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The Pacific Islands are some of the world's best untouched treasures. Boasting pristine, turquoise waters, warm weather, unforgettable snorkeling, and world class diving, this tropical paradise could easily make the top of any keen traveler's bucket list.

A holiday to the Pacific Islands is a holiday that has it all, but sometimes it can be difficult narrowing it down to just how much you can fit into your days at port. Planning ahead on what you want to see and do is the best way to ensure you experience the Pacific Islands to their full potential. But the hardest part is often all of the research involved in this.

Luckily for you, we've taken care of the hard work and done it all for you! From the moment you step off the ship onto your port of call, this Pacific Islands Cruise Guide will let you know where you can find transport, how much you can expect to pay for this, activities you can do within specific timeframes and the best places to capture photographic memories of your time there.

Let all
the stresses
associated with
planning a holiday
evaporate and let us
take care of it for
you!





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Dravuni Island

Within the first few moments of stepping on Dravuni Island you will discover just why Fijians are considered the most friendly and hospitable people in the world. Soak up the culture of the 200 or so people that call this tiny island home and use your time wisely to explore everything this little piece of paradise has to offer.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Transport

There are no vehicles on the whole island of Dravuni, with everything on the island within walking distance.



Language

English (Official), Fijian, Hindustani

Recommended Currency

Credit cards are not accepted on the island and it is recommended that you take small amounts of Australian dollars ashore.



Docking Location

Your cruise ship will anchor just offshore Dravuni Island. The ship's tender boats will operate from the ship throughout the day to take passengers ashore.

Restrooms are available onshore where the tenders arrive at the island.

Picture Perfect

Climb the hilltop in the centre of the island to achieve the best panoramic view of this tropical paradise.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Dravuni Island](#), visit [the Port of Call page](#).



SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Visit the only village on the island and browse the unique handicrafts for sale. (Remember to take your country's quarantine laws into consideration before purchasing anything).
2. Discover the beautiful Green Pool on the south side of the island and take a refreshing dip
3. Uncover some of Dravuni's fascinating history at the Ancestral God Grave Site

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Pull on your hiking boots and trek to each end of the island and explore the rocky points.
2. Climb to the highest peak in the centre of the island to experience the unparalleled 360 degree views
3. Challenge the locals to a friendly game of volleyball. It's their favourite!

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Paradise...**

Fiji Style!



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Suva

Easily one of the most sophisticated cities in the South Pacific, Suva is the capital and largest city of Fiji and also one of its most attractive.

Located on the south-eastern coast of the island of Viti Levu, it is an incredibly multicultural city boasting many mosques, temples, churches and cultural centres. Its idyllic position on the waterfront gives it a coastal appeal that many of the world's cities could only dream of.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Transport

The Suva Bus Station is located directly onshore when you depart your cruise ship. Frequent buses operate from here to the city and are generally better value than tourist buses. Bus fares can range from \$0.70 to \$1.60 (Fijian dollars).

Taxis in Suva are generally cheap compared to Australia, New Zealand and the US. The flagfall is only fj\$1.50 and additional costs are generally 10c per 100 metres (i.e. \$1/kilometre). To save money, ensure you agree on a fare before departing. Keep an eye out for the white Suva taxis near the bus terminals.



Language

English (Official), Fijian, Hindustani

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock in South Kings Wharf, which is located just 4 kilometres from the very centre of town.

Recommended Currency

Credit cards are widely accepted in Suva and Automatic Teller machines can provide the Fijian currency to foreign card holders.

Picture Perfect

Capture a gorgeous beach shot by heading down to Pacific Harbour, which is located around 20 minutes from the city centre.



Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Suva Island](#), visit the [Port of Call page](#).

SUVA

SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Visit the local markets on Victoria Parade and Cumming Street for a shopping experience like no other. Tapa cloth, jewelry, wood carvings and bowls are very popular.
2. Take a Guided Tour of the city's historic monuments, soaking up the unique architecture and fascinating past of this incredible city
3. Discover Suva's nature at its best with a trip to Forest Park; a gorgeously dense rainforest, complete with waterfalls and glistening natural pools

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Explore the Museum of Fiji which holds a remarkable collection of Suva's archeological material.
2. Wander through Thurston Gardens after visiting the museum and discover a dense conglomeration of native flora and fauna and some lovely picnic spots
3. Visit the nearby village of Sawani where you will find friendly locals and learn about Fiji's history and fascinating way of life





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Port Denarau

Regarded as the gateway to the incredible Mamanuca and Yasawa volcanic islands, Denarau boasts gorgeous turquoise waters, pure white sand and an incredible array of marine life. Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

One of the best things about this glorious island is that it's very close to several of the smaller islands in Fiji. This makes it easy to spend a day exploring them, swimming, sun baking, snorkeling and catching up on some "me" time.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Transport

Taxis are available for transportation around the island from the Denarau Marina. Ensure you agree upon a price before you depart to avoid paying too much.

The Bula bus arrives at and departs from the centre every 20 minutes throughout the day, 7 days a week. The bus costs around \$7 (Fiji dollars) for unlimited travel between 7:30am and 11:30pm

Language

English (Official), Fijian, Hindustani

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock in South Kings Wharf, which is located just 4 kilometres from the very centre of town.

Recommended Currency

Credit cards are widely accepted across the island and automatic teller machines are available for exchanging money for Fijian dollars. It is recommended that you carry a small amount of the local currency to pay for transport and small purchases.



Picture Perfect

Enjoy a cocktail by the pool and take some happy snaps of the glorious outlook over the ocean.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Port Denarau visit the Port of Call page.](#)





SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Visit some of the island's stunning gardens, including the Garden of the Sleeping Giant or the South Sea Orchid Tour and browse the stunning orchids on display
2. Linger around the Denarau Marina and explore the retail and commercial centre, which features some fabulous restaurants and cafes and a fantastic array of shopping facilities.
3. Enjoy a round of golf and practice your swing at the Denarau Golf Club

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Catch a water taxi to one of the nearby islands and explore the marine life with a casual snorkel
2. Experience the legends and myths of Fiji with a Fire Walking and Cultural show at The Westin Denarau Island Resort and Spa
3. Take a dive tour with Padi 5 Star Dive Centre, located at the Sofitel Resort & Spa and explore the fascinating dive sites around the Mamanuca group of islands



New Caledonia

Noumea

The city of Noumea is New Caledonia's tourist hub and home to world-class island adventures. Dubbed as the "little piece of France" in the Pacific, this progressive French territory boasts an impressive array of tourist attractions, ranging from unique architecture and charming boutiques, to stunning nature walks and picturesque island outlooks.

