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Local Information

Dialling Code: +507

Time zone: UTC -5

Currency: USD\$ (Balboa)

Emergency: 911

Language: Spanish and Kuna.
English widely spoken

Useful Websites:

visitpanama.com

panamainfo.com

General

Panama is the gateway to the Pacific for the World ARC fleet. Before and after your canal transit, you will have the opportunity to explore the San Blas and Las Perlas Islands, as well as Colon and Panama City.

Pilotage Information

Charts

1400 Approaches to Puerto Cristobal
3111 Atlantic entrance to Panama Canal
3098 Panama Canal

Pilots

Panama Cruising Guide (Bauhaus)

Entry Formalities

Yachts arriving in Panama waters have 72 hours after arrival to clear in with Immigration and then with the Port Captain.

Shelter Bay Marina has a Port Captain and Immigration Officers on site Monday to Friday (office located behind the marina building). When the captain goes ashore to complete clearance procedures, all others must remain onboard until clearance is complete.

See further information on entry formalities for the San Blas Islands ([see page 26](#)).

All international clearances and paperwork required for the Canal transit will be organised by the World ARC agent.

Visas

Nationals from over 100 countries can enter Panama without needing a visa.

Quite a number of nationalities (including the UK and most Europeans) get a visa-waiver to enter Panama. (USA and Canada will be given a 6-month entry stamp, all other visa-waiver countries a 3-month entry stamp.)

You must also show proof of economic solvency (minimum of US\$500) upon entering, have a minimum of three months of validity in your passport and proof of outbound travel.

If you do not qualify for a visa-waiver, you will need either an authorized visa, or a stamped visa, obtained from a Panama consulate or embassy. The approval process can take at least a month.

To find out more: embassyofpanama.org/visas

Arriving with Pets

For full details of arriving in Panama with pets see: embassyofpanama.org/travelling-with-pets-1

Shelter Bay Marina

Shelter Bay Marina, 30 Butner Street,
Colon, Republic of Panama

Location: 09°22'N 79°56'W

Open: Daily 08:00-16:00

VHF: Ch.74

T: +507 4333 581 (Marina Office)
+507 6781 663 (Dockmaster)

Email: info@shelterbaymarina.com

Website: shelterbaymarina.com

Water: Potable

Power 110V/220V 60Hz

A former US Army base it has undergone substantial redevelopment and alongside the marina there is an outdoor swimming pool, gym, hotel, bar, supermarket and a range of yacht services.

The marina is close to the San Lorenzo National Park and the centre of Colón is very accessible on transport provided by the marina. A local cruisers net operates on Ch.77 at 0730 each morning.

Water & Electricity

Potable water is available on every pontoon.

Panama runs on the American system of 110 volts but some 220 volt single phase outlets can be provided on the marina berths. The marina has a supply of step-up transformers – 60Hz only.

Marina Security

The marina is in a quiet location and security has not been a problem. The marina is located alongside an active Coast Guard base with vehicle access through their gate. There is a guard 24 hours and occasional security forces training activity in the vicinity of the Marina.

Most incidents of theft are petty or opportunistic, but several serious robberies/attacks have been reported in anchorages around Panama with a number of armed attacks against yachts especially in the area around Puerto Linton and Portobello. Check Noonsite.com for up to date reports. Nowhere in Panama (including Guna Yala) should yachts anchor at night in remote areas without being accompanied by other yachts. Always lock up at night and arrange to have your boat cared for if you will be away.

Approaches

Berthing will be organised prior to your arrival based on your ETA. A daylight arrival is strongly advised, as although well buoyed, the main entrance channel is hard to follow at night. The dockmaster at Shelter Bay Marina works from 0800-1600 and gives essential advice on navigating the entrance over the VHF. Beware the shoal ground extending 200m east from the southern side of the Marina entrance which is not accurately depicted on some charts.

Facilities

Shelter Bay Marina is a well serviced and managed marina in a quiet area of the Canal's approaches.



A Word of Caution

Colón is a depressed economic area with social problems. Despite the construction of the Duty Free Trade Area, unemployment and poverty are evident, and crime is sadly a common occurrence. Visitors should be vigilant.

Check points at road junctions are common near Colón. If you are travelling in a taxi or organised group, you should not encounter any problems. If you are travelling in a hire car, the driver should be prepared to present their passport and driving licence when asked.

Deliveries

FedEx, Mailboxes Etc. and DHL are the best choices, as UPS and the local postal service can be unreliable.

For FedEx and DHL, address packages to Shelter Bay Marina. Use +507 4333581 (for Shelter Bay Marina).

YOUR NAME, BOAT NAME

Shelter Bay Marina,
(Yacht in transit)
30 Butner Street
Colon, Republic of Panama

Most packages will incur a service or customs fee, which will be paid by the marina, then charged to your account with a 20% service charge.

Mail Boxes Etc

mbe-ca.com

Will take care of all paperwork, customs, clearance etc. for you and come to deliver the goods to your boat.

PAKYA

pakya.com
info@pakyapanama.com

Freight forwarder serving cruisers in Panama. Contact them direct in either Panama or Miami. Panama: +507 2361728 / Miami: +1 305 8631818



Shelter Bay Marina

A to Z of Boat Services

Boatyard and Haulout

Shelter Bay Marina yard@shelterbaymarina.com

5 acre storage and work yard. The yard office is located in the hangar building beside the travel lift bay.

Chandleries

Shelter Bay Chandlery

store@shelterbaymarina.com

There is a chandlery onsite which stocks a small range of work yard accessories. It is a branch of a larger chandler based in Panama City, and can get stock items to order in a couple of days.

Marine Warehouse

marinewarehouse.net
panama@marinewarehouse.net

Large marine supplier with offices Amador and Bocas Del Toro. Will ship to Panama from warehouse in Miami.

Sea Masters Academy

seamasterspty.com

Panama Authorised dealer of many yachting brands and can order in, based in Shelter Bay and Club de Yates Y Pesca de Panama in Panama City.

Electrical and Electronics

Gilbert Izacc

Contact through the Shelter Bay Yard Manager

Narval Marine

narvalmarine.com

Located in Flamenco Marina and represented in La Playita Marina, Panama City. Wide range of marine services electronics, hydrolyics, watermakers, air conditioning, refridgeration, welding and mechanics.

Fibreglass / GRP Repair

Repairs can be undertaken by arrangement with the Yard Manager.



Fuel

The fuel dock/barge is run by the marina and fuel dispensing can be booked in the marina office. Payment must be made in advance of fuelling, with credit given for overpayment.

Gas (Cooking)

Refills of gas, of most types of regulator and size, can be organised by the marina office. The turnaround may be a couple of working days. Panama City is also an option.

Hardware Store

Novey Hardware

novey.com.pa

Located in the Millenian Plaza, just after leaving Colón in the direction of Sabanitas.

Liferaft Servicing

Panama Marine Products & Services Co.

panamaxmarine.com

Certified inspections ensuring liferafts meet safety and compliance standards.

Mechanical

Andy Anderson

andersonanat@hotmail.com

Speaks excellent English. Able to do a variety of projects. Call on +507 6394556 or +507 4493231

Metalwork / Welding

Contact the Shelter Bay Yard Manager.

Rigging

Steve Van Rensburg

Organised through the Yard Manager

Panama Yachting Services

panama-yachting-services.com

Authorised dealers for Selden Masts and Rigging, US Spars, The Yacht Rigger, Rolly Tasker Sails, DE-BUG magnetic diesel treatment units, Plastimo Life Rafts.

Sail Repairs

Shelter Bay Sail Loft at Shelter Bay Marina.

Watermaker Repairs

Marine Warehouse

marinewarehouse.net

panama@marinewarehouse.net

Authorised Spectra Watermaker Distributor.

Narval Marine

narvalmarine.com

See Electrical and Electronics

A to Z of What's On Shore

Accommodation

Marina Hotel at Shelter Bay

marinahotelatshelterbay.com

A small hotel within the marina complex.

Melia Panama Canal Hotel

melia.com/es/hoteles/panama

7km from Colón, on the shores of Gatun Lake.

Dentist

Atlantic Dental Clinic

atlanticdentalmargarita@gmail.com

+507 446 2913

Located near Colon. Open Mon-Fri: 10am-6pm .

Alternatively, there are many very reasonable dentist and orthodontic clinics in Panama City.

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 911

Please ask at the Marina Office for advice and assistance with appointments with English speaking Doctors.

Centro Medico Caribe

+507 441 4420

Near the Free Zone on Colon. Walk-ins accepted

Hospital Colón 4 Altos

+507 433 7400

Located in Colón, near the shopping centre. They have a 24 hour emergency room.



Fort Sherman near Shelter Bay Marina

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Ice

Available from the marina shop

Internet

WiFi services are available via the marina office at a charge.

Laundry

A laundry room is available in the marina office out building with commercial washers and dryers; they also have an iron and ironing board for use. The machines take cash, and it costs \$3 per wash/dry. A service wash and dry service is also available at a cost of US\$4 per lb.

Money

There is no ATM at the marina. Nearest facility is at the Rey Supermarket in the Cuatro Altos shopping centre in Colón. Accounts can be opened in the marina office with a credit card for the bar, restaurant and shop. The restaurant and mini-market take credit cards, although there is a minimum spend in the mini-market.

Pharmacy

Pharmacy Itzel +507 6741 0879
Located in Colón. Open Mon-Sat: 7am-10pm Sun: 8am-8am

Post Office

Postal facilities are available in Colón.

Fedex local.fedex.com/es-pa/colon-city
+507 479 1002

Calle 4a & 3a Avenue France Field, Colón.



Marina Wildlife



World ARC Flags in Shelter Bay Marina

Restaurants

Dock Restaurant and Bar

thedockrestaurant.com

Located in the Shelter Bay marina complex.

Rubbish / Garbage

Recycling facilities available in Shelter Bay Marina

Shopping & Supermarkets

There is a small but well stocked convenience store in Shelter Bay Marina called the Dock Shoppe. They can also arrange deliveries.

Malls

Cuatro Altos Shopping Centre

Within this centre is a hardware and electronic store, internet café, beauty salon, paint store, three restaurants and several department stores. Open daily 07:00-21:45.

Colón 2000 (Dos Mil) colon2000dutyfree.com

Tax free shopping with over 60 stores and 30 restaurants. Open 11:00-20:00. Cost \$5 to enter. Occasionally good value for bulk, duty free purchases

Supermarkets

Rey smrey.com

Located in the Cuatro Altos shopping centre.

Super 99

super99.com

Located next to Colón 2000 (Dos Mil) shopping centre.

Both supermarkets are well stocked and modern.

Sports Facilities

There is an outdoor swimming pool at Shelter Bay Marina.

Telephone

Más Movil and Tigo (Movistar) are the only networks with reliable service in the Marina. SIM card and top ups can also be purchased from the Dock Shoppe in the Marina.

Travel Information

Airport

Tocumen Airport Panama City (PTY)
tocumenpanama.aero

The nearest international airport to Shelter Bay is around 1½ - 2 hours drive away. Flights operate to the Caribbean, North and South America, and Europe with KLM, Lufthansa and Iberia.

Buses

Shelter Bay marina runs an air-conditioned shopping shuttle bus to and from Colón twice a day (except Sunday). Further details will be provided on arrival from Rally Control.

There is also a reasonable public bus service between Panama City to Colón. The service (USD\$2.50, two hours, every 30 minutes) departs from the Albrook Bus Terminal in Panama City and the Central Bus Station, Colón. Take the white air-conditioned bus and not the local bus. It would be wise to book an onward taxi from the bus station to the marina for any arrivals.

Car Rental

Budget +507 4417162 / +507 4417161

Hertz +507 4413272

Both are located in the 2000 (Dos Mil) shopping centre in Colón.

Taxis

The marina has a list of reliable English speaking taxi drivers. A taxi from Colón to the marina is about USD\$25. A taxi ride within Colón is USD\$1-2. To/from Tocumen Airport (Panama City) is USD\$120 and the going rate to hire a taxi for the day is about USD\$15 per hour. It is a good idea to negotiate and agree a price before each taxi ride.

uber is available throughout Panama and is a reliable and cost effective way to travel.

Train

From Colón there is a good train service to Panama City and onto the Airport by taxi. It follows the Panama Canal providing a good way to shuttle line handlers back and forth. USD\$25 per person each way.
panarail.com/en/passenger



Embrea Tour Crafts

Don't Miss

The Panama Canal Visitor Centres

visitcanaldepanama.com

There are two visitors centres one at Miraflores Lock and at the other Agua Clara - Visitor Centre at Gatun (on the Caribbean side near Colon City). There is also the Panama Canal Interactive Centre, where visitors can learn about the history of the Canal and see how it was built.

San Lorenzo National Park

Shelter Bay Marina is a short walk away from park entrance. The park is ideal for walking, jogging or biking and much of it is shaded. You may encounter troops of howler and whitefaced monkeys, sloths and abundant bird life.

Fort San Lorenzo

ppysl.org/sanlorenzo

This well maintained historic site is located on a bluff just above the entrance to the Rio Chagres. It is a pleasant six mile walk from the Marina (take water) or a short taxi ride. There are signs in English and Spanish explaining the history of the fort and the surrounding area.

La Granja

lagranjapanama.com

Located 1/2 hour from the outskirts of Colon, this working farm offers horseback riding, a zip line and kayaking. They also have a Palapa right on Gatun Lake available for BBQ's. For more detailed information look for brochures in the marina lobby.

San Blas Islands

Prior to transiting the Canal, you have the option of exploring the islands of the San Blas archipelago which stretches along the Caribbean coast of Panama from the Golfo de San Blas nearly all the way to the Colombian border.

San Blas are a series of 378 islands, of which, only around 49 are inhabited by the fiercely independent Kuna Indians. The Kuna run all the islands as an autonomous province, with minimal interference from the national government. They maintain their own economic system, language, customs and culture.

The Kuna are famous for their arts and crafts. In particular, is the mola, made with rainbow coloured fabrics, emblazoned with fish, birds, jungle animals and geometric designs. At anchorage you can expect a visit from the locals, in their dug out canoes, some with sails, to sell these wares and fresh produce.

Pilotage Information

UKHO Charts

2417 Harbours on the N Coast of Central America

US Charts

26060 Puerto Cristóbal to Cabo Tiburón
26063 Punta San Blas to Bahía Concepción
26042 Bahía Concepción to Punta Brava
Pilots: Panama Cruising Guide (Bauhaus)

Navigation Lights

There are none. Pilotage at night is not recommended.

Tides

Negligible with a range of less than 0.6m. Currents in the channels generally less than a knot, usually going west.



San Blas - Deserted Island

Entry Formalities

The San Blas islands are part of the republic of Panama, although they are administrated by the Kuna Indian who impose their own fees for arrivals. Make sure you leave Saint Lucia with sufficient \$US cash to cover these costs.

It is possible to formally enter the Republic of Panama at Porvenir and this will give the Immigration clearance for a visit to the country. Port authority clearances need to be done in the nearest entry place and recommend Puerto Linton, Portobello or Colon. If cruising from the east, it is also possible to carry out clearances at Rio Diablo on the south east corner of the archipelago.

It is likely that in each populated anchorage the local tax will be charged again. However, local tax will probably include a guided tour ashore.

The formal arrival procedure is not strictly enforced. In the past some cruisers have visited the islands from the east, not cleared though Rio Diablo and then cleared in and then out at Porvenir or even waited until Colon.

Facilities

Provisioning

The San Blas should not be considered a provisioning stop and it would be better to have sufficient stock to last until Shelter Bay Marina.

Money

Cash withdrawals and currency exchange is not available. Have sufficient USD\$ before you leave Saint Lucia, in small denominations to pay locals for anchorage fees, as change is unlikely to be given.

Telephone

Digicell is the only network with reliable service in San Blas Islands, but not working on hotspot. Mas Movil has a very good signal only in Porvenir area and is usable as a hotspot.

Water

Rainwater catchment systems provide the islands with water of variable quality.

Suggested Itinerary

From the east likely places to visit would be:

Rio Diablo - Nargana

The island of Nargana has a population who have decided to give up the traditional Kuna ways and the village is very different to the remainder of the San Blas Islands. There is a bank, a police station and even a jail. Shops sell a little more than elsewhere; you can get beer, coca-cola and basic provisions. Girls wear modern clothing and only a few still wear traditional Molas.

Green Island

Green Island is a quiet anchorage well protected by the island and reefs. It is a good place to stop for swimming and exploring the island.

Holandeses Islands

These islands, split into two and named East and West Holandes, are popular stops to anchor. For a yacht travelling from the east, the group is probably the most accessible of all the islands, if one foregoes strict adherence to the entry formalities.

Lemon Cay

Further to the west is East Lemon Cay. This anchorage is protected by reefs and islands. A few people live here and they are often able to supply fresh fruit and bread. A popular spot for coral diving and there is also a wreck.

Porvenir

This is a Panamanian port of entry and has a small airport which connect the islands to the Republic of Panama. Consequently, it is comparatively busy with occasional disturbances in the main anchorage from aeroplanes landing and departing at the nearby runway. Ashore there are several small shops but most only sell tourist items. For clearance procedures, find the administrative building near to the public jetty.



San Blas white sand beaches

My Notes

Panama Canal Transit Information

World ARC employ the services of a transit agent in order to expedite the fleet's transit of the Canal. Recreational yachts are not the most important user of the canal and as a result, the procedures for the transit of pleasure craft are subject to changes. The following text outlines what to expect when transiting the Canal, based on the procedures in place at the time of writing.

Paperwork

Prior to the start of the transit, World Cruising Club will collect details on each yacht (boat details, scantling lists, crew details, scans of passports and boat's papers, etc) and declarations from each skipper that they understand and will comply with the terms and conditions of the transit. As an example, each skipper must declare that their vessel is capable of motoring at a boat speed in excess of 6 knots. This paperwork will be passed onto the transit agent and must therefore be provided in good time in order not to cause any delays.



Panama Canal Transit Credit: Jayne Ogilvie, Dilema

Preparation

Since 2024 inspections and admeasurements are done virtually through ASEM (Small Craft Service Management). The process will be managed by the World ARC agent and Rally Control and includes the upload of various photos of the boat to demonstrate main measurements and projecting deck equipment, and dimensions.

The LOA is the total length of the vessel to determine space requirements within the locks. This should include davits, stem head fittings, bowsprits and other protuberances (i.e. transom generators etc.). This measurement will be used to determine the price bracket charged for transit. Yachts close to the 65' plus bracket will require a pilot rather than an advisor for the transit should consider removing items not required for the transit to ensure they fall into the lower bracket if at all possible. Measurers' decisions are final and will not be influenced by evidence of other LOA documentation or ratings measurements.

In-person admeasures might be required whilst in Shelter Bay if photos or measurements are questionable.

Pilot / Advisor

Yachts under 65' will generally have an advisor onboard in place of a pilot. They are generally Panama Canal employees or even pilots, who are volunteering to act as advisors during their overtime.

It should be remembered that advisors are just that and the skipper should remain cautious.

There are many different advisors (around 300) and the service and manner of each differs greatly – after all, they are working overtime and not sat on a comfy bridge! Most crews find that treating them as an 'Examiner on Board' keeps them in an agreeable mood. They will expect to be fed whilst onboard.

Line Handlers

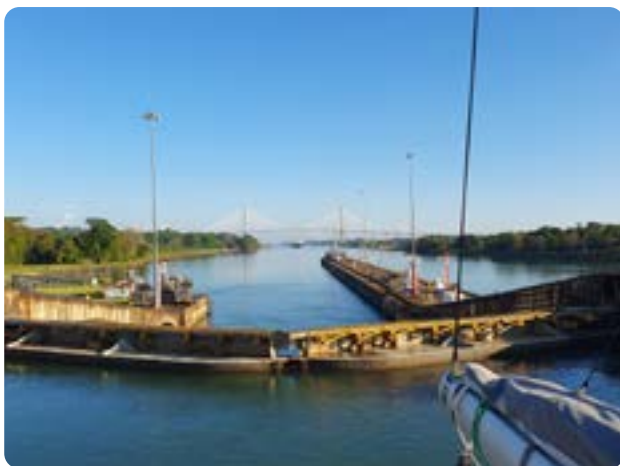
Each yacht is required to have 4 line handlers aboard. These are crew members (aged over 16 years old) in addition to the skipper and the advisor/pilot. The line handlers need to be aware at all times. It is possible to hire line handlers, but experienced yacht crew would always be preferable.

As with any manoeuvres, line handlers need to be well briefed on what commands will be used to ensure that the boat is firmly held (but not suspended!).

Lines and Fenders

Mooring lines and fenders will be hired by World Cruising Club for the yachts. These lines are approximately 40mm diameter and 40m long. One end should have a 1m diameter loop on it for placing over the lock bollards. The line handlers will then control the lines as the yacht rises and falls in the locks. Lines are returned at the end of the transit.

Fenders are approx. 80cm-1m in diameter and are to be used on both sides of the nest (raft).



Gatun Lock

Locks

The lock chambers are huge and measure 300x33m. This means that the flow rates into and out of the locks are quite high. The water moves through 100 holes in the floor of each chamber.

This normally creates a large but equal disturbance which is not really a problem if you are in a chamber with other rafts of yachts. However, if a raft is chambered with a larger (cargo) vessel and generally this will be to her stern, the under-floor currents are displaced by her hull and can create a current off their stern.

Just be ready with the throttle and make sure line handlers are alert. Similarly, anticipate that when the gates open the larger vessel will engage forward gear and wash will kick astern. When descending towards the Pacific, in Miraflores locks beware a potentially dangerous current which sets yachts hard towards the final gate when manoeuvring within the last chamber.

Schedule

A typical transit will begin with a departure from Shelter Bay Marina early in the morning for the daily transits and in the late afternoon for the overnight transits. The advisor will board the yacht, in the “new flats” area in the vicinity of Shelter Bay Marina, or will meet the yacht in the marina, before travelling with the yacht up the locks to Gatun Lake.

On exiting the last ‘up’ lock (potentially as late as midnight), yachts on the overnight passage will pick up a mooring buoy, in the lake, and a Pilot vessel will pick up the advisor. A different advisor will re-board at about 0700 for a dawn journey through the “Panama Canal” before starting the “down” locks at Pedro Miguel and Miraflores. Expect to exit the last lock at about lunchtime, from where it is about an hour to the end of the Amador Causeway.

Daily passages don’t stop until arriving on the Pacific side usually late in the evening.

The preferred schedule for the World ARC fleet is for boats to be divided into nests (rafts) of three. Nests tie up and separate on the instructions of advisors in the mouth of the locks.

Crews should expect the possibility of being asked to join boats on an earlier transit to help with their lines, and then travel back on land to make their own transit. To complete the favour, crews who have made the transits might be asked to return to Shelter Bay to assist others. This will allow the fleet to transit the Canal without the need to employ extra line handlers.



The Bridge of the Americas

Panama City

A. Flamenco Marina

Isla Flamenco Calizada de Amador Apdo 6464, Zone 5, Panama

Location: 8°54'53N 79°31'9W

VHF: Ch.10

T: +507 314 1980 / 1353

Email: info@fuerteamador.com

Website: fuerteamador.com

Water: Potable

Power 110V/220V 60Hz

B. La Playita Marina

Isla Naos, Calzada de Amador, Panama

Location: 8°54'44N 79°31'34W

VHF: Ch.9

T: +507 6000 5127

Email: laplayita@siwireless.com

Water: Potable

Power 110V/220V 60Hz

C. Anchorage

Location: 8°54'36N, 79°31'30"W



A. Flamenco Marina

Facilities

Flamenco Marina opened in 2004 on the Pacific approaches to the Canal. There is a cruisers' net on VHF Ch. 74 every morning at 0800, operated from the anchorage near Flamenco Marina. Some useful information.

Docking

At Flamenco Marina, berthing is alongside one of 165 floating pontoons.

B. La Playita Marina

La Playita Marina lies alongside the Pacific approaches to the Canal, on the opposite side of the Islands to the larger Flamenco Marina.

Docking

Currently 2 pontoons each with 40 slips, most of which are privately owned. Depths on the second pontoon should be monitored carefully – particularly during big spring tides when low water can be considerably less than Chart Datum.

There are three possible mooring options on the Pacific side of the Canal. Flamenco (A) and La Playita (B) Marinas may have space possible for a limited time. The marinas are situated between the islands of Perico and Flamenco, which are attached to the mainland by a thin causeway. Ashore on the mainland are the districts of Balboa and Amador and, slightly further afield, the country's capital, Panama City. Both Marinas are well situated for exploring Panama City and beyond.

If there is no space available, yachts can anchor in the shelter of the Amador causeway (C). In recent years the World ARC has only used La Playita marina; however, boats with a larger draft may find Flamenco marina more suitable for refuelling.



La Playita Marina is not normally open to visiting yachts, but World ARC has a good relationship with this small marina and occasionally some space is made available for the fleet. With multiple World ARC transit groups, there is a strong possibility that early arrivals will be required to move on after a couple of days to make room for later arrivals.

Facilities

Shore access to pontoons is controlled by electronically controlled gates. A key card is required which must be collected at check-in. A deposit may be required. There is a small toilet and shower block. The dinghy dock can be used for vessels at anchor after payment of a fee for World ARC yachts.

A small laundry (washers and driers) is available. Cost USD\$2 per load. Machines only take quarters (\$0.25).

A minimarket can be found next to the marina office with cold drinks, snacks and some other goodies.

Electricity & Water

There is NO 16AMP POWER AVAILABLE. Slips are mainly 30A, some 50A. Note adapters from 30A to 16A have proved impossible to source in the past. The Dockmaster may have a few converters. 30A = 110V, 50A = 220V both supplies are at 60Hz. Electrical outlets can be obtained from the marina office. A deposit will be required.

