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## Suggested Pilot Books & Guides

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**Ocean Passages and Landfalls** by Rod Heikell and Andy O'Grady ISBN 9781846231551. Cruising routes of the world with passage planning information and information on key harbours.

### Atlantic Ocean

**Atlantic Pilot Atlas** by James Clarke ISBN 9781408122471. Large format map-book showing wind and current percentage information for every month of the year. It covers the Atlantic, Caribbean and Mediterranean. There is a good commentary on each month too.

**Atlantic Crossing Guide** by RCC Pilotage Foundation ISBN 981408113806. A useful book to read if you have not cruised the Atlantic before. Introduces all the basic problems, as well as giving outline port information.

**RYA Book of Caribbean Cruising** by Jane Gibb ISBN 9780713654318. Full of top-tips for your boat and equipment preparations. Highly recommended.

### Chris Doyle's Sailors Guides

Chris Doyle's Sailors Guides are regularly updated, accurate and good value. They make navigating straightforward. He provides sailing, mooring, shopping, eating and leisure information as well as technical support. The range includes: Windward Islands, Grenada to Martinique, Leeward Islands, Anguilla to Dominique, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela and Bonaire

**Grenada to the Virgin Islands** by Jaques Patuelli ISBN 9781846230110. Good detail on ports to visit while free cruising.

### The Panama Cruising Guide

by Eric Bauhaus ISBN 9789962006374. The 'Panama Bible'. Great colour maps and aerial photographs of the San Blas islands and good section on transiting the Canal.



**South Atlantic Circuit** by Tom Morgan ISBN 9789541900338. A comprehensive reference to Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina, the South Atlantic Islands, South Africa and Namibia.

**Havens and Anchorages** by Tom Morgan/RCC Pilotage Foundation ISBN 954190041. A companion guide to the South Atlantic Circuit covering the smaller and less-known destinations.

**Brazil Cruising Guide** by Michel Balette ISBN 9781846232015. A companion guide to the South Atlantic Circuit covering the smaller and less-known destinations.

### Pacific Ocean

**Landfalls of Paradise** by Earl Hinz ISBN 9780824830377. Good general passage planning book, with details on ports of entry and much more.



### Pacific Crossing Guide

by RCC Pilotage Foundation ISBN 9780713661828. Good general passage planning book, including Marquesas, Bora Bora and Fiji.

**South Pacific Anchorages** by Warwick Clay ISBN 0852884826. Clear but less detailed maps of passes and anchorages.

**Cruising Guide to the Kingdom of Tonga** by Ken Hellewell ISBN 972749217. Includes information on over 90 anchorages

**Charlie's Charts – Polynesia** by Charles Wood ISBN 9780968637067. A cruising guide containing hundreds of sketch plans and pilotage notes to anchorages and ports in the 'Polynesian Triangle' of the SE Pacific.

## Australia

**100 Magic Miles** by David Colfelt ISBN 9780958698955. The definitive guide to the Whitsunday Islands, including maps, diagrams and photographs of anchorages.

**Torres Strait Passage Guide** by Ken Hellewell ISBN 972749209. A navigational guide through the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Straits islands.

**Cruising the Coral Coast** by Alan Lucas ISBN 9780958176804. New Guinea to Brisbane. The classic guide to the east coast of Australia and the Great Barrier Reef.

## Indian Ocean

**Cruising Guide to Southeast Asia** by Stephen Davies and Elaine Morgan ISBN 9781846230424. Includes Indonesia, East Timor, Singapore, West Thailand, Papua New Guinea

**Indian Ocean Cruising Guide** by Rod Heikell ISBN 9780852889725. Good passage planning book with good local detail too.

**South African Almanac** by Tom Morgan ISBN 97806204385237. Good detail on ports to visit whilst free cruising.

## Out of Print Pilot Guides

There are some good pilot guides that are out of print, but are sometimes obtainable through specialist retailers and online auction sites.

- **Australian Cruising Guide** by Alan Lucas
- **Yachtsman's Fiji** by Michael Calder
- **Cruising the South Pacific** by David Austin



*World ARC 2012-13 yachts anchored at Direction Island, Cocos*

## Suggested Charts

**Don't forget that you can save 10% by ordering your books and charts through our online shop [www.worldcruising.com/shop](http://www.worldcruising.com/shop)**

A chart order form is distributed with Newsletter 2. It is sometimes possible to buy chart folios from previous World ARC participants. These are advertised on the Cockpit Locker forum on the World Cruising Club website [www.worldcruising.com/forum](http://www.worldcruising.com/forum). Please note that older charts will need to be corrected and updated.

All charts are UKHO (Admiralty) charts unless otherwise specified.

### Planning Charts

- 4012 North Atlantic Ocean - southern part
- 4022 South America to Africa
- 4051 North Pacific Ocean - south east part
- 4060 Australasia and adjacent waters
- 4061 South Pacific Ocean - western part
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### St Lucia to Santa Marta

- 1273 Saint Lucia
- 197 North west approaches to Saint Lucia
- 596 S Martinique to St Vincent
- 1042 Montserrat to Saint Lucia
- 1043 Saint Lucia to Grenada and Barbados
- 4402 Caribbean Sea
- 1966 Tortuga to Cabo la Vela
- 2193 Punta San Juan to Macolla incl Bonaire, Curacao and Aruba
- 2195 Punta Gallinas to Bahia de Santa Marta
- 1276 Bahia Santa Marta to Punta Canoas
- 2261 Puerto Barranquilla and Approaches
- 2195 Punta Gallinas to Bahia de Santa Marta

### Santa Marta to Panama

- 396 Barranquilla to Miskito Bank
- 2417 Harbours on the North Coast of Central America
- 1400 Outer Approaches to Puerto Cristobal
- 3111 Atlantic entrance to Panama Canal & ports
- 3098 Panama Canal

### Ecuador to Galapagos

- 1401 Southern Approaches to the Panama Canal
- 1929 Gulf of Panama
- 2258 Bahia Buenaventura to Panama
- 4811 Mexico to Ecuador
- 1375 Galapagos Islands with Plans

### Galapagos to Marquesas/Tuamotus

- 4051 North Pacific Ocean - south east part
- 4619 Marquesas to Clipperton Fracture Zone

- 4618 Clipperton to Archipelago de Colon
- 4654 Tahiti to Marquesas
- 1640 Plans in the Marquesas
- 998 Makemo to Tahiti

### Tahiti to Bora Bora

- 1382 Approaches to Tahiti and Moorea
- 1103 Tahaa and Raiatea
- 1107 Plans in the Society Islands
- 1060 Huahine to Maupiti

### Bora Bora to Tonga

- 4657 Southern Cook Islands to Society Islands
- 4630 Samoa Islands to southern Cook Islands
- NZ9558 Rarotonga
- 4631 Samoa Islands to Tonga incl. Nuie
- NZ82 Tonga

### Tonga to Fiji

- NZ8247 Haapai Group northern portion
- NZ8248 Haapai Group southern portion
- NZ827 Approaches to Tonga Tapu
- 440 North eastern approaches to Fiji
- 441 South eastern approaches to Fiji
- 750 Charybdis reef to Koro Island
- 748 Yalewa Kalou Passage to Viti Levu Bay
- 378 Savusavu Bay
- 1670 Plans in Viti Levu
- 0745 Kadavuu to Suva Harbour
- 0746 Navula passage to Bequ

### Fiji to Vanuatu

- 2691 Fiji Islands
- 4637 Vanuatu to Norfolk Island
- 1576 Epi to Ile Mare
- 1581 Islands and anchorages of southern Vanuatu
- 1494 Efate and plans

### Vanuatu to Mackay, Australia

- 4602 Tasman and Coral Seas, Australia to Fiji
- 4636 Recifs Bampton to Ile Hunter
- 4620 Percy Isles to Booby Island
- 4621 Mackay to Soloman Islands
- 4634 Frederick Reefs to Soloman Islands
- AUS249 Approaches to Hay Point and Mackay
- AUS250 Plans of Hay Point and Mackay
- AUS821 Hydrographer Passage
- AUS824 Approaches to Mackay

### Mackay to Thursday Island

- AUS251 Bailey Islet to Repulse Islands
- AUS252 Whitsunday Group
- AUS270 Plans in Queensland sheet 2
- AUS280 Plans in Queensland sheet 3
- AUS830 Russell Island to Low Islets
- AUS831 Low Islets to Cape Flattery
- AUS832 Cape Flattery to Barrow Point
- AUS833 Barrow Point to Claremont Isles
- AUS834 Claremont Isles to Cape Weymouth
- AUS281 First Three Mile Opening to Cape Direction

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- AUS835 Cape Weymouth to Cairncross Islets
- AUS839 Cairncross Islets to Arden Islet
- AUS292 Adolphus Channel to Prince of Wales Channel
- AUS293 Prince Of Wales Channel
- AUS299 Approaches to Thursday Island

### Thursday Island to Darwin

- 4720 Booby Island to Cape Wessel
- 4721 Cape Wessel to Adele Island
- AUS306 Cape Gray to Elcho Island
- AUS720 Van Diemen Gulf
- AUS721 Port Essington to Snake Bay
- AUS722 Beagle Gulf to Clarence Strait
- AUS309 Darwin to Penguin Shoal, eastern sheet
- AUS26 Approaches to Port Darwin

### Darwin to Bali

- 4603 Australia North Coast and Adjacent Waters
- AUS309 Darwin to Penguin Shoal, Eastern Sheet
- 3296 Harbours and Passages in Timor
- 942a Eastern Archipelago - Sumba to Seran
- 4723 Jawa to North West Cape
- 946 Ports in Eastern Jawa, Bali, Lombok, Pualu-Pulau Kangean
- AUS 314 Sahul Banks
- 3706 Selat Lombok and Selat Alas

### Bali to Cocos

- 4708 Australia West Coast
- 941b Eastern Archipelago - Selat Madura to Selat Makasar
- 941a Eastern Archipelago - Singapore Strait to Java Sea
- AUS608 Christmas Island
- AUS606 Approaches to Cocos Islands
- AUS607 Cocos Islands

### Cocos to Mauritius and Reunion

- 4702 Chagos Archipelago to Madagascar
- 4714 Cocos Islands to Ile Saint Paul
- 715 Rodriguez Island
- 712 Reunion to Mauritius
- 711 Mauritius
- 713 Port Louis and Grande riviere Noire bay
- 1497 Reunion
- 1495 La Reunion N, Pt des Chateaux to Pt de la Riviere du Mat

