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Sailing Society Islands, French Polynesia



Flotilla
August 21st - 31st, 2026



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Occupancy Type	Early Bird Pricing** 	Standard Pricing
Cabin on a Skippered Catamaran Single Occupancy	\$9,495	\$10,207
Cabin on a Skippered Catamaran Double Occupancy	\$9,995	\$10,745
Bareboat - The Moorings 4500L Club - 4 cabin, 4 bath	\$26,995	\$29,020
Bareboat - The Moorings 4200 Exclusive - 3cabin, 3 bath	\$17,995	\$19,345

A **deposit of 50%** of your cabin or bareboat choice is due at time of enrollment.
Remaining balance is due April 20th, 2026.

****Early Bird Pricing** ends December 20th, 2025.

Peace of Mind:

We understand that plans can change. Review our cancellation policy for details.

Cancellation Policy:

If a client cancels more than 120 days prior to August 21, 2026 (the April 23, 2026 deadline), the client is responsible for a \$500 admin fee. The remaining paid balance will be refunded.

If a client cancels between 119 and 90 days prior to the start of the trip (the May 23, 2026 deadline), the client is responsible for the Deposit (50% of the cost of the desired cabin).

If a client cancels 89 days or less from the start of the trip (after May 23, 2026), the client is responsible for 100% of the trip cost.



Why Sail the Society Islands with Modern Sailing?

Prepare for an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime experience with our **2026 Tahiti flotilla!**

The Society Islands of French Polynesia are an unparalleled sailing destination, offering dazzling turquoise-hued lagoons, dramatic volcanic peaks, and vast natural beauty.

Our itinerary, running from August 21 - 31, 2026, takes you to some of the most stunning locations this region has to offer: Bora Bora, Huahine, Raiatea, and Taha'a.

Beyond the breathtaking scenery, we anticipate encountering incredible marine biodiversity specific to the South Pacific. You'll have the opportunity to snorkel and dive alongside colorful reef fish, gentle sea turtles, and majestic rays in the famed coral gardens. This thriving underwater world is a primary draw of the region, and our flotilla provides first-hand opportunities to experience the magic of the protected lagoons.

A **Modern Sailing flotilla** offers unforgettable global discoveries, opening doors to the world's most spectacular cruising grounds. This isn't just a trip; it's a chance to explore pristine islets, immerse yourself in rich Polynesian culture, and enhance your skills as a confident sailor.

You can choose a sailing experience: Reserve a cabin on a captained catamaran for an immersive journey guided by experienced skippers, or embark on a bareboat adventure within the flotilla, enjoying independent exploration with the full support and camaraderie of the group.





...Why Sail Society Islands with Modern Sailing? (continued)

Our commitment to expert guidance and continuous learning sets us apart. Our experienced ASA and US Coast Guard Certified captains provide ongoing support and guidance throughout your voyage. You'll be able to improve valuable lagoon navigation skills, discover secluded anchorages, and deepen your understanding of the local culture—including visiting sacred sites like the Taputapuatea Marae, once considered the central temple and religious center of Eastern Polynesia, and exploring Taha'a's famous vanilla plantations.



This supportive environment also fosters a strong sailing community, allowing you to connect with fellow enthusiasts, forge lasting friendships, and share unforgettable experiences while exploring breathtaking destinations together.

This French Polynesia flotilla is **classified as a Level 3 sailing destination** by The Moorings charter company, meaning it offers clear hazards requiring constant vigilance, good seamanship, and careful attention to charts, particularly when navigating the passes and internal reefs.

