

90 Day Visa for French Polynesia V10 (02-24)  
<http://www.jacarandajourney.com/other-good-stuff>

Planning to arrive in French Polynesia via yacht without a Long Stay visa (NON EU Folks)? Most (but not all) non EU citizens will be granted a 90 day nonrenewable short stay visa upon arrival.

Visa requirements:

You will not be able to apply for a Long Stay Visa(6-12 month) from French Polynesia and must be done outside the country

### **Do you even need a short term visa?**

FP 90 day visa information from the government website  
<https://www.polynesie-francaise.pref.gouv.fr/Demarches/Accueil-des-etrangers/Conditions-d-entree-des-etrangers-en-Polynesie-francaise/Documents-necessaires-pour-un-court-sejour-inferieur-ou-egal-a-3-mois>

### **ARRIVAL INFORMATION**

When you arrive in French Polynesia by yacht you are required to go to a port of entry to check in with the federal police. There are no customs or immigration folks in the out islands - the federal police(gendarmerie) perform these functions.

Arrival document that you will need to fill out upon arrival.  
Passports for each person onboard  
Clearance from last port (zarpe)  
In some case onward ticket (bond)

**Ports of entry(3-23):** Marquesas (Hiva Oa, Ua Pou, Nuka Hiva), Tuamotus (Rangiroa), Gambier (Riketea), Australs (Raivavae), Rurutu, Tubuai, Tahiti, Moorea, Huahine, Raiatea, Bora Bora.

**Arrival online form** needing to be completed if you are arriving in Nuku Hiva:  
<https://www.demarches-simplifiees.fr/commencer/declaration-unique-plaisance-polynesie-francaise>

### **REQUIRED BOND(Repatriation Guarantee)**

Depending on your arrival port in French Polynesia you may or may not be required to submit a “repatriation guarantee”. This is also referred by many as a bond and it’s a guarantee that if a problem arises the government of FP will not have to pay for your plane out of the country

If you or your crew are Non EU and not part of the restricted country list you have 3 options to deal with the required bond(repatriation guarantee).

1. Prepay an agent to guarantee a bond for you and your crew. For a fee agents will guarantee your bond and satisfy FP policy. *Fee is NOT refundable*. But you will need approved health insurance.

Agents that guarantee bond ---

Tehani at TahitiCrew - [tehani@tahiticrew.com](mailto:tehani@tahiticrew.com)

Kevin at Yacht Services Nuku Hiva [ysnukuhiva@outlook.com](mailto:ysnukuhiva@outlook.com)

Laurent at Polynesian Yacht Services [polynesia.yacht.services@gmail.com](mailto:polynesia.yacht.services@gmail.com)

2. Buying a one way refundable airline ticket out of French Polynesia. You can do this upon arrival but make sure its refundable and how long you have to cash it in. There is a write up on this subject in Noonsite by Storm Bay that you might find helpful. You need to show the gendarmerie proof of a ticket.

Some other options that people have mentioned they used: Use at your own risk!

Expedia - Expedia. You can cancel within 24 hours , no loss of \$\$\$ . Print the receipt and you're good to go.

Best Onward Ticket. Create a ticket (\$17) to satisfy immigration requirements around the world <https://bestonwardticket.com/>

3-23 Reported that onwardticket.com for \$14 worked well. Creates a ticket for 24-48 hours.

1-20 It was reported that Delta allows a 24 hr period of full refund when tickets are purchased.

Others have shown the gendarme a screen shot on their smart phone of the purchased ticket

3. 02-24 According to a FP agent Banks are no longer accepting bond payment in Marquesas

**04-2023 My suggestion** is to come into FP without a bond and then if asked be prepared to purchase an onward refundable ticket. You will be given time to accomplish this task. Just do your homework ahead of time with regards to airlines etc. There is wifi available in Nuka Hiva & Hiva Oa. A number of boats have recently reported they have not been asked for a bond when checking in at Nuka Hiva. Hiva Oa on the other hand is requiring a bond. But this could change depending on the gendarme behind the desk. The law is you must provide a bond hence the agents require this.

### NOTES:

1. You are allowed to stay 90 days within a 180 day period. If you fly out your clock stops and restarts when you come back in if it's within the 180 day period. **FLYING OUT DOES NOT RESET THE CLOCK.** Best to depart a day or two before your visa expires in case of any delays.

#### *Further details*

Your 90 day clock stops(if not used up) and then restarts when you re-enter. You get 90 days every 180 days. The 180 day clock keeps running even if you are not in FP. At the end of 180 days you are eligible for another short term visa(90 days)

2. A couple flew into FP (2018) to buy a boat, flew home for a month and then returned. They assumed the clock restarted(90 days) which it does not and ended up overstaying. Border police contacted them on day 91!! A big hassle for them.
3. If you use an agent to guarantee your bond and you have a crew change or need to deal with Immigration you must get the agent involved. They are ultimately liable for any issues you incur by overstaying your visa. Both of you can be fined! Also the agent can help you with any questions or concerns.
4. **If you come in on a normal 90 day visa you will not be allowed to apply for a long stay visa in the country unless your spouse is EU and you can show a marriage license.** You will need to apply for a Long Stay Visa at a French consulate outside of French Polynesia. See our write-up on "How to obtain a French Polynesia Long Stay Visa" on our website:  
<http://www.jacarandajourney.com/other-good-stuff>
5. Health Care – If you use an agent (Tahiti Crew or Yacht Service Nuku Hiva) you will be required to show health coverage. We have used “DAN” Preferred Family Plan and show the supplied card. That has worked for 5 years for us including numerous Long Stay renewals for Linda (US citizen). This plan satisfies the Immigration and customs folks in FP. 5-2019 Others that did not use an agent were not asked about medical coverage when checking into the Marquesas but it is required.

Additional information on medical insurance:

<https://www.schengenvisa.info.com/news/new-schengen-visa-code-highlights-importance-of-travel-insurance/>

We have also used IMG health insurance purchased thru agent Roger Anthony

Calling from U.S./Canada  
Toll Free 1-800-608-5743  
Calling from Mexico  
Toll Free 01-800-681-6730  
Mexico Cell +52-624-129-2179  
WhatsApp +52-624-129-2179

3-23 **If you do NOT use an agent** then health insurance has not be requested at time of checkin.

6. **ALL Individuals on the boat MUST go to the gendarme office to check in.**
7. If you arrive and do not use an agent for check in you do not need to show insurance coverage.

**Agent Contact Information**

Tehani at Tahiti Crew <http://tahiticrew.com> - [yachts@tahiticrew.com](mailto:yachts@tahiticrew.com)

Kevin at Yacht Services Nuku Hiva [ysnukuhiva@outlook.com](mailto:ysnukuhiva@outlook.com)

Laurent at Polynesia Yacht Services: [polynesia.yacht.services@gmail.com](mailto:polynesia.yacht.services@gmail.com)

Safe Sailing

Chuck  
Jacaranda