### Reunion to Richards Bay

- 4700 Port Elizabeth to Mauritius
- 760 Baie d'Ampasilava to Mananjary
- 3300 Mbashe Point to Maputo
- 4172 Tugela River to Ponta Do Ouro
- 4173 Approaches to Richard Bay
- 4174 Richards Bay Harbour

### Richards Bay to Cape Town

- 2095 Caps. Blaize to Port St Johns

- 3797 Green Point to Tongaatbluff
- 3795 Port Shepstone to Cooper Light
- 3794 Port St Johns to Port Shepstone
- 3793 Shixini Point to Port St Johns
- 4170 Approaches to Durban
- 643 Durban Harbour
- 4162 Approaches to East London
- 4159 Great Fish Point to Mbashe Point
- 4158 Plans in Algoa Bay
- 4156 Cape St Francis to Great Fish Point
- 4157 Approaches to Port Elizabeth
- 4155 Cape St Blaize to Cape St Francis
- 4154 Mossel Bay and Approaches
- 4153 Cape Agulhas to Cape St Blaize
- 4152 Table Bay to Cape Agulhas
- 4150 Table Bay to Valsbaai
- 4148 South Africa, west coast - Approaches to Table Bay
- 1846 Table Bay

### Cape Town to St Helena and Salvador

- 4151 Cape Deseada to Table Bay
- 578 Cape Columbine to Cape Seal
- 4204 Walvis Bay to Maputo
- 4203 Ascension Island & Luanda to Walvis Bay
- 1771 St Helena
- 4202 East Coast of South America
- 529 Recife to Cabo De Sao Tome
- 3975 Ponta Acu Da Torre to Ilheus
- 540 Baía de Todos os Santos
- 545 Ports in Baia de Todos os Santos

### Coast of Brazil

- 3976 Aracaju to Ponta Acu Da Torre
- 3977 Maceio to Aracaju
- 3978 Cabedelo to Maceio
- 960 Cabedelo and Maceio
- 969 Recife and Approaches

### Brazil to Grenada and Saint Lucia

- 528 Sao Luis to Recife
- 4216 North East Coast of South America
- 4402 Caribbean Sea
- 1044 Trinidad and Tobago to Los Testigos
- 1045 Approaches to Trinidad and Rio Orinoco
- 797 Grenada
- 517 Trinidad to Cayenne
- 596 S Martinique to St Vincent
- 1273 St Lucia
- 520 Cayenne to Sao Luis

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## Comparisons along the route

The stopover countries which World ARC visit vary in what they offer in terms of facilities, provisions, and the chance to get equipment repaired. There will be things which you need in a stopover and sometimes you will just have to accept what's on offer. However, it is possible to plan in advance. The following comparisons should help with your planning and budgeting on World ARC.

### Provisioning

Always remember – in almost every place we visit, people live! So obtaining food is not impossible but you should plan ahead and be prepared to adapt your menu plans, budget and culinary creativity to what's available.

Country	Rating	Comment
<b>Saint Lucia</b>	Good	Reasonable value for money. Many imported US products. Journey time to the largest supermarket is 5 minutes and buses and taxis are available.
<b>Panama</b>	Excellent	Good choice of large supermarkets. Excellent value for money with excellent choice of local and international brands. Supermarkets are a cheap taxi journey away. Panama is the last good provisioning option in the Pacific. Be sure to stock up on non-perishables and alcohol.
<b>Galapagos</b>	OK	Supermarket on Puerto Ayora has everything required and given its remoteness, prices are not bad. They are certainly better than French Polynesia, so stock up. Getting stores back to the yacht at anchor can be troublesome but there's no alternative.
<b>Hiva Oa/ Marquesas</b>	Expensive	There are 4 supermarkets in Hiva Oa which are about 2km away. All are the size of a corner shop or 7-11 and are reasonably well stocked. Prices are extremely expensive so try to buy fresh goods only.
<b>Tahiti</b>	Expensive	There is a Carrefour supermarket near Marina Taina. This is huge and you're likely to find exactly what you need. But again, the prices are very high.
<b>Society Islands</b>	Expensive	There are 2 good stores in Bora Bora, 5-10 minutes' walk from the MaiKai Yacht Club. There are useful quayside supermarkets at the main anchorages on Huahine and Raiatea.
<b>Niue</b>	OK	A small store with basic provisions and frozen meats. The amount of stock will depend on the shipments to the island.
<b>Tonga</b>	OK	Several supermarkets which stock local staples and produce. A daily, quayside market sells some fresh produce – but get there early!
<b>Fiji</b>	Excellent/ Good	Large supermarkets stock a large variety of local products. Some goods are imported from Australia/New Zealand. Generally, prices are reasonable and although most stores are a taxi ride away, they are inexpensive. The MH store in Savusavu is a reasonable size and almost on the quayside.
<b>Vanuatu</b>	OK	The Bon Marche supermarket is a reasonable size and good value. It has a French influence and also many Australian and European brands. It's a 10-15 minute walk from the dock and a taxi ride back. Also a good local market for fresh produce.
<b>Australia</b>	Excellent/ Expensive	You will find everything you want and easily, but Australia is now an expensive place to provision.
<b>Bali</b>	Good	A Carrefour supermarket provides well-known brands at reasonable prices and a LotteMart Wholesale provides cheap locally branded staple food. Both places are large but a 5-15 USD taxi ride away.
<b>Christmas/ Cocos Islands</b>	OK	Fresh produce, which is flown in and refrigerated, can be requested in advance through the Rally Control team. Other products are shipped in and the prices reflect this. Avoid buying all but the necessities.

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Country	Rating	Comment
<b>Mauritius</b>	Excellent	Several large hyper-market with international brands. Prices are reasonable. Some smaller stores are a 5-10 minute walk from the dock but a vehicle is needed for the larger ones.
<b>La Reunion</b>	Good	A large hyper-market with European brands. Prices are normally more expensive than Mauritius. There are a few smaller shops 20-30 minutes' walk away so best to take a taxi to the hyper-market.
<b>South Africa</b>	Excellent	Excellent choice and prices are cheap. Most large supermarkets are a taxi journey away from the port or marina.
<b>St Helena</b>	Poor	Provisions are limited and expensive. Anything is a bonus!
<b>Brazil</b>	Good	Good sized, well priced supermarkets. In Salvador and Recife these are attached to the big shopping malls and are a taxi drive away.
<b>Grenada</b>	Excellent	Just like St Lucia; good choice and prices and very accessible by bus & taxi, or on the dockside.

### Getting Work Done

Sailing with World ARC provides several advantages for getting work done, either planned or not. If you are unable to diagnose a problem yourself, help may be available within the fleet and you may even be able to solve or quantify problems by radio conversations whilst at sea. Your Rally Handbook has a good listing of shore-based contractors which will be able to give professional advice and service. When contacting these contractors whilst at sea, it is best to do so by email and copy in the Rally Control team. They will arrive in port before you and may get to meet the contractors face to face to discuss problems. It's also a good way for the team to monitor the workloads of these contractors and find alternatives if one is becoming overwhelmed.

As with all cruising sailors, there will be a date when you intend to leave port. Make sure your contractor knows when this is and ensure that he's not planning to be working until the last minute. You'll need time to thoroughly test his work as well, before leaving port. Ensure also to get all quotations in writing, especially if you don't share the language, and organise a reasonable payment plan in advance.

Country	Rating	Comment
<b>Saint Lucia</b>	Good	Well serviced boat yard. Good electrical, mechanical and electronic contractors, several of whom work as service agents for major manufacturers. However, December is a busy time with plenty of public holidays so works should be scheduled for before this.
<b>Panama</b>	Good	Typically, equipment gets a good test across the Caribbean Sea so normally a lot of repair work gets done in Panama. Any planned work should be carefully coordinated with the transit schedule and an earlier transit is advisable. Most contractors will visit Shelter Bay to estimate the work and plan for it to be done on the Pacific side. The sailmaker needs to be warned in advance.
<b>Galapagos</b>	OK	Basic repair work to a do-it-yourself standard. The chandlery on Puerto Ayora is probably better than you would expect. No marine specialist but very resourceful electricians, fibreglassers, welders and a metal machinist. A shoe maker also does sail repair.
<b>Hiva Oa/ Marquesas</b>	Limited	Only non-marine contractors. There is a resourceful yacht repair business on Nuku Hiva.
<b>Tahiti</b>	Expensive	Everything is possible but expensive. Sail repair is difficult and unreliable. Haulout available.
<b>Tonga</b>	Limited	There is a Moorings charter base but most jobs will have to wait until Fiji.

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Country	Rating	Comment
<b>Fiji</b>	Excellent	Good value for money and good quality. Healthy competition between the boat yards and service agents in the Nadi Bay area. Its also a free cruising period of the rally.
<b>Vanuatu</b>	Limited	Port Vila has a haulout for sub-45ft monohulls (approx.) Marine electricians and mechanics are available and mostly knowledgeable. Spare parts can be ordered from Australia with sufficient notice.
<b>Australia</b>	Good	Everything is possible but expensive. Plan well in advance, set an earlier deadline than required and keep reminding your contractors of it.
<b>Bali</b>	Inexpensive	Low skilled labour is cheap and hardworking. A good place to get polishing and cleaning done. However, difficult to get more technical work done well. No haul-out
<b>Christmas / Cocos Island</b>	Limited	The island contractors are resourceful but not many are marine focused. There is a limited boat repair facility on Home island, Cocos (Keeling) but for emergency work only.
<b>Mauritius</b>	OK	A choice of reasonable quality contractors. The chandleries are limited for yacht needs but parts can be flown in. A good sail repairer but with limited capacity.
<b>La Reunion</b>	OK	Again, a choice of contractors, most of whom have a workshop in Le Port.
<b>South Africa</b>	Excellent	Free cruising period of the rally so time is more flexible. Durban contractors will visit Richard's Bay to schedule work in advance. Good for sails (repair and new) The Cape Town contractors are numerous and reasonably priced. There are good chandlers in most ports including Richard's Bay, Durban and Cape Town. Note: Many companies, including marine contractors and courier companies will close for the holiday period (mid-December until 4 January approx).
<b>Brazil</b>	Poor	Finding a reliable contractor in Brazil is difficult. It's also very difficult to obtain and even import spares. World ARC also visits during Carnival and so all services tend to be slower than normal. Not suitable for planned maintenance.
<b>Grenada</b>	Excellent	After the South Atlantic arriving in Grenada is a joy! An excellent choice of good quality, reputable contractors for every marine need since Cape Town. Several excellent chandlers too.

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## Berthing Costs on World ARC

These figures are based on our last visits and could change, but cost should still be comparable.