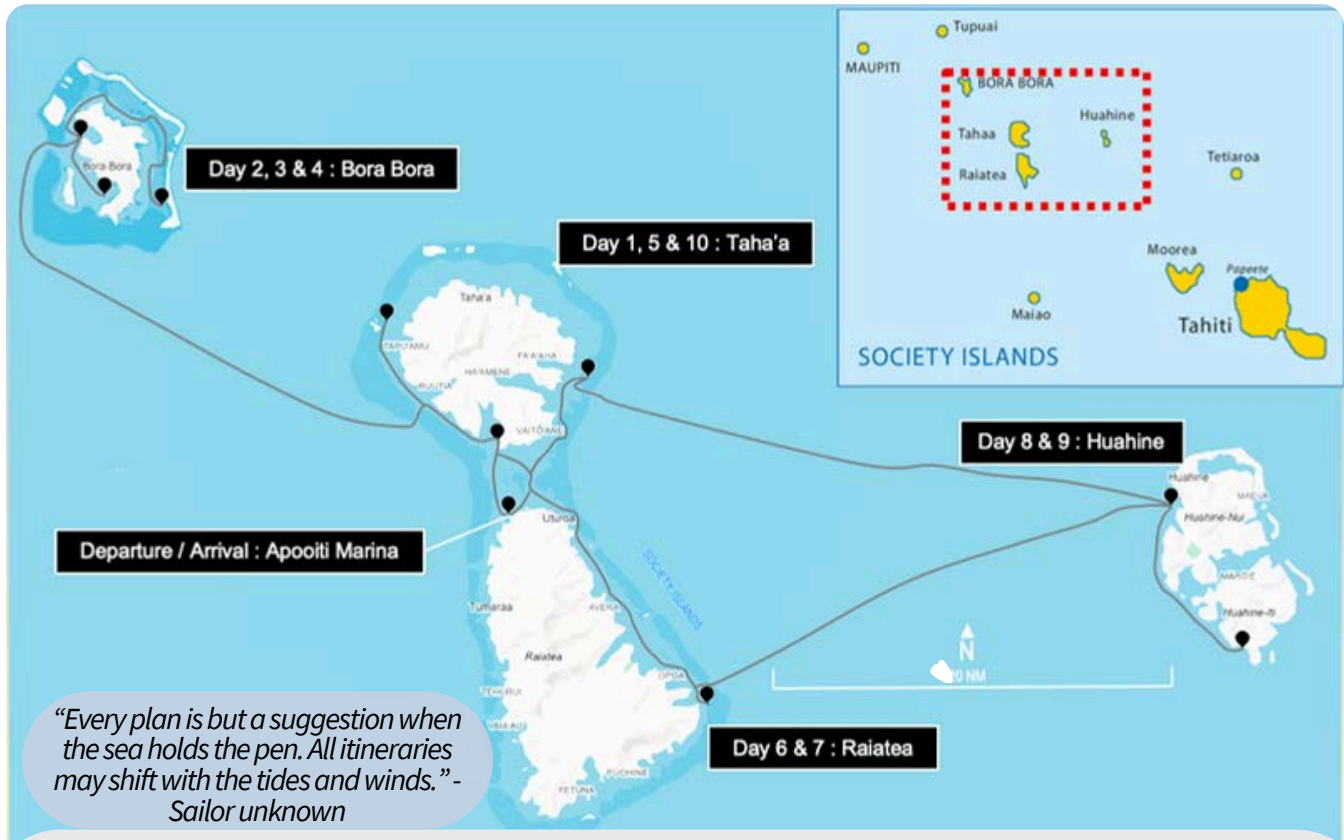
Our itinerary includes sailing legs of varying distances, up to 35 nautical miles, providing both exciting open-ocean passages between islands and relaxed lagoon sails. We'll explore secluded bays, motor up the unique Fa'aroa River, marvel at the dramatic volcanic landscapes, and immerse ourselves in the vibrant Polynesian culture. Evenings will be spent enjoying sundowners and sharing stories under the Southern Cross.

The Trip Leader will adapt the itinerary as needed based on weather and other factors, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience.



THE ITINERARY*

Society Islands, French Polynesia, August 21st - 31st 2026



Day 1 : Embark - Apooiti Marina, Raiatea - Apu Bay, Taha'a ~ 3nm (~.5h)

Day 2 : Apu Bay - Faatahi, Bora Bora ~ 26nm (~5h)

Day 3: Faatahi - Motu Fareone, Bora Bora ~ 9nm (~2h)

Day 4: Motu Fareone - Baie de Povai, Bora Bora ~11nm (~2h)

Day 5: Baie de Povai - Motu Tautau, Taha'a ~25nm (~5h)

Day 6 : Motu Tautau - Motu Oatara, Raiatea ~20nm (~4h)

Day 7: Motu Oatara, Raiatea - Layover day

Day 8: Motu Oatara - Fare, Huahine ~25nm (~5h)

Day 9: Fare - Baie d'Avea, Huahine ~7nm (~1.5h)

Day 10: Baie d'Avea - Motu Mahaea, Taha'a ~30nm (6h)

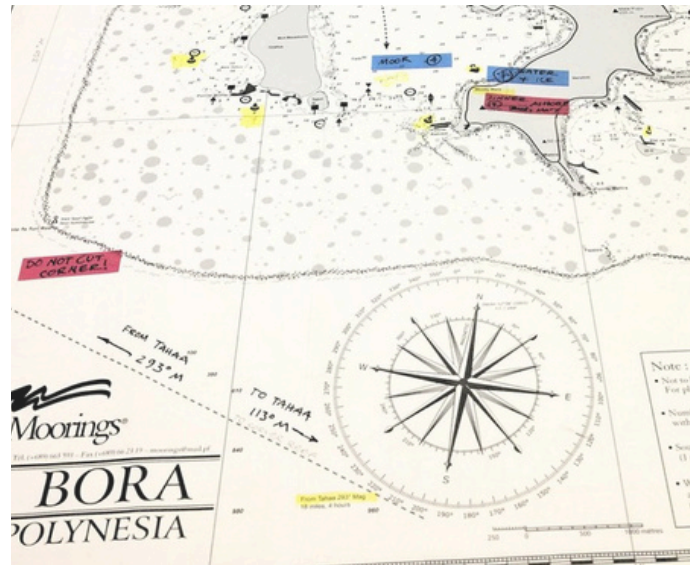
Day 11: Motu Mahaea - Disembark Apooiti, Marina, Raiatea ~6nm (~1h)



Day 1 (Friday, August 21st): Arrival and first sail to Taha'a

The day begins with check-in at Marina Apooiti Charter Base on Raiatea, followed by the mandatory boat and chart briefings, final provisioning, and our welcome reception.

The short afternoon sail serves as the shake-down cruise, allowing crews to settle into their watches and systems before the first group dinner.



Sailing distance: ~8 nm - The sail from Marina Apooiti in Raiatea to Apu Bay, Taha'a, is a very short passage, remaining entirely within the protected lagoon.

