

Papeete, Tahiti

QUICK FACTS

Population: 25,769 (2012)

Language: French, Tahitian

Currency: XPF

Scheduled Docking Location:

Quai d'Honneur, Place Vaiete

Shopping: Shops are generally open Mon–Fri 8am to 5pm (Sat–until noon, Sun–closed) and close during lunch hours. Popular areas are Papeete Market, Vaima Shopping Center, and along Boulevard Pomare.

Port Agent in Papeete:

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SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE...

FRENCH

Hello: Bonjour

Goodbye: Au revoir

Thank you: Merci

Excuse me: Excusez-moi

Please: S'il vous plaît

Yes: Oui

No: Non

Do you speak English?: Parlez-vous anglais

Can you help me? Pouvez-vous m'aider?

TAHITIAN

Hello: Ia Orana (yo-rah-nah)

Goodbye: Nana (nah-nah)

Thank you: Mauruuru (mah-roo-roo)

Please: No real word. "Na" softens requests

Yes: E (ay)

No: Aita (eye-tah)

Do you speak English?:

Ua ite oe i te parau Marite?
(oo-ah ee-tay oh-ay ee tay pah-rah-oo mah-ree-tay)

POINTS OF INTEREST

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

Place Vaiete • Pier

A favorite gathering place for office workers during the day and families at night, people come to stroll, take in the view, and dine at inexpensive food caravans (Les Roulottes). Often traditional bands play on the bandstand adding to the festive atmosphere. *Roulottes open daily around 6pm.*

Paofai Gardens

A landscaped waterfront park with a canoe launch and children's play area, you'll find plenty of activity to take-in during your stroll.

Place Toata

The outdoor amphitheater hosts concerts all year and also the national dance competition during the huge Heiva Nui festival in July. Next door, on the banks of Tipaerui River, stands the Office Territorial d'Action Culturelle, Tahiti's cultural center and library.

CENTRAL PAPEETE

Papeete Market (Le Marché) • one block inland

The colorful public market hustles and bustles downstairs with vendors selling flowers, fish, meat, fruit, vegetables, and baked goods, as well as small gift items. Upstairs, you will find pearls, jewelry, larger handicrafts such as wood carvings and quilts, and a cafeteria where you can listen to local musicians at lunchtime. The largest market of the week is early Sunday morning. *Mon–Fri 5am to 5pm, Sat: 5am to 12pm noon, Sun: 4am to 9am (Handicraft area will open around 8am and most are closed on Sunday).*

Vaima Center • Boulevard Pomare

The chic shops in Papeete's first shopping mall are a mecca for Papeete's French and European residents (the Municipal Market still attracts mostly Tahitians).

Bougainville Park • Boulevard Pomare

Located near the Post Office, this small park offers an oasis of greenery in the heart of the city. Throughout the year, floral, cultural and artistic exhibitions take place here.

Robert Wan Pearl Museum

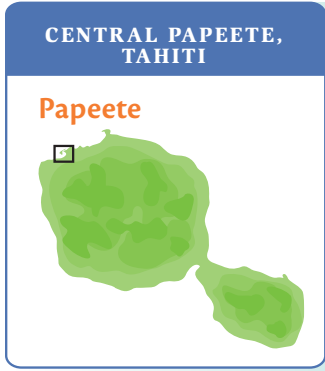
Created by local pearl pioneer and entrepreneur Robert Wan, this small museum showcases the history of pearls and his unique pearl collection. Display highlights include the largest round Tahitian cultured pearl in the world, a pearl-covered prayer book once belonging to Charles II of France (AD 840–870), stunning jewelry and educational information regarding cultured pearl farming. *Free • Mon–Sat 9am to 5pm (last entry at 4:45, closed Sun & holidays).*

Ship Emergency Numbers:

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BUSES LOCATED AT CITY HALL:

- 1 Motu Uta/Titiro**
Travel within city
- 2 Taravao/Arue**
Travel east
- 3 Airport/Paea**
Travel west



Taxis
Taxi Station on the pier—outside the gate, and across the street. Rate to the airport is approximately \$25 + add for luggage (day rate). Cash recommended. Taxis are not metered, confirm price before trip begins.



Buses
RTC coaches (see bus symbols on map)
Coaches traveling east are **red** and white, coaches traveling west are **green** and white. Cost: 250-450 XPF each way (XPF only). NOTE: no service evenings and weekends. Do not attempt to circle island by bus in one day.



Money
Local Currency: XPF (Francs)
Banks with ATMs across the pier area. Several more along Boulevard Pomare and Rue du General de Galle. Banks open (generally) Mon-Fri 7:45am to 11:30am and 1pm-4pm, usually closed Sat-Sun. All major CC accepted. Cash: Best to have local currency (XPF). US \$ accepted, but not everywhere. € not accepted.



Telephone
Booths at pier, Place Vaiete. Operated with local phone cards. Cards available at the Post Office and *La Maison de la Presse* for approximately 1500/2000 XPF.



Internet / WiFi
Vaima Shopping Center, Snack Miri Waterfront, Tiki Net, Le Marché



L'O à la bouche
Passage Cardella
Near Vaima Shopping Center
French Cuisine

Le Soufflé
54 Rue Paul Gauguin
Opposite Town Hall, 5 min walk from dock
French Cuisine

Evening "Roulottes"
Place Vaiete, Pier area
Evening food vans open up for local, informal food including desserts