Dock space is possible at the following stopover locations. Where necessary, a 50ft monohull is chosen as the average yacht. Catamarans may be subject to surcharge.

- **Saint Lucia:** Rodney Bay Marina 0.70 US\$ per ft per day
- **Panama:** Shelter Bay Marina 1.5US\$ per ft per day.
- **Flamenco Marina:** 2.5US\$ per foot per day
- **Tahiti:** Papeete Yacht Dock 1 US\$ per ft per day.
- **Tahiti:** Marina Tainia 1.25US\$ per ft per day
- **Fiji:** Musket Cove Resort Marina 16 US\$ per vessel per day
- **Vanuatu:** Yachting World Vanuatu docks in Port Vila 10 US\$ per vessel per day
- **Australia:** Mackay 50 US\$ per vessel per day, Darwin 50 US\$ per vessel per day
- **Bali:** 25 US\$ per vessel per day
- **Mauritius:** 15 US\$ per vessel per day
- **Reunion:** 15 US\$ per vessel per day
- **South Africa:** Zululand Yacht Club (Richards Bay) 7 US\$ per vessel per day
- **South Africa:** Cape Town: 35 US\$ per vessel per day.
- **Salvador:** 30 US\$ per vessel per day.
- **Grenada:** Port Louis Marina 1.20 US\$ per ft per day.

In Bora Bora (MaiKai YC), Niue, Tonga, Christmas Island and Saint Helena moorings are available and essential, or recommended to use. The cost of these are around 5-15 US\$ per vessel per night.

In the San Blas & Las Perlas islands, Galapagos Islands, Marquesas & Tuamotos archipelagos, Tanna (Vanuatu) and Cocos (Keeling) Islands no yacht docks or moorings are available. In some places a small fee is charged for anchoring.

The World ARC entry fee includes 'three days complimentary berthing before the re-start of a scheduled competitive leg' where available. This does not include the payment of water, electricity, rubbish, live aboard or other the service charge fees. It does mean that the cost of 39 nights berthing, mooring and anchoring will be provided by World Cruising Club for whole-rally participants. (Saint Lucia, Galapagos, Bora Bora, Niue, Fiji, Port Vila, Darwin, Bali, Cocos, Mauritius, Reunion, Cape Town, St Helena). It may also help your planning to know that in addition to these nights, for the average boat in World ARC 2012-13, World Cruising Club secured over 55 additional nights berthing, free of charge too, although this is not guaranteed for future World ARC 2014-15.



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## Saint Lucia

### Information

Time Zone	UTC-4 (EDT & ADT+1)
Dialling Code	+1 758
Money	EC\$
Exchange Rate	1USD\$ = 2.70EC\$
Language	English
Emergencies	Tel: 911 or 999 VHF Ch 16
Useful websites	<a href="http://www.stlucia.org">www.stlucia.org</a>

### Approaches to Saint Lucia

Approaching from the east, yachts pass round the northern end of the Saint Lucia, round Pigeon Island and then towards Rodney Bay. Enter Rodney Bay Lagoon via a narrow cut.

### Entry Formalities

On arrival the captain should go ashore to report to customs - the customs dock is marked with yellow posts. The crew must remain on board until clearance is completed. Customs clearance from last port is required and a local declaration form must be completed in quadruplicate (including animals, duty-free goods, firearms on board). The pre-notification of your arrival by registering on [www.sailclear.com](http://www.sailclear.com) will help.

**Customs and Immigration** office Tel: 452 0235  
Open Sat-Thu 0800-1630 and Fri 0800-1800

### Visas

Lists of countries whose nationals need a visa for Saint Lucia can be found at [http://archive.stlucia.gov.lc/faq/do\\_i\\_need\\_a\\_visa\\_to\\_enter\\_saint\\_lucia.htm](http://archive.stlucia.gov.lc/faq/do_i_need_a_visa_to_enter_saint_lucia.htm)

Crew arriving by air to join the boat in Saint Lucia must hold documentation from the skipper of the boat confirming that they will be travelling aboard and detailing the exact departure date.

### Pets

See [http://archive.stlucia.gov.lc/faq/what\\_are\\_the\\_requirements\\_to\\_do\\_to\\_bring\\_in\\_my\\_dog\\_cat.htm](http://archive.stlucia.gov.lc/faq/what_are_the_requirements_to_do_to_bring_in_my_dog_cat.htm)

You will need to arrange an Import Permit for your pet in advance of arrival in Saint Lucia – contact

the **Chief Veterinary Officer** on [vlsdsec.agriculture@govt.lc](mailto:vlsdsec.agriculture@govt.lc) Tel: 758 468 5690

Saint Lucia require that the pet:

- Be electronically identifiable by an acceptable microchip implanted.
- Be Vaccinated for Rabies at or over three months of age.
- Only travel into Saint Lucia six months (180 days) after date blood test taken.
- Be treated no more than 48 hours before entering Saint Lucia with a preparation for the treatment of ticks and fleas and with an anthelmintic preparation

### Don't Miss

For the more adventurous, local buses can be used to get around the island at inexpensive rates. Alternatively the Rodney Bay Marina **Taxi Association** will arrange island tours. There are also a good choice of rental car companies.

**Estate Houses** Old working estates that can be visited, steeped in local history. These include the La Sikwi Sugar Mill in Anse La Raye, Tel: 451 4245; Fond Doux Estate in Soufriere, Tel: 459 75 45, [www.fonddouxestate.com](http://www.fonddouxestate.com); and Balenbouche Estate on the south west coast, Tel: 455 1244, [www.balenbouche.com](http://www.balenbouche.com). Many of these old Estates have rooms or cottages to rent and are a 'rustic' alternative to a hotel if you feel like a few days off the boat.

**Hiking** Try Gros Piton at 2,619 feet, the Barre de L'Isle Trail or the Eastern Nature Trail.

**Pigeon Island** Go to Pigeon Island to learn about Saint Lucia's history. Once the home of Armerindians, the island has been a pirate hideout and military base. The Pigeon Island Museum is housed in the former British Officers' mess building, which has been restored to its 1808 plans. A modern interactive exhibition brings the sites fascinating history to life. Climb up to Fort Rodney and even further to Signal Peak for great views of Rodney Bay.

**Soufriere** A charming old West Indian town near Saint Lucia's volcano; there are a number of things to experience here including the Sulphur springs, the Pitons and Diamond Botanical Gardens.



# IGY: RODNEY BAY MARINA BOATYARD



*Located In St. Lucia at the IGY Rodney Bay Marina, The Rodney Bay Marina Boatyard has all the necessary and crucial capabilities to care for your vessel inside and out.*

## BOATYARD SERVICES

- Fuel, oil, water and ice services
- Portable and fixed pump-out facilities
- Boat repair management
- Vessel caretaking
- Antifouling & detailing
- Fiberglass repairs & spray painting
- Sail, rigging and osmosis Repairs
- Fabrication and welding services
- Teak deck installations
- Electrical services
- Mechanical services
- Water maker services
- Propeller and shaft repairs
- Selden mast repairs



## BOATYARD CAPABILITIES

- 75-ton Marine Travelift
- 40-ton Transporter
- Carpentry
- Electronics
- Yamaha and Mercury Outboard dealers
- Yanmar dealership
- Volvo Penta dealership
- North Sails representatives
- Chandlery
- Hurricane storage



## Rodney Bay Marina Boatyard

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P.O. Box 1538, Castries

Saint Lucia, West Indies

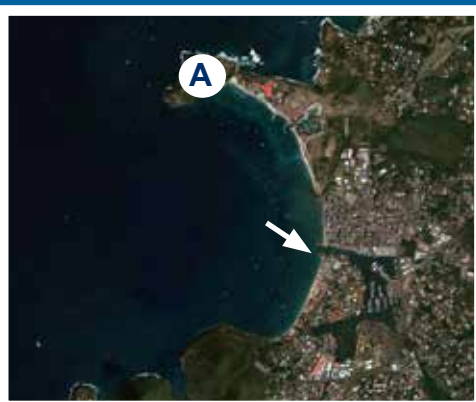
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Email: RBM@igymarinas.com

Web: www.igy-rodneybay.com



- A: Pigeon Island
- B: Marina docks
- C: IGY Marina mooring buoys
- D: Anchorage (whole bay)

### Facilities

IGY Rodney Bay Marina has 253 berths, all with water and electricity. There are enough water and electricity points to have one per boat. Regular dredging keeps the entrance to the

lagoon at a depth of approximately 13 feet (4 metres).

All types of gas bottles can be filled locally and there is also a sail loft in the complex. The boatyard has a range of services available, including a 75-ton hoist and secure dry storage for up to 120 yachts. They can carry out fibreglass repairs, have a full mechanical and machine shop, as well as day workers for cleaning, varnishing and odd jobs.

Boat needs are well catered for by the marina boatyard, electronic needs by Regis Electronics and chandlery by Island Water World. See the A to Z of Boat Services section for more details.

The small shopping complex in the marina caters for most immediate needs. There is a local bank with an ATM, a small supermarket, a laundry, massage parlour, a souvenir shop, a car hire company with internet facilities, as well as a good selection of cafes and restaurants. There are also telephones that operate with phone cards and credit cards.

### Docking

Pontoons C, D, E, F, G and J are wide floating docks with individual finger slips. A and B docks are concrete and quite high, with a pile approximately 4m from the end of the finger for your bow/stern line. I dock is the superyacht dock which is a solid pier with high concrete fingers.

### Deliveries

The Rodney Bay Marina office holds mail for yachts. Please ensure your letters are addressed correctly - use the marina address above, with the boat name clearly marked. Mail is slow and unreliable to and from Saint Lucia.

If you are having something important sent once you have arrived (eg. schooling/insurance documents) we recommend you use **FedEx**, who have an office at **Vacation & Corporate Car Rentals** in the marina (see 'Car Rental' in Travel Information).

It is important to use a recognised carrier when having parcels delivered to Saint Lucia. If you need to ship parts/spares to Saint Lucia, use a Shipping Agent:

**Rodney Bay Marina** Kenneth Mathurin Tel: 452 8956 or 720 3256 [kmathurin@igymarinas.com](mailto:kmathurin@igymarinas.com)



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[www.igyrodneybay.com](http://www.igyrodneybay.com) Customs broker handling import, export, customs clearance and courier services.