Station & Dinghy docking: Some mooring balls, good sand/mud anchoring, moderate depth. Dinghy docking is generally done by beaching or tying off to a private dock if dining ashore.

Facilities: Full marina facilities (water, fuel, showers, stores) are available at the base in Raiatea. Shore facilities in Apu Bay are extremely limited, though a restaurant may offer facilities to guests.

Dining: Crews will likely dine aboard after arrival and provisioning are complete, or dine ashore at La Perle de Tahaa or Pension Hibiscus.

Things to do: Complete all provisioning, the mandatory boat briefing, and the shake-down sail. You could tour a vanilla plantation, snorkel with rays/tropical fish, visit pearl farms, walk or bike around the village, and visit village craft shops.

Taha'a is known as the "Vanilla Island," and this short first leg allows crews to settle in before longer passages. Quiet anchorage, great sunset views; guesthouses are friendly; vanilla and pearls make good souvenirs.





Day 2 (Saturday, August 22nd): Taha'a via open ocean to Bora Bora

After a quick snorkeling dip, crews will prepare for the first major open-ocean crossing of the trip, and navigating the pass into the magnificent Bora Bora lagoon.

Sailing distance: ~ 23 nm -

A short motor/sail to Motu Tautau, followed by a major open-ocean passage to reach the Teavanui Pass entrance in Bora Bora.

Station & Dinghy docking:

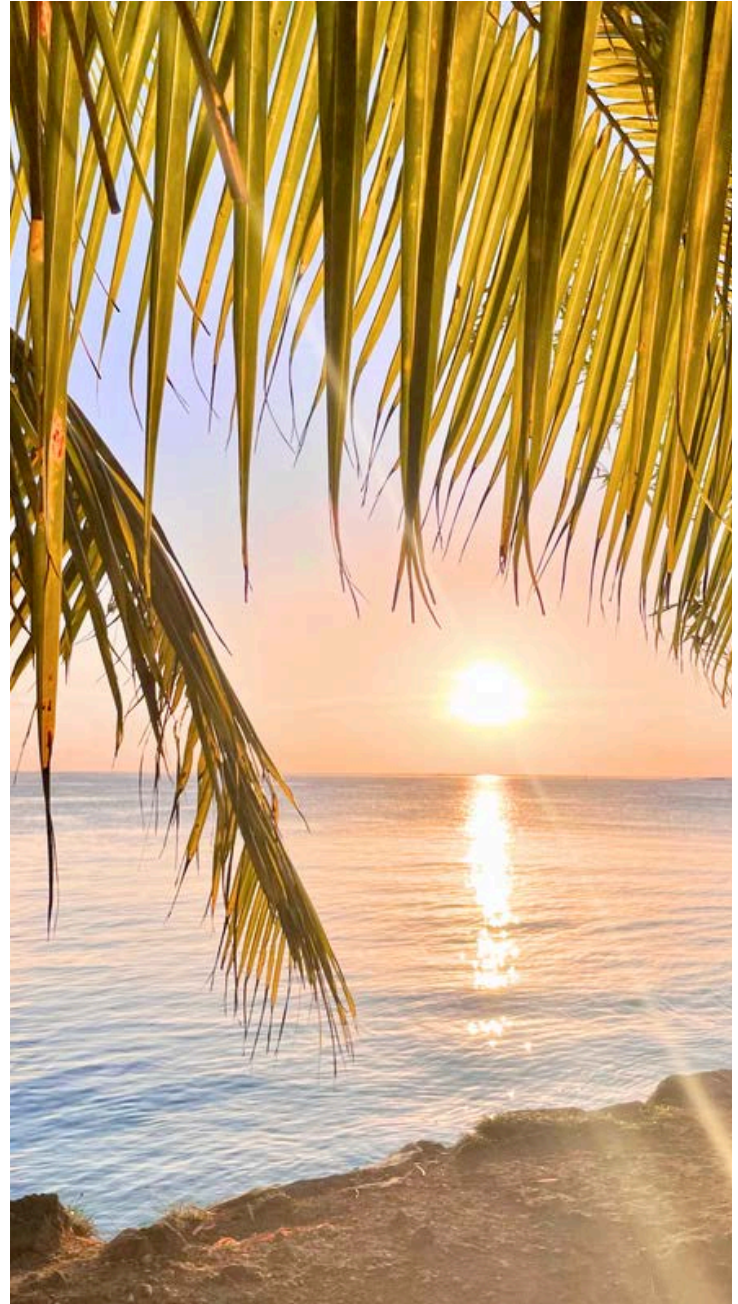
Anchor near Motu Tautau in the morning. Upon arrival in Bora Bora, the fleet will find a few mooring balls, or anchor in sand outside main channel. Watch for coral heads. Bora Bora YC offers dinghy dock facilities for patrons. This is a busy anchorage, the yacht club is a social hub for cruisers.

Facilities:

The Bora Bora Yacht Club offers moorings, a dinghy dock, a restaurant, a bar, and sometimes shower facilities for mooring guests. Vaitape has ATMs, groceries, and shops.

Dining:

Dinner ashore at the Bora Bora Yacht Club or MaiKai, or an onboard dinner overlooking Mount Otemanu.