Water is potable.

Fuel

Diesel is available in the alongside slip, but times must be booked in advance with the office. VISA and Mastercard accepted, but not AMEX. It is not advisable to use the fuel dock when approaching low tide. Boats with larger draft may benefit from calling Flamenco Marina in advance to organise refuelling at their deeper fuel dock.

Sanitation Charge

In either Marina, yachts may be visited by the local health department and asked to pay a one-off sanitation charge of USD\$15-\$30.

Visiting Taboga Island

The Taboga ferry departs from La Playita marina every day (45 minutes trip). Note that at weekends you will need to start getting in line nearly an hour in advance! Ferries depart Panama Mon-Fri at 0830 and return from Taboga at 1630. On weekends and holidays, ferries depart Panama at 0830, 1030 and 1630 and return from Taboga at 0900, 1500 and 1700.

A to Z of Boat Services

Boatyard & Haulout

Flamenco Marina

flamencomarina.com

Large yard for onshore minor repairs and cleaning work. All repair work must be carried out by authorised external service companies. Good 24hr security. Liveaboard ashore is not permitted. 150 ton Travelift (max 100ft LOA/26ft beam).

Vista Mar Marina

vistamarmarina.com

20NM from La Playita - hydraulic trailer for catamarans and yachts up to 95 tons. Contact Jaqueline +507 6611 8528

Abysa Yachting

abysa.com.pa

Full service marine company located in Amador Boatyard next to Flamenco Marina.

Chandleries

Abernathy's

abernathypanama.com

Several locations in Panama City, including Amador Causeway, opposite La Playita Marina Office. Marine supplies, fishing supplies, clothing, rope, Jabsco pumps.

Islamorada

islamorada.com

Charts, SSB and VHF equipment, almanacs. 5 mins taxi from Flamenco.

Marine Warehouse

marinewarehouse.net

Stock and can import almost anything via their Miami warehouse – dinghies, outboards, liferafts, etc.

Narval Marine

narvalmarine.com

Wide range of marine services electronics, hydraulics, watermakers, air conditioning, refrigeration, welding and mechanics. Representatives of Volvo Penta, B&G, SIMRAD, Lewmar, and others. Office opposite La Playita Marina.

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Divers & Underwater Work

Carlos Gonzalez +507 66312159

Jose Luque +507 60005134
(Dockmaster at La Playita Marina) Can advise on workers that can clean hulls and provide a certificate.

Electrical and Electronics

Electromar Services electromarpanama.com

Alejandro Lopez serviciosmorice@yahoo.es
+507 60708168

Generator and charging

GPS Marine Panama gpsmarinepanama.com

Located at Flamenco Marina are agents for Onan/ Cummins and Victron Energy but may help with other generators and charging problems.

Fibreglass / GRP Repair

Christobal Marina Repair cmrepair.com

For all types of repair work.

Alberto +507 2256654
Speaks good English.

Kjetil Solverg +507 6618 5452
Fibreglass repair and Salvage

Fuel

Petrol (gas) and diesel is available on the marina fuel docks. Book through marina office. Tides may restrict some draughts at low water.

Gas (Cooking)

Gas refills are only available from one location in Panama. Taxi drivers based at the Marina do not mind carrying gas bottles and they will provide this service at a fee. World Cruising staff can help to arrange this on your behalf.

Panagas panagas.net
+507 8005111

Hardware Store

Centro Industrial centro-industrial.com

Excellent machine shop & good selection of tools.

Dimar S.A. dimarventas@dimarsa.com
Fuel and oil filters and other supplies.

Novey novey.com.pa
Large chain DIY store that sells everything from tools to BBQs.

Liferaft Servicing

PANAMAX panamaxmarine.com

Liferaft servicing and supply.

Marine Warehouse (See Chandlery)
Can also sell / import new liferafts from the US.

Metalwork / Welding

Metalica Perez metalicaperez.com

Excellent and prompt service but not much English spoken.

Mechanical

Panamarine Repair panamarinerepair.com

Yanmar & Cummins repair agents.

Andy Anderson +507 4493231
Speaks excellent English. Able to do a variety of projects.

Servicios Morice +507 60708168
serviciosmorice@yahoo.es

Alejandro López speaks English. Excellent "Mr Fix It" Marine engines, electronics, air conditioning and refrigeration

Narval Marine (See Chandlery)

Radio/SSB

Radio Holland radioholland.com

Refrigeration

Eugenio Evans +507 66743901

Rigging

Kiwi Mike ('Marine Scene') +507 67276722.
Provides rigging, electrical, hydraulic and refrigeration services.

Servicios Morice (See Mechanical)

Watermakers

Hydromundo hydromundo.com

Panama City.

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Accommodation

Amador Ocean View

amador-ocean-view-suites.panama-city-hotels.com

The Beach House

thebeachhousepanama.net

Dentist

Clinica Urriola

Aventura Mall

+507 2609415

Mega Smile

Albrook Mall

+507 314 6068

Centro Odontologico Paitilla

centroodontologicopaitilla.com

Dr. Moisés Lukowiecki. Next to the Centro Medico Patilla.

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 911

There are many very good private medical facilities in Panama City.

Santa Fe Hospital

hospitalsantafepanama.com

+507 2274733

Centro Medico Patilla

24hr emergency room.

hospitalpaitilla.com

+507 2658888

Diving

ScubaPanama

scubapanama.com

Internet

WiFi is available in the La Playita marina, but only in the area outside the marina office.

Laundry

Drop off at the Marina office; returned the day after. Average wash and dry load costs USD\$10.

Money

ATM located in La Playita shopping mall – close to the mini market, and at the Duty Free shopping mall close to Flamenco Marina.

Pharmacy

Farmacia Arrocha

+507 2234505

Calle Aquilino de la Guardia, Balboa. Open 24hrs.

There is also a pharmacy at the Albrook Mall.

Restaurants

There are several restaurants a short walk from the marina. Be mindful that booking may be necessary at weekends. There is also an excellent selection of restaurants and bars in the Old Town.

Shopping & Supermarkets

Shops in the shopping plaza sell a limited range of goods, however there are three large shopping malls 15 mins away by taxi.

Supercentro El Dorado

Shopping Mall with Super 99 and El Rey supermarkets.

Albrook Mall

albrookmall.com

Wide variety of stores including electronics, clothes, gifts, fresh fruit and veg and a very good supermarket with good meat counter.

Multi Plaza

multiplaza.com/panama

Premium brand shopping mall with large Riba Smith supermarket.

Telephone

SIM cards are available to purchase in most minimarkets and Albrook Mall has a number of mobile stores.



La Playita Marina

Travel Information

Airports

Nearest International airport is Tocumen Airport, Panama City and is around 30-45 minutes taxi drive away. With flights to the Caribbean, North and South America and Europe. Direct flights to/from Europe are available with KLM and Iberia.

Tocumen Airport tocumenpanama.aero

Buses mibus.com.pa

Panama has one of the most accessible and most efficient bus systems in the Americas. A bus makes the Isla Flamenco circle once an hour. Beyond the Isla, there are many buses serving Panama City.

Bicycle Rental

Moses Bike Rental mosesbikerentals.com

The Causeway, Amador. Rent bikes, e-bike and e-scooters.

Car Rental

Alamo alamo.com

+507 2365777

Hertz hertz.com

+507 2600000

Taxis

There are cabs in the Flamenco Island area frequently and the ride for two into Amador is USD\$3, Panama City around USD\$10. The journey to Tocumen Airport is typically USD\$50, and the ride back to Colón (after a Canal transit) is USD\$120.

Uber also available.

Train panarail.com

Taking the train back down the route of the canal is an easy way to return to Colón. A bus runs from Flamenco to the Panama Canal Railway train station (not the main railway station) in Panama City. There is only one train per day in each direction; cost starts at USD\$40 one way.

My Notes

Las Perlas Islands

A. Isla del Rey

B. San Jose

C. Galera

D. Contadora Island

Location: 08°37'20"N 79° 02'08"W

The Archipelago de Las Perlas is made up of more than 220 islands and islets, only 90 of which are named and even fewer are inhabited. These islands first gained notoriety in 1513 in the days of Vasco Nuñez de Balboa's discovery of the Pacific Ocean. It is said that he encountered a group of Indians, resplendent in pearls, paddling boats who told him of the islands and their rich pearl beds. Although he never actually went to the islands, he named them "Islas de Las Perlas" (Pearl Islands).

Entry Formalities

The islands are administered by the Republic of Panama. If one intends to stop at Las Perlas after clearing out from mainland Panama, this should be mentioned on the clearance papers. No immigration is available in Las Perlas.

Pilotage Information

Charts

1929 - Golf of Panama

2258 - Bahia Buenaventura to Panama

Pilots

Panama Cruising Guide (Bauhaus)



Cacique Beach Anchorage Las Perlas



A word of caution: Tides in the Pacific can be as large as 5 metres. Take care when finding an anchorage and when landing a dinghy ashore.

Islands to visit

There are plenty of anchorages to choose from, mostly deserted. There are navigational challenges to stopping in the Las Perlas Islands. However, once these are overcome, you will hopefully enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the islands. With Contadora, the three most notable islands are:

Isla del Rey: The largest island is Isla del Rey ("Island of the King"). Isla del Rey has several towns, most notably San Miguel. It offers many interesting inland areas to explore.

San Jose: San Jose is the second largest island, surrounded by over 35 white, black or gold beaches and coves. Lush green vegetation covers the whole island over gently sloping hills which peak, at the north of the island, to 440 feet. The coast line is very irregular, with many anchorages, a favourite is Bodega Bay, on the west coast.

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Galera: The lonely island of Galera is beautiful beyond description, with its heavy facade of tall coconut palm trees and a white sandy beach. Be aware that there are very strong currents, shallows and reefs surrounding the island and navigation can be especially tricky.

Contadora Island isladecontadora.com

Contadora Island is the most developed island. It is home to a small resort, with a small airport, hotels, restaurants, a couple of shops and a service station. Be careful when choosing your anchorage, as here is the only legal naturist beach in South America! Contadora is about 750 acres, is crossed by several roads, and can be walked around in an hour and half.

Mooring

The prevailing NE winds make the south side of the island more sheltered than the north. There is sufficiently large anchorage to the west of the airstrip approach (Playa Cacique). There are alternative anchorages on the south side to the east of the airstrip (Playa Suecas) and also to the east and north of the island as well (Playa Larga and Playa Galleon).

A to Z of Boat Services

No real yacht facilities or services available on the Islands.

Fuel

Blandy Approximately USD\$5 per gallon for diesel, USD\$6.40 per gallon for gas oil.

Perla Real Hotel Fuel and Gasoline USD\$1.25 per litre, Water USD\$10 per 5 gallon.



Contadora Las Perlas

Gas (Cooking)

Propane bottles are available at the Contadora Supermarket but no refills or top ups are available.

A to Z of What's On Shore

Accommodation

Villa Mar Y Oro Hotel

facebook.com/maryorohotel
maryororeservation@gmail.com

The Point Hotel

hotelthepoint.com
reservations@hotelthepoint.com

Hotel Gerald

Gerald@cableonda.net
+507 65881046

Perla Real

facebook.com/perlarealinntpy
reservations@perlareal.com

Walking distance form Playa Cacique

Diving

Coral Dreams/Diving Contadora

scubalasperlas.com

Run by Roxana and Guillermo who offer diving and snorkeling tours.

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 911

Contadora Island, offers basic healthcare services to its residents and visitors. The island has a small health clinic that provides primary care services, including routine check-ups, treatment of minor illnesses and injuries, and emergency medical care

Health Centre open Mon-Fri from 0700-1500.

Laundry

Laundry service is available via the Mar Y Oro Hotel

Money

Arrive with sufficient US dollars for your stay as there is no bank or ATM. Hotels accept Visa and Mastercard but there is an additional surcharge.

Restaurants

Mar Y Oro Hotel

+507 202 7426

Seafood and international cuisine. Also serves breakfast.



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Sal y Pimienta

+507 6615 1451

Set menu and pizzas

Rincon Hot Stone

Near Police station

Blandy

+507 2504037

Serves basic meals including breakfast. Dinners from 1700-1900.

A La Fonda Clarita

+507 6518 5396

Serves breakfast (0630-0830), Lunch (1145-1330 and dinner (1800-2000)

Restaurant Gerald

+507 250 4159

Seafood German food, pizzas and pastas. Serves breakfast.

Rubbish / Garbage

Rubbish from Playa Cacique may be taken ashore at the Mar Y Oro Hotel.

Shopping

Contadora Supermarket

The biggest of the mini markets. Open 0800-1900, closed for lunch between 1300-1400.

Blandy

With some fresh vegetables and frozen meat. Open 0700-2300, with fresh grocery resupply on Tues-Thurs.

Pacific Island Shopette

Open 0700-2200

Tourist Information

The Contadora Welcome Centre

isladecontadora.com

Offer car, bike and kayak rentals, and can assist with laundry services and hotel/travel bookings. WiFi also available.

My Notes

Galapagos Islands

Local Information

Dialling Code: +593 5

Time zone: UTC -6

Currency: USD\$

Emergency: 911

Language: Spanish

Useful Websites:

ecuador.travel

galapagos.org

Preparing for Galapagos

The Galapagos Islands are a special stopover on the World ARC schedule. Ever since the work of Charles Darwin, the islands have been noted for their contribution to the understanding of evolution, and in the present day, there are many examples of flora, fauna and sea life to be appreciated.

There are many protection measures in place to try and reduce human impact on the natural habitat which can make it difficult to work out the best way to appreciate the islands.

Please see the World ARC Galapagos guide on the Members Area which contains all the mandatory requirements as well as tips, advice and details of tours and excursions to explore the islands.



Entry Formalities

The Galapagos Islands are one of the most fascinating parts of the world but they are also among the most regulated. The islands are governed from mainland Ecuador and rules change on a regular basis. A local agent assists with the formalities and permits for the World ARC fleet. Whilst World Cruising will do our best to prepare you for the formalities **be prepared to expect last minute changes.**

Crew and Boat Documentation

The process of obtaining permits begins well in advance of your arrival which is why we ask for crew details, passport scans and copies of boat documentation (i.e. ship's papers and insurance) several months in advance of the stopover.

Please be mindful that late notice changes to crew lists, or late provision of documents will incur additional charges from the authorities which will be passed on at cost.

Preparing your boat

Regulations to prevent bio-contamination are strictly enforced. **Yachts arriving with any signs of fouling are likely to be denied entry and required to depart at least 60nm offshore to clean hulls and fittings before attempting re-entry. A re-inspection fee of USD\$150 will be charged.** The risk of this can be reduced by thorough preparation. We recommend starting World ARC with fresh antifouling, thorough hull cleaning before leaving Panama, employing divers in Panama City and giving the hull a quick final 'once over' at sea if/when conditions permit before arrival. Keep receipts as evidence of when anti-fouling and cleaning has been last carried out.

Deliveries

As courier delays and customs hold-ups regularly occur in mainland Ecuador, it is strongly advised that no items are shipped for collection or receipt during the World ARC stopover in Galapagos.

San Cristobal

Puerto Baquerizo

Location: 00°53'55"S 89°36'45"W



Pilotage Information

Charts

RCEC22000 Galapagos Islands with Plans

Pilots

Landfalls of Paradise (Hinz)
Pacific Crossing Guide (RCC)
South Pacific Handbook (Stanley)
Cruising the South Pacific (Austin)

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General

Puerto Baquerizo on San Cristobal Island will be the first scheduled stop for World ARC in the Galapagos. It is a small, compact, safe town with all basic necessities just a walk from the dock. You should be able to orientate yourself quite quickly with what it has to offer.

Note: drones are not allowed to be flown anywhere over towns in Galapagos.

Mooring

The fleet will anchor in Wreck Bay (Bahia de Naufragio) at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. Keep clear of the unmarked channel. Yachts may be required to lay a stern anchor. Stay to the NE of the anchorage to keep clear of the service vessel.

Water

It is possible to get fresh water delivered to a boat at anchor by jerry can. Enquire through Rally Control.

A to Z of Boat Services

San Cristobal has very limited facilities and anything but the smallest repair would be difficult to carry out here. Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz Island has marine repair specialists.

Chandlery

There is a selection of small hardware stores where it's possible to get general items. The shops, known as 'Ferreteria' stock a reasonable range of fixtures, fittings, ropes, hoses, tools etc. Some also sell fishing equipment. The closest Ferreteria is 50m from the dock.

Electrical

There is an electrician (Miguel) who has a small workshop in the middle of the town (in the coffee field). He is willing, but has limited equipment and parts.

Metal Work

Mecanica Industrial "Ebly Chavez"

+593 5 998924600

Metal workshop located at the edge of town who can fabricate good replica metal work for damaged pins etc. (No road name - located at 0°54'32.8"S 89°36'26.3"W)



San Cristobal anchorage

Fuel

Enquire through Rally Control - visitors wishing to purchase fuel in the Galapagos must do so through an Agent as a permit is required. International prices change every month. Fuel is available in San Cristobal; however, only in small quantities.

The maximum amount of fuel in Puerto Baquerizo is 100 US Gallons due to limited supplies on the island, needed by the locals. Larger quantities of fuel are available in Puerto Ayora.

More information regarding fuel in the Galapagos will be communicated at the preceding Skippers Briefing.

Gas (Cooking)

Not available on San Cristobal.

A to Z of What's on Shore

Accommodation

Miconia Hotel and Restaurant

hotelmiconia.com

Galapagos Sunset Hotel

galapagossunset.com.ec

Golden Bay Hotel & Spa

goldenbay.com.ec/wp/

Various B&B style lodgings available around the town, varying in quality. The Tourist Information office has more details.

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 911

Hospital Oskar Jandal

salud.gob.ec/hospital-basico-oskar-jandal

+593 525 20 332

Red Cross

+593 52520125

Ice

Available in local food shops or bars, including the Miconia Hotel and Lavanderia Rosita.

Internet

The majority of restaurants and cafes have WiFi.

Laundry

Expect to pay around USD\$2/kg, for wash and dry service.

Lavanderia Mocking Bird	Av. Espanola
Limpio y Seco	Av. Alsacia Northia
Rosita	Av. Espanola
Laundry	Av. Alsacio Northa

Money

Banco del Pacifico bancodelpacifico.com
ATM located opposite Café UMAMI.



San Cristobal fruit market

Pharmacy

5 pharmacies within the town, all fairly well stocked. Duty system to provide 24hr availability.

Restaurants

UMAMI Café and restaurant

[@umami.galapagos](https://www.instagram.com/umami.galapagos)

Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, located on the beach front just past the Post Office.

Post Office

postofficegalapagos.com

The old post office has been converted into a restaurant and bar serving food, beer and cocktails, located on beach front to the right of dock.

Giuseppe Restaurant

[facebook.com/GiuseppesRest](https://www.facebook.com/GiuseppesRest)

Italian restaurant serving fresh pizzas and pasta dishes located on the beach front towards the local information centre.

Miconia Restaurant

hotelmiconia.com

On the beach front, a 50m walk from the dock. Overlooks the anchorage. This venue has become popular for both drinks and dinner.

Midori Sushi Bar/Restaurant

midorigalapagos.com

Located on Av. Charles Darwin. Open from 1200.

Mockingbird Restaurant

Serves mostly fish. Open 1000-2300.

Rubbish/Garbage

Please do not bring your garbage ashore independently. Rally Control will make special arrangements and a boat will collect your garbage bags on designated days. USD\$32 per bag to be paid to the boatman. Spanish for rubbish is 'basura'. All bags need to be identified as Recyclable, Non-Recyclable or Organic waste. Alternatively, there is a garbage boat that collects each morning in Puerto Ayora.

Shopping

Markets for fresh produce and a few supermarkets available. Most small stores shut for siesta in the afternoon. Generally, avoid shopping on a Sunday.

Market

Mercado Municipal Good fruit, vegetable, fish and meat market located on the corner of Avenida 12 de Febrero and Juan Jose Flores. Open Mon-Fri 0600-1800. Sat-Sun until 1200.

Supermarkets

Supermercado Galamaxi

Located on Flores and Av. Quito

Foods & Healthy Market

Located on Avenida Alsacio Northia
Other small minimarts available across town.

Sports Facilities

Cycle, surf & SUP hire available in numerous outlets along the main street and adjoining roads.

Toilets

The only public toilet available is by the pier. Most local bars and restaurants have facilities.

Tourist Information

sancristobalgalapagos.gob.ec

The municipal Tourist Information is located a couple of blocks back from the front and near the church at the corner of Av. Charles Darwin and 12 de Febrero.

Travel Information

Airports

Airport Isla San Cristobal (SCY)

Around 2km from the town centre.

Airlines

Airlines offering flights to the mainland.

Avianca avianca.com

LATAM latamairlines.com

Inter-island carriers

Emetebe emetebe.com.ec

ESAV Airlines esavairlines.com

Daily flights connecting San Cristóbal, Isabela, and Baltra – Santa Cruz

Bicycle Rental

Chalo Tours chalotours.org

Ave Espanola (next to police station) hire bikes.

Cañon Point Adventure Shop

[@canonpointgalapagos](https://www.instagram.com/canonpointgalapagos)

Bike hire and Bike Tours. Office close to the main pier. Expect to pay around USD\$35 per day including transport to the highlands.

Ferries

Daily ferry service from San Cristobal to Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz, departing at 0700 and 1500, then returning at 1500 and 0700. It takes 2hr–2.5hrs and costs approximately USD\$35-40 (2025). Book a few days in advance.

Taxis

Taxis are double-cab 4x4 pick-ups. Just hail one down in the street. You can also hire the driver on an hourly basis to conduct an island tour. Cost USD\$1.50 per stop.

Water Taxis

Taxi Acuatico VHF Ch. 14. USD\$1 per person approx, USD\$2 after 1800.

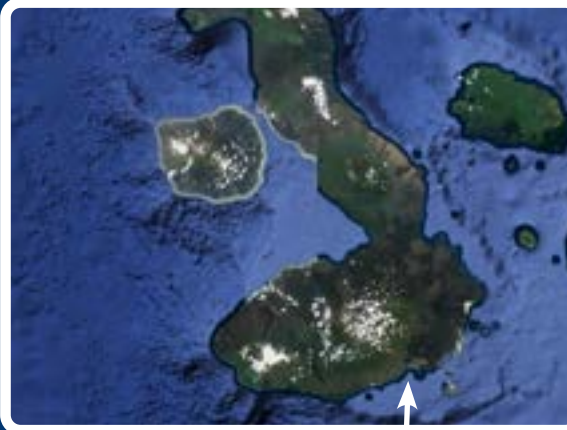
Don't Miss

Las Tijeretas Bay Just 30-minutes walk from the village you can swim and snorkel with sea lions and marine iguanas. The route out of the village passes Playa Mann beach and the Interpretation Center, and onto the well-marked and paved trails that wind around the scrub-covered Cerro de las Tijeretas. There are paths leading to panoramic viewpoints as well as to Playa Punta Carola, where there's great surfing.

Isabela

Puerto Villamil

Location: 00°57'55"S, 90°57'45"W



Puerto Villamil can best be described as the “jewel of the Galapagos harbours”. The harbour is protected by a southern string of low islands and reefs and is therefore normally a protected, calm anchorage. Villamil is a small but happening place. The locals are very friendly and welcoming to tourists. On previous visits there has been a sense of excitement and pride in the town upon the arrival of yachts from the fleet. There is limited infrastructure, which only complements an excellent sense of adventure.



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Formalities

Formalities to be briefed by the World ARC Agent. If visiting Isabela it must be included in your sail plan and passed to Rally Control before leaving San Cristobal. On arrival at the embarcadero, you may be asked to pay a \$10 visitors landing fee – you will be issued a coupon for future visits ashore.

Mooring

The harbour is protected by a southern string of low islands and reefs. While there is a small boat entry through these islands, yachts will need to round to the south and west of the group, and enter through a buoyed channel. Entry is not easy as it is encumbered with reefs, so make sure you arrive with good light and keep a good lookout for reefs in the approaches to the anchorage.

The anchorage area is bounded by low volcanic islets, is quite calm and is a lot smaller than it looks as you enter, because it is mostly filled with submerged reefs and shoals. Reefs are above water at low tide.

The water in this protected area is quite shallow (2 to 4 metres). There are large coral slabs on the bottom so it is easy to foul the anchor, but the anchorage is well protected from the swell. Be aware of small lumps and bumps that rise up quickly from the bottom. The anchorage is large enough for around 15 yachts, and becomes shallower the further in you go.

Water

Cruisers have bought locally produced agua desalinada in 5 gallon jugs from Francisco M: +593 86214512. USD\$2 per 5 gallons.

Dinghy Dock

The small dinghy dock is to the east of the town (called the embarcadero). Unlike other anchorages you are able to leave your dinghy, however, it must only be used to get to and from your boat. Do not snorkel from your dinghy or go to surrounding beaches. Sea lions remain a threat to your dinghy, but the threat is smaller here than on other islands. It is advisable to use a water taxi for your first visit ashore before you consider your dinghy.

A water-taxi can be called on Ch. 14 and charges USD\$2 per person until 2100. Occasionally, the water taxi may run after 2100, and will charge more - approx. USD\$5 per person

To reach town from the embarcadero, follow the road, and stay left when the road branches. Town is about a 15-20 minute walk away.



Isabela Town Square

A to Z of Boat Services

Chandleries

Two hardware stores in town, and most supermarkets also have a small hardware section.

Ferreteria Ana Karolina Calle Escalecia, next to Isabela Dive Center has quite a bit of stainless fasteners, tools, gasket material, etc.

Ferreteria Las Palmas Via Comoran and El Gaviotin.