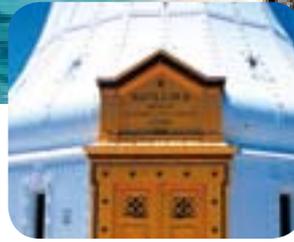
Average time spent in port:

- Generally Full day (8-10 hours)
- Select cruise Itineraries arrive in port during the afternoon and depart late at night

Transport

Taxis are available at the port and are around \$0.60 per kilometre, with a tariff of \$2.00. If the taxi has been waiting a while, they can charge up to \$60.00.

Buses in Noumea can be relatively tricky to navigate and should be generally avoided if you have no grasp on the French language. Tickets purchased onboard will cost around 200CFP. The "Noumea Explorer" bus is an option for those seeking a ride to and from all of the city's major tourist attractions and will set you back around 1500CFP.



Language

English (Official),
Fijian, Hindustani



The bright yellow Le Petit Train is another transportation option and will take you on a 1.5 hours sightseeing tour of the city for around 1400CFP. This service operates on a hop on, hop off basis and the timetable should be checked beforehand.

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock at the Gare Maritime Terminal, which is situated right in the heart of Noumea. As soon as you get off the ship you will find a tourist information centre, post office and a range of tour operators offering sightseeing trips around the city.

Booked shore tours leave directly from the terminal car park.



SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Gain insight into the Melanesian Kanak culture with a visit to the Tjibaou Cultural Centre
2. Laze a few hours away on beautiful Lemon Bay Beach; the perfect haven for families with kids
3. Embark on a kayaking adventure on the Dumbea River in a beautiful valley setting of rolling hills, Indigenous flora and eucalyptus forests.
4. Dance the night away in one of Noumea's numerous Bars and Nightclubs or visit one of the city's many restaurants and sample some of the local cuisine.

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Enjoy an exhilarating, high speed ride to Noumea's Duck Island and absorb the stunning views and brilliant white sand beaches
2. Escape the crows and take a day trip out to Amedee Island; a tiny coral atoll located 18 kilometres south of Noumea. Enjoy a glass bottom boat tour and indulge in a traditional island buffet.
3. Discover some of Noumea's most unique wildlife and pay a visit to the Botanical Gardens, Bird Sanctuary and Forest Park

Recommended Currency

Ensure you have some French Pacific Francs on you, particularly for public transport. Credit cards are accepted at various locations across Noumea.

Picture Perfect

Visit the lookout at Ouen Toro for 360 degree views over the lagoon, surrounding islands and Barrier Reef.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Noumea](#), visit the [Port of Call](#) page.

New Caledonia's CAPITAL



New Caledonia

Isle of Pines

Nestled 50 km from the mainland of New Caledonia, the Isle of Pines truly is a deserted paradise. This tropical wonderland boasts a beauty that is simply breathtaking, enchanting visitors to its shores, time and time again.

Nicknamed the “Jewel of the Pacific”, the Isle of Pines is overflowing with gorgeous natural gifts that continue to give and give. Formed by volcanic eruptions that occurred millions of years ago, the island is surrounded by a colourful natural reef, which is bursting with varied and interesting marine life. Swim with the tropical fish and explore underwater coral forests as you dive deeper into the calm, crystal clear waters.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will anchor offshore, in Kuto Bay, near the village of Vao. Tenders will operate throughout the day, transporting passengers to shore.



Transport

The Isle of Pines does not offer any public transport, but there are still several ways to get around if you're not booked onto a shore tour.

Taxis and motorized scooters and cars are available for hire but should be organized in advance to avoid disappointment. Bicycles are also available for hire from resorts on the island.

Language

French and Kanak Dialects

Recommended Currency

For convenience, consider getting some cash changed onboard to French Pacific Francs. This will make paying for small things on the island easier.

Picture Perfect

To capture a really unique and interesting photo, paddle into the waters of Kuto Bay near the visible reef and take a picture that highlights the beautiful coral that can be seen through the crystal clear waters, with the white sand beach acting as the background.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in the [Isle of Pines](#), visit the [Port of Call](#) page.



SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Take a dive in the natural aquarium that surrounds the island and discover a fascinating marine life of fish, coral and sea creatures.
2. Spend the afternoon lazing by beautiful Kuto Bay, soaking up the sunshine and taking in your glorious surrounds
3. Browse the Kuto Bay Markets and pick up some of the delicate handicrafts created by the locals

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Embark on an Island Discovery Tour and explore places like the Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church and the Statue of Saint Maurice
2. Visit the natural Grotto of Queen Hortense to be amazed by one of the largest limestone caves in the world.



**Snorkel, Dive,
Markets, Cultural
Tour, Site-seeing**

New Caledonia

Mare

Nestled in the heart of the Loyalty Islands, Mare is a true paradise of New Caledonia. Known for its majestic flora and fauna, age-old cultural traditions, unmarred natural wonders and world-class white sand beaches, Mare is the perfect destination to get to know this very special part of the world.

Without a doubt, the island's most treasured attraction is the stunning natural aquarium that can be found just next to the main village of Tadine, toward Eni. This gorgeous natural pool is perfect for swimming and discovering some of the fascinating marine life that call this island home.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will anchor just offshore, close to the village of Tadine. Tenders will transport passengers from the ship to the island throughout the day.

Picture Perfect

Climb the stone walls at the La Roche Catholic Mission for stunning views of the nearby windswept cliffs.

Transport

Mare Island does not offer any public transport, but there are a few small buses, taxis and rental car agencies. The island is so small you can simply rent a bicycle to make your way to the tourist attractions scattered around.

