

Hiva Oa, Marquesas



QUICK FACTS

Population: 2,190 (2012)

Language: French, Marquesan

Currency: XPF

Scheduled Docking Location:

Anchored, tendered to the pier
Shuttle into Atuona (town).

Tourism Office: On the pier and in town
(Atuona), +689 40 927 964.

Shopping: Shops are generally open Mon-Fri
7:30am to 5:30pm with a long lunch hour,
Sat 7:30am to noon. Closed Sundays.

Banks / ATMs: Socredo Bank, located on the
main street in Atuona, open Mon-Fri 7:30am
to 11:30am, 1:30pm to 4:00pm; ATM
available only during banking hours. ATMs
are also available in most local post offices.
Cash: best to have local currency (XPF).

Post Office: The post and
telecommunications office is located in the
mairie (town hall) complex in the center
of Atuona. Mon–Thu 7:30am to noon and
12:30pm to 4:30pm; Fri 7:30am to noon and
12:30pm to 2pm. There is also a post office
in the village of Puamau.

Airport Transportation: There are daily
flights to Nuku Hiva, where the main
airport for the Marquesas is located.

Rental Cars:

Make Make Car Rental, +689 (87) 797-718
or +689 (87) 757-400.

Port Agent Contact:

Office: +689 (40) 86-51-32

Mobile: +689 (87) 29-25-02

Ship Emergency Number:

001 954 885 5780

001 954 885 5776

*In case of any emergency while ashore,
please contact the above number(s).*

POINTS OF INTEREST

Paul Gauguin & Jacques Brel

Post-Impressionist painter Paul Gauguin spent the final years of his life on this island, and the Espace Culturel Paul Gauguin in Atuona is dedicated to his life and work. In addition to letters and other exhibits is a replica of his home, complete with a life-size statue of the artist at work. Behind the Espace Culturel Paul Gauguin, you'll find the Centre Jacques Brel, honoring the singer/songwriter who also made his home on Hiva Oa. Featured is his newly restored twin-engine airplane, as well as posters and recordings of his music. You can pay final respects to these artists at Calvary Cemetery (Cimetière Calvaire), which offers breathtaking views in addition to the gravesites of both Gauguin and Brel.

Atuona

Hiva Oa's main settlement is set on a black-sand beach on the northern shore of Traitors Bay, against the backdrop of Mount Temetiu—the tallest peak in the Marquesas. In addition to the Paul Gauguin and Jacques Brel cultural centers, you'll find the gendarmerie (police station), the Catholic church, the Magasin Gauguin—an old general store when the painter once bought his supplies (including his liquor)—and the Fae Artisanal arts and crafts market. Marquesas craftspeople are particularly renowned for their wood carvings.

Taaoa Valley

Polynesia's largest concentration of ceremonial sites lies about four miles from Atuona and can be reached by off-road vehicle. The Taaoa Bay itself fills a former volcano and is known for its wild beach and picturesque Catholic church. Nearby is Ohua Upeke—the ruins of a huge *marae* (temple) complex. Taaoa Valley is available as a shore excursion from *The Gauguin*.

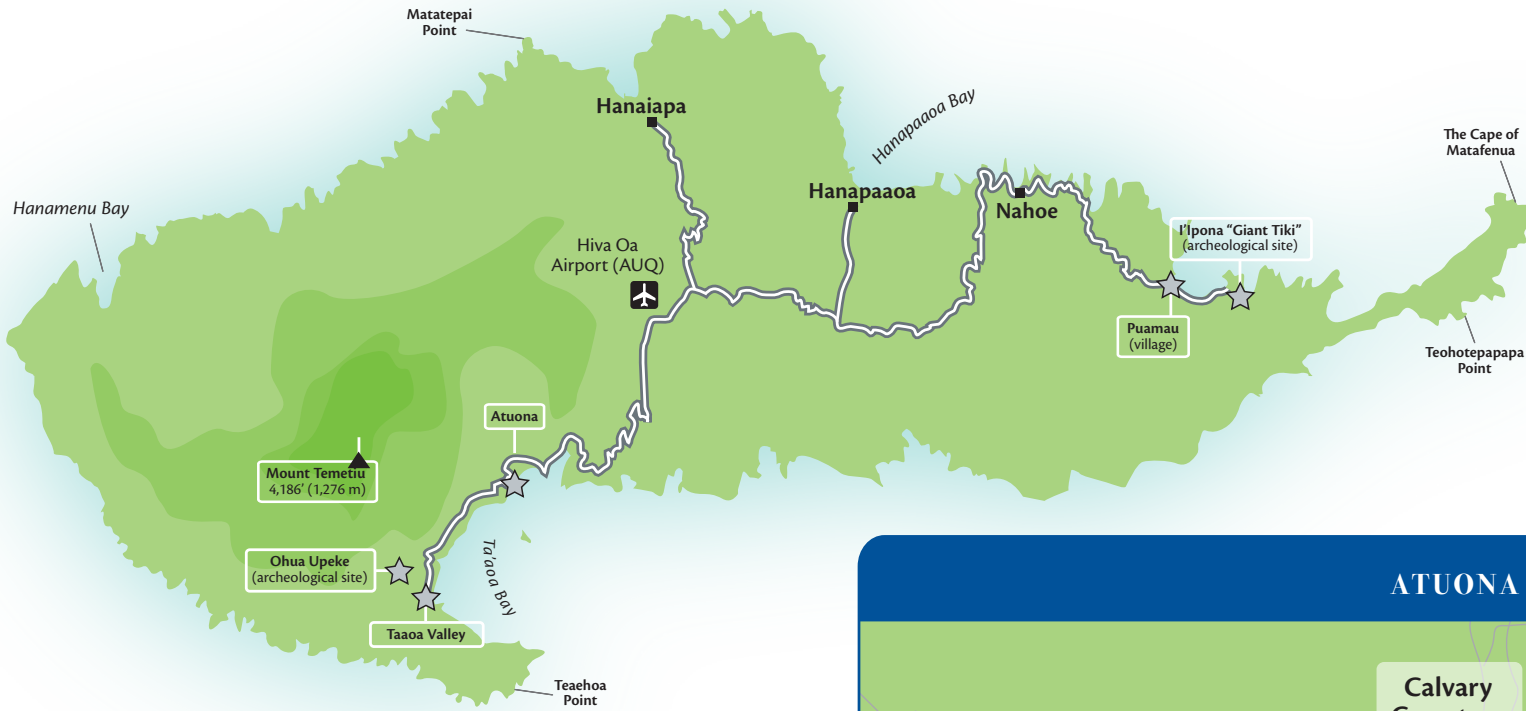
Puamau Archaeological Sites

The village of Puamau sits nearly surrounded by a volcanic crater, a black-sand beach forming its other side. Here you'll find lipona—one of the most significant ancient temples in French Polynesia. The stone tikis at this site have been compared to those on Easter Island, whose immense stone carvings may have been crafted by explorers from Puamau. The most famous tiki at lipona are the image of an eight-foot-tall Polynesian chief and of a woman who is believed to be giving birth.

Note: This location is located a long distance and may require special arrangements, see the Travel Concierge for details

Hiva Oa

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Points of Interest



Relais Moehau

Atuona town

Local fare: Fish, pork, chicken, goat, shrimp duck
+689 40 92 72 69 or +689 87 70 16 34

Lunch: 11:00am to 2:00pm

Hanake Pearl Lodge

overlooks the pier area (accessible by car)

Local fare: octopus, paninis, goat, tuna
+689 40 92 75 87

Lunch: 12:00pm to 2:00pm