Things to do:

Take a lagoon tour or shark/ray feeding trip, visit Matira Beach (best public beach on island), Jet ski, paddleboard, kayak rentals, local craft market, boutiques, explore the town of Vaitape.

This is the longest, most exposed sail of the trip. Crews must be vigilant for humpback whales during August, which is peak migration season, and approach Bora Bora's pass (Teavanui) with caution.



Day 3 (Sunday, August 23rd): Bora Bora Lagoon Exploration

A short sail inside the lagoon to the central eastern side for the best snorkeling. Crews will spend the day exploring the shallow, turquoise waters and the vibrant coral reefs.

Sailing distance: ~ 4 nm -

A short, leisurely sail entirely within the Bora Bora lagoon to the SE side.

Station & Dinghy docking:

The fleet will anchor in sand, well sheltered. Check depths carefully. There are no mooring balls. Beach landing for dinghies only.

Facilities:

No public shore facilities are available at the anchorage.

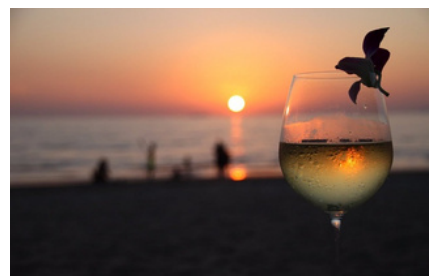
Dining:

Dinner options include a relaxing lagoon dinner aboard or dining ashore at Le Matira Beach Restaurant or Snack Matira.

Things to do:

Visit the Motu Tape Lagoonarium to swim with rays and sharks, in the stunning coral gardens.

The visibility in this part of the lagoon is outstanding, often considered the best in the world, with water temperatures consistently around 80°F.





Day 4 (Monday, August 24th): Baie de Povai, Bora Bora

Traversing the lagoon to the southern end, close to the motus and the main island's southern points. This leg is a highly scenic sail, offering spectacular, ever-changing views of Mount Otemanu and Mount Pahia.

Sailing distance: ~ 4 nm -

A short sail, traversing the lagoon down to the southern end near Pt. Raititi to Povai Bay.

Station & Dinghy docking:

There are limited moorings. Anchorage is in sand, with a possible current.

Dinghy dockage is potentially available at Bloody Mary's beach side restaurant and bar.

Facilities:

These are primarily accessible through commercial entities and nearby hotels.

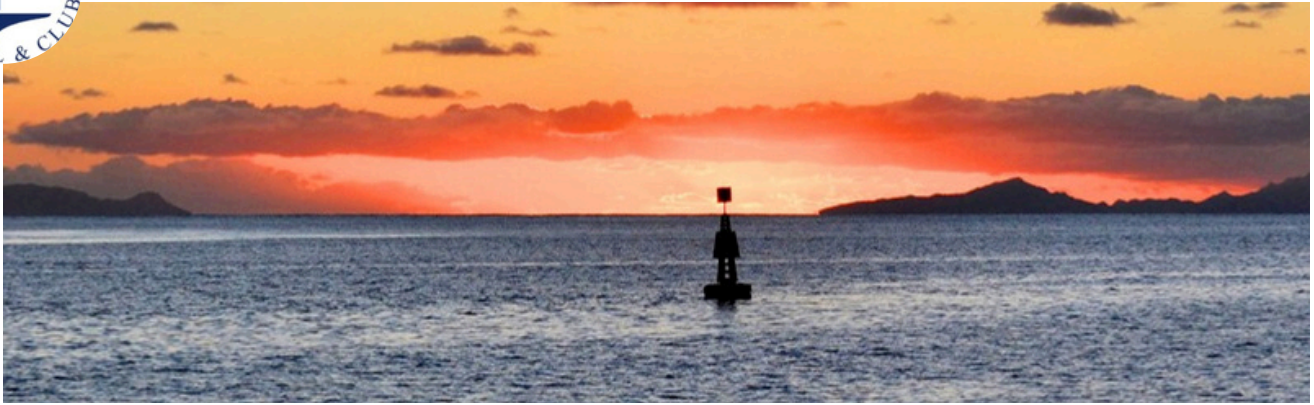
Dining:

A highly anticipated dinner reservation can be held at a premier waterside establishment, such as the Restaurant St. James or Bloody Mary's, offering stunning views across the lagoon back towards the mountains.

Things to do:

Excellent snorkeling and optional scuba diving excursions are available; snorkeling should target the renowned Southern Coral Gardens (often nicknamed "The Aquarium") for unparalleled fish viewing in protected, shallow water. Strolling ashore near Pt. Raititi to visit local shops and art galleries offers chances to find authentic Tahitian black pearls and unique Polynesian carvings. Take a short hike to Matira Point, enjoy nightlife and live music.





Day 5 (Tuesday, August 25th):
Return Sail to Taha'a (Motu Tautau)

An early start is necessary for the long return open-water passage from Bora Bora back to the Raiatea/Taha'a lagoon. This day is dedicated to passage-making, followed by relaxing in the Taha'a lagoon.

Sailing distance: ~27 nm -

A long open-water passage, crossing back through the Paipai Pass into the Taha'a lagoon. This crossing is exposed and can be challenging if the trade winds are strong.