**Augustin Sydney** Tel: 384 0322

**Sureline** Tel: 452 3415/3430

**FedEx** at Rodney Bay Marina. Vacation & Corporate Car Rentals are an authorised shipping centre Tel: 452 9404.

If you send mail to Saint Lucia using FedEx, label it as follows:

**Your Name & Boat Name, Yacht in transit,  
c/o Vacation & Corporate Car Rentals,  
IGY Rodney Bay Marina, Gros Islet,  
Saint Lucia, West Indies.**

Alternatively, use:

**DHL** at A&C Ltd, Customs Brokers. Grew Building, Upper Bridge, Castries Tel: 453 1538.

**UPS** 20 Bridge Street, PO BOX 1519, Castries Tel: 452 5898

If you have new crew joining, the easiest and best solution is to ask them to carry any spares out in their luggage.



## Travel Information

### Airports

**Hewanorra International Airport** (code UVF) is the main international airport in the south of the Island, 50 miles and a 90 minute taxi ride from Rodney Bay Marina. Approximate taxi costs one-way: US \$85 (up to 3 passengers); for 4 or more US \$25 per person.

**Hewanorra Airport** Tel: 454 6644

[www.slapsa.com](http://www.slapsa.com)

Local flights operate from Saint Lucia's second airport, **George Charles Airport** (airport code SLU), located in Castries. This is only around 25 minutes from the marina, but most international

flights do not use this airport (limited flights to Miami and Puerto Rico). It is about 90 minutes by taxi from George Charles Airport to Hewanorra Airport.

### International Airlines

Saint Lucia is well connected by air directly from North America, Europe and the Caribbean through a wide range of regional and international airlines. Each airline provides convenient services directly from major international cities or from a number of gateways including Antigua, Barbados, Miami, Philadelphia, and Puerto Rico. See the section below for inter-island travel.

British Airways	<a href="http://www.ba.com">www.ba.com</a>
Virgin Atlantic	<a href="http://www.virginatlantic.com">www.virginatlantic.com</a>
Air France	<a href="http://www.airfrance.com">www.airfrance.com</a>
Air Canada	<a href="http://www.aircanada.ca">www.aircanada.ca</a>
American Airlines	<a href="http://www.aa.com">www.aa.com</a>
Delta Airlines	<a href="http://www.delta.com">www.delta.com</a>
US Airways	<a href="http://www.usairways.com">www.usairways.com</a>
Jet Blue	<a href="http://www.jetblue.com">www.jetblue.com</a>

### Caribbean Flights

Local flights between Caribbean islands are frequent, and generally operate from Saint Lucia's second airport, **George Charles Airport** (airport code SLU), located in Castries (about 25 minutes from the marina). Tel: +1 758 452 1156

Airlines serving George Charles Airport include:

LIAT	<a href="http://www.liatairline.com">www.liatairline.com</a>
Air Caraibes	<a href="http://www.aircaraibes.com">www.aircaraibes.com</a>
Caribbean Airlines	<a href="http://www.caribbean-airlines.com">www.caribbean-airlines.com</a>
SVG Air	<a href="http://www.svgair.com">www.svgair.com</a>
Air Antilles	<a href="http://www.aiantilles.com">www.aiantilles.com</a>

### Buses

Local buses can be used to get nearly anywhere at very little cost. They have green 'M' registration plates. Buses pass outside the marina gates to/from Castries. Simply flag down any bus with a "Route 1A" sign. This bus can also be used for a quick trip to JQ's Mall. The JQ bus stop is also a convenient jump off point for all the bars and restaurants beyond the Mall on Reduit Beach Road.

### Car Rental

Rush hour in and around Castries is from 0715-0815 and 1530-1800. Driving through Castries at this time is very slow.

**Vacation & Corporate Car Rental** in Rodney Bay Marina. Tel: 452 9404

Other car hire companies on the island (that will

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likely charge for delivery to Rodney Bay) are:

<b>Avis</b>	Tel: 452 2700/2202
<b>Budget</b>	Tel: 452 9887
<b>Hertz</b>	Tel: 452 0680/0679
<b>National</b>	Tel: 450 8721
<b>Paradise Car Rental</b>	Tel: 456 2800 / 452 4934
<b>Scottie's Scooter Rentals</b>	Tel: 450 1404

### Helicopter

A quicker way of getting to Martinique. Helicopters are no longer allowed to land at the marina, so travelling to the International Airport in the south this way means departing from George Charles airport in the north. With clearances, it will take about the same time as getting a taxi from the marina.  
[www.stluciahelicopters.com](http://www.stluciahelicopters.com) Tel: 758 453 6950

### Ferries

A daily high-speed catamaran service between Saint Lucia, Martinique, Guadeloupe and Dominica operated by **Express Des Iles**  
[www.express-des-iles.com](http://www.express-des-iles.com) Tel: +1 758 456 5000

### Taxis

The **Taxi Association** at Rodney Bay Marina Tel: 452 9957 offer discounted fixed rates. **Marina Taxi Stand** Tel: 719 9877

Fully licensed taxi operators are denoted by red 'TX' license plates. It is strongly recommended you use licensed operators and it is wise to agree on the specific fare before departing.

### Water Taxis

These are an easy way to reach the beach, adjacent bars and restaurants or to reach yachts at anchor. Most are on VHF Ch 16, but are also usually found on the main pontoon. Offer sightseeing trips to Marigot Bay, Soufriere, Pigeon Island and sunset cruises.

**Levi** Tel: 721 5188 [comeseejah@gmail.com](mailto:comeseejah@gmail.com)

**Quincy** Tel: 716 6733 [quincyjones23@hotmail.com](mailto:quincyjones23@hotmail.com)



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### Accommodation

The Saint Lucia Tourist Board [www.stlucia.org](http://www.stlucia.org) provides a full guide to accommodation in resorts, hotels, guest houses, villas and apartments.

**Villas** [www.tropicalvillas.net](http://www.tropicalvillas.net) or [www.dragonflyvillas.com](http://www.dragonflyvillas.com)

**Bay Gardens Hotel** [www.baygardenshotel.com](http://www.baygardenshotel.com)

**Bay Gardens Inn** [www.baygardensinn.com](http://www.baygardensinn.com)

**Bay Gardens Beach Resort**

[www.baygardensbeachresort.com](http://www.baygardensbeachresort.com)

**Palm Haven Hotel** [www.palmhavenhotel.com](http://www.palmhavenhotel.com)

**Royal St. Lucian** [www.rexresorts.com](http://www.rexresorts.com)

**Village Inn & Spa** [www.villageinnstlucia.com](http://www.villageinnstlucia.com)

**CoCo Resorts** [www.coco-resorts.com](http://www.coco-resorts.com)

**Cotton Bay Village** [www.cottonbayvillage.com](http://www.cottonbayvillage.com)

**Ginger Lily Hotel** [www.thegeringerlilyhotel.com](http://www.thegeringerlilyhotel.com)

**Harmony Suites** [www.harmonysuites.com](http://www.harmonysuites.com)

**Le Sport** [www.thebodyholiday.com](http://www.thebodyholiday.com)

**Windjammer** [www.windjammer-landing.com](http://www.windjammer-landing.com)

### Banks and ATM

(see Money)

### Boat Boys

In every harbour and anchorage you will likely be visited by an enterprising local driving a small boat, offering you every type of service. They can be a nuisance, but remember you are the visitor in their country and you represent their only source of income. Try to treat them politely but firmly. In their eagerness for your trade, they often forget that you have a smart and expensive boat, so have a fender ready! You will pay a little extra for your supplies, but it is being delivered! When engaging a boat-boy, give them a list and agree a price for each item. Find out his name and tell him to tell his friends that he is looking after you, so there is no need for anyone else to call.

### Dentist

Closest dentist is in Castries. Ask the marina office for a recommendation.

### Hairdressers

**Ziggy's Hair Salon**, JQ's Mall, Rodney Bay. Tel: 458 0000 [ziggyhairsalon@hotmail.com](mailto:ziggyhairsalon@hotmail.com) Also do massages, facials, waxing and nails.

### Ice

**Suds Laundry**, **Glacé Supermarket** and **Starfish** at Rodney Bay Marina sell block ice.

### Doctors/Hospital

Expect to pay a US \$75 call-out fee, for a doctor to come to your boat, plus medicine costs.

**Doctor Kenneth Louisy** (24 hours)

Tel: 460 7727

**Dr Flemming** (GP) Tel: 452 3575 (office)

Tel: 452 2631 (home)

**Rodney Bay Medical Centre**, located close to JQ Mall. Family practice and walk-in clinic

Tel: 452 8621

**Tapion Hospital** Castries. A private pay hospital with good facilities. Small emergency room.

Tel: 459 2000/01 www.taipon-hospital.com

**Victoria Hospital** Hospital Road, Castries,

Tel: 452 2421 Main trauma facility

Emergency ambulance

Tel: 911

### Internet

**Vacation & Corporate Rentals**, upstairs in Rodney Bay Marina, next to Customs & Immigration has some computer terminals and you can plug in your laptop here. Useful if the WiFi signal is not very strong. Also provide scanning, photocopying, printing and fax. Open Mon-Fri 0800-1800, Sat-Sun 0800-1400.

### Island Tours

**Express Taxi Association** at Rodney Bay Marina offer excellent island tours for groups.

### Laundry

Make sure you agree a delivery date for your clean laundry so you don't have to leave Saint Lucia without it!

**Suds Laundry** Rodney Bay Marina (next to J Dock). Tel: 486 0718, VHF Ch17 Open: Mon-Fri 0830-late; Sat 0830-1200. Will pick up and deliver. Also offer sail washing service, and dry cleaning.

**Sparkle Laundry** Call on VHF Ch 16. Will pick up and deliver. Not in the marina.

### Money

Local bank with ATM machine in the marina. Open Mon-Thu 0800-1500; Fri: 0800-1700 and Sat 0800-1400. There is another ATM in the JQ Mall, 5 minute drive from the marina. Open 24 hours and takes Mastercard and Visa.

### Currency

Currency is the Eastern Caribbean Dollar (EC\$). This is tied to the US\$ and has a fixed exchange rate of US\$1 - EC\$2.67. The US Dollar is widely accepted and in many places, such as hotels, restaurants and taxis. Charges are often quoted in US\$ rather than EC\$.

### Opticians

**Family Eye Care** JQ Mall Tel: 458 0334

**Bay Optical** Baywalk Mall Tel: 451 2000

### Pharmacy

**M & C Drug Store** Baywalk Mall Tel: 458 8153

Open Mon-Sat: 0900-2100 and Sun: 0900-1300

**Super J Supermarket** JQ Mall Open Mon-Sat:

0900-2100 and Sun 0900-1300

**GL Foodmarket** Baywalk Mall Tel: 455 3663

Open Mon-Sat 0700-2200 and Sun 0700-2000

### Post Office

**Main Post Office** Bridge Street, Castries.

**Sub Post Office** JQ Shopping Mall. Open Mon-Fri: 0900-1700 Stamps and post box in marina office.

### Restaurants

The marina has a good range of cafés, bars and restaurants, and there are many more on the west side of Rodney Bay, along the Reduit Beach road, 5-10 minutes drive from the marina. There are also a number of excellent resort restaurants reachable by taxi, well worth the effort.