Fuel

Plan to receive fuel in Puerto Baquerizo or Puerto Ayora.

Mechanical

Taller Peter +593 52529436/+593 86925177

Located on Via Municipal, one block west of the blue-roofed municipal equipment repair shop.

Metalwork and Welding

Taller Peter (See Mechanical)

Aluminium, stainless, monel, steel, and bronze welding.

Woodwork

David Playito

apolinario_7@hotmail.com

A to Z of What's On Shore

Accommodation

Several hotels and hostels available on the beach front and in town.

Hotel Albermarle hotelalbemarle.com

La Casa de Marita Boutique Hotel
lacasademarita.com

Drake Inn drakeinngalapagos.com

The Wooden House Lodge
thewoodenhouselodge.com

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 911

There is only one health facility (Centro de Salud) located on the streets 16 de Marzo and Malecón / Open 0730 to 1700. +593 52529181

Internet

Most restaurants and cafes along the main road have Wi-Fi available.

Laundry

Concha de Perla Lavanderia

Short walk inland from the embarcadero. USD\$1.50/kg, 24hr return.

Lavanderia Jordan

USD\$2/kg. Wash, dry, fold.

Money

It is recommended that you arrive with enough currency.

The most accessible ATM can be found in the town square on the corner furthest away from the embarcadero, there are normal international withdrawal charges but be advised if it does run out of funds, it will be a few days before it is refilled.

Many shops and restaurants will only be able to give change for small denominations of cash, a \$20 can often pose a challenge. Having a supply of \$1 bills can come in handy.

Restaurants

El Cafetal Cafe Cultural [@elcafetal_galapagos](https://www.instagram.com/elcafetal_galapagos)
Nice quiet relaxing place for a drink.

La Choza, Cesars or **El Encanto de la Pepe.**
Serve local food all day. On main square

Pizzeria Los Delfines On main square. Pizzas around \$20, very good internet café with a pool table.

Bar de Beto hostalgalapagos.com/bardebeto/

The second to last building on the beach as you walk west out of town. A relaxed atmosphere and happy hour in the evening.

The Beach House Dine with your toes in the sand at this lovely establishment on the beachfront.

Gracias Madre Great little Mexican restaurant just off the main square.

El Faro 100m north of the main square on via Las Fragatas.

Pink Iguana iguanaville.com/pink-iguana-bar

The last establishment on the beach as you walk out of town (away from the dinghy dock).

Booby Trap Restaurant & Bar opposite Casa Rosada.

Rubbish/Garbage

Recycling bins are available at the embarcadero and around town. No rubbish collection from the boats.

Shopping

Bakery:

Panaderia Frigata Open Mon-Sat 0600-0900 and 1600-1900.

Butcher:

Air-conditioned butcher shop run by Mercedes (on the right by the bus stop just past the triangle and grocery store). Beef, chicken etc. available.

Supermarkets

Provisioning on Isabela is a bit hit and miss with a number of minimarkets dotted around the town. Supply boats are scheduled regularly every 15 days or so.

Volcano Rock Fresh local fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, and ready-made meals - will deliver to your boat. On Av 16 de marzo y Las Fragatas



Pink Iguana Bar

Travel Information

Airport

José de Villamil Airport (IBB)

Inter-island flights only.

Airlines

Inter-island carriers

Emetebe

emetebe.com.ec

ESAV Airlines

esavairlines.com

Daily flights connecting San Cristóbal, Isabela, and Baltra – Santa Cruz

Bicycle Rentals

Galápagos Bike & Surf

galapagosbikeandsurf.com

Bike hire as well as bodyboards, surfboard and paddle board hire. Also do tours and surf lessons.

BICI BANG

bicibang.com

Regular and electric mountain bike hire, prices from \$7 & \$13 respectively.

Ferry

Passenger speed boats operate daily between Isabela and Santa Cruz. The journey takes 2-3hrs and costs USD\$30. Boats depart the embarcadero at 0600 or 1500. The return journey from Santa Cruz departs at 1400. The ride can be wet and uncomfortable in certain sea conditions but is useful for managing crew changes. To book, visit the different tour operators in town.

Taxis

Relatively inexpensive. Around USD\$2 per person for a trip to town from the dinghy dock.

Don't Miss

Plan your tours in advance of arriving on the Island. Most tours depart early and will need to be organised by midday on the day before.

Concha y Perla A raised walkway through ancient mangroves to a tranquil pool with a dock - great place for snorkling and a picnic.

Las Tintoreas A trail around the reef and islets surrounding the anchorage. See penguins, turtles, marine iguanas, white tipped reef sharks, sea lions, and blue footed boobies.

Centro de Crianza Trail and raised walkways to tortoise rescue and breeding centre. On route you'll also see flamingos. Entry to the tortoise rescue centre is \$10 but the walk is free.

Muro de Lágrimas The 'wall of tears' is 6 km along the beach road and was built after WWII by inmates of a penal colony. From there, go to the Mirador (overlook) and then walk along the trails. Lava tubes, Playa del Amor (covered in marine iguanas), lagoons with pink flamingos (6pm when they return from feeding). You can arrange a taxi for USD\$12 to take you to the Wall, wait, take you to the Mirador, and then take you to the trails and then walk back to town. Biking is also a nice option.

Cerro Negro and Volcan Chico Volcanoes All day trip by truck and hiking. Even if it is cloudy and rainy in the anchorage, it will more than likely be clear at the volcanoes (or vice versa). Check conditions before you go to avoid disappointment.

Cabo Rosa/Los Tuneles A 25 mile panga ride to Cabo Rosa, with a brief stop at Roca Union. Cabo Rosa (or Los Tuneles) is an unbelievable lava landscape with a series of narrow channels and arches with cactus growing on them. The collapsed lava has created many tunnels and bridges. Snorkelling possible nearby too. This is a popular to so be sure to book early.

Tortuga Island Boat trip to Tortuga Island to see its diverse wildlife both above and below the water. Includes snorkelling with sharks, rays, turtles and sealions. Enquire about conditions before booking to avoid disappointment.

Paddleboarding with Penguins Take a trip by paddleboard or kayak around Puerto Villamil bay to spot blue-footed boobies, penguins, marine iguanas, turtles, sea lions and golden rays.

Santa Cruz

Academy Bay, Puerto Ayora

Location: 00°44'53"S 90°18'34"W



Entry Formalities

Arranged through the World ARC agent.

Mooring

The World ARC fleet will be at anchor in Academy Bay. A stern anchor may help keep the boat into the southerly swells.

Water

Delivered by boat to your yacht, expect to pay approx. USD\$1 per US Gallon. Pay cash on delivery.

Facilities

Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island, is the centre of the tourist industry in the Galapagos. Most of the day trips and longer cruises leave from this island.

There is no where to moor a dinghy ashore, just a drop off dock, so most people use the water taxis. If you choose to use your own dinghy, it is a requirement to wear life jackets. The local maritime authority does enforce this from time to time. All the water taxis carry life jackets or buoyancy aids for each person to use when aboard.

A to Z of Boat Services

Repair facilities in Puerto Ayora, although limited, are surprisingly good for such a small place. Local mechanics being extremely adept at making emergency repairs.

Galapagos Boat Services +593 999 145043

Offers a range of yacht services including sail repair, electronics, refrigeration, mechanical and minor rigging. Contact Jaime Yanez.

Boatyard and Haul-out

The only haul-out facility in the islands is a drying grid in the inner harbour in Puerto Ayora. This can be used depending on the state of the tides. Get permission from the Port Captain.

Electrical and Electronics

Taller Naval Yanez (see Mechanical).

Fibreglass / GRP Repair

Alberto Vera

Av. Bolivar Naveda

Local boat builder.

Taller Naval Yanez (see Mechanical).



Santa Cruz Anchorage

Fuel

Quantities are calculated in US Gallons. Delivery arrangements and cost to be confirmed. Payment in advance. Be prepared with spare jerry cans if you over-estimate your requirements, as NO REFUNDS are possible. As always, filter fuel into your tank or jerry cans until you are satisfied with the quality. A permit is requested in advance and fuel will be sold at international prices that vary every month.

In theory, yachts larger than 30GRT are required to refuel only on Baltra Island, but, in previous years it has been possible to arrange a special delivery to Puerto Ayora for World ARC participants (for small additional charge in the region of USD\$0.10 per gallon).

Gas (Cooking)

Mecanica Gallardo T: +593 525 526 6294. Propane only, can be arranged through the agent and the cost is approx. USD\$8/kg including delivery back to the boat. Also possible to take a taxi, the drivers will know where to take you and will charge USD\$4.

Hardware Store

Locally known as 'ferreteria' there are plenty of hardware stores in town.

Bodega Blanca is the best for boat spares, located on Seymour (open 0700-1700, Sat 0730-1230, closed Sun)

Marine Store

ElectroNautica Galapagos electronautica.com

Well equipped marine store located on Charles Binford.

Mechanical

Taller Naval Yanez jyanezm59@yahoo.es

Repair of inflatables, watermaker, refrigeration, electrician, rigging and sails. Contact: Jaime Yanez Morales on +593 999145043.



Fishing boats in Santa Cruz

A to Z of What's on Shore

Accommodation

Being an international port, Puerto Ayora has a good selection of hotels (Sol y Mar, Angermeyer, Finch Bay, Santa Fe, and Francis Drake Hotel). There are also several hostels.

Customs Agents

Note: It is not recommended to send spare parts. The courier service is expensive and slow.

Gala Yachts Services Customs Agent

antonio@seamastersgalapagos.com

+593 999116066

ServiGalapagos S.A.

info@arenas.bz

+593 52526186

General Agency, fuel, permits, etc

Dentist

Molardental on Baltra Av.

GlamSmile

+593 99 774 7065

Calle San Cristobal y Rodriguez Lara.

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 911

Dr Gabriel Idrovo

+593 448 8231

Private Doctor who speaks English. Expect to pay a consultation fee of \$50.

Hospital Republica de Ecuador

+593 2527439

Avda. Baltra on the sea front.

Diving

There are about 30 dive sites in the Galapagos which can be accessed on day trips from Puerto Ayora. Unfortunately, you are unable to simply go and dive off your boat using your own gear. **You must be accompanied by a professional bilingual naturalist and dive master.** Dives with a reputable company average about USD\$200 per day (two dives). PADI dive courses are also available.

Ice

Available at the supermarket as well as most of the corner shops. Approx. USD\$2 for 2kg of ice.

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Tortuga Bay Trail

Internet

Most bars, restaurants and cafes in town provide WiFi service. Please be aware the service can be very slow especially when many devices are linked to the same router.

Laundry

There are two laundry shops on Charles Binford which is just before the fish market on Ave Charles Darwin. They offer a same day service. Price is based on weight and turnaround time (\$1.50 per kilo).

Money

Banco del Pacifico bancodelpacifico.com
Av. Charles Darwin. Offers cash advances on Master Card and a Cirrus ATM machine.
Most ATMs will charge a fee and withdrawal limits vary.

Pharmacy

There are plenty of pharmacies in town. The best stores can be found on Av. Baltra and several Cruz Azul blue buildings can be located near to the dock end of the avenue. They tend to stay open late into the evening.

Restaurants

Limón y Café Good for cocktails

Bahia Mar Seafood and wine bar located on Av. Charles Darwin overlooking the bay. Open for lunch dinner and drinks.

Midori Sushi and local dishes

Galapagos Deli European style sandwiches, freshly baked pizza and homemade ice-cream

The Rock Thai style food also good for breakfast and coffee

1835 Coffee Lab Great for coffee and lunch

Golden Prague pub style bar. Good for lunch and dinner.

Rubbish / Garbage

There is an official barge (green in colour) which will collect rubbish directly from your yacht. Pay in cash, depending on the amount of garbage you have. Expect to pay approximately \$3 per bag of waste. Collections are mostly made in the morning, from 0700 and 0830. Try calling on Ch. 06.

Shopping & Supermarkets

Proinsular Supermarket Located opposite the dock. Although small by mainland standards, it does offer a good array of dried, canned, and boxed goods, as well as basic toiletries, cheeses, bottled water, and a liquor section. It opens daily including on Sundays until 1200. Fresh produce normally arrives on the island on Saturday morning.

Bread fresh and frozen, cookies and local jams often available from a stall nearby The Rock café.
+593 990626868

Markets

Town Market 1km up Av. Baltra (on the right hand side) open early on Saturday and Tuesday mornings. Good range of fresh local produce as well as fruit and vegetables from the mainland. There are also a number of stalls on the main street (and just off it) selling fruit and vegetables.

Telephone

The local operator is CLARO, buy a sim card from any shop marked with a sticker or sign. The sim will cost roughly USD\$10, with USD\$5, USD\$10 and USD\$15 top ups available.



Tortuga Bay

Travel Information

Walking is the most popular form of transport and also the cheapest. Taxis are also relatively cheap and easy to find.

Airports

Seymour/Baltra Airport (GPS).

Located on Baltra Island, just north of Santa Cruz. A taxi to the Island will cost USD\$25 (USD\$30 Evening) or get a taxi to the bus station. Journey time is 30 minutes by taxi and 45 minutes by bus.

After a 5 minute ferry ride (USD\$1) across the Baltra Channel and a bus ride (15mins -USD\$5) you arrive at the airport. You do not need to pre-book the ferry and bus, they run a shuttle service back and forth.

Airlines

Airlines offering flights to the mainland.

Avianca

avianca.com

LATAM

latamairlines.com

Inter-island carriers

Emetebe

emetebe.com.ec

ESAV Airlines

esavairlines.com

Daily flights connecting San Cristóbal, Isabela, and Baltra – Santa Cruz.

Bicycle Rental

Bikes are widely available in the town. Prices range from USD\$8 to USD\$15 per day, or USD\$5 to USD\$10 per hour. **Ensure you ask in the shop where you are permitted to cycle, as some areas are restricted for walking only or completely out of bounds.**

Taxis

Taxis are double-cab 4x4 jeeps. A journey within the local area will cost approx. USD\$1.50 per stop.

Water Taxis

AquaTaxi

VHF Ch. 14.

Run 24 hours a day. For early pick ups book the night before. Daytime rates are USD\$1 and increase after 1900 to USD\$2. Luggage and or large bags may be charged extra.

Don't Miss

The Tortuga Bay Trail Tortuga Bay is a 40-minute walk from the water-taxi dock at Puerto Ayora. Located at the end of an easy 2.4km paved trail, Tortuga Bay has two gorgeous, powder-white sand beaches and an array of wildlife. The first beach is best for sunbathing or surfing but walk just a little further around the point, through the mangroves, and there's a hidden beach fronting onto a calm lagoon. This beach is ideal for snorkelling and plays host to marine iguanas, turtles, pelicans, sharks and the occasional flamingo. Open from 6am to 5pm, it is great for runners, walkers, and suitable for prams.

My Notes

French Polynesia

Local Information

Dialling Code: +689

Language: French

Time zone: UTC -9.5

(Note: The Marquesas are 30 minutes ahead of the rest of French Polynesia)

Useful Websites:

tahititourisme.pf

Currency: CFP Franc (XPF)

destinationmarquises.com

Emergency: 15

tahiticruisersguide.com

Entry Formalities

The Customs office is co-located with the Police station on the main high street in Atuona.

All crew will need proof of health insurance that covers repatriation.

After clearing in, all crew changes and boat movements must be updated in the DUP online form, as must inter-island cruises and final departure. For World ARC these formalities will be handled by a World Cruising Club agent.

Visas

French Polynesia is an overseas department of France but is not part of the Schengen zone. Citizens of the EU, Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, Mexico, Japan, UK, and USA can stay for 90 days without a specific visa. All other nationalities not mentioned are likely to require a visa in advance, which can be obtained from French diplomatic missions, for example in Panama City (pa.ambafrance.org).

Passport and visa requirements are liable to change at short notice. You are advised to check entry requirements with the French embassy or consulate in good time, requesting specific information for entry to French Polynesia as these requirements can differ from France.

Proof of Funds / Bond for non-EU Citizens

These rules change often and without notice depending on officialdom's interpretation of the law. However, in general there are two options:

- 1) Buy a one-way refundable airline ticket out of French Polynesia
- 2) Prepay an agent to guarantee a bond for you and your crew (if this option is chosen - all crew onboard will need to pay a bond regardless of whether they have an airline ticket out of French Polynesia)

See noonsite.com for further information

Note: The importation of plant products (fruit, vegetables, flowers), plants and seeds into French Polynesia is regulated or forbidden. The transport of these products between the islands is also strictly regulated. All fresh fruits, vegetables and plants on board have to be declared on arrival, so appropriate treatment can be applied by the sanitary authorities. Advice is to throw all fresh fruits and vegetables overboard before arrival to avoid any problems with sanitary authorities.

Hiva Oa

Taaoa Bay (Tahauku)

Location: 09°48'16"S 139° 01'58"W



Mooring

Boats will anchor in the NE corner of Taaoa Bay (Tahauku). The tidal range is about 1m on average. Depths vary at less than 3.5m inshore of the breakwater. The bay is open to the SE and can be quite roly. The village of Atuona is a 30-40 minute walk around the bay to the West.

Water

There are taps on the dock to fill jerrycans. Although locals drink this water, **it is not recommended for visitors to drink** - particularly after heavy rainfall.

Make sure to pay fee for water usage at city hall.

General

French Polynesia is made up of over 150 118 islands and islets, all of which are the over-water summits of former underwater volcanoes (down to 4,000 metres deep). Volcanic islands are constantly sinking and owe their survival to coral growing on the surface. The islands are a mixture of volcanic high islands and coral atolls; the high islands have rich, fertile soil and support a much wider diversity of vegetation than the atolls.

The World ARC fleet will make landfall in French Polynesia on the island of Hiva Oa in the Marquesas Islands. The arrival in Hiva Oa will be the end of the longest passage on the rally itinerary.

In addition to a warm welcome, Hiva Oa provides sufficient facilities to re-provision. The island's windward position in the group means yachts are well placed to explore the remainder of the Marquesas.

Hiva Oa is a place of pilgrimage where you can pause to reflect by the tombs of the painter Paul Gauguin and the singer Jacques Brel in the old naval cemetery of Atuona.

The Segalen-Gauguin museum has Gauguin works on display as well as a reconstruction of the 'House of Pleasure' where he lived. There is a column in homage to Jacques Brel. It is a centrepiece for artistic creativity and cultural exchanges on the island.

Mountain trails lead you to unique archaeological sites where the largest tikis (hand carved sculpture) in French Polynesia are to be found. The exceptional site of Puamau is well worth the extra trip.

The island is a hive of busy artists, wood carvers, tapa cloth makers, tattoo artists, singers and dancers. Many excursions and sights are available: waterfalls, rock outcrops, river fords or bathing in the river for nature lovers.

Opening Times

The opening times of business are provided as a guide and actual times may vary. Generally, businesses are available weekdays before and after lunch, and on weekend, or at least Saturday, mornings.

A to Z of Boat Services

Services and supplies are very limited. The closest good yacht services are in Tahiti. Limited spares are also available in Nuku Hiva.

Boatyard & Haulout

Maintenance Marquises Services (MMS)

maintenancemarquises.com
+689 87739045

Can lift Max 18 tonnes. Mechanical repairs, rigging, welding, electrical, sail repairs. Also have small chandlery. Open Mon-Fri 0700-1600.

Chandlery

Quincaillerie Duhal

A hardware store located near the Tourist Office which stocks basic household items, fishing tackle and has a small chandlery section. Mon-Fri 0730-1200; 1430- 1700; Sat 0730-1200; Sun 0830-1100.

Electricity

Domestic electricity points ashore are usually 240V 50Hz. European 2 round pin plugs.

Fuel

There is a fuel station near the dock, however, there is no long hose, so refuelling is done by jerry can and dinghy. Fuel should be available tax free on presentation of the Tax Free Fuel Permit, purchased during clearance procedures. Open Mon-Fri 0730-1700 non-stop & Sat 0700-1130.

Gas (Cooking)

Gas supply is limited and Nuku Hiva is more likely to be able to supply butane. Propane is unlikely before Tahiti. Fittings are European system.



Hiva Oa Anchorage

A to Z of What's on Shore

Accommodation

Hanakee Lodge

Above Tahauku Bay

hotelhanakee.com

Relais Moehau

Overlooking Atuona Bay and Motu Hanake.

relaismoehau.pf

Pension Kanahau

Above Tahauku Bay (Mme. Stéphanie Dubreuil)

pensionkanahau@mail.pf
+689 40917131/+689 87701626

Temetiu Village

Temetiu Village is located on a hill overlooking Tahauku, not far from the village of Atuona. (Mr. Gabriel Heitaa).

temetiuvillage.com

Deliveries

Before shipping, get in contact with World ARC agent and ask advice about costs and procedure.

Laurent Bernaert

Other agents are available.

+689 87 771230
polynesia.yacht.services@gmail.com

Dentist

Alexandre Rocher

+689 40927817

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 911

Atuona Health Centre (Centre de soins de Atuona)

Open daily from 0730-1200; 1230-1530

Dr Chiu

In Atuona - Saturday afternoons, Sunday and holidays, call mobile number (+689 87734955).

+689 40927375

+689 40927224

Diving

Marquises Diving

Contact Eric.

marquisesdiving.com

+689 8724 1995

SubAtuona

+689 8727 0524

Hairdressers

In the Mayor's complex. T: +689 40927 230

Internet

Local SIM cards available from the Post Office. Hanakee Lodge has free WiFi for customers & offers a day pass for cruisers including use of swimming pool and internet (2023).



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Laundry

Hiva Oa Yacht Services

hivaoayachtservices@gmail.com
+689 8723 2247 / VHF CH09

Offer a laundry service - can also arrange delivery of fresh products and book excursions.

Money

24hr ATM at the Bank Socredo and at the Post Office. Takes Visa and Mastercard. Maestro not accepted. Located on the main street. Bank open Mon-Thu 0800-1100; 1300-1530, Fri 0800-1200; 1300-1430. Money change may be limited to USD\$500 per person per day, bring your passport.

Pharmacy

+689 40917165

Located in the Mayor's complex. Open Mon-Fri 0900-1200 & 1500-1730; Sat 0900-1100.

Police

Atuona Gendarmerie

+689 40917105

Post Office

Located on left as you enter town. Open Mon-Thu 0700-1200 & 1230-1500; Fri 0700-1200; 1230-1400.

Restaurants

Chez Marie-Antoinette Heitaa

+689 40927227/+689 87709224

On the mountainside Puamau, near archaeological sites. No credit cards accepted.

Hanakee Lodge (see Accommodation)

Extensive menu and good views

Chez Georges at Relais Moehau (see

Accommodation) Seafood and pizza restaurant.

Heremoana Food Truck

Located in the port on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Open from 6pm - 9pm.

Rubbish / Garbage

There are rubbish bins available at the port, please separate and recycle where possible. **Make sure to pay garbage fee at city hall.**

Shopping & Supermarkets

Magasin Naiki

facebook.com/magnaiki

Largest store in town with fresh bread - can organize delivery to dock with large purchases, ask at the counter. Mon-Fri 0730-1200; 1430-17; Sat 0730-1200; Sun 0830-1100.

Magasin Gaubil facebook.com/p/Gaubil-Market

Located opposite the Post Office. Also a good shop for general provisioning. Mon-Fri 0730-1200; 1430-1700; Sat 0730-1200; Sun 0830-1100.

Boulangerie Epicerie

Bakery offering a reasonable selection of breads, pastries and sandwiches. Located next to Magasin Naiki.

Fuel Station

Conveniently located on the dock, the shop provides limited provisions along with fresh bread and pastries but go early! Mon-Fri 0730-1700 & Sat 0700-1130; Sun closed.

Market

There is sometimes a stall/van on the dock opposite the Municipal Police which sells fresh products. They may also set up a stall at the dock especially for the World ARC fleet.

Artisan Craft Shop

Selling local handcrafted gifts. Located opposite the bank and behind the thatched huts. Open Mon - Fri 0830 - 1630

Sports Facilities

Hanakee Lodge

Small pool for residential guests.

Tattoo Artist

TIKOEINUI TATTOO

destinationmarquises.com/fiches/tikoeinui-tattoo

Toilets and Showers

Other than restaurants ashore, there are no public facilities.

Tour Guide

Kaoha Excursion

kaohaexcursion.com

+689 87200459

Yoan Froment speaks French, English and German.

Bryan Blight O'Connor munevatetoo@gmail.com

+689 87313904

Offers excursions to the various archaeological and historical sites as well as to the tiki statues.

Kerara Tour

tamakerara@gmail.com

+689 8778 0222

Also offer taxi service and car hire.

Tourist Information

Hiva Oa Tourist Committee

destinationmarquises.com

Travel Information

Transport on the island is difficult and limited. There is no bus service and island exploration is best done by hire car, taxi or organised tour.

Airports

Atuona Airport or Hiva Oa Airport (AUQ)

+689 40927231

Serviced by flights from Tahiti 4 times a week. Flight time approximately 3.5 hours.

Airlines

Inter Island Flights

Air Tahiti

airtahiti.com

Air Moana

airmoana.com

Car Rental

Rental cars are limited in number and quality. Make sure you search for the best (and safest) deal. All will drop off the vehicle at the dinghy dock. Driving license will be required.

Atuona Rent-a-Car

atuonarentacar.com

Hivanui Location

facebook.com/hivanuilocation

Taxis

Germaine Clark

+689 87274154

Jeanne

+689 87771963

Vaite +689 87395625

Teani +689 87756853

Amelie

+689 87328372

Tehau +689 87701628

Lazare

+689 87202075

Clothilde

+689 87321102

Paha +689 87274154

Timau

+689 87771963

Nuku Hiva

Taioha'e Bay

Location: 09°48'16"S 139° 01'58"W



A. Anchorage

B. Dinghy Dock, Market & Tourist Information

C. Fuel Station

D. Bank & Supermarket

Mooring

Boats will anchor in the NE corner of Taioha'e Bay. The tidal range is about 1m on average. The bay is open to the SE and can be quite rolly. The village can be seen from the anchorage. There is a landing place for dinghies in the NE corner of the bay.