Station & Dinghy docking :

After the open-ocean sail, the fleet will proceed to Tapuamu Bay on the western side of the island for excellent sand anchoring. Some mooring balls are available at Le Taha'a Resort.

Facilities:

Limited local stores may be accessible for minor provisions near the Tapuamu administrative center.



Dining:

Crews can enjoy a quiet dinner on board after the passage or dine ashore at Le Taha'a by Pearl Resorts.

Things to do:

Snorkeling & Diving, Boat & Cultural Tours, Hiking, Bike & Scooter rentals, and Pearl Farm Visits are all good options here. The Motu Tautau Coral Garden is a famous drift snorkel site. Motu Tautau provides an ideal spot for reef exploration.

DAY 6: (Wednesday, August 26th):
Sail to **Motu Oatara, Raiatea**

Sailing distance : ~ 20 nm -

A medium-length sail down the Raiatea lagoon to the SE end.

Station & Dinghy docking :

The fleet will anchor securely in sand, well-protected. There are no mooring balls available.

Facilities: Absolutely no shore facilities are available at this remote, jungle-based anchorage.

Dining: No restaurant in sight, this day will be self-catered.

Things to Do:

Swim and snorkel in clear water, beachcombing, shell collecting, kayaking, paddleboarding, or relaxing.

Remote motu, great for solitude; bring supplies and trash bags; check weather for exposed conditions.



DAY 7: (Thursday, August 27th):
Layover Day in Motu Oatara

The layover day gives the flotilla a day to catch up, not necessarily sail anywhere, and the opportunity to explore the location a little more in depth.

A short motor/sail of approximately 4 nautical miles NW, you'll find a unique dinghy expedition up the Fa'aroa River, exploring the lush inland jungle. This is the only navigable river in French Polynesia. Other activities include Raiatea Botanical Garden, Taputapuatea Marae, and the Te ara Hiti Ni'a hike. Fa'aroa Bay offers excellent, secure protection. The river is a unique environment, often resulting in slightly cooler, brackish water.

Oatara is a remote motu, great for solitude. Bring supplies and trash bags for landfall. Check weather for exposed conditions. In some spots there is no cell coverage. Excellent starry skies and ideal for unwinding.





DAY 8: (Friday, August 28th):
Open Ocean to **Fare, Huahine**

Sailing distance : ~27 nm -
A passage east to Huahine.

Station & Dinghy docking :
Mooring balls are available at the town quay,
or there is anchoring in sand nearby.
Dinghy dockage available in town.

Facilities:
There is water, fuel, groceries, restaurants,
and showers at yacht quay available in town.
Good provisioning stop: ATM, bank,
pharmacy in town.

Dining: Dining establishments include
Huahine Yacht Club and Chez Tara.

Things to Do:
Stroll the lively village market, rent bikes or
scooters for an island tour, visit ancient
marae (temples), or snorkel near the quay.
Huahine is less touristy and very friendly.

DAY 9: (Friday, August 29th):
Lagoon sailing to **Baie d'Avea, Huahine**

Sailing distance : ~8 nm -
Scenic sail inside the lagoon to the south tip of
the island.

Station & Dinghy docking :
The flotilla will anchor in sand in the calm,
protected bay. There are no moorings nearby.
Resorts have dinghy docking.

Facilities:
There is limited water onshore.

Dining: Dinner can be enjoyed at the resorts
like Le Mahana. This is a popular establishment.
Reservations are advised.

Things to Do:
Walk pristine white-sand beach, kayak,
paddleboard, or snorkel, visit nearby Marae
Anini, or arrange lagoon tour with a resort.



DAY 10: (Sunday, August 30th):
Open Ocean to **Motu Mahaea, Taha'a**

Sailing distance : ~35 nm -

A long passage north-west back to Taha'a, through the east side lagoon entrance.

Station & Dinghy docking :

We'll anchor off motu in sand bottom, across from Fa'a'aha Bay. There will be no mooring balls available.

Facilities:

No facilities.

Dining: Self-catered dining on this evening.

Things to Do:

This is a very secluded location, bring all supplies. It is great for nature lovers and photography. Be mindful of currents and reef edges.

Snorkel coral gardens, have a picnic on the beach, enjoy birdwatching, or a swim in the shallow lagoons.



DAY 11: (Monday, August 31st):
Final leg of the voyage to **Apooiti Marina, Raiatea**

Sailing distance : ~6 nm -

A short motor/sail to the charter base.

Station & Dinghy docking :

Dock at harbor.

Facilities:

Full facilities.

Dining: Self-catered dining on this eve.

Things to Do:

Souvenirs and local cuisine are in Uturoa, the main town on the Raiatea. Visit local craft market, walk waterfront promenade, explore Taputapuatea Marae via short taxi ride.