*In the Marina:*

**Bosuns Bar and Bistro** breakfast, light snacks and Thai themed meals.

**Café Olé** Salads, sandwiches, coffees and teas. The Boardwalk bar overlooks the water.

**Elena's** Great panninis, excellent Italian coffee and great ice cream

**Ocean Club** Wide variety of food from breakfast through dinner to late night snacks. The small swimming pool is free to use.

**Starfish** Famous local Chef Bobo opened this restaurant in 2010. Great tasting food.

**The Bread Basket** Good for lunch, local rotis and coffee (from the bar). Waterside terrace.

*Along Reduit Beach Road in Rodney Bay:*

**Big Chef Steakhouse** Tel: 450 0210 The best place for a really good steak.

**Buzz Seafood & Grill** Tel: 458 0450 Situated

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opposite the Rex Royal Hotel.

**Charthouse** JQ Mall. Tel: 452 8115. Great steaks

**Chic Restaurant** Royal Saint Lucian Hotel Tel: 452 9999. Superb location on Reduit Beach, contemporary décor, expensive but worth it for the ambience and food.

**Delirius** opposite Scotia Bank. Tel: 451 3354 Restaurant with daily specials and late night cocktail bar. Great selection of food, and probably the most consistently good restaurant on the Rodney Bay main beach road.

**Razmataz Tandoori** Tel: 452 9800. Closed Tues

**Spinnakers** next to the Yacht Club. Tel: 452 8491. Beach-side English breakfast, snack lunches, bistro, carvery and cocktails.

**Saint Lucia Yacht Club** Tel: 452 8350 Great local cooking, ideal for Sunday lunch.

**The Edge** Harmony Suites. Tel: 450 3343. Saint Lucia's most celebrated chef Bobo.

*Elsewhere in Rodney Bay:*

**Anse La Raye Seafood Friday** Don't miss this village's Friday night fish feast in the small fishing village of Anse La Raye south of Rodney Bay. Lobster and a variety of 'catch of the day' are barbequed, fried or cooked en papillote on the streets with a wonderful festival atmosphere. Shuttles arranged from Rodney Bay Marina.

**Dasheene Restaurant** Ladera Resort. Tel: 459 6600 [www.ladera.com/dining](http://www.ladera.com/dining) Spectacular views overlooking the Pitons, Sunday buffet great value.

**Jambe de Bois Restaurant** On Pigeon Island, a 10-15 minute drive from the marina. Tel: 450 8166 Great hidden restaurant with peaceful waterside setting, and regular live jazz music.

**Hummingbird Hotel and Restaurant** Soufriere. Tel: 459 7985/7232. Friendly French gourmet restaurant at the base of the Pitons.

**Rainforest Hideaway** Marigot Bay. Tel: 286 0511. New restaurant on the water, incredible setting, fusion style cuisine.

### Rubbish / Garbage

Refuse should be tied securely in bags, and placed in the blue container at the back of the car park in the marina, near the main entrance. Oils and fuels should be disposed of properly at the Boat Yard. Your concern for the environment helps.



### Shopping & Supermarkets

Opening hours vary but generally are from Mon-Fri 0830-1630 and Sat 0800-1230.

**JQ Shopping Mall** has 50 shops and is located at the southern end of Rodney Bay Lagoon. On the local bus route, or 5 minutes in a taxi from the marina. Open Mon-Thu: 0900-1900 Fri-Sat: 0900-2000 Sun: closed. Supermarket opens extended hours (see below) [www.shopjqmall.com](http://www.shopjqmall.com)

**Baywalk Mall** has 80 stores and restaurants and is opposite JQ Mall, 5 minutes to the south of the marina. Open 7 days a week Mon-Thu: 0900-1900, Fri-Sat: 0900-2000 and Sun: 0900-1400. Supermarket opens extended hours (see below) [www.baywalkslu.com](http://www.baywalkslu.com)

Castries town, capital of Saint Lucia, is 8 miles/30 minutes by bus. More local-style shops here.

#### Marina Shops

**Glacé Supermarket** Open Mon-Sat 0830-1900, Sun 0900-1300. Tel: 450 0331.

**Gregory's Fresh Fruit** From his unmistakable 'flag flying' dinghy, Gregory delivers a good range of fresh fruit and vegetables direct to your yacht.

#### Market - fresh produce

There is a daily open air fresh produce market and fish market in Castries. Take the local bus or a taxi and arrive early (from 0700) to find the best choice.

#### Supermarkets

**GL Foodmarket** Baywalk Mall Tel: 455 3663 Open Open Mon-Sat 0700-2200 and Sun 0700-2000 Claims to be the best supermarket in Saint Lucia. [www.glfoodmarket.com](http://www.glfoodmarket.com)

**Super J's** JQ Mall Tel: 457 2202. Open Mon-Thu: 0700-2200, Fri-Sat: 0700-0000 and Sun: 0700-1600. [www.superjsupermarkets.com](http://www.superjsupermarkets.com)



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**Mega J's** On the main road towards Castries, about 15 minutes drive from the marina. Tel: 457 2030  
Open Mon-Sat: 0900-2100 Sun: 0900-1800 Good for bulk grocery and basic hardware products.

### Spas

**Cool Water Spa** Bay Gardens Inn. Tel: 452 0886.

**Oasis** LeSport. Using the Elemis product range. Stunning views. Tel: 457 7852

**Royal Spa** Royal St. Lucian Hotel. Therapeutic stone massage, body wraps, facials. Tel: 452 9999

**Blue Saint Lucia** Massages. Tel: 458 3300.

### Sports Facilities

**Diving** Some of the best diving in Saint Lucia is off the Pitons and around Soufriere. Most of the dive shops in Rodney Bay will offer trips to this area. Expect to pay around US \$70 for a single tank dive and US \$100 for a 2 tank dive.

**Action Adventure Divers** Still Beach Resort, Soufriere. Tel: 459 5599/485 1317 [aadivers@candw.lc](mailto:aadivers@candw.lc) [www.aadivers.net](http://www.aadivers.net) Morning and afternoon dives available.

**Frogs Diving** Harmony Suites, Rodney Bay. Tel: 458 0798 [tee-j@candw.lc](mailto:tee-j@candw.lc) [www.frogsdiving.com](http://www.frogsdiving.com) Snorkeling trips are also available.

**Eastern Caribbean Diving** Depart from the marina Tel: 458 0115

**Marigot Beach Club & Dive Resort** Tel: 451 4974 [www.marigotdiveresort.com](http://www.marigotdiveresort.com)

**Scuba Saint Lucia** Rex Saint Lucian Hotel on Reduit Beach. Tel: 459 7755 [scuba@candw.lc](mailto:scuba@candw.lc) [www.scubastlucia.com](http://www.scubastlucia.com)

**Golf Saint Lucia Golf & Country Club** Cap Estate. Tel: 450 8523 The only course on the island open to the general public is a 10-15 minute drive from the marina.

**Gyms Sportivo** above Key Largo Restaurant in Rodney Bay. Tel: 452 8899. Open Mon-Thu: 0700-2100 Fri 0700-2000 and Sat: 0800-1200. Specialising in high-energy fitness classes as well as a fully equipped gym.

**Horse Riding International Pony Club** Gros Islet. Tel: 452 8139 or 450 8665 Mob: 715 5689

**Watersports** A number of all-inclusive resorts close to Rodney Bay Marina offer half-day and day passes for anyone wanting to enjoy dinghy sailing, windsurfing, waterskiing etc. and have meals and drinks included!

**Sandals Spa & Beach Resort** Gros Islet (couples only), Tel: 455 2000.

**Rex Lucian** Reduit Beach, Tel: 452 8351.

**Kite Surfing Saint Lucia** Cas en Bas, Gros Islet  
Tel: 714 9589 [kitesurfingstlucia@yahoo.com](mailto:kitesurfingstlucia@yahoo.com)

**Reef Kite & Surf** Vieux Fort (south Island). Tel: 454 3418 [kitesurf@slucia.com](mailto:kitesurf@slucia.com). The first kite and windsurfing club on the Island.

### Telephones and Fax

Dialing in: +1 758 for Saint Lucia.

Dialing out: 011 then country code.

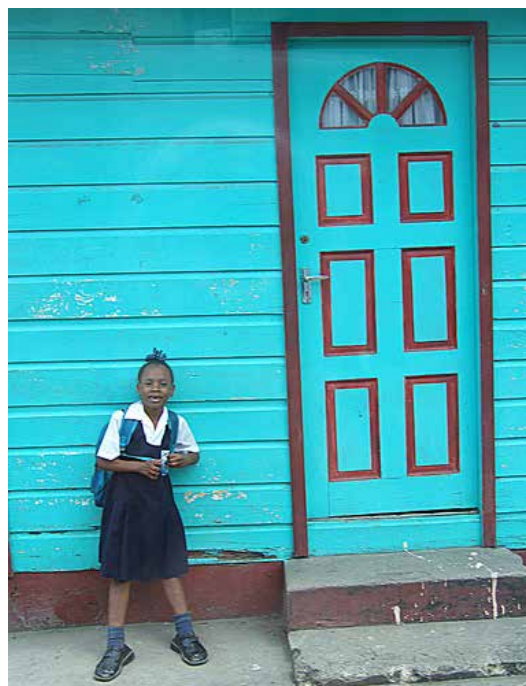
International calls can be made from phones in Rodney Bay Marina and Vacation & Corporate Car Rentals, next to the Customs office.

**Phonecards** are available from the Drop Anchor shop and Glace supermarket in the marina.

**Fax** use Rodney Bay Marina Office Fax: +1 758 452 0185

### Yacht Club

**Saint Lucia Yacht Club** (SLYC), Reduit Beach [next to Spinnakers]. Great food served. In addition the Club has 2 squash courts with racquet rental and members to play against if you are looking for a partner. Visa & Mastercard accepted Open Mon- Fri 1500-2100, Sat-Sun 1000-2100 Tel: 452 8350 / 721 9060 [slycmanager@gmail.com](mailto:slycmanager@gmail.com) [www.stluciayachtclub.com](http://www.stluciayachtclub.com)





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There are a number of skilled and semi-skilled workers who operate in the marina and boatyard. Be aware of unskilled workers visiting your boat and offering their services. Get recommendations, or contact Kenneth in the Marina Office for more details.