Language

French and Kanak Dialects

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Break out your snorkeling gear for a swim in the beautiful Bay of Tadine, where you will discover a unique marine life under the surface
2. Discover something a little different about Mare when you visit the Catholic mission at La Roche. Surrounded by massive stone walls and positioned just opposite grand limestone cliffs, this community is the second largest in Mare

SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Explore the white sands of Yejele Beach where local vendors offer fresh coconuts for you to sip out of while enjoying your stunning surrounds
2. Adventure to the natural aquarium, around 1.2 kilometres from the village of Tadine, where you will find a beautiful lagoon, with crystal clear waters.
3. Visit the local markets and shop for hand-made handicrafts, souvenirs and local delicacies, all made by the locals who welcome tourists to take a piece of Mare Island home with them.

Recommended Currency

Credit cards are generally not accepted on the island, so we recommend you take a small amount of local currency (XFP) with you. You can exchange money onboard your cruise ship.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Mare](#), [visit the Port of Call page](#).





Lifou

The island of Lifou is the life blood of the Loyalty Islands of the legendary archipelago of New Caledonia. Boasting steep, windswept cliffs to the north and deserted, turquoise bays to the south, it is a true island paradise.

Known for its lush natural underwater aquarium, Lifou is also blessed with pristine white-sand beaches, opulent jungles and a close-knit tribe, known as the Kanak society. Home to the largest coral atoll in the Loyalty archipelago, it is a paradise for snorkelers and divers, who flock here every year to experience the untouched treasures beneath the surface.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will anchor in the port of Easo, with a tender service operating throughout the day, transporting passengers to shore.

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. After spending the day lounging by the beach, wander to the nearby local markets and pick up some homemade knick knacks and refreshments.
2. Embark on an exploration of the island's Melanesian culture by visiting huts and churches in the island's fascinating villages
3. Book yourself in for a trip to the memorable Cliffs of Jokin, which are surrounded by stunning tropical rainforest on land and beautiful reef settings on the coast

SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Visit the Church of our Lady Lourdes on the sheer cliffs of the northern end of the island and soak up the breathtaking views that surround it
2. Explore beaches like Luecila and Luengoni and lie underneath the shade of the palms that fringe them, while looking out at the gorgeous blue waters.
3. Join the Forest and Secret Grotto tour for an in-depth exploration of this ancient wonder

Transport

There are no taxis in Lifou and many of the island's beaches are within a short walk of where your tender will drop you on the island. As transportation on the island is limited, most of the shore tour companies hire the available buses, making these rather hard to come by. Hire cars are available to those wishing to explore the length of the island but can be quite pricey.

Bicycles are a popular option for those wanting to get around the island quickly and are available onshore.



Language

French and Kanak Dialects

Picture Perfect

Venture up to the rugged north coast for unprecedented views of the island and its surrounding reef.

Recommended Currency

Credit cards are generally not accepted on the island, so we recommend you take a small amount of local currency (XFP) with you. You can exchange money onboard your cruise ship.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Lifou](#), visit the [Port of Call](#) page.



Vanuatu

Vila

There aren't too many places in the world that can surpass the beauty of Vanuatu's Port Vila. A tropical paradise that boasts flawless beaches and lush gardens, Vila is bustling to the seams with unique tourist attractions and adventures.

As a centre for music, art, culture, tradition and passion, Vila is a gateway to everything the fabulous islands of Vanuatu have to offer. From fabulous shopping opportunities and an eclectic cafe scene, to stunning scenery and idyllic outlooks, Vila is an island that offers it all.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock at Port Vila's commercial pier, directly at the wharf. The pier is located approximately 5 kilometres from the centre of town and taxis are readily available pier side.

If you have booked a shore tour it will depart directly from the terminal area.

Picture Perfect

There aren't too many places in Port Vila that you won't be able to get a good photograph from. However, please ask permission before you take photographs of Ni-Vanuatu (indigenous people).



Transport

Once departing from your cruise ship you will find taxis lined up along the outside port gates.

A trip to town will cost approximately AUD \$15 but a price should be negotiated before leaving as taxis in Port Vila are not metered.

Language

English (Official)
Bislama (Official)
French (Official)



8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Dive into an underwater paradise when you embark on a snorkeling or scuba diving adventure of the reef surrounding Vila Island. Boasting the most colorful and majestic coral reef sites in the entire Pacific Ocean, this is a must-do activity for anyone interested in seeing the beauty of the underwater world.
2. Visit the Port Vila Country Club, Le Meridien and Le Lagoon Resort Vanuatu for a round of golf
3. Try your hand at deep sea fishing with a guided fishing expedition.

SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Gain an insight into the ancient Melanesian world with a visit to Vanuatu's best tourist attraction, Ekasup Village
2. Join a shore tour to visit the beautiful Cascade Waterfalls; a 50 metre high waterfall spilling into naturally eroded rock swimming pools
3. Soak up the atmosphere in the local marketing and pick up some traditional jewelry, local art works and unique hand-crafted gifts.



Recommended Currency

The currency in Vanuatu is the Vatu. Credit cards and charge cards are widely accepted in larger stores, restaurants and some cafes. Some shops may accept Australian dollars but will only be able to give you change in Vatu. You will not be able to exchange your Vatu for Australian dollars once back onboard.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Vila](#), visit [the Port of Call page](#).

Islands of
Vanuatu



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Wala

Packed to the brim with untouched natural beauty and resources, Wala is an unspoiled paradise just begging to be explored. With no electricity, phones or cars, it is the perfect destination to truly escape it all!

Positioned off the north-eastern coast of Malakula Island, Wala is as deserted as it gets. The primary modes of transport here are outrigger canoes... or walking. However, this is the way of life in these parts and the locals are more than happy to welcome you into it.

Being so remote and undeveloped, Wala offers a true cultural experience that you really can't find anywhere else. Combine this with white sand beaches fringed with tropical palms and surrounded by turquoise coloured bays, and you have an island paradise you may never want to leave.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will anchor just offshore and tender boats will operate throughout the day, transporting you to the island.

Picture Perfect

There aren't too many places in Port Vila that you won't be able to get a good photograph from. However, please ask permission before you take photographs of Ni-Vanuatu (indigenous people).

Language

English (Official)
Bislama (Official)
French (Official)

Recommended Currency

Credit cards and charge cards are not accepted anywhere on the island. Australian dollars are accepted, but change may not be available.

