

Bora Bora, Society Islands, French Polynesia

Ringed by one of the world's most spectacular lagoons and crowned by the volcanic spire of Mount Otemanu, Bora Bora is French Polynesia at its most cinematic. Tender ashore to Vaitape and choose between glass-clear snorkeling, island-circling adventures, and WWII relics hiding in the jungle.

Tender port — anchor in Pofai Bay

Typical call: 7–9 hrs

CFP Franc (XPF); USD widely accepted

French & Tahitian; English common in tourist areas

🍹 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Quai de Vaitape (5–10 min ride)

Walk to center: Vaitape village is at the pier; Matira Beach is ~8 km south

Best For: Lagoon snorkeling, stingray encounters, 4x4 island tours

Don't Miss: Lagoon snorkel with stingrays and sharks, WWII U.S. naval cannons

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ ~1,500–2,500 CFP (~\$14–24 USD) per trip · 🚗 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Lagoon Snorkel with Stingrays & Reef Sharks** — The signature Bora Bora experience: wade and snorkel in a shallow sandbar with friendly stingrays, then snorkel a coral...
- **4x4 Circle Island Safari** — Rattle through the jungle in an open 4x4, stopping at WWII U.S.
- **Matira Beach Afternoon** — Bora Bora's only public beach stretches 1.5 km of powdery white sand with calm, shallow turquoise water.
- **Jet Ski Lagoon Tour** — Zip across the lagoon on your own jet ski, looping the island and taking in unobstructed views of Mount Otemanu from...
- **Bloody Mary's Lunch Stop** — One of French Polynesia's most famous restaurants, Bloody Mary's has a sand floor, a thatched roof, and a celebrity...

BEST WALKS

- **Vaitape Village Wander** 1–2 km · Flat · 30–45 min — From the tender dock, explore Vaitape's main street: local supermarkets, souvenir shops, a church, and the harbor.
- **Matira Beach Shore Walk** ~3 km round-trip · Flat · 1–1.5 hrs — Take a taxi to the north end of Matira Beach and walk south along the shore.
- **Vaitape Village Stroll** ~1 km · 30 min · easy — From the tender quay, walk along the waterfront past local shops, the covered market, and the Bank of Tahiti.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		82°	79°	21d
Jun		80°	78°	16d
Aug		79°	76°	13d
Sep		79°	76°	14d
Oct		79°	77°	18d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:15AM–5:57PM · Jun 6:33AM–5:41PM · Aug 6:24AM–5:58PM · Sep 6:02AM–6:02PM · Oct 5:38AM–6:06PM

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Bora Bora, Society Islands, French Polynesia — Port Map

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- 1

Bora Bora Romantic Tour
A private, scenic boat tour for couples.
- 2

Mt. Pa'ia Summit
Bora Bora's second-highest peak, offering panoramic island views.
- 3

Bora Bora Adventures ATV / QUADS Tours
Guided off-road ATV tours exploring Bora Bora's interior.
- 4

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A beautiful bay on Bora Bora's main island.
- P

Cruise port / terminal