### Boatyard

**Rodney Bay Marina** boatyard offers a range of repair services. Contact the boatyard manager either through the marina reception, or directly at the boatyard, situated at the northern end of the marina. Open Mon-Fri 0800–1700, and Sat-Sun 0800-1600. Haul out 75 ton lift – 80 foot max LOA, 27 foot max beam.

### Chandlery

**Island Water World** Rodney Bay Marina.

Tel: 452 1222 [iwwsl.rose@candw.lc](mailto:iwwsl.rose@candw.lc)

[www.islandwaterworld.com](http://www.islandwaterworld.com) Open Mon-Fri 0830-1630 and Sat 0830-1230 Island Water World has a comprehensive range of stock and extremely helpful and knowledgeable counter staff. With branches in St. Martin and Grenada they can usually find what you are looking for quickly and efficiently. Participants who wish to purchase duty free must take their original ship's documentation and clearance papers with them the first time they shop. The shop is managed by Ian and Rosemary Cowan, both of whom have over 30 years experience in the yachting industry in the Caribbean.

**Johnsons Marine Centre** Opposite the main entrance to the marina. Tel: 452 0299 [hardware@candw.lc](mailto:hardware@candw.lc) [www.johnsons-hardware.com](http://www.johnsons-hardware.com) Open Mon-Fri 0800-1700 and Sat 0800-1300 Whilst primarily a hardware store, Johnsons has an extensive chandlery section, and although not able to offer duty free, the costs are often lower than other shops' duty free prices. It is well worth a visit to compare prices. They also carry a full range of electrical items, including the same shore power plugs used at Rodney Bay Marina and 230-115 volt transformers.

### Charts and Pilot Books

From **Island Water World** and **Johnsons Marine Centre** (see Chandlery). Local pilot books can often be found in local souvenir type shops within the Rodney Bay Marina complex.

### Divers

**Ian** [via Mako Watersports] Tel: 450 8406 / 286 3505

### Electronics & Electrical

**MarinTek** Rodney Bay Marina Tel: 484 60 31. VHF Channel 71 [marintek@gmail.com](mailto:marintek@gmail.com) Contact Egbert Charles.

**Regis Electronics** Rodney Bay Marina.

Regis electronics are specialists in the sales, service and installation of marine electronic equipment and battery charging systems. Run by Jon White, Regis is the local dealer for all leading manufacturers of top-quality electronic equipment. Alternators, batteries and battery chargers held in stock. Also carry many spares and equipment in a duty-free warehouse and are able to offer fast duty-free clearance for yacht spares in transit. Regis Electronics (Saint Lucia) is associated with the UK based Greenham Regis company and is delighted to offer after-sales service and back up to all Greenham Regis customers. Tel: 452 0205 [stlucia@regiselectronics.com](mailto:stlucia@regiselectronics.com)

### Fibreglass

**Rodney Bay Marina** boatyard (see 'Boatyard')

### Fuel (Diesel)

**Rodney Bay Marina** fuel dock is at the northern end of marina alongside the boatyard. Open Mon-Fri: 0800–1700 and Sat-Sun: 0800-1600

### Gas (Cooking)

**Suds Laundry** Rodney Bay Marina (next to Dock J). Tel: 285 4388, VHF Ch 17. Gas must be paid for in advance. Suds can also adapt any connection fitting you may have on your gas bottle.

### Generators

**MarinTek** (see Electronics & Electrical). Agent for Northern Lights.

**Regis Electronics** (see Electronics & Electrical). Agent for Fischer Panda USA and many other on-board systems.

### Haulout

**Rodney Bay Marina** boatyard. (see 'Boatyard') 75 ton lift; 27 ft max. beam; 80 ft. LOA. Contact Boatyard manager Edwin Chavez via the marina reception, or directly in the boatyard.

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### Liferafts & Inflatables

**Liferaft & Inflatable Center** Tel: 452 8306 (office) or 715 9671 [francis@liferaftandinflatable.com](mailto:francis@liferaftandinflatable.com) [www.liferaftandinflatable.com](http://www.liferaftandinflatable.com). Contact Francis Lucas. Liferafts & inflatables tested & repaired, second hand inflatables for sale. Outboard engine repairs.

### Mechanical

**ARC Dynamic Workshop** Rodney Bay Boatyard. Tel: 384 0665, 485 0665, 485 6690 [limcheyung34@yahoo.com](mailto:limcheyung34@yahoo.com). Run by Lawrence Lim-Chee-Yung who has 18 years industry experience. Machining, stainless steel fabrication & welding.

**MarinTek** (see Electronics & Electrical).

**Rodney Bay Marina** boatyard (see 'Boatyard'). The Boatyard has a range of services available with a full mechanical and machine shop, rigging and fiberglass repairs, painting and woodwork.

### Metalwork and Welding

**ARC Dynamic Workshop** (see Mechanical). Work with stainless, aluminium, cast iron, steel and bronze.

**Ryte Welding & Machine Shop** Ask for Nick All types of welding & fabrication, aluminium and stainless steel work, davits & masts, fuel and water tank supply.

### Outboards

**A.F. Valmont** Castries. Tel: 452 3817 May come to Rodney Bay to service/maintain an outboard Official agents for Yamaha.

**Liferaft & Inflatable Center** (see Liferafts & Inflatables)

### Refrigeration

**MarinTek** and **Regis Electronics** (see Electronics & Electrical for both)

### Rigging

**Rodney Bay Marina** boatyard (see Boatyard)

### Sail Repairs

**Rodney Bay Sails** in the marina. Tel: 452 8648 / 584 0291 [rodneybaysails@hotmail.com](mailto:rodneybaysails@hotmail.com) Contact Kenny Abernaty Full sail loft, canvas work, agent for Doyle sails.

**Brocco Sail Repairs** Saint Lucia Yacht Club. Tel: 452 8350.

### Watermakers

**MarinTek** and **Regis Electronics** (see Electronics & Electrical for both)



## Santa Marta, Colombia

### Information

Time Zone	UTC-5
Dialling Code	+57
Money	COP\$ (Colombian Peso)
Exchange Rate	1US\$= 1,966.38COP
Language	Spanish
Emergencies	Tel: 123 VHF Ch 16, 72

### Useful websites:

[www.colombia.travel](http://www.colombia.travel)  
[www.santamartacity.com](http://www.santamartacity.com)

## Approaches to Santa Marta

Head to the east side of the bay, the entrance is about 0.3 nm south of the container cranes. You will see some masts over the wall but not many as this is mostly a motor boat marina. The entrance runs north to south and is marked with a yellow (yes, yellow) and green buoy.

## Entry Formalities

Colombian law requires all visiting yachts to engage an agent to handle port clearances on arrival. Marina Santa Marta is negotiating new arrangements (April 2014), and in any event special procedures will be in place for the arrival of World ARC. Further information will be provided at the start of the event. Visas are neither issued nor required.



## General

Founded in 1525, the historic city of Santa Marta is South America's oldest surviving city and as a result has a cultural and historical importance worth exploring being the second most important city on Colombia's Caribbean coast. The beautiful white sand beaches overlooked by snow-capped mountains are now accompanied by an expansion of facilities to accommodate yachtsmen. Knowingly so, Santa Marta is becoming increasingly popular with yachtsmen cruising to and from Panama, Venezuela, Aruba, Trinidad and Tobago.

34km away from Santa Marta lies the Tayrona National Park. Archaeological remains dating back to prior the Spanish Conquest provide evidence of how the indigenous people used to live. The remains are surrounded by a plethora of vegetation, including a great variety of flora and fauna that's accompanied by a diverse range of wildlife comprising of howling monkeys, pumas and marine turtles. The coastline is stunning and is credited with having some of the best beaches in South America.



*Statue of Simón Bolívar, the South American liberator who died in Santa Marta*

## Marina Santa Marta

### Marina Santa Marta

Carrera 1 No 22-93

Santa Marta, Colombia

Location: 11°14.67'N 74°13.05'W

Tel: 5 4363600

Fax: 5 4363600

Email:

[info@marinasantamarta.com.co](mailto:info@marinasantamarta.com.co)

[operaciones@marinasantamarta.com.co](mailto:operaciones@marinasantamarta.com.co)

[mcucalon@marinasantamarta.com.co](mailto:mcucalon@marinasantamarta.com.co)

Web: [www.igy-marinasantamarta.com](http://www.igy-marinasantamarta.com)



## Facilities

Marina Santa Marta has 256 berths of which 5 are dedicated to yachts over 100 feet. All slips are on floating docks each with access to electricity, water and wifi. The sheltered marina can accommodate vessels with a draught up to 3.5m, a beam of 9m and maximum length of 40m.

## Docking

As you enter the marina, the dock directly in front of you is E dock with F dock (the Superyacht

dock) on the Western side of the marina. Turning to port on entering will guide you to the shore passing by E, D, C, B, and finally A dock on your starboard side.

## Deliveries

The Santa Marta Marina office holds mail for yachts. Please ensure your letters are addressed correctly - use the marina address above, with the boat name clearly marked. Mail is slow and unreliable to and from Colombia.

If you have something important sent, we recommend using FedEx or DHL. The marina office can help you with arrangements.

## Travel Information

### Airports

**Simón Bolívar International Airport** (code SMR) is located approximately 16km from Santa Marta. It is likely that International flights will arrive in Santa Marta via Bogota International Airport. Frequent buses take approximately 40 minutes from the airport to Santa Marta centre.

**Ernesto Cortissoz International Airport** (code BAQ) is located approximately 110km from Santa Marta. There are frequent flights to Panama City (PTY) with Copa Airlines and Avianca.

**Bogota International Airport** code (BOG), also known as El Dorado International Airport is seen as the main gateway for international flights into Colombia. It is likely international flights will land here before catching a domestic flight to Santa Marta (SMR). Bogota International Airport Tel: 1 4251000.



Taganga Bay



### Airlines

Most international flights to Santa Marta will go via Bogota however, local flights within Colombia are well connected. The main Airlines serving SMR and BAQ airports include:

Avianca.....[www.avianca.com](http://www.avianca.com)

Copa Airlines.....[www.copaair.com](http://www.copaair.com)

LAN Airlines .....[www.lan.com](http://www.lan.com)

International flights serving Bogota International Airport include:

Iberia.....[www.iberia.com](http://www.iberia.com)

British Airways.....[www.britishairways.com](http://www.britishairways.com)

KLM.....[www.klm.com](http://www.klm.com)

Delta.....[www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com)

TAP.....[www.flytap.com](http://www.flytap.com)

TAM.....[www.tam.com](http://www.tam.com)

### Buses

The bus terminal is found on the south eastern outskirts of the city with easy access from Carrera 1C.