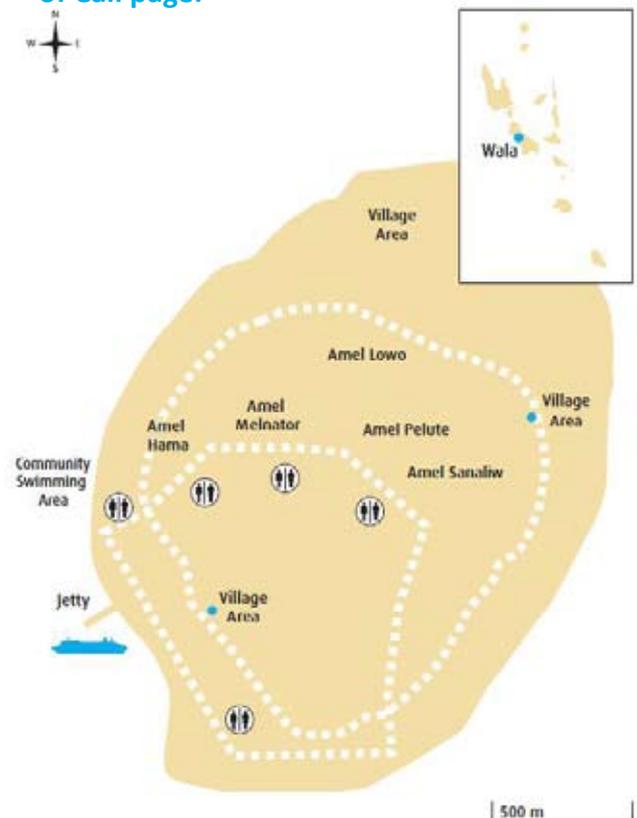
We recommend that you take small amounts of Australian dollars ashore.

Transport

Great news! You won't need public transport to get around the island as everything is within walking distance.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Wala, visit the Port of Call page.](#)



SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Take part in some of the cultural demonstrations and watch on as the locals put on amazing traditional dance displays by taking a village tour
2. Browse the wonderfully designed handicrafts, which can be found right on the fringe of the island's beaches.
3. Spend an afternoon lazing on one of the beautiful white-sand beaches, fringed by shady palm trees and surrounded by turquoise blue waters.



8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Dive beneath the surface and explore the natural wonders hidden below the turquoise waters that separate Wala from the mainland.
2. Take a walk around the entirety of the island, using the guided trails, and discover just how out-of-this-world the island is.



Vanuatu



Mystery Island

Does no electricity, no running water, no roads and no telephones sound like the perfect escape to you?

If you answered with a resounding “Yes”, Mystery Island will be just the cruising destination for you. This non-inhabited island spans just 1.5 kilometres and is one of the world’s last completely untouched paradises.

Refusing to give in to the pressures of a modern, commercial world, Mystery Island, is an untamed paradise where the best past time is simply relaxing and soaking up the sun.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will anchor just offshore the island and a tender service will operate throughout the day, transporting you to the tender jetty. Basic facilities are available on the island.

Picture Perfect

Purchase a disposable underwater camera (or a waterproof case for your own) to take some unforgettable shots of the unique marine life that surrounds the island.

Language

English (Official), Bislama (Official)
French (Official)

SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS:

On an island with no inhabitants and almost no sign of life you may find it hard to find things to do so the best thing is to simply do nothing at all

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

Take your snorkeling and swimming gear ashore and dive under the surface for an exploration of the unique marine systems that live in this natural reef.

Recommended Currency

Credit cards and charge cards are not accepted anywhere on the island. Australian dollars are accepted, but change may not be available.

We recommend that you take small amounts of Australian dollars ashore.

Transport

You’re not going to need public transport on Mystery Island. With a population of zero and a size of just 1.5 kilometres in length, everything is within walking distance.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore on [Mystery Island, visit the Port of Call page.](#)



Vanuatu



Pentecost

Pentecost Island is a 60 km-long, uncorrupted island of Vanuatu in the beautiful Pacific Islands. Long considered the original home of bungee jumping, Pentecost is the perfect destination for those with an adventurous spirit and who are brave at heart.

Most of the island's inhabitants live in small, rural villages and rely heavily on local agriculture. However the island offers an exciting array of activities, making it an outdoor lovers' paradise. Ranging from simple sight-seeing and village tours, to limited public viewing of age-old traditions of the Pentecost people, a visit to this island will expose you to the incredible way of life the people here live.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock offshore and tenders will operate throughout the day, transporting you to the jetty at Panngi. There are several villages close by, all within walking distance.

Picture Perfect

If you are lucky enough to be visiting during the land dive season, you won't want to miss capturing a photo of this unique sight. It will quite literally be a once in a lifetime opportunity.

SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS:

1. Catch one of the local traditional dance displays, put on by the locals. See the culture of Pentecost come to life in these enthralling performances and soak up what the local culture and traditions are all about.
2. Take a village tour of Pentecost and you will see interesting things like the Vanuatu graves, outlooks onto breathtaking volcanic islands and the enchanting volcanic harbour at Lolowai.

Recommended Currency

The recommended currency on Pentecost Island is the Vatu and it is advised that you use this over credit cards. Tipping is not expected here, and haggling and bargaining are not practiced.

Transport

A rutted dirt road runs from the north to the south-west of the island, with many of the island's villages only accessible along steep mountain footpaths. Trucks are the most common form of transport on the island but are generally very expensive.

If you are planning on doing some extensive exploration of the island, the best idea is to book a shore tour.

Language

English (Official), Bislama (Official)
French (Official)

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Pentecost, visit the Port of Call page](#).

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Watch a Naghol (land-diving) display, which is a traditional ceremony of a primitive form of modern-day bungee jumping, made possible by constructing a tower made from a combination of vines and timber, with the long forest vine serving as the suspending structure. Tourists can expect to pay around 1000 vatu each for the experience.
2. Embark on a bushwalking adventure to some of the island's visitors, tackling the thick rainforest and mountain terrain.



Vanuatu



Espiritu Santo

Espiritu Santo is the largest island of Vanuatu and offers a true “away from the masses’ experience. Well known for its historic shipwrecks and glorious blue pools, it boasts remarkable white sand beaches, unique cave systems and a glorious coral reef.

