



Country Profile: French Polynesia

French Polynesia is a French overseas territory located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. It is made up of several groups of islands, the largest and most populated of which is Tahiti. Tourist facilities are well developed and are available on the major islands. For more information visit Tahiti's web site at <http://www.go-to-tahiti.com/>.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	French Polynesia
Continent:	Oceania
Capital City:	Papeete
Boundary Countries:	None
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	None
Main Cities:	Papeete, Mataura, Hakapehi, Uturoa, Rikitea
Country Size:	4,167 sq km (118 islands and atolls)
Population:	278,963

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	French 61.1% (official), Polynesian 31.4% (official), Asian languages 1.2%, other 0.3%, unspecified 6%
Currency:	Comptoirs Francais du Pacifique franc (XPF)
Predominant Religions:	Protestant 54%, Roman Catholic 30%, other 10%, no religion 6%
National Holidays:	Bastille Day, 14 July (1789)
Economic Status:	Tourism accounts for about one-fourth of GDP and is a primary source of hard currency earnings. Other sources of income are pearl farming and deep-sea commercial fishing. The territory benefits substantially from development agreements with France aimed principally at creating new businesses and strengthening social services.
Security:	Defense is the responsibility of France.
US Presence:	There is no U.S. eEmbassy or cConsulate in French Polynesia. However, there is a U.S. Consular Agent in French Polynesia who can provide assistance. Americans living or traveling to French Polynesia are encouraged to register with the local U.S. Consular Agent or the U.S. Embassy in Suva, Fiji, or through the State Department's travel registration web site and to obtain up-to-date information on travel and security within French Polynesia. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest eEmbassy or cConsulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the eEmbassy or cConsulate to contact them in case of emergency. To contact the U.S. Consular Agent, call (689) 42 65 35 or fax (689) 50 80 96 or e-mail usconsul@mail.pf . The U.S. Consular Agency is located at Centre Tamanu Iti, 1er etage, Punaauia, B.P. 10765, 98711 Paea, Polynesie Francaise. The U.S. Embassy in Suva, Fiji, which oversees the U.S. Consular Agent in French Polynesia, can also provide assistance for U.S. citizens. It is located in the capital city of Suva at 31 Loftus Street, P.O. Box 218, telephone 679-331-4-466, fax 679-3302-267. Information

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Major Airports:	Airports: 51, Airports w/paved runways: 39 Tahiti – Faa ‘ a Airport (PPT/NTAA) Tahiti Airport, French Polynesia, BP 117, Papeete, Tahiti, 98713, FRENCH POLYNESIA Tahiti Airport, French Polynesia, Faa ‘ a, Tahiti, 98713, FRENCH POLYNESIA Tel: +689 866061 Fax: +689 837391 E-mail: courier@tahiti-aeroport.pf Website: www.tahiti-aeroport.pf Customs, hours: 24 hours Tel: +689 866061 x 3322 Bora Bora Airport (BOB/NTTB) Bora Bora, French Polynesia, Bora Bora, FRENCH POLYNESIA Tel: +689 677014 Fax: +689 677004 E-mail: setil.aeroports@tahiti-aeroport.pf

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