**Expreso Brasilia** Offers 3x daily buses to Bogota and Medellin approx. COP\$80,000- COP\$108,000. Departures to Cartagena are hourly until 17:30 to Catagena, approx. COP\$20,000 Tel: 5 430 6244.

**Rapido Ochoa** Offers a similar service to Expreso Brasillia, Tel: 5 430 1040.

### Car Rental

Car rental is expensive however **National Rental Car** are stationed in Barranquilla, Cartagena and Santa Marta. [www.nationalcarrentalcosta.com](http://www.nationalcarrentalcosta.com) Tel: 5 433 8812.

### Taxis

Taxis can be ordered from the marina office. It's also easy to flag down a taxi in the street of which there are plentiful.



## A to Z of What's on Shore

### Accommodation

There is a good selection of boutique hotels in architecturally interesting old town houses. Budget accommodation is also easily available. Visit [www.santamartacity.com](http://www.santamartacity.com) for more information.



### Dentist

**Paola Zuniga Chaux** Tel Office: 5 4314746  
Mobile: 311 4320469

### Diving

There is a diving centre in the Marina de Santa Marta (Reef Sheppard) and a wide selection of diving centres in Taganga:

**Reef Shepperd**, Tel: +57 300 8286273

[www.facebook.com/reefshepherd.divecente](http://www.facebook.com/reefshepherd.divecente)

**Dive Taganga** (Reto Müller), Tel: 301 7379698

[www.divetaganga.com](http://www.divetaganga.com)

**Poseidon Dive Center** Tel: 5 4219406

[www.poseidondivecenter.com](http://www.poseidondivecenter.com)

### Doctors/Hospital

Hospital Centro Julio Mendez Barreneche

Address: Carrera 14 No 23-42

Tel: 5 421 2226

Emergency ambulance

Tel: 123

### Hardware Store

There are two main hardware stores with a variety of choice, Sierra Mar and Nautiagro. Contact the marina office for further information.

**Sierra Mar** Tel: 310 6103673

**Nautiagro** Tel: 313 5717307

### Internet

As well as the marina WiFi, there is free town WiFi in Parque de los Novios (Lovers Park).



### Laundry

There is a token service for washers & dryer in the marina. Other laundry services are available in town.

### Money

There is one ATM in the small marina minimart. A selection of banks and ATMs are available in town.

### Pharmacy

Various pharmacies are in close proximity to the marina (La botica Pharmacy). They can also be located at the two main shopping malls.

### Post Office

Deprisa Post Office can be found on Av, Santa Rita and DHL Express is a short distance away. Ask the marina office for directions.

### Restaurants

There is are plenty of restaurants near Santa Marta Marina. Santa Marta has many restaurants and a short walk into the city there are multiple choices near Callejon de Restaurantes (Carrera 3) or around Parque de los Novios. Visit [www.santamartacity.com](http://www.santamartacity.com) to find out more.

### Rubbish/Garbage

Bins are available next to the marina office.

### Shopping

**Buenavista Mall** Santa Marta's biggest shopping mall including the supermarket chain, Exito.

**Ocean Mall** Houses several local and national boutiques, a multi-plex cinema and includes the large supermarket, Carrefour.

Fresh fruit can be bought from local vendors who have a full range of unique and desirable fruits.

### Sport Facilities

Santa Marta Marina has its own state of the art gym just outside the marina. A special fee membership is available for all visiting yachtsmen.

### Toilets & Showers

High quality facilities are available in the marina.

### Water

The water in Santa Marta is not drinkable. Buy plenty of bottled water to keep hydrated.

## A to Z of Boat Services

### Chandlery

There is a small chandlery with basic boating essentials near the marina office.

### Fuel

On entry to the marina, there is a big fuel pontoon providing diesel, gasoline and oil. For more information on fuel services, contact the marina directly.

### Gas, Mechanical, Sail Repair Welding, Woodwork

All services are currently being developed and although services are limited, they can be sought after by contacting the marina boat yard.



## Panama

### Information

Time Zone	UTC-5
Dialling Code	+1507
Money	US\$ (Balboa)
Language	Spanish and Kuna. English widely spoken

Emergencies Tel: 911

### Useful websites

[www.visitpanama.com](http://www.visitpanama.com)

[www.panamainfo.com](http://www.panamainfo.com)

## Entry Formalities

Yachts must check-in and out of each port in Panama. Yachts are expected to abide by the same laws as ships, requiring them to give details of yacht and crew 48 hours before arrival. This information requirement will be handled by the World ARC agent.

On arrival in Panama, crews should expect to pay an immigration fee of \$100. All receipts should be retained. In the San Blas islands, you will also pay a local tax to the Congreso de Kuna Yala.

## Visas

Immigration requirements can be categorized to three, depending on where a citizen is from. Some nationals need no visa (including most Europeans), others a tourist card (including US and Canadians) and others will require a formal visa in advance from a Panama Embassy. For full details see [www.migracion.gob.pa/index.php/2011-05-02-12-33-35](http://www.migracion.gob.pa/index.php/2011-05-02-12-33-35)

## Pets

In theory, dogs need anti-rabies certificates and are not allowed to land, although this may not be enforced.

## General

Panama is a special country for yachtsmen, most notably for the Panama Canal and the opportunity it offers as the gateway either to the Pacific or Caribbean Islands. Most visiting yachts only transit through the canal, but the country does have lots more to offer those who have the opportunity to stay longer. World ARC boats will get a chance to explore the country from either ends of the Panama Canal, depending on the transit schedule.

The Panama Canal area is the hub of the country's economic fortunes and is where most of the country's inhabitants live. Whilst transiting the canal there are two main centres to visit, one at each end of the canal – the Port of Cristobal incorporating the town of Colón on the Caribbean side of the canal, and Balboa on the Pacific side which offers good access to Panama City. On a transit, most yachts prefer to explore the country from Balboa and Panama City. This allows the crew to concentrate on preparing the boat for the transit and lends itself nicely to the socio-geography – most find Panama City far more inviting than Colón which has a reputation of being an extremely unsafe city.



San Blas Islands



Panama City

## San Blas Islands

The islands of the San Blas archipelago are strung out along the Caribbean coast of Panama from the Golfo de San Blas nearly all the way to the Colombian border. The islands lie just south of the most direct route from St Lucia to the Panama Canal, which make them an accessible place for World ARC yachts to visit.

San Blas are a series of 378 islands of which only around 49 are inhabited by the fiercely independent Kuna Indians. The native Kuna Indians run all the islands as an autonomous province, with minimal interference from the national government. They have maintained their own economic system, language, customs and culture.

The San Blas islands are famous for their arts and crafts. In particular, is the mola, made with rainbow coloured fabrics, emblazoned with fish, birds, jungle animals and geometric designs. At anchorage you can expect a visit from the locals, in their dug out canoes, some with sails, to sell these wares and fresh produce.

## Pilotage Information

### UKHO Charts

2417 Harbours on the N Coast of Central America

### US Charts

26060 Puerto Cristóbal to Cabo Tiburón

26063 Punta San Blas to Bahía Concepción

26042 Bahía Concepción to Punta Brava

Pilots: Panama Cruising Guide (Bauhaus)

**Navigation Lights** There are none. Pilotage at night is not recommended.

**Tides** Negligible with a range of less than 0.6m

**Currents** In the channels currents exist at less than a knot, usually going west.



## Formalities

The San Blas islands are part of the republic of Panama, although they are administrated by the Kuna Indians.

It is possible to formally enter the Republic of Panama at **Porvenir** and this will give the complete clearance for a visit to the country, up to a period of 3 months. If cruising from the east, it is also possible to carry out clearances at **Rio Diablo** on the south east corner of the archipelago.

It is likely that in each populated anchorage the local tax will be charged again. However, local tax will probably include a guided tour ashore.

The formal arrival procedure is not strictly enforced. In the past some cruisers have visited the islands from the east, not cleared though Rio Diablo and then cleared in and then out at Porvenir or even waited until Colon.



## Facilities

**Provisioning** The San Blas should not be considered a provisioning stop and it would be better to have sufficient stock to last until Shelter Bay Marina.

**Water** Rainwater catchment systems provide the islands with water of variable quality.

**Money** Cash withdrawals and currency exchange is not available other maybe than in Rio Diablo. Have sufficient \$US before you leave, in small denominations to pay locals for anchorage fees, as change is unlikely to be given.



## Suggested Itinerary

From the east likely places to visit would be:

### Rio Diablo - Nargana

The island of Nargana has a population who have decided to give up the traditional Kuna ways and the village is very different to the remainder of the San Blas Islands. There is a bank, a police station and even a jail. Shops sell a little more than elsewhere; you can get beer, coca-cola and basic provisions. Girls wear modern clothing and only a few still wear traditional Molos.

### Green Island

Green island is a quiet anchorage well protected by the island and reefs. It is a good place to stop for swimming and exploring the island.

### Hollandaise Islands

These islands, split into two and named East and West Hollandaise, are popular stops to anchor. For a yacht travelling from the east, the group is probably the most accessible of all the islands, if one foregoes strict adherence to the entry formalities.



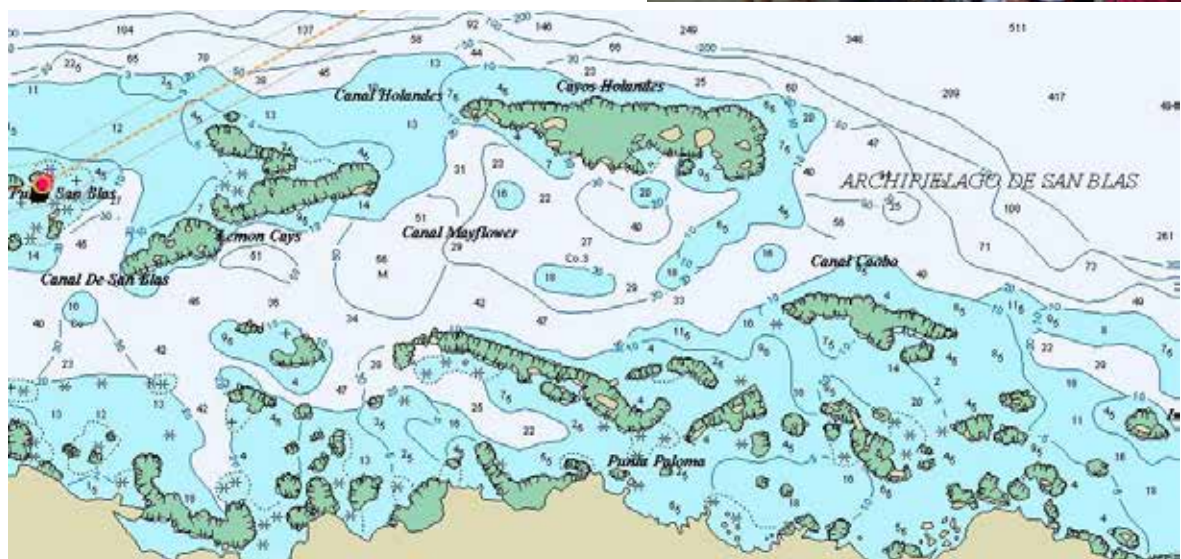
### Lemon Cay

Further to the west is East Lemon Cay. This anchorage is protected by reefs and islands. A few people live here and they are often able to supply fresh fruit and bread. A popular spot for coral diving and there is also a wreck.