Since its discovery in the 17th century, little about this island paradise has changed. The tribal and ritualistic cultural sites are still very much in tact and the island people still hold a magical connection with the land and surrounding reef. Espiritu Santo is an island that offers it all! From kayaking, snorkeling, beaches and the blue pools, to horse riding, fishing, trekking and scenic flights, you will never be wanting for something to do here.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock alongside Main Wharf in Luganville, which is located close to Santo’s main street and within 500 metres of the city centre.

Picture Perfect

Venture 20 minutes north-west of Luganville (by car or kayak) and you will uncover the stunning blue pools. While a photo simply won’t do it justice it will be the perfect keepsake to remember your time here. Please ask permission before you take photographs of Ni-Vanuatu (indigenous people).

Language

English (Official), Bislama (Official)
French (Official)

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Santo](#), visit the [Port of Call page](#).

Recommended Currency

Although the local currency is the Vatu, it is recommended that you take some Australian dollars for spending on the island. Credit cards are generally not accepted widely.

Transport

Public transportation can be hard to come by on the island of Espiritu Santo. Buses and taxis are on hand to provide transport to and from the town, operating in the mornings and afternoons. A bus stop can be found across from the Luganville Market House, and this is generally quite popular for escorting passengers back to the wharf. Shared transport to various destinations across the island can cost anywhere between 400 and 1000 Vatu and can taken between 45 minutes and 2 and a half hours.

If you’re brave enough to tackle the pot-holed roads, car hire services are available in town and we recommend that you hire a 4WD over a car for travel on the island.

Keep in mind that public transport does not operate on Sundays.



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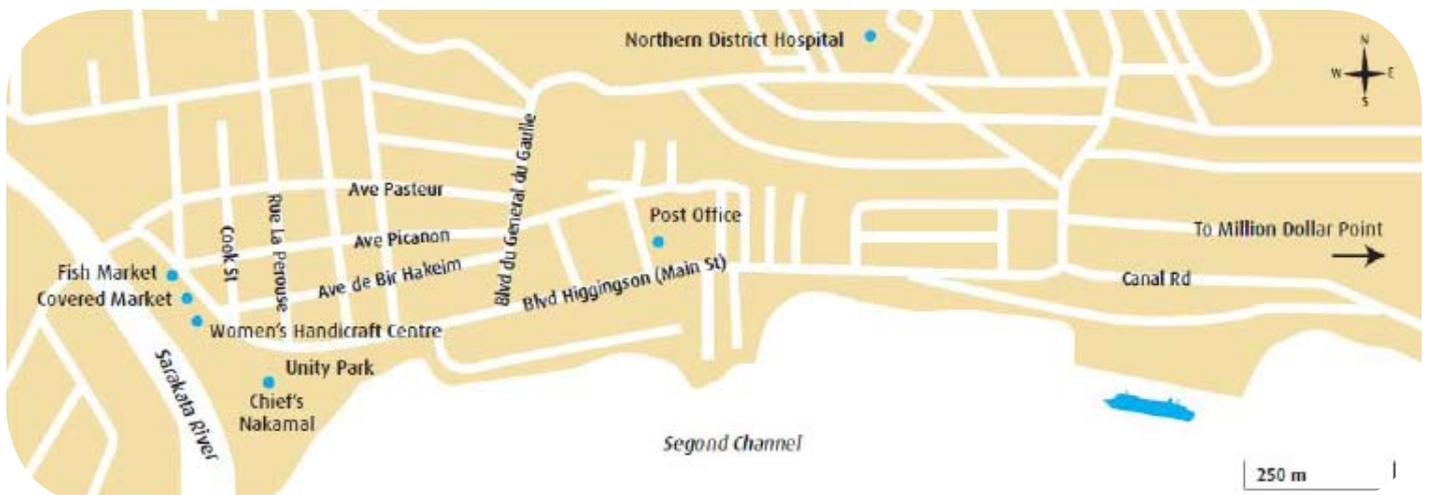
SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Join a Magical Gaua Water Music Experience tour to witness a very unique island traditional dance
2. Embark on a canoe adventure in the Riri River, making your way through lush, green jungle and spotting native wildlife and birds.



8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Trek through the jungle to the village of Vunaspef and you will eventually come to the majestic Millennium Cave. Spanning 3 – 4 kilometres in length, it reaches 50 metres high and features a magnificent waterfall.
2. Explore a piece of the island's history when you embark on a diving adventure of the S.S. President Coolidge Ship Wreck.
3. Dive beneath the surface and explore the famous Million Dollar Point. The area gained its name thanks to the millions of dollars worth of equipment that was disposed during World War II by personnel of the U.S. military base on the island.



Vanuatu

Champagne Bay

Nestled on the north-eastern coast of the island of Espiritu Santo, Champagne Bay is a true gem of Vanuatu. Known for its gloriously white sand, and aquamarine waters, Champagne Bay encompasses everything the Pacific Islands are all about.

Locals from surrounding villages regularly flock to the bay to sell their unique, handmade goods. They are especially prevalent in the area when cruise ships are docked for a visit, meaning your experience here will be one where you can soak up the culture of the island life.

Basking in both the sunshine and the shadows of the surrounding mountains, Champagne Bay is a special place that never fails to capture the hearts of its visitors. If a day of lazing in the sun, exploring a beautiful coral reef and soaking your body in crystal clear waters is just what the doctor ordered, this is the place for you!

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Docking Location

Your ship will anchor offshore and the ship's tender boats will provide a regular service to and from Champagne Bay throughout the day.



Recommended Currency

Credit cards and charge cards are not accepted anywhere on the island. Australian Dollars are accepted but change may not be available.

We recommend that you take small amounts of Australian Dollars or Vatu ashore.

Transport

Taxis are not available in Champagne Bay and everything and everywhere you need to go to enjoy yourself is within walking distance.

Picture Perfect

Champagne Bay itself is the kind of things holiday postcards are made of so take a stroll along the beach and find a deserted spot for the best photo.

Language

English (Official), Bislama (Official)
French (Official)

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Champagne Bay](#), visit the [Port of Call](#) page.





SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Spend the day relaxing on beautiful Champagne Beach, soaking up your stunning surrounds of crystal clear waters and powder white sand. Take a dip in the cool waters and enjoy the flowing, bubbling freshwater stream at low tide.
2. Discover island delights like sea shell necklaces, earrings and bracelets, which are all created from the shells found on Champagne Bay's white sands and made in the likeness of traditional jewelry worn by islanders.

