

## Weather & Destination Specific Information

# Islands of Tahiti Cruise

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**Time Zone:** All islands of French Polynesia are on Tahiti Time (THAT) and do not observe Daylight Savings Time. Tahiti is 5 hours behind the Central Time Zone, except when Daylight Savings Time ends, where it is 4 hours behind.

**Weather:** In October, Tahiti experiences pleasant weather, as it is the end of the dry season with average high temperatures around 85 degrees Fahrenheit and low temperatures around 74 degrees Fahrenheit. The month has lower humidity and is sunny. The average sea temperature is about 81 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Hotel Accommodations:** Guest room amenities at Hilton Hotel Tahiti include air conditioning, iron/board, hair dryer, TV, desk with two 220V outlets. The included daily resort fee features free Wi-Fi, use of fitness center, pool towel service, in room tea & coffee, and daily bottled water. Bed configurations vary from those in the United States and will consist of a double bed or two single beds.

**Windstar Accommodations:** The all-suite Star Breeze yacht carries 312 guests. All staterooms feature air conditioning, a queen size bed (which can be separated into two beds), TV, safe, L'Occitane bath amenities, hair dryer, robe and slippers, mini bar/refrigerator, fresh fruit, Wi-Fi (plans available for purchase), vanity with magnifying mirror and chair. The vessel features a spa, infinity pool, fitness area, Star Boutique, Yacht Club Café & Library, Star Grill by Steven Raichlen, Veranda/Candles Restaurant, Basil +Bamboo Restaurant, Amphora Restaurant, Lounge, Compass Rose bar, Star Bar, Watersports Platform, and has a Medical Facility. Activities include cooking demonstrations, complimentary movies on demand, navigation lessons, port talks, Signature Sail Away event, live music, crew show, and more.

**Packing Advice:** We suggest clothes that are light, cool, and made of natural fabrics. Light sweaters or long sleeves may be appropriate in air conditioning. Aboard ship, dress code during the day is casual including jeans, sundresses, and Bermuda/walking shorts. In the evening the dress code is country club-type clothing. For men – nice slacks or dress jeans, polo shirts, button down shirts. Ties are not needed. Sports coats are optional. For women – nice pants, skirts, casual dresses, or dress jeans are appropriate. Blazers are optional. Please note clothing irons are strictly prohibited onboard Windstar.

**Laundry Aboard Ship:** Laundry service is provided on board at a nominal charge. Dry cleaning is not available. Laundry Service Packages must be added by the first of the cruise and will be priced by the total number of cruise days.

**Beverage Packages Onboard:** Non-alcoholic beverages are complimentary including specialty coffee drinks. Beverage packages are available for purchase starting at \$79 per person per day. Bundles are also available that include unlimited beverages, gratuities, and Wi-Fi starting from \$99 per person per day and must be purchased up to five days prior to departure or starting at \$109 per person per day if purchased onboard.

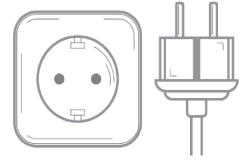
**\$350 Per Person Shipboard Credit:** Included with your tour is \$350 per person shipboard onboard credit. This credit can be used for anything on board including gratuities. It can be used for a beverage package, the spa, gift shop or shore excursions booked while on the ship. If you wish to pre-book your shore excursions from home, they must be paid in full at the time of booking. The shipboard credit cannot be used for that booking. Any unused credit will go back on the guest's credit card.

**Shore Excursions:** Activity levels of shore excursions range from easy to strenuous and are labeled accordingly. While the Star Breeze docks at many ports, there are certain ports that require the ship to anchor offshore. In these cases, guests must be ferried or tendered into port. Port positioning and tender operation schedules can be changed for many reasons including weather, safety, and direction from port authorities.

**Currency:** The unit of currency in Tahiti is the CFP Franc. 1 USD is approximately equivalent to 102 CFP Francs.

Currency exchange rates fluctuate daily. A helpful website for referencing current rates is [www.oanda.com](http://www.oanda.com). Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted in French Polynesia.

**Electrical Current:** The electric current in Tahiti is 220 volts, 60 cycles. Electric outlets and plugs are different from those in North America. An adapter is required to plug your device into an electrical socket. However, a voltage converter is only required if your device is not compatible with 220 volts. If the tag on your device lists 110-220 volts, then you will not need a converter. Adapters and converters are available at luggage, department, and electronics stores.



Windstar ships use 110/220 V outlets. A converter is needed using the Europlug with two round pins.

**Gratuities Aboard Ship:** A Hotel Service Charge of \$16 per passenger per day is automatically added to each guest's onboard account, which covers wait staff, beverage servers, room stewards, galley, and laundry staff. If the ship staff exceeds or fails to meet your expectations, you are free to adjust this amount at the end of the cruise. In addition, an 18% Beverage Service Charge is automatically added to bar charges and dining room wine purchases. These charges are paid entirely to Windstar crew members.

**Internet Aboard Ship:** The internet service onboard is operated through satellites. Internet at sea can be slow, and at times, disruptive. The connection is also influenced by weather and movement by the ship. Windstar offers several plans: The Email Plan costs \$60, gives you 200 MB of data, and is recommended for people who will be checking email and doing very limited browsing. The Surfing Plan costs \$120, gives you 500 MB of data to use for browsing. The Ultimate Plan is unlimited internet at a cost of \$245 for a 7-day cruise. Guests can purchase Internet Usage Plans in advance or on board at reception. **Please note: All packages only allow for one device at a time to be connected to the internet.**

**Smoking Policy Aboard Ship:** Smoking or vaping is not permitted in staterooms, or public spaces. Smoking and vaping are permitted on the outside decks in designated smoking areas only.