Water

Available on the dock **but not potable**.

General

Nuku Hiva is the largest of the Marquesas Islands in French Polynesia, and is a good option for supplies and exploring.

The island is rich in history. It was formerly also known as Île Marchand and Madison Island. Herman Melville wrote his book *Typee* based on his experiences in the Taipivai valley in the eastern part of Nuku Hiva. Robert Louis Stevenson's first landfall on his voyage on the *Casco* was at Hatihe'u, on the north side of the island, in 1888.

The island has several anchorages – with the options on the south side of the island being most convenient. Aside from Taioha'e Bay, there are three others, at Taipivai, Ho'oumi, and Hakau, which are part of the larger Baie du Contrôleur. Another two, at Hakau'i and Hakatea, are both accessed by the same entrance.



Nuku Hiva, Taioha Bay

A to Z of Boat Services

Nuku Hiva Yacht Services

yachtservicesnukuhiva.com

Offers a range of services from cooking gas resupply to chandlery items Open Mon-Fri 0800-1400 Sat On request. VHF Ch.72.

Nuku Tai Nui Marine

maintenancemarquises.com

Chandlery located behind the Socredo Bank. Open Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm

A to Z of What's on Shore

Accommodation

Nuku Hiva Keikahanui Pearl Lodge

lenukuhiva.com

Above western side of Taioha'e Bay.

Pension MAVE MAI

pensionmavemai.marquises.onl

Located in the centre of Taioha'e.

Dentist

Dr Pierre Puech

+ 689 40 920418

Diving

Xavier Pipapo

marquisesdives@mail.pf
+ 689 87 299121

Nuku Dive

nuku-dive.com

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 15 or 18

Hôpital De Taiohae

+689 40 910200

service-public.pf/dsp/hopital-louis-rollin-de-taiohae-nuku-hiva/

Electricity

Domestic electricity points ashore are usually 240v 50Hz. European 2 round pin plugs.

Hairdressers

Hélène coiffure

+689 87 280718

Located in the centre of the city hall.

Internet

WiFi available at restaurants Petit Snack and Snack du Marché.

Laundry

KAPA Laundry

+689 87 700152

Located behind Maison Pour Tous, near the Socredo bank.

Yacht Services Nuku Hiva

+689 8722 6872

Local Information

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Money

24hr ATM at the Bank Socredo. Bank open hours: Mon-Fri 0800-1200; 1300-1600. No Money exchange.

Pharmacy

+689 40 910090

Located in the valley HOATA, so take a taxi. Open Mon-Fri 0730-1200 & 1400-1700; Sat 0900-1100.

Police

Gendarmerie

+689 40 910305

Post Office

5-minute walk from the tourism office. Open Mon-Thu 0700-1200 & 1230-1500; Fri 0700-1200; 1230-1400. Only local currency accepted.

Restaurants

Nuku Hiva Keikahanui Pearl Lodge

lenukuhiva.com

Extensive menu and good views.

Pizzeria

+ 689 40 920330

Chez Joseph

+ 689 40 920431

Rubbish / Garbage

Garbage bins are opposite the tourist office. Recycling is located in the big car park next to the town hall in Taiaho. Look for a little green house with a red roof.

Shopping

Shop KAMAKE

facebook.com/Leauchoy

Located on the main road, in the middle of the bay.

Shop LARSON

Located near Kamake store. Along with groceries they have a small selection of hardware.

Fuel Station

Location at the dock on the east side of the bay. Open Mon-Sat 0700-1700.

Markets

Fresh fruit and vegetable market near the pier. Artisanal Market In a middle of the market and tourism office.

Tattoo Artist

Heretu

+689 87 231523

Toua

+689 87 250475

Tourist Office

Comité du Tourisme de Nuku Hiva

facebook.com/NKHTOURISME

Contact for Tour Guides - all English speaking. Open Mon-Fri 0730-1530.

Toilets and Showers

Public toilet at the pier next to dive shop. Small fee (100XPF) payable.

Travel Information

There is no bus service on the island and exploration is best done by hire car, taxi or organised tour.

Airports

Nuku Hiva Airport (NHV)

Serviced by flights from Tahiti several times a week. Flight time approximately 3 hours.

The journey to the airport from Taioha'e Bay is approximately 60-90 minutes by taxi.

Airlines

Inter Island Flights

Air Tahiti

airtahiti.com

Air Moana

airmoana.com

Car Rental

TOKA EVA

entreprisetokaeva@gmail.pf

+ 689 87 289319

VELY

colettekollars@yahoo.com

+ 689 87 225760

Taxis

Taxi Kelly

+ 689 87 262125

Available for journeys within the village.

Taxi Justin

+ 689 87 728670

Available for journeys to the airport.

Tahiti

Local Information

Dialling Code: +689

Time zone: UTC -10

Currency: CFP Franc (XPF)

Emergency: Police 17

Fire 18

Health 15

Coast Guard 16

Language: French and Tahitian

Useful Websites:

tahititourisme.org

tahiticruisersguide.com

Tahiti is the largest island in French Polynesia, and is one of the Windward Society Islands. It is a mountainous island with deep valleys and lush vegetation and is made up of Tahiti Nui, the big island and Tahiti Iti, her discrete little sister. Papeete, the Capital of Tahiti, is a bustling international point of arrival with a colourful market, art and history museums, botanical and flower gardens, and animated nightlife.

Pilotage Information

Charts

1382 Approaches to Tahiti and Moorea

998 Makemo to Tahiti

Entry Formalities

All skippers/captains MUST call the Port Control Traffic Tower (Vigi Du Port) to get authorization from the port authorities on VHF Channel 12:

- Before entering or exiting the pass of Papeete (call 10 minutes before entry or exit);
- Before mooring at Papeete Yachts Quay Pontoons or Papeete Marina;
- Before any movement in the Papeete harbour area;
- Before crossing the east and west side of the airport runway ends. Call 5 minutes before each crossing. Wait for the "green light" from harbour control. Having your AIS on and transmitting also helps port control with the airport crossing;
- Before using the Lagoon channel, going to, or coming from Marina Taina area (forbidden at night).

After clearing in all crew changes and boat moves must be reported to the maritime office of immigration (PAF), as must inter-island cruises and final departure details. For World ARC participants these formalities will be handled using a local agent, who must be provided with the same information in advance by email

Visas

See previous section on Hiva Oa.



Beach BBQ in Fakarava. Photo Credit: Jayne Ogilvie

Pape'ete

A. Marina de Pape'ete (Pape'ete City Marina)

BP 9164, 98716 Pirae, TAHITI - French Polynesia

Location: 17° 32'25"S, 149° 34'15"W

VHF: Ch.09

T: +689 40474854
+689 89474854

Email: marinadepapeete@portppt.pf

Website: portdepapeete.pf

Water: Potable

Power: 220V 50Hz

B. Marina Taina

PK 9 - RT1 (Route de ceinture Ouest), BP 13003, Punaauia – Tahiti 98718

Location: 17° 35' 10"S, 149° 37' 00"W

VHF: Ch.09

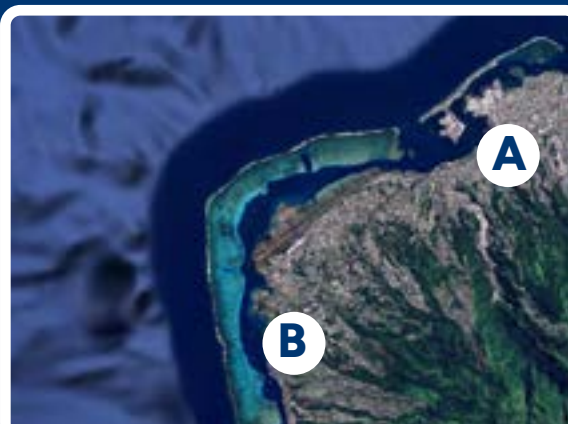
T: +689 40 410225
+689 87 789246

Email: marinataina@mail.pf

Website: marinataina.com

Water: Potable

Power: 220V 50Hz



A to Z of Boat Services

Boatyard and Haulout

Boatyard Tahiti has some of the best repair facilities in the South Pacific islands and although labour charges are high, a specialist can be found for most jobs. There are several workshops in Fare Ute, on the east side of the harbour, specialising in yacht repair and maintenance. There is also a slipway and small boatyard doing hull repairs. Additionally a small shipyard is now operating out of Taravao.

Technimarine technimarine.pf
Offering maintenance and repair services, 7250m² service area with boat lift facilities up to 300 tonnes and two additional lifts of 70 and 75 tonnes.

Chandlery

A good selection of chandlers in the main port on the quay "Fare Ute".

Nauti-Sport Fare Ute nautisport.pf
Nauti-sport is an agent for many leading brands including Volvo Penta, Plastima, International, Garmin, Zodiac and Suzuki.

Mooring

Marina de Papeete

There are pontoon berths directly in front of the town, on secure gated pontoons with electricity, water and rubbish facilities and 24hr security provided and fuel pontoon available. Office open Mon-Fri 0730-1600, Sat-Sun 1030-1600.

Marina Taina

Has 529 Pontoon berths on secure gated pontoons with electricity, water and garbage disposal; 24hr security provided. 186 Mooring buoys in the lagoon nearby. Fuel pontoon. Office Open Mon-Sun 0800-12.00, 1300-1700



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Electrical and Electronics

Poly Naval Farre Ute. +689 40545280

Electro Marine Services emstahiti@gmail.com
+689 87 313697

Contact Thomas Dumont

SOPOM (see Mechanical)

Electricity

European three pin plugs. Plenty of sockets on the docks. 220v 60Hz supply.

Fibreglass / GRP Repair

Christian Fuller chfuller@mail.pf
+689 40483601/+689 87790606

Woodworking projects, including fine interior woodwork, teak decks, varnishing. All fibreglass repair and spray painting. Installation and repair of small refrigeration units (12v-24v). English spoken. Will travel to your boat!

Fuel

Duty free fuel is available at Marina Taina, five miles west of Papeete. Open Mon-Fri 0630-12600, 1300-1600, Sat 0630-1700, Sun 0630-1600 T: +689 40 433606. It is also open at the weekends and on holidays - however, duty free rates will not apply during these times.

It is possible to arrange a duty free fuel permit, which enables yachts to buy duty free fuel throughout French Polynesia. It does take up to one week from arrival to get the permit, as it must be issued by customs services in Papeete. However, the permit can be sent to Hiva Oa for collection from the World ARC agent. This provides quite a saving. The permit is cost effective when using more than 400 litres during your stay in French Polynesia (2024). Duty free fuel is available in Hiva Oa, Nuku Hiva (bigger quantity in stock), Rangiroa (Tuamotu), Tahiti and all Leeward Islands (Raiatea, Bora Bora, Huahine and Tahaa).

Gas (Cooking)

Gaz de Tahiti Zones des Hydrocarbures

+689 40508400

In Fare Ute, situated on a turn off on the road to the Port Authority. Open Mon-Fri 0730-1200 & 1300-1600. Most types of containers filled, including Camping Gaz.

Butane only available through the World ARC Agent. Gas bottle refilling is not commercially available in Bora Bora. Ideally yachts requiring gas should refill bottles before leaving Tahiti. Propane bottles must be filled in Tahiti.

Hardware Store

Marine related stores are found on Quay Fare Ute, others in down town Papeete.

Ace Sin Tung Hing in Fare Ute.
Open Mon-Sat, closed Sundays.

Mr. Bricolage Tahiti +689 40506550
Between Marina Taina and the airport. Open: Mon-Sat 0730-1730

Liferaft Servicing

Marine Corail Fare Ute. +689 40428222
Contact Francois Charpentier.

Nauti-Sport Fare Ute. nautisport.pf
+689 40533070

Mechanical

Societe Polynisien Moteurs (SOPOM)

sopom.pf

Located between Nautisport and the bridge). Open Mon-Sat. Sales and service of: marine diesel engines (Nanni die-sel, Baudouin), turbines (Castoldjet, Hamiltonjet), gensets (Sdmo, Genelec, Nanni diesel), watermakers (Slce, Aquaset). Also: propeller shafts, propellers, hydrojet, alternators, inverters, fans, air extractors, filters, rubber couplers, flexible hoses, thermal & sound insulation, fishing gear, winches and more. Can take care of maintenance and repairs (more than 15,000 parts in stock).

Polynesie Marine +689 40 58 47 47
Tool shop and Tohatsu outboard repair centre.

Metalwork / Welding

Faure Naval Repairs & Welding
+689 40782983 / +689 40796089
Next to Stade Central, zone industrielle de Tiperui.

Refrigeration

Christian Fuller (see Fibreglass Repair)

Sails & Rigging

Polynesia Rigging Services

polynesariggingsservices.com

Contact Jean Christophe Grimaldi

Tahiti Sails tahitisails.com
Repairs, new sails, upholstery and other canvas projects.

Nauti-Sport (see Chandlery)

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Watermakers

Sopomeca Fare Ute. +689 40451055
SOPOM (see Mechanical)

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Business hours for all shops are usually Mon-Fri
0800-1130 & 1330-1730.

Accommodation

Many of Tahiti's hotels, are amongst some of the most unique in the world. Most offer accommodation in individual thatched 'fare' (bungalows) located in tropical gardens, along beaches, and over water on stilts. The budget end of the market comes in the form of "Pensions de Famille", the Tahitian version of Bed and Breakfast.

Book Shop

Te Fare Tahiti Nui (Public Cultural Centre)
maisondelaculture.pf
Public books, video & CD library. Lots of books about all aspects of French Polynesia.

Diving

Tahiti Plongee Passion
tahitiplongee passion.com
PADI Dive Resort to the east of Papeete.

Eleuthera Plongee
eleuthera tahiti.com
PADI Dive Resort to the south of Fa'a'a.

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 15

Centre Hospitalier de Polynésie Française
chpf.pf
Main hospital with 24 hour casualty department situated at the west end of the city along Rue Georges Clemenceau. Payment must be made in full for most treatment.

Clinique Paofai
polyclinique-paofai.pf
A private clinic close to the yacht quay with good facilities.

Cardella Clinic
cardella.pf/
Near the cathedral. Medical facilities are of a high standard.

Ice

Available at supermarkets.

Internet

The main provider is VINI. Vinispot Wi-Fi cards are available to purchase for 1, 5, 10, 50 & 100 hours with unlimited download data within these periods. Local Sim Cards can be purchased in the post office – recharge vouchers are available in most supermarkets.

Laundry

Laverie Du Pont de l'est +689 87781959
Rua Paul Gaugin 1. Open Mon-Fri 0700-1600, Sat 0700-1200. Expect to pay XPF2500 for 7kg - wash, dry and fold. 24 hour turnaround.
Marina Taina has 24hr self service machines, located in the same building as the marina office.

Money

There are many banks along the main front street Boulevard Pomare, which all have ATMs and money changing facilities. Open Mon-Fri 0700-1530; closed weekends.
For Marina Taina, the closest ATMs can be found at the Mobil service station and Carrefour supermarket, just outside the marina.
Credit cards are widely used throughout the islands.

Pharmacy

Pharmacie du Port
pharmacieduport.shop
Closest pharmacy to the dock. T: +689 40420069

Pharmacie Lafayette Moana Nui
pharmacielafayettepf.com
Located in the Moana Nui Shopping Centre.

Post Office

www.opt.pf

Boulevard Pomare, next to Parc Bougainville. Open Mon-Fri 0730-1700; Sat 0730-1100.

Restaurants

French Polynesia is renowned for its unique cuisine using traditional cooking methods combined with French gastronomy, and Italian and Chinese influences. This can be sampled at the many sophisticated restaurants and at the cheap road side mobile snack bars. Be sure to try the delectable national dish, 'poisson cru', fresh fish marinated in lime juice and fresh coconut milk.
Along Papeete's waterfront and scattered throughout Tahiti you will find colourful vans that have been converted into mobile restaurants called 'les roulottes'. Usually family run, they cook a variety of chicken, steak, fish, waffles, crêpes, pizza and other substantial meals often cooked over gas fires and are excellent value.

Rubbish / Garbage

Organised by Yacht Harbour and Marina Taina.

Shopping & Supermarkets

Supermarkets

Carrefour Supermarket carrefour.pf
5 minutes walk from Marina Taina. Open Mon-Sun 0800-2000.

Champion Supermarket championtahiti.com
Situated on the Rue De Commandant Destremeau, close to Pape'ete Marina. Open Mon-Sat 0600-1900; Sun 0600-1200.

Market

The central market offers a range of goods from fresh vegetables and fish to tourist goods. Open Mon-Sat 0730-1800; Sun 0500-0900.

Shopping Centres

Moana Nui Shopping Centre

Home to the large Carrefour supermarket, banks, and post office.

Vaima Centre centrevaima.com
Largest shopping mall in French Polynesia.

Tourist Office

tahititourisme

Situated in the park on the waterfront by the Quai d'Honneur. Information on all of French Polynesia. Open Mon-Fri 0730-1700; Sat 0800-1600; Sun 0800-1300.

Yacht Clubs

Tahiti Yacht Club

yctahiti.org

Visiting yachts welcome, but limited facilities for large numbers.



Rangiroa Blue Lagoon. Photo Credit: Jayne Ogilvie

Travel Information

Airports

Faa'a International Airport (PPT)

tahiti-aeroports.com

3km from downtown Papeete.

Airlines

International Flights

Air France airfrance.pf

Air New Zealand airnewzealand.pf

Air Tahiti Nui airtahitinui.com

French Bee frenchbee.com

United Airlines united.com

Inter Island Flights

Air Tahiti airtahiti.com

Air Moana airmoana.com

Buses

There are many buses serving Papeete with nearly all routes commencing and stopping near the market in the downtown area. Using buses is easy and cheap [approx. XPF200 per journey]. There are designated stops all along the circular island road, however, in many cases the bus will stop anywhere when signalled. There is a bus stop on both sides of the road outside Marina Taina. Service hours are early morning through to late afternoon/early evening, Monday to Friday inclusive, although on the two major East and West routes, services generally run later into the evenings with a limited weekend service.

Car Rental

Driving is on the right hand side. Stay clear of driving into town between 0600-08:00 and out of town between 1600-1730. If hiring a motorbike we recommend you refrain from riding after dark as there are very few street lights. Most hire car companies are based at Faa'a Airport (Avis, Europcar and Hertz).

Tahiti Island Rentals tahitiislandrentals.com

Next to Taina Marina. Cars and scooters available, good English.

Taxis

These can be expensive, though regulation of tariffs and the installation of meters in many taxis has seen prices reduced. Prices are usually displayed within the taxi, if you are unsure about the cost ask the driver before starting the journey. There is a taxi rank across the road from the entrance to the Marina de Papeete.

Don't Miss

Traditional Tahitian food Throughout Tahiti and her islands, food is still cooked in traditional pit ovens. The food (most likely local pork) is wrapped in banana leaves and placed in a hole in the ground on top of stones that have been heated in a fire, then covered with earth. The steaming process takes several hours resulting in mouth watering food.

Explore inland Beyond the white fringe of the beaches exists a heart born of volcanic upheaval: Faatautia Valley is unspoiled and lovely, the Arahoho Blowholes show the power of the Ocean, and the lava tubes of Hitiaa are a maze of natural tubes through which you can walk or swim, filled with grottoes, waterfalls, streams and caves.

Ancient history On Tahiti and Moorea alone there are hundreds of ancient marae, which mark sacred Polynesian ground, hidden under the shade of the green canopy. It is on these ancient platforms that the Polynesian culture we see today was born. Getting to some of these places requires four-wheel-drive vehicles or a good set of hiking shoes — and sometimes both.

Diving With water that often exceeds 200 feet in visibility, divers come from all over the globe to see Tahiti's sharks (silvertip, blacktip reef, whitetip, lemon and grey), acres of hard-coral kingdoms, stingrays, turtles, mantas and clownfish galore.

Pearls The naturally black Tahitian pearls are reputed to be the most valuable in the world due to their exotic colours and rarity.

My Notes

Bora Bora

Bora Bora Yacht Club

Bora Bora Yacht Club, BP 123 VAITAPE,
98730 Bora Bora.

Location: 16°29'22"S 151°45'39"W

VHF: Ch.09

T: +689 40676047

Email: contact.bbbyc@gmail.com

Website: facebook.com/yachtclubborabora

Water: Potable

Pilotage Information

Charts

1060 Muahine to Maupiti

1107 Plans in the Society Islands

Entry Formalities

Customs are located in the Gendarmerie opposite the city dock on the main road.

Visas

See previous section on Hiva Oa.

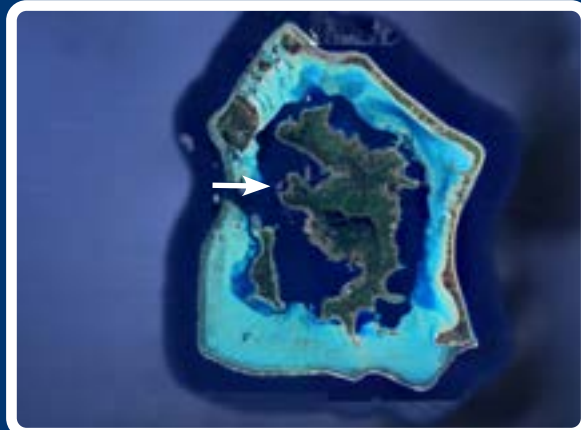
Mooring

The Bora Bora Yacht Club is just inside the only channel entering the lagoon with 25 moorings available managed by Bora Bora Moorings Services dockmaster.bbms@gmail.com.

BBYC offers a day pass at XFP3000/day that can be redeemed on a daily basis from your dinner at the Yacht Club Restaurant (food only). This gives you access to the dinghy dock, showers (cold water only), garbage, parking for scooter, car or bike and Wi-Fi at the restaurant.

Note: Anchoring is prohibited in Bora Bora and mooring balls must be used.

See [noonsite.com](https://www.noonsite.com) and further information will be provided by Rally Control.



Water

Potable water is available at Vaitape Pier. Purchase prepaid card from Bora Bora Mooring Services (VHF Ch.09 / +689 89440 888). Or from BBYC via hose or by jerry cans. Cost is XPF1,000 per 100 litres.

General

Bora Bora is one of the Leeward Society Islands and some would say, the most beautiful island in the Pacific. Dominating the island are the volcanic peaks of Mount Otemanu and Mount Pahia.

Separated from the principal island by a deep lagoon, is the small island of Toopua and the islet of Toopua Iti. The coast of the main island is bordered by a fringing reef that disappears in the southern part to give way to the magnificent white sand beaches of Taahana and Matira.

The Island's ancient name of Vava'u suggests that the original inhabitants of island arrived from Tonga. Interestingly, in the local Tahitian language there is no "B," so its actual name is then Pora Pora, meaning "first born."

A to Z of Boat Services

Boatyard and Haulout

There are no repair or haul-out facilities in Bora Bora. The nearest are in Raiatea:

Raiatea Carenage Services

raiateacarenage.com

Call on VHF Ch. 68 when near Raiatea.

Chandlery

Marine Services

ms@mail.pf

On the road between Mai Kai Marina and Vaitape, opposite the supermarket Super To'A Amok. Open Mon-Fri 0730-1200 & 1330-1630; Sat 0800-1200. Stocks basic parts and can carry out basic work if needed.

QBB Chandlery

+689 40 675290

Next door to supermarket Amok. Mon-Fri 0700-1700 Sat 0700-1200.

Fuel

The TOTAL fuel station is situated south of the Yacht Club in the bay before Vaitape. There is duty free fuel for visiting yachts that have the right paperwork (for French Polynesia) - see note below. Approach can be done when-ever the dock is free without needing to notify them.

The fuel dock has a 3m draft. As an alternative boats can either stern-to the dock or, for bigger boats, it is possible to approach Farepiti dock at Fa'anui bay, to the north, and arrange a fuel truck to visit. (Contact Alain T: +689 87782781)

Note: Requirements for duty free fuel:

"Export" (vessels fuelling up just before leaving the country) must present a copy of:

- "Autorisation d'approvisionnement";
- Boat registration;
- "Déclaration d'arrivée";
- "Déclaration en douane";
- Permis Sortie/Clearance. (Both 4 and 5 are acquired only after checking out of the country with Customs & Immigration).

"Plaisance" (vessels cruising the country and not leaving yet) must present a copy of:

- "Autorisation d'approvisionnement";
- Boat registration;
- "Déclaration d'arrivée".

Gas (Cooking)

Gas bottle refilling is not commercially available in Bora Bora. Ideally yachts requiring gas should refill bottles before leaving Tahiti. Propane bottles must be filled in Tahiti.

Raiatea Yacht Carenage Service can refill butane bottles including Camping Gas bottles. They are closed on Sun-days. Please contact in advance on VHF Ch 68 or T: +689 40600545

NOTE: Some boats resort to gravity filling which is dangerous and not allowed to be done on-site.

Mechanical

Marine Services (see Chandlery)

Sells outboards and stock a limited range of spare parts.

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Accommodation

Most accommodation is on the south coast. There is a full range from five-star luxury hotels to cheaper smaller pensions. Maitra Point, next to the best beach on Bora Bora, is packed with a full range of accommodation.

Dentist

Available at the medical centre.

Dr Zona

+689 40676942

Dr Macouin and Maton

+689 40677055

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 15

The nearest hospital is in Raiatea, and for serious conditions Tahiti.