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Embark on a bushwalking adventure from the main beach, exploring the jungle tracks and the glorious pockets of rainforest.
2. Explore places like the biggest coconut and cattle plantation in Vanuatu on a Village Tour



Tonga

Vava'u

Remote and untouched, the island group of Vava'u is a true masterpiece of the Kingdom of Tonga.

Surrounded by glorious, aquamarine waters, it boasts a warm climate all year round, making it the perfect destination for cruisers. Explore white sand beaches, lush tropical rainforests and hidden seaside caves, before diving into the depths of the surrounding reefs. A variety of unique flora and fauna call these islands home and are just waiting for you to discover and explore them.

Paradise is a hard place to come by, but places like the islands of Vava'u come pretty close and simply cannot be missed on any Pacific Islands cruise.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will anchor offshore, with a tender service operating throughout the day. The town of Neiafu is located a short distance away with taxis available and many attractions in town within walking distance.



Recommended Currency

Major credit cards are accepted in some restaurants and larger shops across the island and foreign currency can be change ashore. Automatic teller machines can also provide the foreign currency.

We recommend that you take small change in Tongan Pa'anga to pay for things like public transport.

Transport

Taxis are available across the island of Vava'u and are clearly marked and easy to recognise. Taxis are not metered and more often than not, the drivers will not have small change so it is important you carry this with out. A one way journey in a taxi will cost you around \$25TOP but you should negotiate this before you begin your journey.

Buses and pickup trucks are also available for transportation, but are not reliable and should be avoided if possible.

Picture Perfect

Capture memories to last a lifetime while whale watching in the waters off the Vava'u islands. Snap your happy shots at just the right moment and you may end up with results to rival the National Geographic.

Language

Tongan and English

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Vava'u](#), visit the [Port of Call page](#).





SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

- 1.** If you are cruising between mid-to-late July and late October you may be in for a treat. Whale watching is a common past time on the islands during these times, with the humpback whales making their yearly migratory journey past Vava'u.
- 2.** Swim and snorkel amongst humpback whales, giant clams and sea turtles, and explore the depths of the ocean where you will find untouched underwater caves and historic and intricate wreck sites.
- 3.** Hire a surfboard and ride some of the breaks

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

- 1.** Enjoy a day of island hopping on a Nuku Island and Swallows Cave tour. Enjoy snorkeling and exploring the beautiful white sand beaches of the numerous islands that surround Vava'u
- 2.** Visit the Ene'io Botanical Garden for a glimpse into the fascinating flora that calls this island home.
- 3.** Take a cultural tour and witness traditional dancing, cloth making and weaving





Tonga

Nuku' Alofa

Known as the “Home of Love”, Nuku’alofa is the capital of the Pacific Islands of Tonga.

Nestled on the island of Tongatapu, the lush paradise of Nuku’alofa welcomes tourists with its magnificent cultural antiquities, mouth-watering local delicacies and breathtaking ocean vistas. Small enough to walk around, Nuku’alofa is the perfect place to get acquainted with the island lifestyle, meet the Tongan people and take part in their culture, and soak up the beauty and wonder that this small part of the world is known for.

Whether it’s learning a traditional dance, tapa making, weaving or wood carving, there is something here for every eclectic taste and desire.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will anchor at the Queen Salote Wharf which is located within a short walking distance of the centre of Nuku’alofa.



Recommended Currency

Major credit cards are accepted at many of the island’s restaurants, cafes and shops. Foreign currency should be carried for things like taxis and small purchases, while currency can also be exchanged while onboard and while on the island.

Transport

Taxis are limited at the wharf and can cost around \$25TOP for one-way trips. The town of Nuku’alofa is ideal for exploration on a bike and these can be hired for around \$10TOP a day.

There aren’t any publicly run buses on the island, with only a few small private companies on offer. Prices range between \$1 and \$2.20 for one-way journeys and you should leave plenty of time for catching the bus.

Picture Perfect

Visit Pangaimotu wharf to capture a gorgeous shot of the crystal clear waters and the nearby offshore shipwreck.

Language

Tongan and English



Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in **Nuku’Alofa**, visit [the Port of Call page](#).

