

Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia

The capital of French Polynesia docks ships right on the waterfront boulevard — step off into a city of overwater bungalow dreams, black-pearl boutiques, sizzling food trucks, and one of the Pacific's most colourful market halls.

 Docked (downtown waterfront)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  CFP Franc (XPF)  French / Tahitian

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Papeete waterfront (downtown)

Walk to center: 2–5 min on foot

Best For: Pearls · Market · Lagoon

Don't Miss: Le Marché & les roulottes

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  1,000–2,000 XPF (~ USD) ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Le Marché (Papeete Market)** — The two-storey covered market is the beating heart of Papeete — ground floor overflows with tropical fruit, fish, and...
- **Place Vai'ete — Les Roulottes** — After dark (and some evenings during port days), the waterfront square fills with food trucks — les roulottes — serving...
- **Lagoon Snorkeling & Swim** — Tahiti's lagoon shelters coral gardens and tropical fish just offshore.
- **Point Venus Lighthouse** — The historic lighthouse where Captain Cook observed the 1769 transit of Venus sits on a black-sand spit at the northern...
- **Fautaua Valley & Waterfall Hike** — A marked trail from Papeete's outskirts leads up the Fautaua Valley to a dramatic 985-ft waterfall.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront & Market Loop** ~2 km · 1–1.5 hrs · easy — From the pier, walk south along Boulevard Pomare past Place Vai'ete and the waterfront park, then cut inland to Le Marché for fruit...
- **Robert Wan Pearl Museum** ~0.5 km · 30 min · easy — A short walk from the pier, the Robert Wan Pearl Museum showcases the history and cultivation of Tahitian black pearls with free...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:07AM–5:48PM · Jun 6:26AM–5:31PM · Aug 6:17AM–5:48PM · Sep 5:53AM–5:53PM · Oct 5:29AM–5:58PM	
Apr	83°	78°	25d		
Jun	81°	75°	21d		
Aug	79°	74°	19d		
Sep	80°	74°	20d		
Oct	81°	75°	22d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Budget for black pearls. Tahitian cultured pearls are a legitimate local product — museum prices are better than ship-board boutiques. The market and dedicated jewellers on Rue du...
- Try poisson cru. Raw tuna marinated in lime juice and coconut milk is Tahiti's national dish. Order it at a roulotte at Place Vai'ete or any local snack bar — it's outstanding.