Centre Medical de Bora Bora

+689 4067 6366

Dr Azad Roussanaly

+689 4067 7795

Dr Duval

+689 4067 6707

Dr Maria Lopez

+689 4060 3636

Dr Juen and Semararo (at Nunue)

+689 4067 7062

Dr Krajewski

+689 4067 6737

Diving

Diveasy

diveasyborabora.com



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Hairdressers

Coiffeur Pascale +689 4067 7695
Opposite Quincaillerie De Bora Bora

Hairstyle Coiffure +689 4067 7963
Opposite Banque de Tahiti.

Ice

Ice is available at the Yacht Club XFP600/15L

Laundry

Bora Bora Yacht Club
In-house laundry service XFP3500/7.5kg.

Bora Bora Laverie boraboralaverie@gmail.com
Wash and dry returned in 24hrs. XPF3000 per load for wash, dry and fold. Open Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 0730-1730.

Money

There are three banks in Vaitape, two of them very close to the main dock.

Bank Socredo (closest to Bora-Bora Marina) Mon-Fri 0730-1130 & 1300-1530

Banque de Polynésie Mon-Thu 0745-1145 & 1245-1615; Fri 0745-1145 & 1245-1515

Banque de Tahiti Mon-Fri 0800-1200 & 1300-1600.

Pharmacy

Pharmacie Lafayette Bora Bora pharmacielafrayette.com
Near to the Chin Lee Supermarket (see shopping) and Le Cocotier Restaurant.

Photocopying

Loisir Photo Video – LPV situated next to QBB Quincaillerie Mon-Fri 0730-1700; Sat 0730-1200

Post Office +689 40677074

Located on the southern side of Vaitape. Open Mon-Thu 0730-1530; Fri 0730-1415; Sat 0730-1130.

Restaurants

A few restaurants offer a free pick up service

St James Bora Bora Viatape saintjamesborabora.com
+689 40 676462

Bora Bora Yacht Club Viatape +689 40 676047

Bora Bora Beach Club Matira Beach

boraborabeachclub@gmail.com
+689 40 67 52 50

Rubbish / Garbage

Bora Bora Yacht Club has a garbage disposal facilities behind the building in the car park available outside these hours 1130-1400, 1730-2100. Green container for cans/plastic recycling (dispose garbage without bags); black for general waste.

Bora Bora Mooring Services will also take garbage on Saturday & Tuesday mornings direct from you boat call on VHF Ch.09 or +689 89440 888. Please separate and recycle where possible. Max of two bags per boat.

Shopping & Supermarkets

There are two main well-stocked supermarkets.

Super U To'a Amok closest to Maikai Marina. Mon-Sat 0530-1830

Chin Lee Supermarket opposite the Vaitape shopping centre. Open daily 0500-2000.

Browse arts and crafts from Bora Bora at **i te fanau tahi**. Situated in a big building right at the main square of town, by the public dock. Open daily.

Tours

Matira Jet Tours matirajettours.com
Tours - Jet Ski, SUP/Kayak and Quad/ATV.

Polynesia Island Tours +689 87 296 660
Bora Bora offers plenty of great walking tours including the ascent of Mount Pahia.

Water Taxi / Lagoon Tours

Manu Taxi Boat fanfantaxiboat@mail.pf
+689 87791162

Boat tours including excursion in the resort-free Southeastern part of the island. Snorkeling, manta ray and shark feeding expeditions, traditional lunch at the beach of Motu Fanfan.

Lagoon Service lagoon-service.com
Comfortable boats and various lagoon tours with swimming, snorkeling and lunch.

Moana Adventure Tours moanaadventuretours.com

Offering local, certified guides and various combo tour options.

Reef Discovery reefdiscovery.com
Specialises in small groups interested in manta rays and whales. Certified naturalist guides. Gear, lessons and boats provided.

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Tourist Information

+689 677 636

Located on the main dock. Open Mon-Fri 0830-1230, 1330-1630, Sat 0830-1230.

Travel Information

Airports

Bora Bora Airport (BOB)

On Motu Mute, a palm fringed motu approximately 20 minutes by motor launch from the main village of Vaitape.

Two large catamaran ferries operate a free transfer to the Vaitape Quay from where there is a regular bus service to Matira Point. Ask the rally team for the ferry timetable.

Airlines

Inter Island Flights

Air Tahiti

airtahiti.com

Operate six flights per day between Tahiti and Bora Bora.

Air Moana

airmoana.com

Bicycle Rental

Avis Bora Bora

avis-borabora.com

Hire bikes and ebikes cost from XFP2100 a day.

Buses

There is no bus service in town. When cruise ships are in, there are some private local buses (called "trucks") going south, which serve anyone else interested.

Car Rental

Avis Bora Bora

avis-borabora.com

Hire cars, scooters and buggies, A Fiat Panda costs XFP11,900 a day.

Albert Rent a Car

+689 40677555/+689 8778466

Bora Bora Fun Tours

+689 87727433

At Maitai Matira, Southeast of the main island.

Taxis

Taxis congregate at the main dock in Vaitape.

Heimana Tours (Julia & Léon)

heimanatours@hotmail.fr

+689 87706916 /+689 87768605

Dora Taxi

+689 89 73 49 57

Dany TARUOURA

+689 8771 7911

Jeremie

+689 8770 6916

Don't Miss

Col de Faanui The ultimate viewpoint, a medium level five hour hike with unforgettable views. The Tourist Information office advises that visitors hire a guide for this hike, to assure the safety and good experience for all. There is a very interesting trekking tour with a mountaineer-archaeologist in town that speaks English.

Tour of the lagoon There are many different types of tours, including outrigger speed canoe, glass bottomed boats and helicopter "flight" seeing!

Sealife Due to a recent drop in manta ray population (over 80%), all cruising yachts are requested not to attempt to snorkel in the lagoon without a guide. Snorkellers can see almost as much as divers, and some companies also offer the chance to observe rays and sharks feeding. However simply looking down into the water from a boat results in easy views of countless species of tropical fish, brilliant coral gardens and the Lagoon's larger residents, including rays.

A Motu picnic Nothing beats watching the sun go down over the reef from one of the outlying sandy atolls (Motu).

Cycling around the Island One of the best ways to get around this tiny island is by bicycle. The road is paved, circles the island [32km], and is predominantly flat. Bora Bora has several ancient temples (marae) and authentic Polynesian villages. There are also some reminders of World War II with a number of cannon emplacements left behind by the U.S. Navy.

Niue

Local Information

Dialling Code: +683

Time zone: UTC -11

Currency: NZD\$

Emergency: 999

Language: English and Niuean

Useful Websites:

niueisland.com

Niue Yacht Club Moorings

Location: 19° 3'11.80"S, 169°55'23.16"W

VHF: Ch.16

Email: nyc@niueisland.com

Website: niueisland.com/niue-yacht-club

Water: Potable

Entry Formalities

Formalities will take place at the wharf and will be coordinated through Rally Control. Niue Radio may ask some questions on VHF as you approach your mooring.

On departure, a tax of NZD\$150 per person is required payable by cash or card. Children under 12 are exempt.

Visas

There are no visa requirements for stays of up to 30 days, as long as you have sufficient funds and an onward ticket.

Niue is one of the world's smallest self-governing states, and rules in free association with New Zealand. Most Niueans now live in New Zealand, and the island itself only has a population of about 1500.

The Island is a raised atoll of rocky limestone - unlike any of its neighbours - with rocky seashores, gaping sea caves and the most spectacular, and extensive, cave system in the entire South Pacific!

The pace of life in Niue is relaxed, shops close at 1600 and Sundays are strictly a day of rest - fishing, diving and boating are not permitted. The Niueans are proud that their Island is one of the safest in the world, crime, graffiti, drugs and pollution almost unheard of. Traditions are respected and continue to be taught at school.



Mooring

Safe moorings have been put down by the Niue Yacht Club for visiting yachts, available for around NZD\$30per night. All moorings are regularly inspected. The moorings are approx 4.8 tonne concrete blocks with new polyester lines and pink pick up floats. Pass your rope through the stainless steel eye, tie off on board and put the float back in the water. Anchoring is also possible, but be careful of the sharp drop off from the edge of suitable shelf, which can be difficult.

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Landing with your dinghy can be an interesting experience as there is no beach, just a concrete jetty. Your tender must be lifted out by the dock crane onto the wharf, where there is a trolley for moving it clear of the landing zone. You will need a 3 point bridle for your dinghy.

Water

All water on the island is safe to drink. Two outlets available on the wharf, you just have to bring the jerry cans.

A to Z of Boat Services

Very limited. Minor repairs to diesel and outboard engines. Aluminum welding of spars available. Given sufficient notice specific spares can be flown in from New Zealand, on the weekly flight.

Electricity

240 volts, 10 amps, 2 pin plug, same as New Zealand.

Fuel

Fuel, diesel or petrol is available from Central Services. Delivery to the wharf can be arranged for a small additional fee. Yachts must supply their own fuel containers. Bulk refuelling is also possible, with the yacht moored alongside the wharf for as long as it takes to transfer fuel as long as the swell conditions permit (not advised).

Gas (Cooking)

Depending on adaptor, propane gas is available. Speak to Rally Control on arrival. If in desperate need, new gas bottles can be purchased.

Hardware Store

Ali's, BJ's or Swanson's. Limited stocks.



Niue Dinghy Hook

A to Z of What's on Shore

Accommodation

A full range from the Matavai Resort to guesthouses and hostels are available.

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 999

Niue Foou Hospital +683 4100

facebook.com/niuefoou.hospital.3

Located near the airport. New hospital with dental facilities, X-ray, ultrasound and lab technicians. Visitors pay a modest fee for doctors' visits and medication. Medivac arrangements for serious medical cases to NZ. Clinic opening hours: Mon-Thu 0800-1600, Fri, Sat Sun & Holidays 0900-1000 & 1900-2000

Diving

There are many excellent dive highlights. For non-divers you can swim with spinner dolphins or snorkel with humpback whales.

Niue Blue niueblue.com

Offer snorkeling and scuba tours, rental and courses.

Magical Niue magicalniue.com

Hairdressers

Sala's Salon for women and men's haircutting at the commercial center.

Vilina Hair & Beauty located at Togalupo, Alofi

Ice

Niue Bond Shop, Central Services, and if re-opened, Niue Fish Processors on the wharf.

Internet

Telecom Niue telecomniue.com

4G data Sim Cards available to purchase.

Laundry

Hinas Laundry behind Swanson Supermarket. NZD\$25 per load wash and dry and NZD\$15 per load for wash only. Open Mon-Fri 0800-1600

Laundry 200m from the wharf. NZD\$25 per load wash and dry.



Money

There are no ATM machines, but money may be exchanged at the Bank of South Pacific Kiwi Bank, located in Alofi. The bank is a short walk from the wharf. Many establishments take credit cards but please check with restaurants and services etc. before booking.

Pharmacy

At the Hospital. Panadol and flu tablets are also available at the supermarkets.

Post Office

In Alofi Commercial Centre. Post in and out once per week. Mon-Fri 0900-1530. Outward mail closes Thu 1300 for Fri morning flight out. **It is not recommended to mail anything to Niue.**

Restaurants

A wide range of restaurants are available, see niueisland.com/see-and-do/eating-and-drinking for full list!

Crazy Uga Cafe +683 4653
Main Street, Alofi. Mon-Fri 0800-1400, Wed 1800-2100, Sat 0900-1400 Real Espresso Available! Light lunches and dinner. Full licensed bar. Cash only

Kaiika Gourmet Cuisine & Avi's Ark kaiika.com
Alofi South. Offering authentic Japanese cuisine - sushi, sashimi and tempura. Kaiika also offers homemade pizza. Avi's Ark serves lunch and great ice cream with fantastic sea views.

Manuiz Café Bar facebook.com/manuiz.halaika
A small family restaurant and bar located 10 mins walk from the wharf. Also home to the Niue Yacht Club.

Tavana's Café +683 4334
Alofi Commercial Centre. Mon-Fri 0900-1400, Burger Night Sat: 1800-2000.

Scenic Matavai Resort

Open 7 days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Buffet on Thursdays from 1900 and BBQ on Fridays Sundays from 1830. Booking essential.

Vaiolama Café & Restaurant

facebook.com/VaiolamaCafe
Alofi South - stunning licensed café with view of the Pacific Ocean.

Vanilla Café Bar & Restaurant

facebook.com/profile
Open Mon/Tues/Fri 09:00-14:30/17:00-11:00. Plus Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Rubbish / Garbage

Land at the wharf. The cost is NZD\$25 per boat. Rubbish area in a little blue outhouse just up the hill from the wharf

Shopping

Markets

Wednesday and Friday mornings (06:00) for fresh produce and traditionally prepared dishes along with local handicrafts. Friday Night Food Markets are held on a fortnightly basis, and an organic market on the first Thursday of the month from 17:00.

Supermarkets

Swanson's

facebook.com/p/Swanson-Supermarket

Located in the retail hub near the airport. Open Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:00, Saturday 10:00 to 18:00, Sunday closed.

The Niue Bond Store for duty free liquor sales is also located at the retail hub. Duty free allowance for cruisers on arrival, as well as after Customs clearance.

Smaller shops

Outside these hours some smaller shops are open, but carry less range. These stores are often located in houses within villages – if in doubt just ask around!

Sports Facilities

Hash House Harriers +683 3001
Run/walk on Monday afternoons

Niue Golf and Sports Club.
Compact nine hole golf course, and tennis courts. Hire Clubs from Niue Tourism Office.

Tourist Information

Niue Tourism Visitor Centre niueisland.com
Alofi's main road T: +683 4224 www.Mon-Fri 0800-1600, Sat-Sun 0900-1200

Yacht Club

Niue Yacht Club niueisland.com/niue-yacht-club
The Niue Yacht Club facilities and the moorings are situated on the western side of the island near the main wharf and settlement of Alofi. NYC have set up HQ at Manuiz in Alofi which is a 10-15 minute walk from the wharf.

Travel Information

Airports

Hanan International Airport (IUE)

2km south-east of the main town of Alofi. Taxi or Airport Transfer should be booked in advance through your accommodation or contact Niue Tourism Visitor Centre.

Airlines

Air New Zealand

airnewzealand.co.nz/destination-niue

Operates two flights per week (May 2025), to and from Auckland, every Saturday and Tuesday.

Bicycle Rental

Niue is a good place to cycle, with a 68km ring road around the upraised atoll. Mountain bikes for hire for around NZD\$20/day. Niue Blue (see Diving) rent e-bikes from NZD\$50/day.

Buses

No public transports but local people will often stop and offer visitors a ride.

A restaurant shuttle bus can be arranged through

Matavai Resort +683 4368

NZ\$5 return

Car Rental

A local Niue Photo Driving Licence is required (NZD\$22.50).

Alofi Rentals alofirentals@niue.nu

+683 4017 / +683 4373

Pao, Alofi South Open Mon-Fri 0800-1600, Sat: 0900-1200

Niue Rentals niuerentals.nu

Open Mon-Fri 0800-1600

Ilenas Car Rentals patelesio.vea@niue.nu

Taxis

Mitaki Taxis +683 4084

Alofi Rentals +683 4017

Don't Miss

Niue has no poisonous animals or plants, so you can amble anywhere, anytime. Find out more at the **Niue Tourism Visitor Centre** in Alofi.

Rainforest walking amongst flocks of butterflies in the virgin rainforest of the Huvalu Forest Conservation Area.

Visit some of the Island's famous beauty spots: **Togo Chasm; Talava Arches; Anapala Chasm.**

Diving within dramatic underwater cathedrals in water teeming with life, including the friendly Niuean sea snake.

Cycling beneath avenues of perfumed frangipani.

Swimming in coves that might be yours for the whole day, like **Limu and Matapa Chasm.**

Caving explore the most breathtaking caves in the South Pacific. The spectacular underwater caves are dwarfed by the ones you'll be able to explore on land. They're easier to get to as well. Some you can walk to yourself, but for the best ones you'll need a guide. The key man is Tali Magatogia, a Niuean who's been running very special tours for years and can take you places that will make your spine tingle. What's more, there are so many caves within Niue that up until the mid-1800's most people lived in them.

Snorkeling over bright corals in crystal clear warm tropical water.



Niue Limu Pools

Tonga

Local Information

Dialling Code: +676
Time zone: UTC +13
Currency: Tongan \$ or Pa'anga (TOP)
Emergency: Ambulance 999
Police 992
Fire 993
Language: Tongan and English
Useful Websites:
tongatourism.travel
vavau.to

Entry Formalities

All visiting yachts will need to submit an Advance Notice of Arrivals form to: info@customs.gov.to at least 24h hours prior to arrival.

When arriving in Tonga all boats arriving are advised to call Tonga Maritime Radio on VHF 16 approx. 6 miles before arriving in Vava'u.

Yachts must berth on the customs wharf on arrival (if full, it is permitted to anchor or pick up mooring) and await clearance. Yachts will be visited by all the authorities together (customs, immigration, quarantine and health); normal working hours are Mon-Fri 0830-1630. Customs overtime is TOP\$120 out of hours, or TOP\$140 on a Saturday, and closed on Sunday so it is better not to arrive over the weekend.

Important: Arriving yachts must have clearance from previous port, or risk a heavy fine (about TOP\$2,000).

Visas

Citizens of most countries are granted a 31 day visitors visa on arrival. Passports must have a minimum of six months validity.

Letter of Authority for Crew flying in

Persons arriving in Tonga by air and intending to depart by yacht, **MUST** hold a Letter of Authority from one of Tonga's diplomatic missions overseas and bearing the official stamp of that Tongan diplomatic mission or Letter of Authority issued by the Immigration Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Tonga, bearing the stamp of the Principal Immigration Officer. It can also be arranged by sending an email to tongapermit@gmail.com no more than one month before arrival, proclaiming the incoming crew will be leaving by boat on a specific date.

The following information will be required:

- Crew name
- Arrival date
- Date and booking number of arrival flight
- Passport number and date of expiry
- Full name
- Date of birth
- Skipper's name
- Boat owner's name
- Boat name, registration number, country, and port of registry

An official letter will be issued to be presented by the traveller. The letter is valid for one month. A money order for TOP\$34.50 is required for the one-way authorisation letter to be issued.

Pilotage Information

Charts

NZ8234 Vava'u group

Pilots

Pacific Crossing Guide (RCC)
Kingdom of Tonga (Hellewell)

General

The Vava'u group is made up of 40 islands, of which 13 are inhabited by a population of about 16,000, offering fantastic cruising through its protected waterways, the smaller islands surrounded by white sands and vibrant coral reefs. Ashore the rolling countryside offers a host of activities to be enjoyed, with plenty of opportunities for a good walk to stretch your 'sea legs'.

The original vegetation of Tonga was tropical rainforest, however today this has been almost completely lost throughout the Kingdom with only small remnants remaining on Tongatapu, some of the Vava'u islands and on 'Eua.

Neiafu, capital of Vava'u, is where the World ARC yachts will be based. Once ashore everything is within easy walking distance of the town centre. Tongans are welcoming, relaxed, and generally happy. Minor things like delays or noise tend not to cause any stress. Tongans enjoy the beach, collecting from the sea, singing, and dancing. Any occasion, big or small, can become a good reason for getting together to celebrate with friends and family. In Tongan life, the family is of utmost importance. Each family member plays a role, with older persons commanding the most respect. Women benefit from a higher social status than in other parts of Polynesia as tradition gives them certain authority over male family members. Public life, however, is still dominated by men. The eldest sister acts as the family matriarch and oversees her siblings, nieces, and nephews.

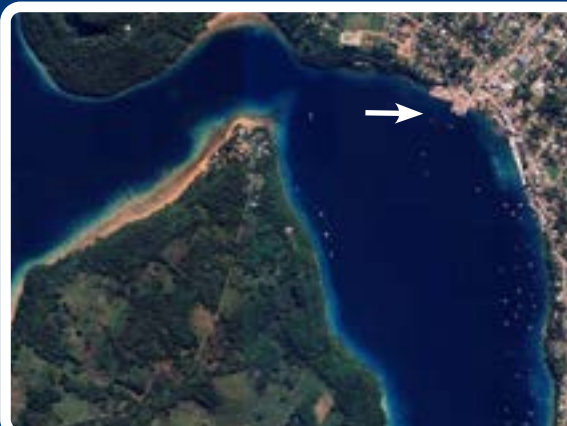
Religion closely follows the family in importance, and almost all Tongans are church goers. This staunchly Christian nation honours Sundays across every island group—the Sabbath is declared forever sacred in the Tongan Constitution. Almost everything (except bakeries, a few restaurants, and resorts) is closed. No sporting events take place, it is unlawful to work or trade, and most tours do not operate. Contracts signed on a Sunday are void. Avoid creating any disturbance on Sundays.

Your independent cruising period through the islands of Tonga and Fiji starts here with an optional leg into the Lau Group for clearance into eastern Fiji.

Neiafu, Vava'u

Location: 18°39'8.19"S, 173°59'8.94"W

VHF: Ch.16



Mooring

You will be directed to berth alongside the customs wharf please note you may need to raft up to 3 boats. If there is no space then you will be advised to pick up a mooring or anchor and await clearance.

Water

Local tap water is potable if rain water, Jerry cans of water from Tropicana 20l = TOP\$2. Bottled water is available from most shops.



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Cruisers' net: Mon-Sat 0830 VHF Ch 26
+676 70319

A to Z of Boat Services

Boatyard & Haulout

The Boatyard boatyardvavau.com
Very good boatyard, reliable and professional. Offer a range of services including electrical mechanical and fibreglass repairs. Also has small chandlery. Just on the other side of the peninsula.

Chandlery

The Boatyard (see Boatyard & Haulout)

Hardware stores in town **EM Jones** and **Pacific Timber and Hardware** stock a small amount of marine related items.

Fuel

Pacific Energy Duty Free fuel after clearing out. Please contact in advance with your order. Fuelling will take place on the northern side of the main wharf. Only available on Mon-Fri (Friday can get very busy so best avoided).
Note: Fuel delivery is notoriously prone to arrive late in Neiafu. But once arrived fuel delivery is quick and efficient.

Gas (Cooking)

Homegas +676 70319
(Marcella's Resort in Toulua). By taxi or dinghy. Only able to fill butane gas bottle with DIN fittings. It is possible to refill blue Camping Gas here.

Tropicana Café (See Restaurants)
Can arrange Gas bottles refill butane and propane.

Pacific Fuels
Situated at the southern end of the Neiafu harbour stock propane.

The Boatyard (See Boatyard & Haulout)
Offers a once weekly delivery and collection of propane bottles. If gas is required more urgently arrangements can be made at the office.

Mechanical, Refrigeration, Rigging, Watermakers & Welding

Trouble in Paradise?

lan@thinkingcapmechanics.com
Andrewjonesvavau@hotmail.com

Based at the Fisheries & Quarantine Dock, Neiafu Harbour provide all types of mechanical repairs, fabrication, welding, timber and fibreglass work. Can work out most solutions to the repair issues that visiting yachts have.

EM Jones for outboard engine parts.

Friendly Island Fabrication Services
friendlyislandfabrication@gmail.com
Metal fabrication and project management.

Water

Local tap water is potable ONLY if rain water, Jerry cans of water from Tropicana 20l = TOP\$2. Bottled water is available from most shops.

A to Z of What's on Shore

Opening hours

Banks: Mon-Fri 0900-1600; Sat 0830-1200
Shops: Mon-Fri 0800-1700; Sat 0830-1200
Everything is shut on Sundays.

Accommodation

Hakula Lodge hakula-lodge.com
Port Wine Guest House portwineguesthouse.com

Dentist

Prince Wellington NGU Hospital (see Doctor)

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 911

Prince Wellington NGU Hospital
+676 70202 / +676 70204
Mateialona Road. 24 Hours for emergencies.

Diving

Beluga Diving belugadivingvavau.com
Ask for World ARC discounted rates

Dive Tonga divingtonga.com

Local Information

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Internet/Mobile

WiFi available at Bella Vista and Mango Restaurant

There are a number of free Starlink connections available in Neiafu including one at the Customs office near the wharf. These routers were introduced after the 2022 volcanic eruption severed all communication to the Vava'u group.

Sim cards are very reasonable and available with various data packages from Digicel.

Laundry

Vava'u Laundry does service washes

Bubbles Laundry has washing and drying machines. Also Café Tropicana and Blue Lagoon.

Mango Restaurant arranges washing service on Tuesdays and Thursdays, return the following day

Money

Bank of Tonga (Westpac) and MBF, on main street near the market. No international transactions on Saturdays. 24hr ATM at MBF and BSP.

Pharmacy

Vava'u Pharmacy pharmacy@kalianetvav.to
Fatafeti Road Mon-Fri 0830-1600 Sat 0830-1100.
Closed Wed. T: +676 70213

Universal Pharmacy
Open Mon-Fri and Sat AM.

Post Office

Tonga Post In the centre, next to the Governor's office.

Restaurants

Bellavista Café facebook.com/bellavistavavau
Open Mon – Sat for breakfast, lunch & dinner, serving excellent Italian cuisine & pizzas

Cafe Tropicana vavau.to/tropicana
Describe themselves as the Swiss army knife of cafes, alongside serving food all day, they are an internet cafe, and have an alcohol licence. Also do car/bike hire, refill LPG, sell petrol and diesel and book tours and excursions.

Coffee & Tees
Open Mon – Sat from 9am to 5pm. Coffeehouse, art studio and print shop for t-shirts, bags & aprons.

Mango Restaurant facebook.com/profile
Dinghy dock and WiFi – open at 11am for brunch, lunch and dinner.

Sam's Restaurant

At Mariners Wharf, waterfront. Chinese and international all day menu.