Weather & Conditions

Weather and Sailing Conditions in the Society Islands (August 21 - 31, 2026)



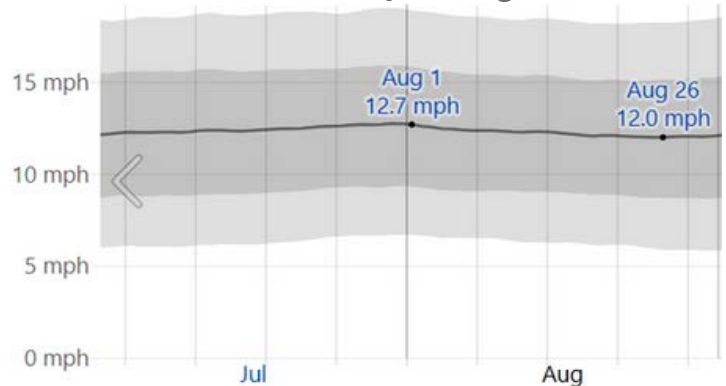
The Society Islands of French Polynesia are a world-class sailing destination, and late August places us squarely in the Austral Winter—the absolute peak of the dry season. This timing guarantees the most comfortable sailing experience with minimal rain and reliable, strong trade winds.

During this period, daytime temperatures typically reach a pleasant 80°F, while nights cool down to a delightful 73°F. This is the driest and coolest time of year, making it perfect for low humidity, and enjoying breezy evenings without the sweltering heat common in other tropical destinations. Expect abundant sunshine with long daylight hours, about 11.5 hours, to maximize your time exploring the motus and lagoons. The sea temperature is wonderfully inviting, generally hovering around a comfortable 78°F, ideal for swimming, snorkeling, and diving into the famously clear waters.

Wind Conditions, Currents & Tides

In late August, the Society Islands are dominated by the steady Southeast Trade Winds (known locally as the Mara'ai or Maramu). These winds are reliable and strong, typically blowing consistently from the East or Southeast at 15 to 20 knots. This provides fast, exhilarating sailing conditions between the islands. Gusts can occasionally reach up to 25 knots, offering an excellent challenge for improving your heavy-air sailing skills while remaining within the supportive environment of the flotilla.

Historic windspeed range



The most critical difference from other sailing destinations is the tidal range, which is negligible, averaging only about a foot. This minimal change simplifies anchoring and mooring immensely. However, this small tidal change forces massive currents through the narrow passes (the deep channels connecting the ocean to the lagoons). Currents in these passes can be very strong, making attentive timing of transits. Entering and exiting only at slack tide or favorable current is absolutely essential for vessel safety.

Mooring, Buoyage and Local Navigation

Crucial Safety Note: French Polynesia uses the IALA-A Buoyage System.

Under IALA-A:

- Red cylindrical buoys mark the Port (left) side of the channel when entering from the sea.
- Green conical buoys mark the Starboard (right) side of the channel when entering from the sea.

Major passes and channels around Bora Bora, Raiatea, and Huahine are generally well-marked. However, interior lagoon navigation can rely heavily on visual cues (the changing color of the water) and GPS chart plotters, as buoyage can be sparse.





BOATS 1 & 2 - Club Skippered Moorings 5000L (Lounge), 5-Cabin Catamaran

Winner of the 'Best Charter Boat' category in Cruising World's 2017 'Boat of the Year' competition (as the 4500), this innovative catamaran from renowned boat builders Robertson & Caine has been expanded and enhanced to the next level. The new Moorings 5000L features an impressive five spacious staterooms, all with en-suite baths—providing exceptional privacy and comfort for larger groups. It delivers the solid, bluewater performance expected from this world-renowned line, and more, for an unrivaled luxury charter experience. The 5000L boasts an interior volume and spaciousness typically found on much larger yachts, highlighted by an updated, sleek exterior design with expansive windows that flood the interior saloon with light and create panoramic views of the turquoise lagoons.

Cabin - Single Occupancy: \$9,495** / \$10,207

Cabin - Double Occupancy: \$9,995** / \$10,745

**Early Bird Pricing ends December 20th 2025



Cabins:

- Queen size bed
- Private Bath for each cabin
- Air Conditioning
- Overhead roller blinders for privacy and roller bug screens
- Hanging lockers
- Recessed LED lights
- Wifi
- USB ports

Galley:

- Watermaker: 117 liter/31 gallon per hour
- 3-burner gas stove & oven
- Vitrifridge 2-drawer fridge/freezer 56 gal, 12 volt
- Safe with digital combination lock

Deck:

- Wraparound flybridge lounge
- Beanbag chairs
- Transom shower with hot and cold water mixer
- Davit system with electric winch

Helm/Cockpit:

- Garmin C10 forward facing Camera Raymarine Instrument Package: autopilot display, 9" display, incl. depth & wind transducer
- Fusion Marine Stereo with docking station in saloon. with Bluetooth, USB & AUX connectivity
- Generator – 9 kiloWatt
- Navigation tools: Parallel rule, compass, dividers, binoculars