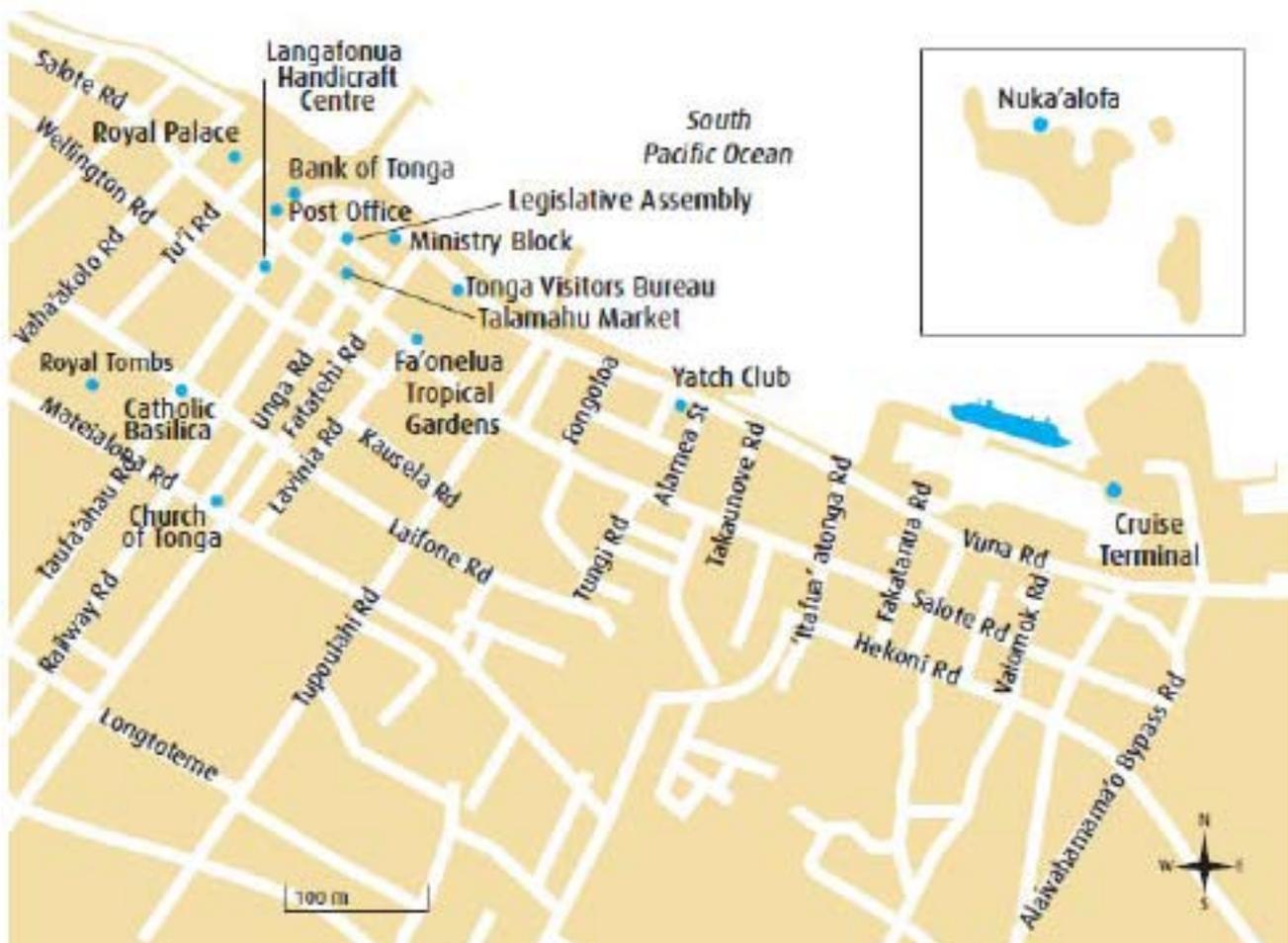


SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Visit the Tongan National Centre to see some of the Tongan natives' most revered cultural treasures, ranging from dances and cooking, to tapa making and wood carving.
2. Absorb everything Nuku'alofa has to offer with a spot of shopping in the village.

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Spend the day snorkeling, surfing and diving in the clear, turquoise waters that are a buzz with marine life and the water visibility some of the clearest imaginable.
2. Indulge in a spot of island hopping in a boat or kayak and find your own secluded beach for a spot of sun tanning and swimming





French Polynesia

Bora Bora

Bora Bora is a name commonly whispered when talk of exotic international tourist destinations comes up. Famous for its aqua-centric luxury resorts, this island is located among the Society Islands of the French Polynesia.

Surrounded by a lagoon and a barrier reef, it is picture perfect all year round and boasts everything an island destination should. Volcanic peaks lie dormant in the background, cascading down to glorious green rainforests that meet pure white sands and aquamarine waters. The beaches are lined with coconut palms and speckled with villages filled with happy and playful children.

No matter what you're after, whether it's relaxation, adventure or history, there is something here for all.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Docking Location

Cruise ships typically dock in Pofai Bay near Vaitape, which is the island's main settlement. The town centre is within easy walking distance of the pier.

Recommended Currency

The local currency is the Pacific Franc (XFP) and this can be exchanged onboard before you arrive on the island. There are several banks and ATM's located on the island, with credit cards accepted in some large establishments.

If you plan on taking a taxi around the island, it's best to have small change in the local currency to use.

Transport

Taxis are available at the pier onshore and shuttle services operate between the pier and Bloody Mary's or the beach for just \$5.

The Le Truck is the island's bus service but we recommend you avoid it as it is highly irregular and not very reliable.

Picture Perfect

Invest in an underwater camera (disposable ones will do it) and take some happy snaps while snorkeling in the natural lagoons.

Language

French and Tahitian

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Bora Bora](#), visit the [Port of Call page](#).





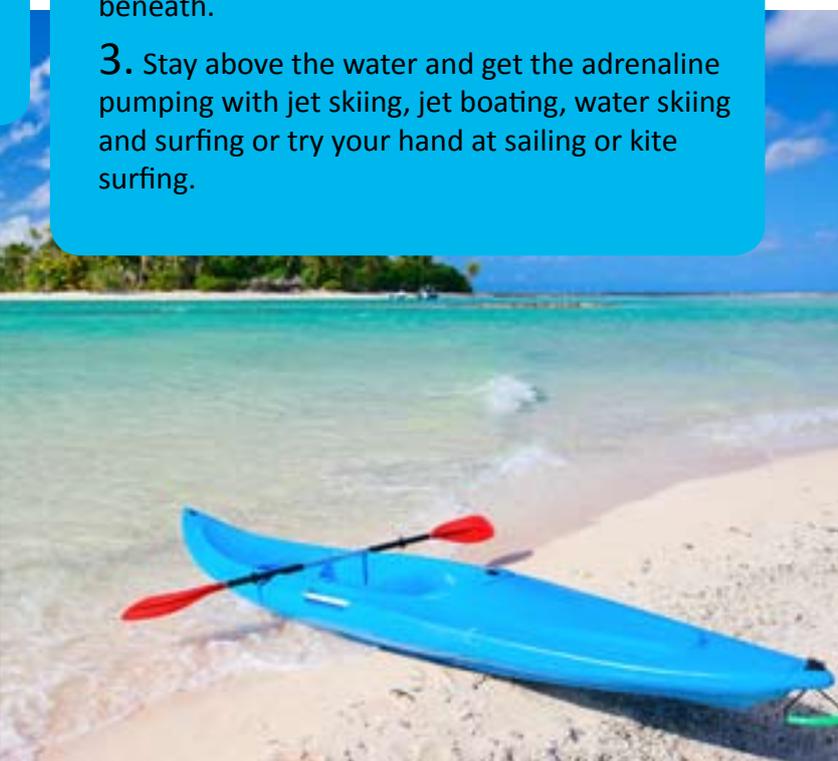
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1. Discover culture, history, flora and fauna all in one on a 4WD tour, with highlights undoubtedly including the World War II sites, with the ammunition bunkers here still used by the locals in cyclone season.
2. Explore the exotic Lagoonarium; home to all the marine animals you see in the barrier reef photographs. Get up close to turtles, dolphins, sharks and rays and discover why this island is such a popular destination with tourists.