The Basque Tavern

Open Wed-Sat from 3pm and serving delicious tapas and mains. Also has a pool table.

The Kraken facebook.com/kraken.vava.u
Open Thur – Sun from 3pm. Has a dinghy dock.

Rubbish / Garbage

Dispose of in bins at main wharf and public jetty. NB: TOP\$0.40 per kg of rubbish landed on arrival.

Shopping

The Falaleu Deli facebook.com/falaleudeli
Fantastic meat. They grind the sausages themselves and they have a selection of pre-made items. They are located in town near the main church

Utukalungalu Local Produce Market

Near Main Wharf, great selection of local fruit and vegetables. Mon-Thu 0830-1630; Fri 0830-0000; Sat 0700-1200. Local handicrafts also available.

Vava'u Marble Pearl

By the Ministry of Fisheries. Mon-Fri 0830-1630

There are also four supermarkets offering a variety of stock, you may need to visit a number of them to get different items. They stock tinned butter.

Telephones

Calls can be made from **Tonga Communication** in Neiafu, open 24/7. T: +676 70255.

Digicel There is a Digicel Outlet in obvious view from the Small Vessel Marina.

Tourist Office

Tonga Visitors Bureau +676 70155/VHF Ch 16.
Local branch on the corner of Fatafeti and Otumapa Roads. Friendly but limited information.



Tonga Vava'u Anchorage

Travel Information

Airports

International flights arrive in Tongatapu at:

Fua'amotu International Airport (TBU)

Lupepau'u Airport (VAV) for domestic flights to Vava'u.

Airlines

Lulutai Airlines lulutai-airlines.to
Operate domestic flights connecting the five main island groups of Tonga. Lulutai Airlines flies 2-3 times daily from Tongatapu domestic airport to Vava'u's Lupepau'u Airport

Fiji Airways fiji Airways.com
Operates direct flights between Vava'u and Nadi, Fiji.

Bicycle Rental

Tropo Rentals

Based at Cafe Tropicana - see Restaurants.

Friendly Islands Kayak Co fikco.com
Runs kayak and mountain bike tours.

Car Rental

Car Hire required a Tongan license which can be obtained from the Police Station.

Coconut Car Rental +676 7556667
coconutcarrental@gmail.com

Avis reservation@avis.to
+676 70664

Tropicana Rental tropicana@vavau.to
+676 71322/8412347

Ferries

Tofa Ramsay Shipping

facebook.com/tofaramsayshipping

Tongan inter-island passenger and cargo services to 'Eua, Ha'apai, Niua, and Vava'u. There is a ferry service once a week. Its route is Tongatapu-Ha'apai-Vava'u and then back to Tongatapu.

Taxis

There are two taxi ranks located in the area around the ANZ bank and opposite the Police station. Be aware that Taxis on Sundays may be harder to come by without an advance arrangement. Tours around Main Island will vary a lot depending on distance covered, as fuel prices here are very expensive.

Don't Miss

Whale watching The warm seas and calm waters of Vava'u provide the perfect nursery for Southern humpback whales. Having spent their summer feeding in Antarctica, they travel thousands of miles to mate and calve in Vava'u between June and November. If you haven't been lucky enough to see whales from your own boat, join one of the many organised operators and try your luck.

Botanical Gardens As part of the World ARC stopover, a tour is arranged to visit the Botanical Gardens, on the North West coast of Vava'u a scenic drive away across the island. There is a great selection of plants to be seen, and the opportunity to gain insight into the development of the local vanilla growing industry. The tour then visits 'Ene 'Io beach, a lovely place to stop at for a swim. There is a great restaurant from which to enjoy magnificent views across a beautifully sheltered bay.

Kayaking and outrigger canoeing Try a different craft for some close up coastal exploration in these calm waters.

The caves Don't leave without a swim inside the Swallows Cave and/or a dive into Mariners Cave.



Ene'io Botanical Gardens Beach

Fiji

Local Information

Dialling Code: +679

Time zone: UTC +12

Currency: Fijian Dollar (FJD)

Emergency: 911

Language: Fijian and English

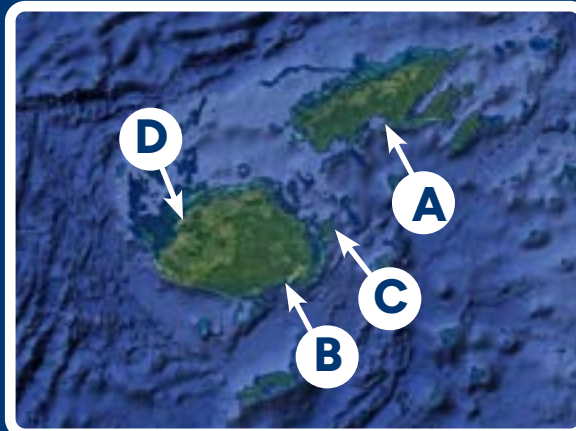
Useful Websites:

southpacificislands.travel

fiji.travel

fiji-savusavu.com/

Ports of Entry



A. Savusavu: 16°45'59.85"S, 179°18'35.80"E

B. Suva: 18° 7'48.08"S, 178°23'57.29"E

C. Levuka: 17°40'50.99"S, 178°51'21.73"E

D. Lautoka: 17°36'30.61"S, 177°26'18.63"E

Entry Formalities

Special clearance procedures into Fiji are arranged specifically for the World ARC fleet on Vanua Balavu, in the Lau Group, with the assistance of Yacht Help Fiji. Participants complete advance arrival notification in Vava'u before cruising independently to clear in (to Fiji) at Vanua Balavu. As this is not a Port of Entry, clearance officials are flown in specially to be on hand for a limited period.

For those not clearing in within this arranged World ARC period, stopping in the Lau Group is not allowed and yachts must make their first landfall in Fiji at an official Port of Entry to conduct their international clearances independently. The ports of entry to use are: **Savusavu** (Nawi Island Marina, Copra Shed Marina), **Suva**, **Levuka on Ovalau Island**, **Port Denarau Marina**, **Vuda Point for Lautoka**.

If not making landfall at Vanua Balavu the choice of which port of entry to use will depend on your cruising plans for exploring Fiji.

Savusavu and Nawi Marina on the northeastern island of Vanua Levu is a bit further north but makes a logical start point for extensively cruising Fiji.

If the time available is more constrained, completing clearance at Ovalau or Suva makes most sense, before continuing down either the North or South coast of Viti Levu. Completing clearances in Lautoka in the West of Viti Levu is convenient for crews who need to make up time or need to leave the yacht in one place for a longer period of time in order to leave it to fly elsewhere or get work done at Vuda Point or Denarau marinas.

Regardless of where a yacht is cleared into the country, the procedure will be similar and is outlined below. Local berthing providers can also advise on the process and even act on your behalf (for a fee) to smooth the formalities requirements. These points of contact are Copra Shed Marina in Savusavu, Nawi Marina in Savusavu, the Royal Suva Yacht Club in Suva and Yacht Help Fiji in Port Denarau or Vuda Point Marina for Lautoka.

Visas

A free visa valid for four months is given on arrival to citizens of more than 100 countries, including most of Europe, North and South America. See immigration.gov.fj for a full list. Passports must be valid for more than 6 months longer than intended stay.

Advanced Notification

Fiji Customs, Bio Security (BAF) and Health departments require advanced notification and information before your arrival. Skippers will be responsible for sending these to the authorities but the forms (where applicable) and contact details will be provided by Rally Control in advance. **An automated 'Read Receipt' should be kept for your records.**

Clearances Procedures

The health officer is normally the first official you can expect onboard but if on a mooring or at anchor, they will probably be accompanied by the other officials. A health practice fee of FJD\$163.50 will be payable, but not necessarily at the same time. Customs and Immigration officials will then board the yacht or you should visit their offices. An inspection of dutiable goods (beer, wine, spirits, tobacco) held onboard should be expected. Duty will be payable on excess quantities of dutiable items. On arrival, it's recommended to ask locally for advice about current procedures. Overtime will be charged on out-of-hours clearances

Immigration

If you have not been visited by an Immigration Officer on arrival you will need to visit the Immigration office. In Savusavu the immigration office is about 200 metres to the west of Copra Shed Marina, just before the BP service station. .

Internal Clearances

Fiji used to require internal customs clearances when moving between the areas of different ports of entry but this system has now been abolished. Skippers must now report their location once a week to yachtsreport@frcra.org.fj

Cruising Permits

PLEASE APPLY FOR A CRUISING PERMIT ON THE DAY YOU ARRIVE.

Permits from the 'Fijian Affairs Board' are available through the Marina offices or Yacht Help for an administration cost of around FJD\$100 and this is normally valid for 6 months. The permits are usually issued on the same day of application. You need a permit before you go cruising.

International Clearances Out

To exit the country, customs & immigration officers from Lautoka or Denarau will be invited to Musket Cove Resort in order to complete international clearances. If this is not possible, you will be advised by Rally Control and yachts may need to visit Denarau or Lautoka (Vuda Point Marina) to clear out before moving to Musket Cove.

Crew arriving by air

It is important to note that visitors or crew coming into Fiji are not able to enter the country on a one-way ticket. They must have:

A) a return ticket

OR

B) a letter of approval from the Department of Immigration or Fijian Consulate stating that they are authorized to enter on a oneway airline ticket in order to join a yacht and depart by sea. **One-way Letters are obtainable through yacht agents or from Fiji Immigration directly.** Airlines will not allow crew members travelling on a oneway ticket without this letter, and so advanced preparation of this document is important. Documents needed to apply for the letter include:

- Photocopy of the crew(s) passport
- Copy of the flight ticket or complete flight details
- A Request letter from the skipper. If you are the vessel owner, you will not need this letter to re-join your vessel.

Forms and more info at: immigration.gov.fj/travel-requirements

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General

The Fijian archipelago consists of over 300 islands grouped around the two main islands of Viti Levu and Vanua Levu. Human settlement goes back at least 3,500 years with a mixed Melanesian and Polynesian population supplemented in more recent colonial times by Indian labourers, resulting in a sizeable ethnic Indian population on the two large islands. Traditional Fijian culture survives strongly in the outlying islands where the correct etiquette should always be observed (see later notes).

With a delightful mix of mountainous tropical rainforests, pristine beaches and fabulous coral reefs, Fiji has become a popular holiday destination that has much to offer. However, with its widely scattered islands and remote village communities, it is still perfectly possible to avoid the tourist resorts and encounter the true Fijian way of life, especially when cruising.

Fijian Village Etiquette

When visiting a Fijian village it is customary to present a gift (sevusevu) of yaqona (kava), to the Turaga ni Koro, the village Chief. The presentation is usually in his house and will generally be attended by some of the older men who happen to be in the vicinity at the time, and can quickly turn into a social occasion.

Dress modestly. Don't wear shorts, and women must not wear low cut tops or have bare shoulders. A sulu (sarong, lavalava, pareu) is a useful way to quickly cover up, even for men.

Do not wear hats or touch anyone's head, both of which are signs of disrespect.

Always remove your shoes before entering any house or other building.

Remove any backpacks from your back. Carry in your hands when entering the main village or anywhere near a village Chief or his home.

Stay with your assigned host. If other villagers ask you to eat or accompany them, politely note that you are with your host and would be honoured to visit with them at some other time.

Speak softly; Raised voices are interpreted as expressing anger.

Agent

YachtHelp Fiji

yachthelp.com
info@yachthelp.com
+679 6750911

yachthelpmarinesupplies.com

Information on Shipping on their website - <https://yachthelp.com/superyacht-services#shipping-and-freight>

Shipping 'Yacht In Transit' to Fiji is usually duty free provided that the parts are for the repair / maintenance of the vessel. But there are exceptions and rules change so please check.

Address for courier shipping:

"Yacht Name"
C/O Yacht Help Fiji
Port Denarau Marina
1 st Floor Reservation Building
Nadi
Fiji Islands

If a telephone number is needed use:
+679 675 0911

Ensure parcel is labelled as "Yacht Parts in Transit"



Vanua Balavu Anchorage Photo Credit: Clark Davis

Fiji: Savusavu

A. Waitui Marina

Waitui Marina, P.O. Box, 465, Savusavu ,
Fiji.

Location: 16°46'43"S, 179°19'49"E

VHF: Ch.16

T: +679 8853031
+679 9972558

Email: waituimarinafiji@gmail.com

Water: Potable

B. Copra Shed Marina

Copra Shed Marina, PO Box 262 ,
Savusavu, Fiji

Location: 16°46'40"S, 179°19'59"E

VHF: Ch.16

T: +679 8850457

Email: coprashed@connect.com.fj

Website: coprashedfiji.com

Water: Potable (containers only)

C. Nawi Island Marina

Nawi Island Marina, PO Box 101, Lot 12,
Nawi Island, Savusavu, Vanua Levu, Fiji
Islands

Location: 16°46'50"S 179°20'03"E

VHF: Ch.16 & 69

T: +679 891 6890

Email: reservationsberth@nawiisland.com

Website: nawiisland.com

Water: Potable (UV Filtered)

Power 240V/415V



Copra Shed Marina has moorings buoys (white) and six finger berths, showers, fuel and water. Restaurants, bar, chandlery, dive shop, internet cafe, travel agency and apartments. Dolly Singh is the friendly and helpful manager.

Nawi Island Marina A 132 berth marina (opened in 2023) and development with washrooms, laundry, garbage disposal, water, and electricity. There is a regular shuttle boat to and from the Savusavu waterfront.



Lomaloma Town, Vanua Balavu

Mooring

There are three options for mooring with facilities in Nakama Creek, the harbour of Savusavu: Waitui Marina, the well-established Copra Shed Marina & Nawi Island Marina.

Waitui Marina showers, laundry, garbage disposal, water, help with clearance, upstairs bar, book swap, free dinghy dock. Mooring buoys are orange.

A to Z of Boat Services

Agents

YachtHelp Fiji

yachthelp.com
info@yachthelp.com
+679 6750911

Boatyards

Savusavu Marina

savusavumarina.com
+679 8660625

Windward Marine Fiji

windwardmarinefiji@yahoo.ca

Chandlery

YachtHelp Fiji

yachthelpmarinesupplies.com

The Yacht Shop Savusavu

yachtshop.com.fj

Charts

The Yacht Shop Savusavu (see Chandlery)

Fuel

Nawi Island Marina

nawiisland.com
+679 891 6890
VHF Channel 16 and 69

Fuel and water also available at the **Carpenters Fuel Jetty**, halfway between Copra Shed & Waitu marinas.

Gas (Cooking)

Gas cylinders (most types including Camping Gas) can be filled with butane at Fiji Gas station about 5km out of town on the road to Labasa. It is best to go there by taxi and ask the driver to wait while the cylinders are filled.

Mechanical

YachtHelp Fiji (See Agents)

Metalwork

There is a metal workshop on the lane going up-hill from Waitui Marina to the Hot Springs Hotel.

Refrigeration

Cooke's Refrigeration

+6799924175

Natco building between RSYC and Suva town.

A to Z of What's on Shore

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency: 911

Labasa Hospital (Vanua Levu Isl.)

Savusavu Hospital (Vanua Levu Isl.)

Internet

Available at Nawi Island and Copra Shed Marinas or downtown. It is also worth buying a sim card locally.

Laundry

Copra Shed Marina

A full laundry and drying service is available.

Liti's Talei Laundry Service

At Waitui Marina Hot or cold wash, dry & ironing.

Money

There are three banks in town; cash can be drawn at the ATM of the ANZ, Colonial Bank and Westpac.

Shopping

Supermarkets

New World-IGA

newworld.com.fj

MaxVal-u

mh.com.fj

Sea Lovers Deli and Wine

Located on the main street just across from Copra Shed Marina.

Market

Fresh fruit and vegetables available in the market in the town centre. It opens every day (except Sunday)—but Saturday is the day when everyone comes to town, and the market is well-stocked and bustling.



Bay of Islands, Fiji. Photo Credit Fiona Gordon

Travel Information

Airports

There are 2 airports on the island of Vanua Levu:

Savusavu (SVU)

Labasa (LBS)

Both have connections to the rest of Fiji. Savusavu is 10 minutes from the docks and Labasa is 50km away.

Airlines

Fiji Airways

fiji Airways.com

Operates three times a day between Savusavu and Nadi (NAD) and once a day to and from Suva (SUV). They fly around 3 times a day between Labasa and both Nadi and Suva.

Buses

The bus station is 500m from the Copra Shed Marina. Buses go to Labasa or in the other direction to Vatavoni to connect with a ferry service to Taveuni.

Ferries

There are several ferry services which connect Savusavu with Taveuni and Suva. The quality of the vessels is only satisfactory.

South Sea Cruises

southseacruisesfiji.com

Operate ferries from Denaerau through the Mamanuca's and up to the top of the Yasawa Group.

Malolo Cat

malolocat.com

Ferry operator that runs services from Denarau to the Malolo sub-group. Ideal for crew joining / leaving from Musket Cove. Book directly with Musket Cove.

Patterson Brothers

+679 8037204

Operates daily sailings in their cargo, vehicle and passenger ferries between Savusavu & Suva.

Goundar Shipping

+679 330 1035

goundarshipping@kidanet.com.fj

Has a series of ships known as the Lomaiviti Princess. These cargo, vehicle and passenger ferries, operate frequent services between Suva and Vanua Levu. Some ships are more upgraded than others.

Interlink Shipping Line

+679 893 7746

operations@interlinkshipping.com.fj

MV Ohana, which is a more modern and faster ship sails the daytime runs, while the older MV Westerland does slower nightly trips.

Taxis

Hailed from outside the docks or ordered at Copra Shed reception.

Don't Miss

The Interior Fiji's rainforests no harmful animals or insects, and because of the mountainous nature of the islands there are numerous streams and waterfalls to explore. One of the most famous is the sacred Bouma Falls on the Island of Taveuni.

Diving and Snorkeling The region is famous for its vibrant coral reefs offering the entire spectrum of underwater life from sharks, rays and many species of fish, to the vivid rainbow of soft corals, sea stars and myriad shrimp.

Whitewater Rafting Shoot down mountain rivers in kayaks and inflatable rafts. Specialist travel companies can offer a range of tours, mainly on the larger islands and in co-operation with villages, ensuring tourist income stays in the local economy.

The Yasawa Group A chain of around 20 islands northwest of Viti Levu which are famous for crystal blue lagoons and some of the Pacific's most ethereal beaches. The islands have white sandy beaches and crystalline waters, lush tropical rainforests and volcanic peaks that attract fresh tropical rain.

A Church Service Even the most irreligious person will be moved by the passion and singing at a Fijian Sunday service. Visitors are always welcome, but dress appropriately.

Learning some Fijian Whilst English is widely spoken, a few words of Fijian will help make instant friends. Try these: Hello ~ Bula and Thank you ~ vinaka [vee naka].



Fleet sundowners in Yadua, Fiji Photo Credit Jayne Ogilvie

Fiji: Suva

A. Royal Suva Yacht Club

Royal Suva Yacht Club, P.O. Box 335,
Club House, Korovou, Suva, Fiji Islands.

Location: 18° 8'56"S, 178°23'39"E

VHF: Ch.16

T: +679 3312921

Website: fijimarinas.com/royal-suva-yacht-club-rsync

Email: rsync@kidanet.net.fj

Water: Potable

B. Anchorage



Mooring

The Royal Suva Yacht Club is located in Korovou, in the northern outskirts of the city. Fees are FJD\$50 per night for an alongside berth, when available. They depths are around 2m. The alternative is to anchor. The holding in the anchorage area is patchy and there is debris on the sea bed. There is a charge of FJD\$5 per person per day for using the RSYC dinghy dock. An alternative anchorage is off the nearby Tradewinds Hotel.

Water

There is water on the pontoons at the Royal Suva Yacht Club.

Clearance

Contact Suva Port Control on VHF Ch 16 on arrival, who immediately advise new arrivals to contact the Royal Suva Yacht Club (RSYC). The club will arrange for the various agencies to visit the boat. Crew must not come ashore until cleared. The Yacht Club's boat will transport the officers to clear the waiting yacht(s) in the quarantine area. The club charges FJD\$50 for all the transport fees. There are two daily clearance times: Mon-Fri 0900 & 1500. Yachts arriving after 1500 on Fridays will have to wait until the next normal working day, or agree to pay the extra charges.

A to Z of Boat Services

Boatyards

There are no yards designed to haul out yachts. There are options in the yards servicing commercial vessels, but these should be for emergencies only. Catamarans can dry out on the RSYC slipway for antifouling, and this is one of the few places in Fiji that can accommodate catamarans.

Marine Industrial & Structural (MIS)

Engineering Limited kelemis@connect.com.fj
+679 3312938/+679 3316378

Located close to the yacht club, several slipways capable of handling most kinds of craft, haulout up to 100 tons and repairs: welding, machining, fabrication.

Chandlery

Carpenters Marine

+679 3313644

A good range of outboard engines, generators, dinghies, pumps, etc. Agents for Johnson and Evinrude.

Fluid Power Services Limited

+679 3302835

fluidpower@connect.com.fj

Open: Mon-Fri 0800-1700 / Sat 0800-1300 / 24hr
Service for major breakdowns.



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The Yacht Shop yachtshop.com.fj
4 Vetaia Street, Lami. A well stocked chandlery.

Charts

Carpenters Shipping carpenters.com.fj
Stockist of British, Australian and Fijian charts and publications. Admiralty Chart Agent.

Hydrographic Office +679 3315457
Amra Street, Walu Bay. Stockist of local charts and nautical publications.

Electrical and Electronics

Bayside Electrical Ltd +679 3361510
Wailada, Lami

Clay Energy clayenergy.com.fj
Suppliers and repairers of wind and solar power systems.

Cooke's United kat_mawi@hotmail.com
+679 3303845/ +679 9924175
Between RSYC and Suva town.

Rizvy S. Ali +679 3387361/+679 9942616.

Universal Electronics +679 312808
31 Knolly Street.

Fibreglass & GRP Repair

Pacific Fibreglass Ltd +679 3361613

The Fibreglass Shop +679 3361057

Fuel

Shell fuel station at the RSYC. 2m depth at high tide.

Gas (Cooking)

Fiji Gas +679 332435
Amra Street, Walu Bay. Will fill your tanks while you wait.

Mechanical

Asco Motors +679 3384888
Ratu Mara Road, Nabua. Yamaha and Mariner agents.

Carpenters Motors +679 3318538
Argo Street, Walu Bay. Tohatsu and Honda agents.

Richard's Small Engine Repairs
+679 3312027 / +679 3340697
Walu Bay.

Suva Marine Services +679 3313990
Mercury Agents.

Mechanical Services Limited
mechanicalservicesfiji.com

Metalwork & Welding

Cooke's United (See Electrical)

**Marine Industrial & Structural (MIS)
Engineering Limited** (See Boat Yards)

Refrigeration & Air Conditioning

Cooke's United (See Electrical)

Sail Repair

Pacific Sails & Awning Tradewinds

+679 338 4692
Sailmakers, also awnings and upholstery.

A to Z of What's on shore

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency: 911

PSH Hospitals in Nadi* (Viti Levu Isl)

Aspen Medical in Lautoka* (Viti Levu Isl)

**Colonial War Memorial Hospital in Suva
(Viti Levu Isl)**

**Nasese Private Hospital in Suva (Viti
Levu Isl)**

The primary hospitals with a hyperbaric chambers in Fiji are PSH Hospitals* and Lautoka*

Internet

At the RSYC, WiFi available covering the anchorage.



Taveuni Island making Kava. Photo Credit Fiona Gordon

Local Information

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Laundry

At RSYC or several places in town.

Money

ATMs in Downtown Suva. Machines nearer the RSYC may charge for a withdrawal.

Shopping & Supermarket

Don't miss a visit to the Municipal Market which has an excellent selection of local fresh produce. Open daily.

There are several well stocked supermarkets including:

New World Foods newworld.com.fj

MH supermarkets mh.com.fj

Cost-U-less (Costco subsidiary) costuless.com

Yacht Club

Royal Suva Yacht Club (RSYC)

Close to Suva Concrete docks, dinghy dock, 2 cradles and a slipway. The club will hold mail for incoming yachts. Facilities include restaurant and bar (cash only), BBQ, book exchange, water, fuel (cash only), money exchange, ice, laundry, and showers. Chandlery.



Suva Market Photo Credit Francis Clifford.

Travel Information

Airports

Suva Nausori (SUV)

nausoriairport.com

20km away from Suva, the capital of Fiji and the RSYC. It has connections to the rest of Fiji with multiple flights daily to and from Nandi International Airport.

Airlines

Fiji Airways

fijiairways.com

Operate several schedules daily around Fiji.

Buses

Minivans and buses, in and out of the city centre, pass the RSYC frequently during the day.

Ferries

There are several ferry services which connect to Savusavu with Taveuni. [See page 63](#)

Taxis

Can be hailed from outside the RSYC or ordered through the yacht club office.

