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French Polynesia

Yacht Charter Guide

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Best Yacht Charter French Polynesia
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FRENCH POLYNESIA

Overview

French Polynesia remains one of the world's most requested yacht charter ecosystems - short legs between Society Islands, dense shore life around Marina Taina, Tahiti, and berths that reward early planning. The challenge is not finding beauty; it is sequencing marinas, Cook's Bay, Moorea and tables like Le Coco's so the week feels effortless. This is the broker's operational view of French Polynesia for the current season.

Yacht charter French Polynesia - Marina Taina, Tahiti, captain-led itineraries and what it costs (APA guidance). Plan a private Pacific week with Blue Ocean...

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a French Polynesia week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - Marina Taina, Tahiti, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Marina Taina, Tahiti.
- Coastal cadence: Morning toys at Cook's Bay, Moorea, held lunch, short reposition through Society Islands, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Le Coco's and InterContinental Bora beach confirmed weeks out.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In French Polynesia, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy at Marina Taina, Tahiti, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Cook's Bay, Moorea - swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Society Islands
Tahiti, Moorea, Huahine, Raiatea, Bora Bora classic loop.

Moorea lagoons
Cook's and Opunohu Bays - day-one magic.

Bora Bora lagoon
Mount Otemanu views and overwater clubs.

Tuamotus
Atoll passes for specialist weeks.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Marina Taina, Tahiti
Papeete-area primary yacht marina. - Max LOA ~60 m - Draft ~4.5 m - Gateway PPT - Transfer 20-35 min from PPT - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Yacht Club de Tahiti
Town quay access for provisioning. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway PPT - Transfer 15-25 min from PPT - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Marina Vaitape, Bora Bora
Bora Bora main village marina inside the lagoon. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~3.5 m - Gateway BOB - Transfer 10-20 min from BOB - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Vaiare Marina, Moorea
Moorea ferry and yacht marina - lagoon embark opposite Tahiti. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~3.5 m - Gateway PPT - Transfer Ferry / short hop from Tahiti - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorages

Cook's Bay, Moorea
Deep bay overnight with peak views.

Opunohu Bay
Quieter Moorea alternative.

Bora Bora east motus
Lagoon sandbar day-hooks.

Taha'a coral garden
Raiatea/Taha'a snorkel stop.

Huahine Avea Bay
South Huahine quiet overnight.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Le Coco's
Punaauia
Tahiti lagoon fine dining.

Quai des Îles
Marina Taina
Marina Taina tables.

Bloody Mary's
Bora Bora
Bora Bora institution.

St James Vaitape
Vaitape
Bora village dining.

Le K
Moorea
Moorea waterfront.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

InterContinental Bora beach
Bora Bora
Lagoon club day.

Hilton Moorea beach
Moorea
Moorea sand lounging.

Motu picnic clubs
Bora Bora
Private motu lunch setups.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph PPT / BOB arrivals into Marina Taina, Tahiti transfers.

Helicopter / GA
Private hops from PPT / BOB when French Polynesia supports coastal helipads or GA strips. PPT corridor BOB corridor RFP corridor

Chauffeur
SUV / S-Class briefed on Marina Taina, Tahiti gates - timed to embarkation. To Marina Taina, Tahiti (20-35 min from PPT) To Yacht Club de Tahiti (15-25 min from PPT)

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - FRENCH POLYNESIA

VAT & APA - French Polynesia short version.

On a French Polynesia charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

VAT / tax
French Polynesia has its own tax regime (not mainland French VAT); yacht charter taxes and marina dues vary by island - confirm with local operator.

APA
For French Polynesia in high season, budget APA at roughly 30-40% of the base charter fee covering fuel, berths, food and concierge extras.

What we send PAs
A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Bora Bora

Bora Bora is a core French Polynesia charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina Taina, Tahiti - Day-anchor: Cook's Bay, Moorea - Table: Le Coco's

Tahiti

Tahiti is a core French Polynesia charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Yacht Club de Tahiti - Day-anchor: Opunohu Bay - Table: Quai des Îles

Moorea

Moorea is a core French Polynesia charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina Vaitape, Bora Bora - Day-anchor: Bora Bora east motus - Table: Bloody Mary's

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Child destinations

- Bora Bora - Crewed yacht charter in Bora Bora - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside French Polynesia.
- Tahiti - Crewed yacht charter in Tahiti - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside French Polynesia.
- Moorea - Crewed yacht charter in Moorea - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside French Polynesia.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

What does it cost to charter a yacht in French Polynesia?

Yacht charter cost in French Polynesia depends on LOA, season and hull class. As an indicative band, crewed motor yachts often sit from the mid five-figures per week upward before APA (typically ~25-35% of base for fuel, berthing and provisions), VAT where applicable, and crew gratuity. We set an honest range before contract - not a fake nightly rate.

Which marina should we embark from in French Polynesia?

Marina Taina, Tahiti is the most common embarkation for French Polynesia, with fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

Can you charter a superyacht in French Polynesia?

Yes - superyacht charter in French Polynesia is available when berths and LOA fit. We shortlist hulls against Marina Taina, Tahiti capacity and your itinerary, then hold peak slips before you fly.

When is the best time for yacht charter in French Polynesia?

Shoulder months in Pacific usually balance weather, water temperature and berth availability for French Polynesia. Peak midsummer adds density and premium quay pricing.

Is boat charter available in French Polynesia?

Boat charter in French Polynesia usually means crewed yacht charter for Blue Ocean Club guests - captain, chef and a private week rather than bareboat. We match hull class to your group and the local grounds.

How long should a yacht charter week in French Polynesia be?

A week yacht charter in French Polynesia is the standard unit - seven nights gives room for marina nights, day-anchors and one weather buffer. Day charter is available for shorter windows when the fleet allows.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Marina Taina, Tahiti

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Yacht Club de Tahiti

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Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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