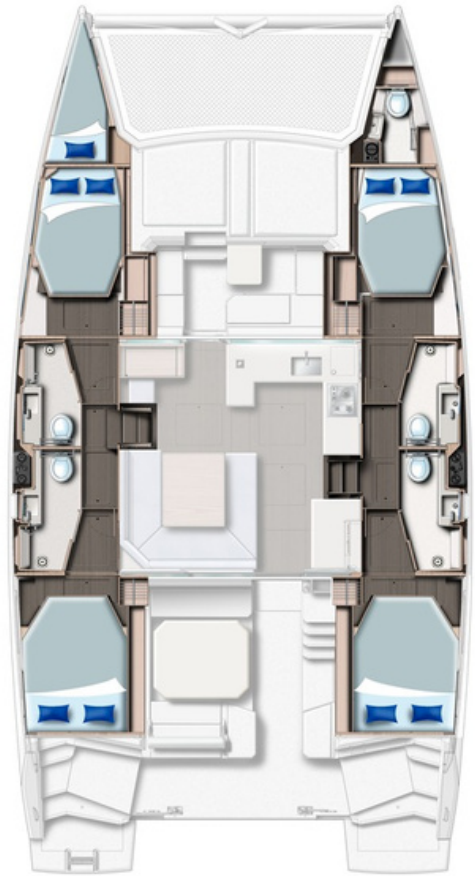


BOAT 3 & 4 - Bareboat

The Moorings 4500L Club - 4 Cabin Catamaran

Winner of the 'Best Charter Boat' category in Cruising World's 2017 'Boat of the Year' competition, this innovative mid-size catamaran from renowned boat builders Robertson & Caine takes style, comfort, and performance to the next level. The new Moorings 4500 features four spacious staterooms, all with en-suite baths – and delivers the solid performance expected from this world-renowned line of catamarans, and more – for an unrivaled mid-size catamaran charter experience. The 4500 boasts an interior volume and spaciousness typically found on larger yachts. An updated, sleek exterior design featuring expansive windows also greatly impacts the interior saloon, creating panoramic views.

All the lines return to the raised helm station, fully equipped with electric winches that help ensure maneuvering is trouble-free. With its pedigree as a fast and sturdy catamaran. This impression is enhanced by the choice of state-of-the-art Raymarine navigation instruments and the twin Yanmar 45 HP engines which will provide all the power you will ever need.



GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Length Overall:	45 ft 0 in
Waterline Length:	42 ft 11 in
Beam:	24 ft 2 in
Draft:	5 ft 1 in
Displacement:	31967 lb
Fuel Capacity:	185 gal
Water Capacity:	206 gal
Engines:	2 x Yanmar 45hp sail drives

Bareboat Moorings 4500L Club 4 Cabin Catamaran

Sleeps 2-10 \$26,995** / \$29,020

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BOAT 5 - Bareboat

The Moorings 4200 Exclusive- 3 Cabin Catamaran

The newest masterpiece from Robertson & Caine, The Moorings 4200 Excl (3-Cabin Catamaran) is sleek and spacious, designed with innovation in mind. Drawing much of its aesthetics from the award-winning Moorings 5000 above, this mid-size catamaran features

- Wraparound panoramic windows and a voluminous skylight making the interior bright and airy.
- Expansive outdoor space with an outside dining area and a forward lounge ideal for sunbathing underway.
- Contemporary-detailed yacht includes three private island berths (allowing dual-sided access to the bed) in staterooms, each equipped with its own en-suite bath.

The Moorings 4200 Excl comes fully equipped with everything you need to enjoy an unforgettable vacation on the water.

Bareboat Moorings 4200 Exclusive 3 Cabin Catamaran

Sleeps 2-6 \$17,995 / \$19,345**

**Early Bird Pricing ends December 20th 2025

- Coachroof lounge with port access steps, L-shaped settee with lounge cushions, table, external lounge speakers with wired remote and amplifier.
- Modern galley includes Vitrefrigo 2-drawer front-opening fridge/freezer for ample storage, and an additional 12v freezer.
- Generator-powered air conditioning, watermaker, TV, 12v inverter for powering electronic devices, Bluetooth, and more..
- LED lighting throughout with ambient underwater blue lights that give off an alluring glow at night.
- Outdoor shower, folding swimming ladder with teak steps, for dinghy, swimming and snorkeling access.



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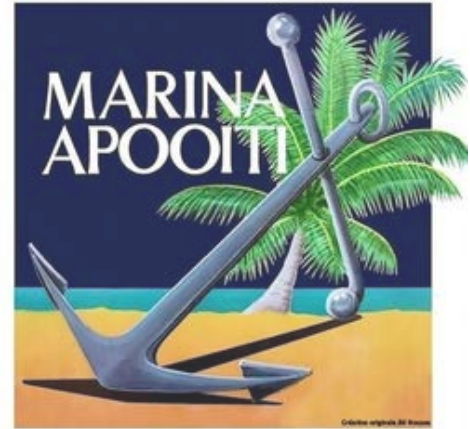


TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Flights from California to Papeete (PPT - Faa'a International Airport) generally take approximately 8 to 10 hours of flight time, often involving a direct red-eye flight from major West Coast hubs like San Francisco (SFO). Pricing currently ranges approximately from \$1,200 to \$2,500 per person, depending on the airline, booking time, and layovers.

Plan on arriving at Raiatea (RFP) at least one full day early to prevent missing the cast-off due to any potential travel delays or missed inter-island connections. Remember, the international flight arrives in PPT (Tahiti), and you will need to book a separate, short domestic flight to the flotilla starting point in Raiatea (RFP).

We also highly recommend spending a few extra days at the conclusion of the voyage. There are many beautiful lodging options available around the Apooiti Marina in Raiatea, or you may wish to extend your stay in the magnificent islands of Bora Bora or Tahiti (PPT).



Base Hours

7:30 AM – 17:00 PM, 7 days a week.

Marina Facilities

Bathrooms, water and fuel at the dock, bar, restaurants, souvenirs shop, snorkeling gear, dive center, internet, dinghies or kayaks, tourist brochures and information, weather forecast.