My Notes

Fiji: Nadi Bay Area

A. Vuda Marina

Vuda Marina, PO Box 5717, Lautoka, Fiji Islands

Location: 17°40'55"S, 177°23'8"E

VHF: Ch.16

T: +679 666 8214

Website: vudamarina.com.fj

Email: info@vudamarina.com.fj

Water: Potable

Power: 240V, 10amp

B. Port Denarau Marina

Location: 17°46'14"S, 177°22'54"E

VHF: Ch.14

T: +679 675 0600

Website: denaraumarina.com

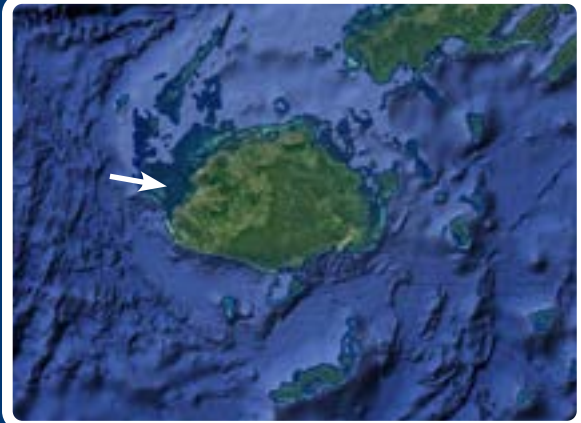
Email: reservations@denaraumarina.com

Water: Potable

Power: 240V, 32amp

C. Nadi International Airport

D. Musket Cove



Mooring

There are two berthing options in the Nadi Bay area. Either at the Port Denarau Marina or Vuda Point Marina at the northern end of Nadi Bay. Both places offer good options for boat projects or leaving the boat securely. Port Denarau is the most accessible for Nadi Town and sits in an area developed for shopping and hotels.

Water

All water at Vuda Marina is potable. Each dock has a shared freshwater tap, and there is freshwater available at the fuel depot. Potable fresh water also available at Port Denarau marina.

Clearance

If you sail directly to Nadi Bay from Tonga you will need to clear in to Fiji independently. Both Vuda Marina and Denarau Marina are ports of entry for Fiji. Send in your Advanced Notification Form, at least 48 hours prior to your arrival, best to submit prior to leaving Tonga. Customs Clearance facilities are available from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday only. Weekend and Public Holiday clearances are permitted however overtime fees will be charged by the relevant government agencies. Please ensure you are aware of the Biosecurity clearance procedures and have provisioned appropriately. See useful information on the Denarau Marina website: denaraumarina.com/arriving-departing-fiji

A to Z of Boat Services

Boatyard & Haulout

Denarau Marina denaraumarina.com
+679 675 0600

30 tonne travel lift.

Vuda Point Marina vudamarina.com.fj
+679 666 8214

Largest travel lift in Fiji capable of hauling out up to 63 tonnes, with a maximum beam of 5.85m.

Yacht Help Fiji yachthelp.com

Based at Denarau Marina, full range of services from antifouling to engineering.

Chandlery

Imported Marine Accessories

ima@connect.com.fj

Located in Denarau Marina. Carries a large range of mainstream stock 'in-store' and can also source items.

Electrical

Summer Electric Services

mohitnaicker@gmail.com

Marine Electrical, Air-con & Refrigeration, Motor winding, generator repairs, outboard engine repairs, painting, antifouling, & vanishing/polishing.

Raev Marine ravi@revmarine.com.fj

General marine electrical, outboard mechanical works, Antifouling. Air-con & refrigeration.

Rainbow Cool Tech (Fiji) Ltd

rainbowcooltech@gmail.com.fj

Specialist in Airconditioning and refrigeration works.

Fibreglass

South Pacific Fibreglass

southpacificfibreglass@gmail.com

Composite and fibreglass fabrication, repairs to international standards.

Mechanical

All Engineering info@allengineering.com.fj

Based in Lautoka. Diesel engines and welding.

Baobab Marine & Seal Superyachts

baobabmarine.com

Based at Denarau Marina, full range of yacht services including mechanical, electrical, fabrication, fibreglass and antifouling.

Bretts Marine brett@brettmarine.co.nz

Marine servicing outboards, electrical, steering, service and sales.

Custom Weld & Design

customweldingndesign@gmail.com

Fabrication and weld of stainless steel, aluminum and mild steel. All welding works

Dockside Marine & Auto Solutions

dsmarinesolution@gmail.com

Repair & maintenance works, diesel mechanic.

Fremkins Workshop william_fremkin@hotmail.com

Inboard & outboard repairs, antifouling, osmosis treatment, yacht caretaking, electrical and generator repairs, fibreglass repairs, joinery, buffing and detailing.

Krishna Yacht Services

krishnayachtservices@gmail.com

General serving, repair and maintenance of all types and models of inboard and outboard engines, gearbox and generator repairs.

Sharanj Engineering & Industrial Supplies

sharanj@connect.com.fj

Fitting & machining, welding & fabrication.

Sundar & Simon Outboard Repairs

simonrlal135@gmail.com / lalsgarage@gmail.com

Boat engines repairs.

Toyota Tsusho

asundar@asco.com.fj

Toyota and Yamaha parts and accessories, maintenance and repair of Yamaha outboard engines.

Sails and Rigging

Minor repairs through Marina Office at Musket Cove. Major replacements through New Zealand.

Marshall Sails

marshallssailsfiji.com

Based at Denarau Marina, sail making and marine upholstery.

Westside Rigging & Wire Ltd

mothership@connect.com.fj

Specialist in stainless steel wire rope & fittings.

Solar

Solar Fiji

solarfiji.com

Specialising in Solar Power Systems and marine applications, design, installation and maintenance.

A to Z of What's on Shore

Dentist

Dr Uma Sharma Namaka (by Hospital supplies).
drumasharma@connect.com.fj
 +679 6721999

Internet/Mobile

Both Denarau and Vuda Point Marina's have wifi. All customers of Vuda Marina are entitled to complimentary one-hour high-speed internet per day. Daily and weekly passes are also available at very affordable prices. A 24-hour pass is FJ\$5 and a weekly pass is FJ\$20.

Vodafone has roaming agreements with Australia, NZ and UK. Digicel provides a reliable network connection in most areas.

Laundry

Hiralal Laundry +679 6661972
 24 Veve Street (by market), Lautoka. T:

Money

Banks throughout town (ANZ and Westpac)

Pharmacy

Island Chemist
 High Street, Nadi - can supply antimalarials without prescription.

Shopping

Markets
 Market in Lautoka. Nadi Market will ship to Musket Cove.

Freddy's Marketing
freddysmarketing@connect.com.fj
 Has selection of imported fruit and vegetables.

Fiji Meats facebook.com/fijimeatslimited
 +679 6660255

Branches in Savusavu and Suva. Order there for collection in Lautoka (close to wharf). Will freeze and vacuum pack if ordered in advance.

Supermarkets

Victoria Wines and Spirits Nadi Town
info@victoriawines.com.fj

Can deliver to Musket Cove, or Lautoka or Denarau. Good selection of wines and spirits (expensive in Fiji).

Morris Hedstrom (known as MH), in Nadi/Lautoka and throughout Fiji.



Vuda Point Marina

Travel Information

Airports

Nadi International Airport (NAN)

airportsfiji.com

Fiji's main international gateway, located a short distance away from Denarau Marina.

Airlines

International airlines flying into Fiji:

Fiji Airways fijiairways.com

Qantas qantas.com.au

Air New Zealand airnewzealand.com

Virgin Australia virginaustralia.com

Ferries

There are ferry services operating fast catamarans and ships between all of the island groups in Fiji. Suva is the main port.

Buses

Pacific Transport operate buses between Suva and Lautoka, stopping in most villages.

Taxis

Easy to find on the street. Should be metered. Licenced cabs have "LT" on yellow number plates.

Fiji: Musket Cove, Malolo LaiLai

Musket Cove Yacht Club

Mailing address: Private Mail Bag NAP
0352, Nadi Airport, Fiji Islands

Location: 17°46'15.94"S, 177°11'31.23"E

VHF: Ch.68

T: (679) 666 2215 ext 253

Website: musketcovefiji.com

Email: mccyc@musketcovefiji.com

Water: Potable rain water

Musket Cove is primarily a holiday resort, on Malolo Lailai Island, with a small marina serving visiting yachts.

There are no major yacht services at Musket Cove and everything should be done before arrival. Special arrangements may be in place for the visit of World ARC. A greater selection of services are available at Denarau Marina, which is on the way to Malolo Lailai Island.



Clearance

Yachts must clear in to Fiji before they arrive at Musket Cove.

It is suggested that yachts clearing in to Fiji at Savusavu use Copra Shed Marina in the centre of town. Alternatively both Vuda Marina and Denarau Marina in Nadi Bay are ports of entry for Fiji. Please ensure you are aware of the Biosecurity clearance procedures and have provisioned appropriately. See useful information on the Denaru Marina website: denaraumarina.com/arriving-departing-fiji

World ARC will arrange for clearance of yachts for the departure from Musket Cove Island Resort & Marina.

Mooring

Musket Cove Resort maintains 24 mooring buoys off the entrance to the marina lagoon area, and a large dock to which yachts moor Med-style with anchor stern or bow to the dock (where it is hoped to berth the majority of World ARC yachts). Check availability on arrival.

The entrance to the area where the marina is situated is limited by draft. There is a depth of 2m at Low Water, with a height of tide of approximately 1.5m. Yachts should contact Musket Cove Marina before entering on Ch 68.

Water

Collected potable rainwater is available (approx FJD\$0.10 per litre), but possibly not large quantities. Fill tanks before arrival, or make water at anchor in the bay, or after departure. Contact Marina Office. Bottled water is available from General Trader Store



A to Z of Boat Services

Very limited facilities for repair or equipment purchase in Musket Cove. See services available in nearby Nadi Bay.

Chandlery

Trader General Store

In the resort are able to have items shipped in duty free. Limited range in stock, including bottled gas. Chandlery in Denarau Marina

Electricity

Available Occasionally available through 20 pontoon power pedestals. All 240v; limited 3 phase power outlets; standard European plug. Cost FJD\$0.60/kWh.

Fuel

Limited quantity of diesel and petrol available. Costs about FJD\$0.20 more than Port Denarau. Mon-Sun 0800-1700. Advise Marina Office before moving to the fuel dock.

Gas (Cooking)

Propane is available through the Trader General Store.

Hardware Store

Trader General Store

In the resort has limited supplies.

A to Z of What's on Shore

Accommodation

Musket Cove Island Resort & Marina

musketcovefiji.com

Ask for discounted World ARC rates.

Book Exchange

Book and DVD swap at the marina and resort offices.

Diving

Subsurface Fiji

fijidiving.com

Based at Musket Cove resort, can meet all your diving needs, including tank fills.

Emergencies

Contact Marina Reception.

Hairdressers

Ask at Mandra Spa.

Ice

Trader General Store

Internet/Mobile

WiFi is available throughout the resort. Purchase an access voucher for 30 minutes to 7 days at Reception. 7 days access costs approx. FJD\$50. Local SIM cards available from the shop.

Laundry

There is a self-service token-operated laundry opposite the Trader Cafe. Washers and dryers. Please ask the staff at the shop to set the machines going, FJD\$10 per wash or dry. Alternatively, there are service wash facilities organised via the marina office.

Mail

Mail is delivered to the marina office about 1400 daily (except Sunday). Leave outgoing mail in the blue sack at the resort mail box at reception, where stamps can be purchased (cash only). Yachts are given a "Rotation" number on clearing in to Fiji which must be declared on shipping documents for Duty Free in transit. There may still be duty payable and parcels may incur a transfer fee from Leeward Island Services (operators of Malolo Catamaran ferry) or the Fiji Post Office, which will be passed to the recipient for payment.

Best agents are DHL and FEDEX.

Money

There's an ATM near the reception at Musket Cove Resort. Yachts may open an account at the resort. Money exchange is available in small quantities (USD\$100) through the resort reception. You only need cash for stamps (at the boutique) and mobile phone top-ups. More than one account can be set-up per boat. Payment can be made with cards throughout the resort, a surcharge may apply.

Pharmacy

Trader Shop General Store and Resort Boutique (situated close to the Resort Reception), both have limited stock.

Post Office

Resort Boutique sells stamps. Marina Office may be able to help with any courier services required.

Restaurants

Musket Cove Yacht Club Island Bar

A favourite amongst visiting crews & great to watch the sunset whilst having your own BBQ on the many BBQ pits. Order your BBQ packs from the Coffee Cove Café before 1600. Pizza ordering for delivery to the Coffee Cove also available. Open 1000 until late.

Dick's Place Bar & Bistro

Main restaurant of the resort. Open from 0730 for breakfast, last orders for dinner are 2130. Snack menu available 0730-1700. Shirt and dry shorts required. Mobile phone free area.

The Coffee Cove Café

Situated behind the Trader Shop. Relaxing place tucked away for a light snack, coffee or iced drink from 1000-1830.

Plantation Resort and Lomani Resort

Venture along the coast road past the runway to the next resorts as an alternative for an evening out.

Rubbish / Garbage

Bins are located to the right of the marina office. All rubbish to be bagged; recycle using white bins for glass bottles, and the sack for plastic bottles.

Showers and Toilets

Marina block available. Visiting yachts are requested not to use their shower and toilet facilities on board whilst in the marina, and not to pump out holding tanks until out past the reef.

Shopping

Trader General Store

Has a reasonable selection of foods, including some fresh meats, vegetables, and bread (but is only re-supplied once a week). It is not possible to purchase alcohol from shops on the island only via bars and restaurants. Open: Mon-Sun 0800-1900/1800.

Sports Facilities

Swimming Pool

Visiting yachtsmen are welcome to use the resort swimming pool situated by the bistro. This is a mobile free zone. Whilst open 24 hours it should be noted there is no lifeguard on duty, and guests are not allowed to take their own food or drink to the pool area.

Watersports

Visit the Dock Activities Bure close to the Marina Office.

Golf

The neighbouring Plantation Resort has a nine hole-nine-hole course, green fees include use of clubs and a trundler.

Yacht Club

Known as one of the most exclusive yacht clubs in the Pacific, Musket Cove Yacht Club membership is only open to those who have sailed in from, or are sailing out to, a foreign port. Apply at the Marina office for Life Membership, for which there is a modest charge.

Travel Information

No transport is required at Musket Cove Resort as everywhere is only a short walk away. The staff use golf buggies around the resort, and so you might be offered a lift!

Bicycle Rental

Available through Musket Cove resort, book at the Activities Bure. Cost from F\$45 per day for adults and F\$25 per day for children.

Ferries

Malolo Cat

[Reservation form](#)

Operates between Port Denarau and Malolo Lailai Island, crossing in 50 minutes. It is a good way for new crew to join, or to do some shopping in Nadi or Lautoka, or simply go sightseeing on the mainland. Fares are approx. FJD\$100 105 one way, FJD\$190 return each way. The fare includes coach transfer to/from Nadi airport and Nadi Hotels. Departs Musket Cove at 0545 0845, 1215 and 1530. Departs Denarau at 0730, 1030, 1400 and 1700.

Book 24 hours before travel online or visit reception. Yacht Club members received 50% discount on ferry fares.

Taxis

Book a resort chauffeur buggy via reception.



Musket Cove Marina

Vanuatu

Local Information

Dialling Code: +678

Time zone: UTC +11

Currency: Vatu (VUV / VT)

Emergency: Police: +678 22 222

Fire: +678 22 333

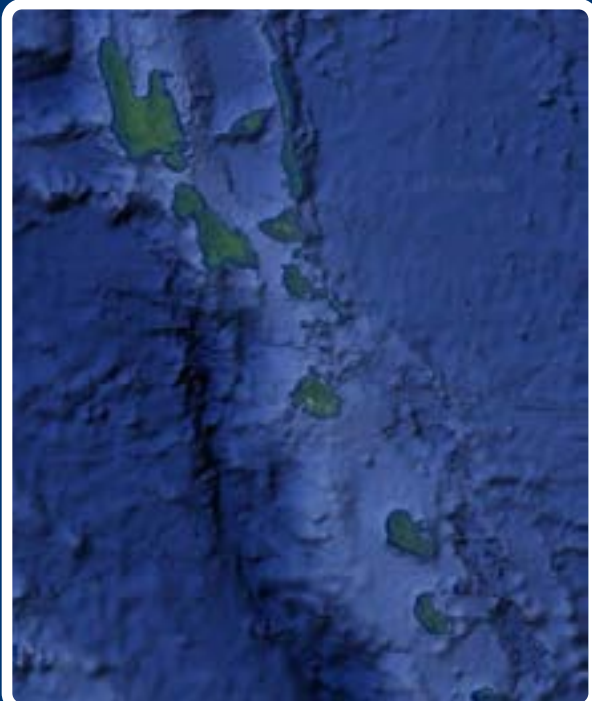
Medical: +678 22 100

Language: Bislama, English, French

Useful Websites:

vanuatu.travel

tourismvanuatu.com



Entry Formalities

Boats are officially cleared into the Vanuatu islands at Port Resolution in Tanna under special arrangements. Customs, Immigration and Quarantine officials make a special all-day visit to the Yacht Club for World ARC, enabling skippers to complete necessary paperwork without having to travel to the capital town.

Quarantine officials will ask Skippers about any fresh produce they have onboard and may decide (at their discretion) to visit the boats at anchor in the bay for a brief inspection.

Visas

Visitors from all Commonwealth countries, European Union, European Free Trade Area, USA, Brazil and the Russian Federation do not need visas.

For a full list of exempt and non-exempt nations visit the Vanuatu Immigration Services website or advice at vanuatu.travel

Crew Flying into Vanuatu

Those flying into the country to meet a yacht and sail out, must submit a 'One Way Requirement Form', and a supporting letter from the receiving skipper, ahead of departure to Vanuatu. The letter from the skipper should outline the vessel name and details, give permission for the person to join the crew in Vanuatu and give an undertaking that the crew person listed will be sailing out on that vessel.

Immigration must be emailed the Completed One-Way Requirement Form, a copy of the crew passport, the Skipper confirmation letter, a copy of the flight ticket along with payment for the fee of Vt6,000 (per person).

Immigration will then approve and prepare a 'One Way Requirement Letter' which authorises a one-way ticket departing via yacht and send this back to you. This will also be emailed directly to the airlines by Immigration. The crew member should present all documentation to Immigration on arrival as they enter Vanuatu. An alternative option is to buy a refundable return ticket.

Clearing out of Vanuatu

World ARC boats will be able to clear out with Customs and Immigration from their base in Port Vila. Arrangements are normally made for officials to visit on the morning before departure.

General

Vanuatu is an archipelago of 83 islands around 1,750km east of Australia, lying at the end of a chain of volcanic peaks stretching southeast from Papua New Guinea. With a unique blend of Melanesian (Ni-Vanuatu) tribal communities, pristine beaches, stunning active volcanoes and truly memorable diving, Vanuatu has much to entice visitors.



Kastum village & Mount Yasur Photo Credit Christopher Francis

Pilotage Information

Charts

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Pilots

Landfalls of Paradise (Hinz)
Pacific Crossing Guide (RCC)
South Pacific handbook (Stanley)
Cruising the South Pacific (Austin)
South Pacific Anchorages (Clay)

Port Resolution, Tanna

Location: 19°31'25"S, 169°29'47"E

Water: Not Potable



Port Resolution, on the island of Tanna, is the landfall for yachts arriving from Musket Cove. Yachts will clear customs, immigration and quarantine here, with officers brought down by special arrangement. Staff from the local bank should also be on hand on arrival to exchange money.

Support ashore will be through the Port Resolution Yacht Club, an organisation set up by the local villagers and run by an enthusiastic man called Werry Narua.

Sailing into Port Resolution with the backdrop of the volcano Mount Yasur will be just the start to the magical experience of a visit to Tanna, which means "earth" in Tannese.

Mount Yasur is the world's most accessible active volcano, and being so close to such natural raw power is an awe inspiring

experience, especially at sunset, with glowing lumps of lava being thrown into the air.

A tour will be arranged to a Kastom (the rules keeping ancient ancestral legacies alive) village, where villagers perform wearing nambas (penis sheaths) and grass skirts, singing and playing local musical instruments. The tour then continues up to Mount Yasur to experience the volcano at sunset. These will be run over a number of days as the yachts arrive.

Social activities will be centred at the Port Resolution Yacht Club, where there will be an official welcoming ceremony, at which it is customary for an exchange of gifts to be made. The World ARC team have asked the village to request a 'wish list' of items it needs for the community, which will be made available to participants.

Don't Miss

Mount Yasur The world's most accessible active volcano.

Kastom ceremonies Get under the skin of traditional Vanuatu society, with ritual celebrations of different aspects of village life. Remember to bring gifts when attending ceremonies, as many involve ritual exchanges to establish status.

Kava drinking Derived from the root of a pepper vine and common throughout Melanesia, drinking kava is the foundation for many traditional ceremonies and its consumption is controlled by strict rules in the tribal areas. On Tanna it is men only! Be warned, the kava found in Vanuatu is the strongest in Melanesia.

Bislama The national language of Vanuatu and a form of pidgin English, with other words added from French and Spanish. There are numerous books available locally, and learning a few words will earn you a reward of many smiles in the markets. See the language page on the excellent Vanuatu Tourism website for a basic introduction to the language.

Port Vila, Efate

Yachting World Marina

Yachting World Marina, Lini Highway, Port Vila, Vanuatu.

Location: 17°44'34.20"S, 168°18'46.10"E

VHF: Ch.16

T: +678 232 73

Email:

yachtingworldmarinaportvila@gmail.com

Website: yachtingworld-vanuatu.com

Water: Potable



Mooring

As well as a number of mooring buoys, berthing is available on the sea wall, run by Yachting World Marina. There is a 3m draft on the entrance to Port Vila between the two channel buoys. Tidal range is 1.2m. Be aware of the power cables between Port Vila and Iririki Island with an air draft close to the quay of approx. 23m. If in doubt as to mast height, harbour moorings must be approached via the Southern end channel of Iririki Island.

Yachting World hours (for fuel, laundry and payment) are Mon-Fri 0800-1600, Sat 0800-1500. Water is available from near the Dinghy Pontoon after hours.

A to Z of Boat Services

Boatyard, Rigging, Sails and Welding

Port Vila Boatyard

portvilaboatyard@vanuatu.com.vu
facebook.com/portvilaboatyard

+678 23417/ +678 57182

Situated round the far south side of the Bay past the Main Wharf. Haulout on a trailer – limit 25 tons. Full range of services available. A good place for a haul-out and anti-foul before entering Australia. Port Vila Boatyard also has a small chandlery with limited stock.

Performance Marine Commercial Diving

+678 5563288

Peter Phillips is a marine surveyor with excellent engine and mechanical skills.

Chandlery

Wilco Hardware

wilco.com.vu

+678 22385

Largest hardware store in Vanuatu, on Teoma Street. Open: Mon-Fri: 0730-1700, Sat: 0730-1200.

Port Vila Hardware

pvh.com.vu/en

+678 23274

Next to the Au Bon Marche Numbatu, is well stocked and has a small marine section, a large fishing section, loads of hardware and tools. Open: Mon-Fri: 0730-1700, Sat: 0730-1200 (closed for lunch 1130-1330)

Vila Marine

vilamarine.com

roger@vilamarine.com

+678 23329 / +678 5544990

Open: Mon-Fri 0730-1130, 1300-1700 Sat: 0830-1130

Electrical and Mechanical

Total Marine Solutions

+678 772 2564

Engine repair and mechanical services. Electronics and Metal work.

Port Vila Boatyard See Boatyard

VanGlobal Industry

+678 25368 / +678 5568271

Behind Police Station Electrical / SSB work.

Bodium Engineering

alex@bodiam.vu

Yanmar Dealer.

+678 24297

Electricity

Limited supply to yachts on the Yachting World quay. All yachts will have sufficient shore power, as long as heavily consumable units are not used.

Fuel

At Yachting World dock, next to the berthing quay. Pre-book at the Yachting World Office. Duty free fuel is available on the day directly before departure, with provision of Customs form (available through the Customs and Immigration office). Depths at LW 2.30m and HW 3.80m

Gas (Cooking)

Gas bottles can be re filled at the petrol station across the road from the Marina (Pacific Fuels). Take in before 8am on Mon, Wed, Fri and they will return on the same day. They can be replaced at Au Bon Marche supermarket. Can also take dinghy to the Gas terminal near the customs dock, they will fill propane bottles whilst you wait, however they cannot do Camping Gas cylinders.

Camping Gaz cylinders can be taken to Port Vila Hardware Tagabe - They can fill Camping Gaz cylinders as long as you have an adapter valve to standard 1" thread.

World ARC yachts are recommended to stock up on gas before leaving Vanuatu as European and US bottles cannot be refilled in Australia.

Refrigeration and Watermakers

Applied Refrigeration & Mechanical Services Geoff Clelland. T: +678 24957, M: +678 7743193. Basic clean and service of watermakers - no parts kept in stock.

Water

At Yachting World dock or adjacent to the Dinghy Pontoon after hours. Hot Showers are available for Marina customers free of charge and are located adjacent to the customer toilets at the rear of Waterfront Bar and Grill. An additional small shower block is also situated at the north end of the wall.

A to Z of What's on Shore

Accommodation

Port Vila offers a wide range of accommodation, some of which is conveniently located in or near the city centre.

The Grand Hotel grandvanuatu.com
4- star hotel 100 meters from Yachting World Marina and includes a pool and casino.

Iririki Island Resort iririki.com
5-five star resort. Also offers day passes starting at 2,000VT per adult, so you can enjoy its facilities including a spa, bars, cafe, restaurant, swimming pools, gym, tennis courts.

City Lodge citylodge@vanuatu.com.vu
Opposite the market, but quiet with clean minimalist rooms.

Formule Hotel hotelformuleholiday@vanuatu.com.vu

Coconut Palms +678 23696
Central location on Cornwall Street.

The Holiday Inn reservations.vanuatu@ihg.com
Open to non-residents. Tassiriki Park.

Le Lagoon warwickhotels.com/warwick-le-lagon-vanuatu
Set in 75 acres of exotic tropical gardens next to Erakor Lagoon.

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: +678 22100

Vanua Medical +67823911
Just opposite of Waterfront, French Doctors, perfect English speaking 6000VT/ consultation

Medical Center
Lini Highway Open Mon-Fri 0730-1800; Sat 0800-1200.