8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. If you're visiting Bora Bora on an overnight stay you simply have to pay a visit to the Bloody Mary's Restaurant and Bar. Regarded as Bora Bora's most famous watering hole, it is the perfect place for enjoying a cocktail out of a coconut!
2. Those wanting to dive below the surface can scuba dive and snorkel the reef, discovering the fascinating marine and coral ecosystems that lie beneath.
3. Stay above the water and get the adrenaline pumping with jet skiing, jet boating, water skiing and surfing or try your hand at sailing or kite surfing.





French Polynesia

Papeete

Located on the famous island of Tahiti, Papeete is the capital of the French Polynesia and is a unique city like no other in the world. It acts as the perfect base for exploring everything this incredible island has to offer.

Papeete was once a gathering place where Tahitians came in search of fresh waters. Today it offers an impressive nightlife, fantastic shopping facilities, world-class resorts and vibrant markets, which are particularly popular for those searching for local black pearls.

The island of Tahiti is a true paradise, offering rugged scenery and a contrast of some of the best things about Mother Nature.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock just by Papeete, ensuring the township is within walking distance. The waterfront esplanade is the perfect place to get acquainted with the Papeete way of life and several of the island's best shopping precincts are within a short walking distance.



Recommended Currency

The local currency is the French Pacific Franc (XPF), although USD and AUD are accepted on the island. It's a good idea to carry some local currency, particular for things like public transport and small purchases.

Several banks and ATM's can be found in the main street of Papeete.

Transport

Le Truck is the most popular form of public transport in Papeete and is relatively cheap as just \$1-2 for one-way trips. The Le Truck is easily recognizable by its green, blue and green-blue paintjobs.

Rental cars, scooters and bicycles are also available for hire and can be found throughout town.

Taxis are available on the island but are often hard to find and can be quite expensive.

Picture Perfect

Take the journey up to One Tree Hill on the rugged east coast of the island, for stunning views over Matavai Bay.

Language

French and Tahitian

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Papeete](#), visit the [Port of Call page](#).



SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Take a cruise on the Papeete Lagoon, passing by the French Navy base, before passing the black-sand beaches of Point Venus before taking a dip in the crystal clear waters.
2. Sign up for a driving tour and visit places like Tahara's Hill, Point Venus, Arahoh Blowhole and the Faarumai Waterfalls

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Head inland on a 4WD tour to uncover the scenic beauty of the Papenoo Valley and waterfall.
2. Pay a visit to the Paul Gauguin Museum for an insightful journey of the famous Post-Impressionist painter's sketches and sculptures.



French Polynesia



Moorea

Located just 15 miles from the hustle and bustle of Papeete, the island of Moorea is a truly magnificent example of Mother Nature. This tropical oasis boasts rugged mountain peaks, gloriously dense rainforests, pristine lagoons and pure white-sanded beaches.

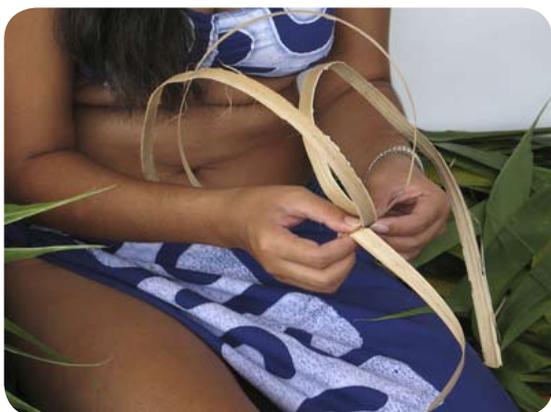
From above, the shape of the island slightly resembles a heart (some say a butterfly), with its two symmetrical bays that open to the north side of the island. This, along with the island's obvious visually aesthetic appeal and laid back nature are what make it an extremely popular destination for honeymooners.

Offering drama and adventure, thrilling water activities, great shopping and stunning natural exploration opportunities, this is an island that truly does have it all.

Average time spent in port: Full day (8-10 hours)

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will anchor just offshore near the town of Vaiare on the east coast. Tenders will operate throughout the day, transporting passengers to land. Vaiare is located within 30 kilometres of all of the island's attractions and is a buzzing town that can accommodate all of your needs.



Recommended Currency

The local currency is the French Pacific Franc and we recommend you carry some of this around with you. Credit cards are accepted for car and bicycle rentals, but cash should be used for small purchases. Currency can be exchanged onboard your ship.

Transport

There is no public transport on the island of Moorea, meaning hire cars, taxis, scooters and bicycles are your only real option for getting around.

Rental car agencies can be found in Vaiare for around 8000XPF upwards a day, but it is recommended you book in advance.

Taxis are scarcely available and very expensive, with tourists paying around 800 XPF as a base fare and 110 XPF per kilometre thereafter. Be sure you understand what the fare is before taking off.

Bicycles can be hired from Europcar (located near the cruise terminal in Vaiare) for around 2000XPF for eight hours. Alternatively, you can hire a scooter from Albert Rent-A-Car (also located in Vaiare) for around 5,000XPF for four hours. Keep in mind that the total distance by road around Moorea is approximately 60 kilometres.

Language

French and Tahitian





SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Discover local marine life like the moray eels, napoleon wrasse, manta rays, trigger and clown fish when you dive beneath the surface of the reef for a snorkel or scuba diving adventure.
2. Depending on the season you travel, you may catch a glimpse of the spinner dolphins and the slightly larger rough-tooth dolphins.
3. Stick to the tender drop-off area and browse the tables of shell jewelry, key chains, pareos and other island souvenirs available for purchase.

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Take a shore tour to the Tiki Village Theatre where you can watch traditional dance performances, tour the pearl farm and purchase authentic wood carvings, vahine weavings, and stunning quilts.
2. Embark on an off-road exploration of the island on a 4WD excursion shore tour. Journey through thick forest, large pockets of bamboo and past delicious fruit plantations before heading up to Magic Mountain for stunning views of the North Shore.
3. Book yourself onto a Whale Watching experience to see these giant animals of the deep at their playful best.

Picture Perfect

Climb to the Belvedere Lookout to experience stunning views of the island's rugged coastline, including Cook's Bay, Opunohu Bay and

Need more?

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