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What To Bring

Passport

We will be traveling to French Polynesia. **No visa is required.** Visitor permits are granted upon arrival with a return ticket, but an **electronic Travel Authorization will be required prior to entry.** Please ensure your passport is current and will not expire for at least six months after the conclusion of trip.

Luggage

We suggest traveling light. Your gear should fit in a medium duffel bag and a small carry-on bag. Your carry-on should be less than 15 pounds. We recommend using a dry bag or backpack. Both bags should be collapsible for easy stowage on the boat in a small space. Do not bring bags with hard frames as they are difficult to stow.

Gear

We have found that people often only use about half of what they bring. A great way to bring only what you use is to lay all your items out and reduce it by 50%. Lay them out again and then reduce again. Gear weight depends on weather conditions of course, but lightweight layering pieces made of moisture-wicking fabric that will dry quickly is essential. Your total gear weight should be less than 55lbs, including carry-on.

Sun conditions can be very different than in San Francisco Bay. Consider lightweight clothing that covers exposed areas without adding bulk or weight. There are a variety of lightweight pants, shirts, and blouses that provide UV protection. Sunscreen and hats are essential.

What Not to Bring

Different states and countries have different travel rules, regulations, and considerations. If you have specific questions about an item, ask us. Some general items you should not bring are illegal drugs, weapons, hair dryers, expensive jewelry, pets, rigid suitcases, surfboards, golf clubs (it has happened), fireworks, and dive tanks. Linens, towels, and pillows are provided on each boat and are not necessary to bring.

Considerations

The charter base will typically provide fins, but we encourage you to bring your own mask and snorkel. There are PFDs (life jackets) provided onboard, however, you are more than welcome to bring your own. Note, you'll need to check with your airline on their rules when it comes to traveling with an inflatable PFD.





Galley And Provisioning

Provisioning for your flotilla adventure will be a key discussion point at our initial crew meeting.

Initial Provisioning (Club Boats): For our club boats, initial menus for staples, breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be arranged in advance through The Moorings charter company and are included in the cost of your trip. This helps ensure a smooth start to your journey.

Bareboat Skippers: We'll provide dedicated assistance to our bareboat skippers in planning and organizing their provisioning needs.

Final Provisioning at Ao Po Grand Marina: While the Moorings charter base (Apooiti Marina, Raiatea) offers a limited shop, the best opportunity for a full stock-up is in the main administrative town of Uturoa (scheduled for Day 6). Therefore, on Day 1, crews should focus on acquiring dry goods, staples, and essential beverages at the marina base. Given the need to carry fresh goods for six days before the next major town, a staggered provisioning approach is highly recommended.

Meals Ashore & Additional Provisions: Your crew will decide on how many meals you plan on eating ashore and provision accordingly. Food and beverage costs will vary based on your individual crew's desires. Any additional meals will be decided upon and purchased collectively by the crew, depending on tastes and preferences.

We understand that personal beverage preferences (including alcohol) vary, so dedicated provisioning time will be provided for crew members to make their own purchases. One or two crew members will typically be assigned to stowing the provisions to help organize everything on board.

Galley Duty & Schedules: While galley duty is a shared responsibility, those who help inventory the provisions can also assist others in finding stored items. Each boat will establish its own cooking and cleaning schedules based on crew expectations and experience, ensuring a harmonious and enjoyable time for everyone on board.



Galley And Provisioning (continued)

Special Dietary Needs

The Trip Leader and skippers will consult with participants at the crew meeting regarding advanced provisioning. This is your opportunity to let them know if you have specific dietary needs or restrictions. We can plan to accommodate you. If there are unique items you desire, you will have time to purchase them during the provisioning trip.

Breakfast

Breakfast will typically be between 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM each day on club boats, with flexibility based on the itinerary, group, and individual desires. We have enjoyed full course breakfasts, complete with bacon, eggs, et cetera. We have also enjoyed granola bars and fruit, depending on the crew. The goal is to meet your needs so you will have energy to enjoy the rest of your day.



Lunches

Lunches are very casual with no set schedule. They can be soup and sandwiches, salads, veggie sticks, or local fare. Lunch is often served under way and conditions may dictate what we have on a particular day. If the crew agrees, and a nice lunch spot is found, we can dinghy ashore to eat at a local restaurant or picnic on the beach.



Snacks

Snacks are always a very personal thing and whatever the crew desires. Sometimes they can be chips and salsa or cheese and crackers. Fresh fruit and nuts are always good (and delicious), as they require little to no preparation and help maintain energy.

Dinners

Dinners provide the most flexibility. We can choose to relax on board, cook and watch the sunset, or go ashore and sample the local culture and cuisine. When we make provisioning plans, at least one dinner meal on board needs to be included so that if we find a secluded anchorage and decide not to move, we can remain to enjoy the peace and serenity.

Dinner Ashore

If we choose to go ashore in the evening, meal costs will be the responsibility of each person. Usually, most establishments will be willing to split checks. Be sure to carry some cash with you as small “mom and pop” places only accept cash.

Perishables

Over the years, we have discovered that some items have a very short shelf life in the marine environment. We will try to anticipate this by acquiring the fewest possible perishables and restock enroute. Often, we come across fresh fish on the docks or at open markets.





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