagoonarium, parasailing, waterskiing

### *Day 11: Bora-Bora – Maupiti*

Sail to Maupiti – about 6 hours depending on the weather

### *Day 12: Maupiti*

Island tour, mountain hike

### *Day 13: Maupiti – Bora-Bora*

Return to Bora-Bora, Bora-Bora Lagoon. Optional scuba diving.

### *Day 14: Bora-Bora – Taha'a*

Sail back to Taha'a, Apu Bay. Visit a pearl farm.

### *Day 15: Taha'a – Raiatea*

Sail back to Tahiti Yacht Charter home base on Raiatea



# The Tuamotu islands

« At first, one is blinded. It takes many hours for the eyes to get accustomed to their motionless splendor...

The light doesn't come just from the sky but also from the waters and the magical sands that surround them... »

A. T'Serstevens

- Spread out over 1,000 miles, the 76 atolls that make up the Tuamotu were once called the « dangerous islands » by early explorers and navigators
- The land surfaces just peek above the lagoon, an end of the earth poised *between sky and sea*, like nowhere else...
- Here supplies and water can be problematical, the corals are very shallow and moorings never completely certain — so our base in the Tuamotu operates only from April 1 to November 30 and we must insist that one of our experienced skippers be aboard with you.



Tuamotu

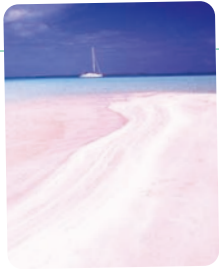
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Tuamotu

## Rangiroa



« the great sky »

- Its interior lagoon is so vast that the whole of the island of Tahiti could fit inside it. The pass is so full of fish that it's difficult to make out the bottom. *Jackfish play* at swimming counter-current and *dolphins surf* the long waves.
- Pink sand, blue lagoon, fossilized coral, fish straight from the lagoon to *your coral grill*, you too can play at being a latter day Robinson Crusoe.
- From Rangiroa, you can set off to visit the neighboring atoll of *Tikehau*. But here distances are such that you had better count on a full day's sailing from one pass to another.

Tuamotu

## Fakarava

extreme adventure

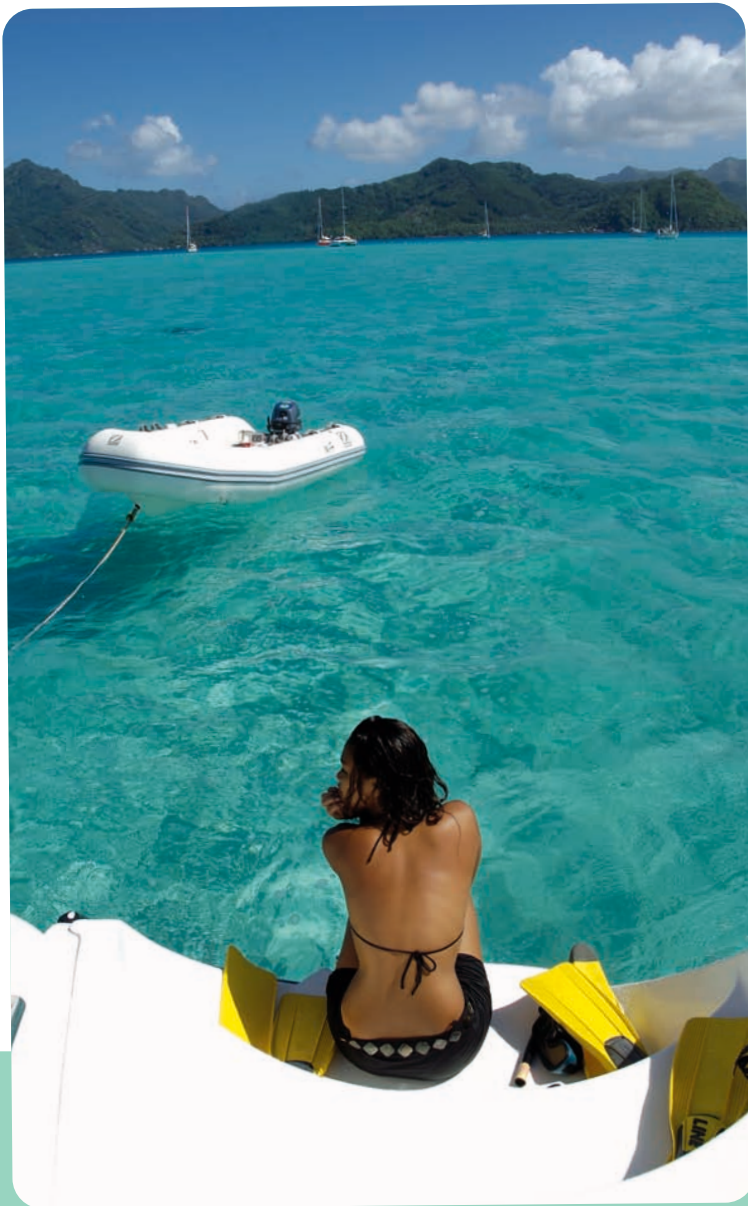
- Would you like to push your feeling of getting away from it all just another notch? Then the atolls of the south, *classified « World Heritage » by Unesco*, are for you!
- Come aboard at Fakarava, dive in the south part of the lagoon where you can say hello to *Calin-Calin*, an enormous Napoleon-fish with blue green eyes. You can also meet the 43 inhabitants of *Toau* and explore *Apataki* before heading back to *Rangiroa*.
- Such a voyage requires a minimum of time and a little *flexibility*. If you are hooked on emails, faxes and telephones, it's probably not for you!

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## The Marquesas

In all our imaginations, they are synonymous with escape and freedom, celebrated in the works of Herman Melville (*Moby Dick*, *Taipee*), Paul Gauguin and Jacques Brel. These far away islands are over 800 miles from Tahiti, that's the distance between Paris and Lisbon.

- According to the prevailing weather, count on 7 to 10 days to sail from Raiatea to the island of Nuku Hiva.
- A Tahiti Yacht Charter skipper is mandatory for trips to the Marquesas.



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