Emergency Doctor +678 7782231
Jean Philippe King

Dentist

Novo Dental +678 26696.
In Anchor House (next door to Waterfront Bar and Grill)



Port Resolution Gift Exchange
Photo Credit Christoper Francis

Diving

Nautilus
Next to Yachting World.

Big Blue Dive
On the sea wall, north of the open produce market.

Big Blue
Next to Nambawan Café along sea front in town.

Tranquillity Dive +678 25020 or 23271

Fishing Tackle

Shop next to Snoopies, on main street.

Ice

Supermarkets or liquor store opposite main wharf as well as Pacific Welkam Petrol Station by the marina.

Internet

The Waterfront Bar & Grill (which is part of Yachting World Marina), next to quay, provides WiFi free of charge to yachties. See a member of staff to get a voucher for one device which lasts for 24 hours. Some restaurants and bars along the main street offer free wifi.

Laundry

Wash, dry and fold service available through the marina office. Just speak to Roslyn, 24hr turnaround. Cost in 2024s 1900 VT for a 6kg load.

Mail

FedEX or DHL both deliver to Vanuatu, don't send it with the "Yacht in transit" procedure otherwise will be stuck at the customs and need an agent to clear it in. Better send it to Yachting World Marina, but get in contact first to organize it.

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Money

The nearest ATM to Yachting World is at the Pacific fuel station across the road, or outside the casino. Across the street from the Grand Hotel is a BSP which offers good exchange rates. ANZ and National Bank of Vanuatu will both exchange currencies in main branches.

Goodies Forex

goodiesforex.com

Independent foreign exchange on Lini highway usually providing best rates. Mon-Fri 0730-1630, Sat, Sun, and Public Holidays: 0730-1200

ANZ Bank has a 12-hour currency exchange open 0900-2100, and an ATM. Normal banking hours are Mon-Fri 0830-1500.

Pharmacy

Healthwise Pharmacy

+678 22707

On Kumul Highway.

Drug Store

On Lini Highway. Well stocked and helpful pharmacist. Mon-Fri 0730-1800; Sat 0730-1200; Sun 0830-1200.

There is also a dispensary at Hospital.

Post Office

Lini Highway. Mon-Fri 0730-1630; Sat 0730-1130. Public Holidays and when there is a cruise ship in port: 0730-1500.

Rubbish / Garbage

Garbage (for Marina Customers) may be left within the garbage enclosure at the rear of the restaurant behind the Marina.

Shopping

Markets

Excellent fresh produce market on main street. Open round the clock from early Monday through to 12 noon on Saturday. Prices are rock bottom and are clearly marked; there is no bargaining. Venture to the back where there are benches for diners to enjoy interesting freshly cooked dishes.

Supermarkets

Au Bon Marche

aubonmarche.co

Excellent well stocked supermarket with good selection of meats, fish and fresh bread, 5 minutes out of town by taxi or a 10-minute walk. Mon-Sun 0600-1930. There are several located around Port Vila, go North along the Harbour road to find the best one. A smaller, 'express' Au Bon Marche is a three-minute walk from the Marina.

Dockside Duty Free Wines and Spirits

tusker@vanuatu.com.vu

Lini Highway. Opposite Yachting World. Open Mon-Sat.

Sports Facilities

Tennis, golf and various field sports are available.

Telephones

Local SIM cards available from the airport or shops in Port Vila. Two main providers are Digicel and Vodafone, both work in most areas.

Tourist Information

Vanuatu Tourism Office

vanuatu.travel

Don't Miss

Diving Take a trip to some of the world's most renowned dive sites; Million Dollar Point and the liner SS President Coolidge.

Extreme sports Traditional creeper jumping began in Pentecost Island, Vanuatu, and was the inspiration for modern bungee jumping, so why not explore your extreme side with some adrenaline rushing activities?

Eating out Vila residents like to call their home the 'gourmet capital of the South Pacific' and after several months cruising in remote locations you may well agree. The diverse ethnic and cultural mix of Vila is reflected in food styles served in over forty restaurants and cafes - French, Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Mexican, Thai, Melanesian and Mediterranean. A few suggestions: Casa Mia, Stone Grill, Taste of India, The Boat House, L'Houstalet, Moorings Seaside Bar & Bistro, Pizza Hot AU Far.



Travel Information

Airports

Bauerfield International Airport (VLI) vli.vu
6km from Port Vila.

Airlines

Air Vanuatu airvanuatu.com

Solomon Airlines flysolomons.com

Aircalin aircalin.eu

Virgin Australia virginaustralia.com/au

Fiji Airways fijiairways.com

Air Vanuatu operates scheduled flights to the outer islands.

Bicycle Rental

E-Bike Rental ebikesvanuatu.com

Offers e-bikes, e-scooters or mopeds. Prices start from 2,500 VT per day for an e-scooter and 4,300 VT per day for an e-bike. Scooters available from 7500VT

Zuma Scooter Hire +678 25609

EcoTours vanuatuecotours.com

Offer cycling tours.

Tour Shop +678 25609

Offer scooter and mountain bike hire.

Buses

In Port Vila look out for small buses (number plates start with a B) which take you anywhere within the greater Port Vila area for VT150 (20243). It can be an interesting way to see the town!

Car Rental

Budget bookings@rentalcarsvanuatu.com
+678 23170/+678 25444

Opposite Parliament House.

Europcar europcar@vanuatu.com
+678 26517/+678 26516

World Car Rentals vanuaturentalcars.com
Rue Bougainville. +678 26515

Vanuatu Car Rental info@carrentalvanuatu.com
+678 7747000

Taxis

Plenty of them and very affordable. Agree a price before starting the journey. Airport one way is upwards of VT2000.

My Notes

Australia

Local Information

Dialling Code: +61

State Codes +07 for Queensland

+08 for Northern Territory

Time zone: UTC +10

Currency: Australian \$

Emergency: 000

Language: English

Useful Websites:

australia.com

queensland.com.au

tourismtopend.com.au

mackayregion.com



Bio security inspection

Entry Formalities

Mackay is a Port of Entry into Australia. Representatives of the Australian Biosecurity, Customs and Border Force will be available on site. World ARC yachts will be directed to a dedicated pontoon on arrival to clear in. Crews are not allowed to leave the boat until cleared in.

The quarantine pontoon is gated and locked to prevent unauthorised shore access. Yachts arriving by night should be prepared to have to wait until the next day before being permitted ashore. Exclusively for World ARC, the authorities draft in extra staff to assist so daytime clearances are usually not further delayed by weekend or Bank Holiday arrivals.

Visas

It is essential that individual crew members apply for a temporary visitors' visa online at www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1 before departure from Vanuatu. Failure to do so will result in a fine and crews not being allowed to leave the yacht on arrival. This also applies for crews arriving by air into Australia.

If the yacht's registered Owner or Skipper is arriving in Australia on the boat, but not leaving with it, they will need to leave a signed letter of authorisation for whoever is taking over responsibility of the boat.



Mackay Marina

Australian Quarantine Requirements

Australia has some of the strictest laws in the world regarding the importation of food, liquids, souvenirs and other items. Whilst friendly and informative, the Quarantine Inspection Service team in Mackay are very thorough, and it's best to prepare as much as possible to avoid having items removed from your boat unnecessarily.

As the regulations are constantly changing you will be given a brief in Vanuatu detailing prohibited items. You can also follow the guidelines below, to enable you to provision correctly and manage your food stocks well in advance (noting that the actual regulations may change slightly before your actual arrival):

Prohibited items:

- All fresh and non-commercially packaged food items. This includes all meats (fresh, frozen or pre-cooked from fresh), fruits and vegetables
- Most dairy products, including opened jars of mayonnaise
- Honey containing honeycomb
- All living plants and herbs
- All other dry stores, open or unopened, will be inspected to ensure that they are free of insects. If free of insects, they will not be removed.
- Many other items will be inspected, including all souvenir-type items. If products are found to contain signs of life, they will either be treated on the spot, or removed for destruction.

Items allowed:

- Meat from Australia or New Zealand that is commercially packaged & the country of origin easily identified.
- All Fish
- Commercially packaged products from a prescribes list of FMD Approved countries (will be confirmed in Vanuatu).
- All alcohol. Bottles may be liable for inspection but will not be removed.

Tips for ensuring a quick clearance:

- Have all food, drink and souvenir items easily accessible for inspection
- Prepare a list of all your provisions to show Biosecurity
- Thoroughly clean all diving and fishing gear before arrival
- If unsure, declare it and put it aside for inspection.

Antifouling

You may be asked questions such as when and where the last antifouling was carried out, and the type of products used.

The authorities appreciate that yachts on World ARC are constantly on the move, so do not generally present a problem with regards to build up of biomatter on their hulls, although it is recommended that you clean the waterline before departure from Vanuatu.

Firearms and weapons

Firearms and ammunition need to be declared before arrival into Australia. On arrival, Customs agents will remove firearms for safe storage during your stay. You then need to notify Customs one week before you plan to leave the country, and they will arrange for your firearms to be sent (at their cost) to your port of departure, for collection when clearing out of Australia.

Flare guns, parachute flares and spear guns are not classified as firearms by Australian Customs.

Immigration

The World ARC team pre-notify the authorities of your impending arrival so yachts are not required to provide the standard 96-hour notification of arrival normally required by Australian Immigration. This does mean, however, that yachts should not be tempted to stop, even briefly, at any of the off-lying islands on their way into Mackay from the Hydrographer's Passage as this will cause later complications with the authorities who track incoming World ARC vessels' progress closely to speed up your reception process.

Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS)

Australia currently offers a Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS), which allows temporary visitors to claim back the GST paid on goods bought during their stay. Note this is for goods only and excludes services and labour.

Most items are eligible for refund, including clothing, jewellery, shoes, cameras, small electrical items, souvenirs, and wine. Beer, spirits and tobacco products, as well as consumed or hazardous goods are not eligible for a GST refund.

To claim a refund, you must meet the following conditions:

- Spend AUD\$300 or more (including GST) in one store
- Purchase goods no more than 30 days before your departure
- Hold a tax invoice (provided by the retailer)
- Have the goods with you when you leave Australia (hand luggage if departing by air)

TRS refunds will be processed by Australian Border Force during the outbound clearances in Darwin. If you are leaving the country by air, all international airports have TRS facilities to help you with your refund on departure. Refunds are normally processed onto a credit card.

Note that GST cannot be claimed back on Diesel. It is however possible to claim be 'excise' (approximately 9%) via a separate form that will be provided to you in Darwin.

Importing spare parts into Australia

Goods with a value of less than AU\$1000 can be sent via the normal postal system from abroad, and do not require any form of clearance. The sender should attach a contact name and number of the recipient in Australia.

Parts over AUD\$1000 in value will be subject to additional clearance procedures and normally tax will be paid. Visiting yachts though can normally avoid paying tax by addressing parcels to 'Yacht in transit' but the process can be complicated and time consuming. It is a good idea to send goods only from a supplier with experience sending parts to Australia. A customs broker in Australia may be required to complete a Temporary Import Declaration. More details can be obtained from www.border.gov.au

Temporary Import of yachts into Australia

Previous World ARC yachts registered in Australia that have not already paid GST (Goods & Service Tax) on their boat purchase have been able to avoid paying expensive import taxes by temporarily importing their yachts into Australia for the time that the rally is in the country. Up to date information from the Australian Government can be found here: www.abf.gov.au/importing-exporting-and-manufacturing/temporary-imports

This temporary importation process can be difficult to understand, previous World ARC yachts have used Joel Kenny from Aurora Yacht Logistics for this service. Aurora is the exclusive Australian agent for World Cruising Club Corporate Members Peters & May.

Joel Kenny +61 07 39005900/ yacht-transport.com.au / joel@auroralogistics.com

Australia: Mackay, Queensland

Mackay Marina & Shipyard

Mailing Address: Mackay Marina Sales Office, 4/46 Mulherin Drive, Mackay Harbour, QLD 4740, Australia

Location: 21°6'35.38"S, 149°13'48.53"E

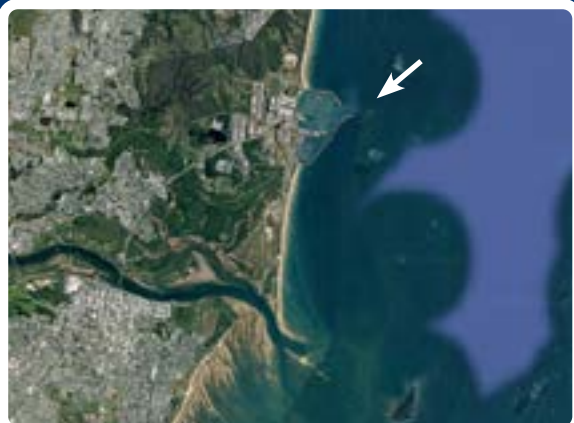
VHF: Ch.16

T: +61 07 4955 6855

Website: mackaymarina.com

Email: reception@mackaymarina.com

Water: Potable



Mooring

Mackay Marina has nearly 500 berths, and can accommodate vessels up to 3.5m draft (LAT).

General

The Mackay Region offers a picturesque landscape, exotic flora and fauna and a multi-cultural history. Visitors can appreciate all of this locally in Mackay or further afield in the region.

A to Z of Boat Services

Boatyard

Mackay Marina & Shipyard +61 07 4955 6669
Email travellift@mackaymarina.com and cc sally@mackaymarina.com to book.

Secure environmentally-sensitive shipyard, with 65 tonne (24m LOA max, 9.2m beam) travel lift; two purpose built fully sealed spray-painting sheds and an abrasive sand blasting bay. Dry storage available. Many on-site trades including specialist painting, marine engineering, shipbuilding, 12/240V electronics engineers. Crews can liveaboard whilst dry docked, with full water and electricity. The layout of the boatyard with limited pontoon access means that many jobs will require boats to be lifted.

Chandlery

There is a selection of chandlery in the Mackay Marina office

Whitworth's whitworths.com.au
Australia's largest online store for marine parts

BCF – Boating, Camping, Fishing.
+61 07 4942 3499.

Road Tech Marine roadtechmarine.com.au
+61 07 4942 4877

Marine electronics, safety equipment, maintenance equipment, marine audio equipment, and various marine accessories. Opening hours: Mon-Fri 0830-1730, Sat: 0830-1700

Reef Marine reefmarine.net
+61 07 4957 3521.

Boats, outboard motors, marine electronics, chandlery, and expert servicing. Brand Affiliations: Yamaha, Sea Jay, McLay, Suzuki. Opening hour: Mon-Fri 0800-1700, Sat 0800-1200

Sugar City Marine sugarcitymarine.com.au
+61 07 4951 4711

New and used boats, trailers, Mercury and Mercruiser motors, Quintrex boats, Yellowfin boats, Haines Hunter, Poly Craft boats, engine servicing, and repairs. Brand Affiliations: Authorized dealer for Mercury, Mercruiser, Quintrex, Haines Hunter, and Poly Craft. Opening hours: Mon-Fri 0800-1700, Sat 0800-1200

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Phoenix Powersports

phoenixpowersports.com.au

New and second-hand boats, outboards, boating accessories (safety gear, trailer parts, electrical & water sports equipment). Brand Affiliations: Dealer for Can-Am, Sea-Doo, Tohatsu, and Evinrude E-TEC. Opening hours: Mon- Fri 0800-1700, Sat 0830-1130

Southern Cross Marine Supplies scms.com.au

Items Stocked: Marine supplies and equipment, servicing for various industries including coal and sugar. Opening hours: Mon-Fri 0800-1700

Electricity

All berths serviced with 220 Volts, 50Hz single phase power. 32 & 63 amp 3-Phase power is available on selected berths. RME Electrical sell electrical adapters.

Fuel

Fuel dock available in the marina with 13 pumps on 2 fingers. Premium Diesel and Premium Unleaded petrol available. 24hour Outdoor Payment Terminal Located on the Fuel Dock. Payment in the marina office is available : Daily 0830-1600. Price (July 24) Diesel \$2.12/litre. ULP \$2.22/litre

Fibreglass / GRP Repair

Blue Line Boat Builders +61 0418 185181

Gas (Cooking)

Available from the marina office. Only bottles with standard Australian fittings can be refilled. The Australian standard fitting is a 1-inch reverse (left-hand thread) screw fitting. Note that most European fittings are not compatible, but some US fittings are. 3.7kg and 8.5kg Replacement propane bottles are also available to purchase. Butane may not be available.

Gas Fitter/ Plumber

GasTech Plumbing Services LPG Gas Experts
+61 0407 789 601

Electrical and Electronics

Chris Hoare Marine Electronics Technician
+61 0435 818 610

RME Electrical Installations +61 0400 548 390
Repairs and batteries.

Mackay Navtech Marine Navigation Specialist
+61 0408 616 002

Liferaft Servicing

Whitsunday Ocean Services

wokwood@whitsunday.net.au
+61 07 4948 1366

Mechanical

Mackay Marine Services

mackaymarine@bigpond.com
+61 07 4955 0200

Smooth Torque Marine

smoothtorquemarine@gmail.com
+61 0400 196 420

Refrigeration

MACC Refrigeration & Aircon +61 0411 433 367
Servicing, installs, repairs

WM Thermal Engineering +61 0745 54 0412

Rigging

Nauticare +61 0417 624354

Rig Art Yacht Rigging +61 0419 663 768

Sail Repairs

There are no sailmakers permanently located in Mackay Marina so be prepared for sail repairs to require extra time for collection and delivery.

Custom Unique Trimming +61 0749 440992
Boat trim, canopies, covers etc

Doyle whitsundays@doyleaustralia.com
+61 4948 1868

Will collect from the boat.

Airlie Sails contact@airliesails.com.au
Ullman Sails dealer

Shipwrights/ Repairs

Blue Line Boat Builders, Mackay Marina Shipyard
+61 0418 185 181

Finesse Marine, Mackay Marina Shipyard
+61 0420 711 173

Richys Marine Mackay Marina Shipyard
+61 0407 136 467



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Accommodation

Mantra Mackay - Mackay Marina

mantramackay.com.au

4-star hotel in the Marina.

Dentist

Debra Brown Dental

+61 07 4957 5957

34a Gordon St Mackay. Open Mon-Thu 0800-1630
Fri: 0800-1245

1300smiles

+61 07 49575354

34 Sydney Street. Open: Mon-Fri 0800-1700; Sat
0900-1200

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 000

Mackay Base Hospital +61 07 48856000

Hairdressers

Le Paris Hair

+61 07 49557478

Ice

Available in marina complex from the Marina Office or
Lighthouse Takeaway.

Internet

Commercially provided wireless internet available
from <https://gigafly.com.au> the fastest internet is via
mobile phone network with Telstra SIM cards.

A free WIFI lounge is located in the marina office
for use in office hours (0830 -1630) and can be
accessed when close by the office after hours.

SIM cards available from the Marina Office.

Laundry

Onsite coin operated laundry located directly behind
the Marina Office. Open Daily 24hrs. Washers &
Dryers require 6x AU\$1.00 coins.

Money

Major banks (Bank of Queensland, Westpac,
Commonwealth Bank) located on Victoria or Gordon
St, Mackay. There are two ATMs in the marina
complex in the Lighthouse Takeaway restaurant, and
just behind the Hairdressers.

Harvey World Travel

+61 07 4969 3600

On Wood Street, exchange foreign currency at the

best rates.

Pharmacy

Chemist Warehouse North Mackay T +61 (07) 4957
5398.

Post Office

On Evans Avenue, North Mackay. Post box available
outside Casu Jacks.

Restaurants

There is a great selection of restaurants in Mackay
marina complex:

Latitude 21

+61 07 4955 9400

Mantra Mackay's restaurant and bar.

Lighthouse Takeaway Fish & Chips

+61 07 4955 5699

Takeaway or eat in. Fish and seafood are the
specialities.

The Deck Steakhouse

+61 07 4955 5337

Some of the best cuts of meat in Queensland.

Sails Sports Bar

+61 07 4955 5788.

Pub grub with live sports tv coverage.

Casu Jacks

+61 07 4955 5464.

Behind the marina office. Great for breakfast and
coffee.

Breakwater Bar and Restaurant

+61 07 4955 4950.

Wildheart Juice Co.

+61 447 868 187

Health Food, coffee and fresh Juice

Rubbish / Garbage

Rubbish bins are in both marina car parks. Rubbish to
be split for recycling with yellow lid bins for aluminium
cans, glass, cardboard, cartons, etc. Blue lid bins
for paper, red lids bins for all other waste. Used oil
disposal containers are also available.

Shopping

Markets

Riverside Markets: Thursday 1500 -1900:

Bluewater Quay

Paxton Night Markets: Friday Nights 1700-2000:

Bluewater Quay

Showground's Markets: Saturdays 0600-1000:

Mackay Showgrounds

Mackay Farmers' Market: Wednesday 0630-

1030: Bluewater Quay

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Mini-markets and Supermarkets

Casu Jacks +61 07 4955 5464
Behind main Marina Office. Very limited supplies, milk and bread.

Canelands Shopping Centre +61 07 4944 7111

Victoria Street, Mackay. Open Mon-Fri 0830-1730; Sat-Sun 0830-1500. Larger supermarkets and stores open until 2100. Bus leaves marina direct for Canelands every day.

Woolworths woolworths.com.au

Coles coles.com.au
Both Woolworths and Coles deliver groceries to the Marina when ordered online.

Sports Facilities

Ball sports: Mackay Indoor Sports Arena. +61 07 4957 2672

Harbour Rd . 10 mins from marina.

Swimming: Bluewater Lagoon
River St, Mackay. Beautiful landscaped grounds with safe swimming. Lifeguards on duty. Open until 1800 every day.

Tourist Information

Visitor Information Kiosk Bluewater Lagoon, Mackay mackayregion.com
Open: Mon-Fri 0900-1600; SatSun 0900-1300.

Mackay Adventure Tours & Transfers mackayadventure.com.au
Tours around the Mackay and Whitsunday Regions



Cape Hillsborough Sunrise Tour

Travel Information

Airport

Mackay Airport (MKY) mackayairport.com.au
Internal flights only. 15-20min from marina.

Cairns Airport (CNS)

Brisbane Airport (BNE)

Cairns and Brisbane are the closest airports with international flights. Most international flights connect via Sydney (SYD).

Airlines

Qantas qantas.com.au

Virgin Australia virginaustralia.com

Jetstar jetstar.com

Buses

Buses depart from the Marina for Caneland Central Shopping Centre (15 min journey time) and the town centre twice a day Monday to Saturday. The Marina Office has current timetables. Bus departs from Northern car park.

Car Rental

The Mackay Marina provides a car hire service "Rent a Wreck" \$30 per half day, \$59 per full day. Bookings are recommended and can be made at the marina office or call +61 07 4955 6855

Companies located at Mackay Airport:

Hertz hertz.com.au /+61 07 49513334

Avis avis.com.au /+61 07 49511266

Thrifty thrifty.com.au /+61 07 4942 8755

Europcar europcar.com.au /+61 074944 1188

Budget budget.com.au /+61 07 49511400

NQ Car and Truck Rentals nqcartruckrentals.com.au /+61 07 4953 2353

Taxis

13CABS +61 07 13 2227

Fare into town is AUD\$20, airport \$40. Marina Office will call taxis, or Mantra Hotel can also call out of hours.

Uber is also available in Mackay through the Uber App.

Hawkeye Taxi and Minibus charters hawkeyepi@y7mail.com /+61 0421 244 166

Train

Trains are available between Mackay and Brisbane or Cairns. See railmaps.com.au for more information.

Don't Miss: In Mackay

Mackay Regional Botanical Gardens: The botanical garden showcases the flora of the central coasts bio-region. The garden is a must see whilst visiting Mackay. You can take a leisurely stroll around the garden walking tracks.

Bluewater Lagoon: A free, family-friendly attraction featuring three tiered lagoons, an interactive children's water playground with drop bucket & water slide, barbecue facilities & café onsite. Beaches The Mackay region has over 31 beautiful beaches. That's a different beach for each day of the month!

Heritage walks: Mackay has a rich history, which is still evident today in its remaining historic buildings, memorials, cemeteries and other historical sites. A brochure providing a self-guided heritage walk through the city is available from tourist information services and the Mackay City Council Building in Gordon Street.

Don't Miss: Beyond Mackay

Historic Greenmount Homestead at Walkerton was the first property in the district and offers visitors a taste of years gone by. Open: 0930-1230. To get to Greenmount Homestead travel from Mackay on the Peak Downs Highway to Walkerton and Greenmount Homestead is located about five kilometres west of Walkerton.

Hibiscus Coast The Hibiscus Coast district is located about 30 minutes to the north of Mackay city and features the natural beauty of Cape Hillsborough National Park along with wonderful seaside townships such as Seaforth, Halliday Bay and Ball Bay.

Rainforest Eungella (pronounced 'Yungulla') National Park about 60 minutes' drive from Mackay city, covers 51,700 hectares and boasts Australia's largest stretch of sub-tropical rainforest. It has over 20 kilometres of walking tracks, which feature spectacular views. This National Park is famous for its population of platypus, which are frequently seen in the waterways around Broken River.

National Parks Mackay is located within proximity to a number of beautiful National Parks. These includes Eungella National Park, Cape Hillsborough, Cape Palmerston and Keswick, Carlisle, Brampton and Scawfell Islands. Further details can be obtained from the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services.

Thursday Island is an interesting place to visit, and a friendly place to stop and explore. Careful navigation is required through the Torres Straits, with the strong currents and many reefs.



Humpback whales Photo Credit Anna Black

Important:

Australian Fisheries may consider yachts that have been on the hard for over 5 days in Australia and afterwards stopped in any of the islands on Torres Strait, as an international arrival and will require a full inspection on arrival in Darwin.