### Porvenir

This is a Panamanian port of entry and has an airport which connect the islands to the Republic of Panama. Consequently it is comparatively busy with frequent disturbances in the main anchorage from aeroplanes landing and departing at the nearby runway. Ashore there are several small shops but most only sell tourist items.

For clearance procedures, find the administrative building near to the town jetty.





## Shelter Bay Marina

### Shelter Bay Marina

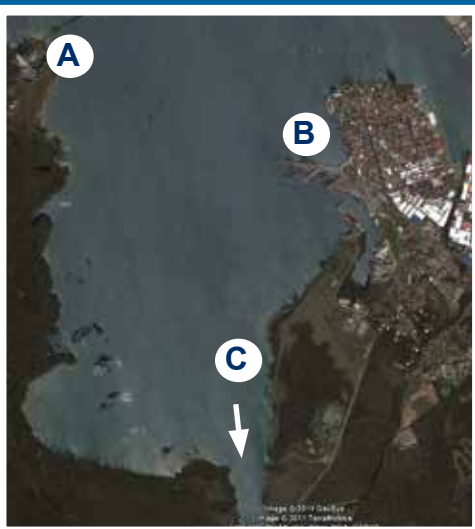
Fort Sherman, Building 30

Colón, Panama

Tel: +507 433 3581

Email: [info@shelterbaymarina.com](mailto:info@shelterbaymarina.com)

Web: [www.shelterbaymarina.com](http://www.shelterbaymarina.com)



- A Shelter Bay Marina
- B Colón
- C To Gatun Locks and Panama Canal

### Pilotage Information

**Charts** 1400 Approaches to Puerto Cristobal  
3111 Atlantic entrance to Panama Canal  
3098 Panama Canal

**Pilots** Panama Cruising Guide (Bauhaus)

## Mooring

Berthing will be organised prior to your arrival based on your ETA. Having spoken to Cristobal Control on VHF channel 12, you will need to switch onto the World ARC working channel to receive berthing instructions. A daylight arrival is strongly advised, as although well buoyed, the main entrance channel is hard to follow at night.

## Entry Formalities

Take all your paperwork to the marina office and it will be "walked" through the necessary steps. They can check you and your boat/crew into and out of the country. Clearances will be organised by the World ARC agent.

## Facilities

Shelter Bay Marina is a well serviced and managed marina in a quiet area of the canal's approaches. Until 1999, the area was the site of Fort Sherman, a US Army base, but it has now undergone substantial redevelopment as a well serviced marina, complete with hotel, bar and yacht service. The marina enjoys the excellent surroundings of the San Lorenzo National Park and the centre of Colón is very accessible on transport provided by the marina.

## Marina Security

The marina is in a quiet location and security has not been a problem. The marina is located alongside an active Coast Guard base with access through their gate. There is a guard 24 hours.

## Deliveries

**FedEx** and **DHL** are the best choices, as UPS and the local postal service can be unreliable.

For FedEx and DHL, address packages to the Shelter Bay Marina address in the blue block. Be sure to include your name and your boat name, followed by Yacht in Transit. The phone number to quote is Tel: 011 507 433 3581

Most packages will incur a service or customs fee, which will be paid by the marina, then charged to your account with a 20% service charge.

Freight forwarder **PAKYA** services cruisers in Panama. Contact them direct in either Panama or Miami. **PAKYA Panama** Tel: +1 507 236 1728 [info@pakyapanama.com](mailto:info@pakyapanama.com) [www.pakyapanama.com](http://www.pakyapanama.com)  
**PAKYA Miami** Tel: +1 305 863 1818

## Don't Miss

**Wildlife** Shelter Bay Marina is located next door to San Lorenzo National Park. It is a short walk to the park entrance. The park is ideal for walking, jogging or biking and much of it is shaded. You may encounter troops of howler and whitefaced monkeys, two and three toed sloths and abundant bird life.

**Fort San Lorenzo** This well maintained historic site is located on a bluff just above the entrance to the Rio Chagres. There are signs in English and Spanish explaining the history of the fort and the surrounding area.

**Gatun locks** There is a visitor centre and observation deck. Have a look what's in store before you transit the canal.

**La Granja** Located 1/2 hour from the outskirts of Colon, this working farm offers horseback riding, a zip line and kayaking. They also have a Palapa right on Gatun Lake available for BBQ's. For more detailed information look for brochures in the marina lobby.

## A Word of Caution

The local town of Colón was once a fine example of colonial grandeur but has since decayed into a depressed economic area with social problems. Despite the construction of the Duty Free Trade Area, unemployment and poverty are evident and petty crime is sadly a common occurrence. Visitors should be vigilant.



*Fuerte San Lorenzo*

## Travel Information

### Airports

Nearest International airport is **Tucumen Airport**, Panama City and is around 1½ - 2 hours drive away. It has flights to the Caribbean, North and South America, and Europe. Direct flights to Europe are available with KLM and Iberia.

### Buses

The marina runs an air-conditioned shuttle bus to and from Colón. Further details will be provided on arrival.

There is also a reasonable public bus service between Panama City to Colón. The service (US\$2.50, two hours, every 30 minutes) departs from the Albrook Bus Terminal in Panama City and the Central Bus Station, Colón. Take the white air conditioned bus and not the local bus. It would be wise to book an onward taxi from the bus station to the marina for any arrivals.

### Car Rental

#### Budget

Tel: 441 7162 / 441 7161

#### Hertz

Tel: 4413272

Both are located in the 2000 (Dos Mil) shopping centre in Colón.

### Taxis

The marina has a list of reliable English speaking taxi drivers. A taxi from Colón to the marina is about \$18. A taxi ride within Colón is \$1-2. Taxi service to Tocumen Airport (Panama City) is typically \$100 and the going rate to hire a taxi for the day is about \$12 per hour. It is a good idea always to negotiate and agree upon a price before each taxi ride.

### Train

From Colón there is a good train service to Panama City and onto the International Airport by taxi. The interesting route follows the Panama canal and can be a good way to shuttle line handlers back and forth between yachts.

## A to Z of What's on Shore

### Accommodation

**Shelter Bay Hotel** A new hotel within the marina complex. Tel: 6781 6631

### Dentist

There are several English speaking dentists in Colón. Ask at the Marina office for more details.

### Doctors/Hospital

The new **Cuatro Altos** hospital is located in Colón, near the shopping centre. They have a 24 hour emergency room.

Tel: 433 7400

Emergency ambulance

Tel: 911

### Hardware

**Novoy Hardware** is located in the Millenian Plaza, just before entering Colón.

### Ice

Large and small bags of ice available from the marina shop.

### Internet

WiFi and plug in services are available in the marina building. Connection can be arranged through the marina office.

### Laundry

A self-service laundry room is available in the marina office building with 4 commercial washers and dryers. They also have an iron and ironing board for use. Tokens are available from the restaurant.

### Money

There is no ATM at the marina. Nearest facility is in the **Rey** store in the Cuatro Altos shopping centre in Colón. Accounts can be opened in the marina office with a credit card for the bar, restaurant and laundry services.

### Post Office

Postal facilities are available in Colón.

**Fedex** Street 5 & Avenue France Field, Colón.  
Tel: 430 3535

### Restaurants

**Shelter Bay Restaurant and Bar** – within the marina complex.

**Grand Café** (cab drivers know it as the “Arab Restaurant”) Panaderia Mediterranea, Colón. Very good middle-eastern food in a very authentic setting.

**Café Mediterranea** Calle 11 & Ave. Bolivar, Colón. Tel: 433 3941 Large variety of good food, pleasant atmosphere & good service.

### Shopping

#### Malls

In the centre of Colón is the **Cuatro Altos Shopping Centre**. Within this centre is a hardware and electronic store, internet café, beauty salon, paint store, three restaurants and several department stores.

#### Supermarkets

**Rey** located in the Cuatro Altos shopping centre.

**Super 99** located in the 2000 (Dos Mil) shopping centre.

Both supermarkets are well stocked and modern.

**Mega Depot** on the highway leading away from Colón towards Sabanitas is more of a cash & carry but doesn't require membership.

**Colón Duty Free Area** Good value for bulk, duty free purchases.

The supermarkets will probably deliver shopping to Shelter Bay free of charge.

#### Markets

Very fresh vegetables and meat can be purchased at the **Central Mercado** in downtown Colón - probably best to keep your taxi driver alongside you though.

### Sports Facilities

There is a **swimming pool** on site at the Shelter Bay resort. Alternatively you may wish to do a day excursion to visit the Olympic sized swimming pool in **Espinar**. Open Wed-Sun 1000-1700. Admission \$4/day. Closed Mon-Tue.

### Telephones

**Pay Phones** There is a pay phone in the Marina complex. Cheap calling cards are available locally for international calls.

**Mobile/Cell** Mobiles are available for rent in the marina office.

## A to Z of Boat Services

### Boatyard

Shelter Bay has a 5 acre storage and work yard.

### Chandlery

There is a marina mini store on site. Its stocks a small range of work yard accessories but does not have an extensive range.

**Marine Warehouse** Portebello, Colón Tel: 696 1554

### Electrical and Electronics

**Electronica Willy** Ave Central between Calle 12 & 13 Tel: 443 2845

**Eelectronica Eduardo Janif** Tel: 442 1762, 630 9348 Recommended for SSB problems

### Electricity

Panama runs on the American system of 110 volts but some 220 volt outlets can be provided on the marina berths.

### Fibreglass / GRP Repair

Repairs can be undertaken by arrangement with the Marina Office.

### Fuel

The fuel dock is run by the marina and fuel dispensing can be booked in the marina office.

### Gas (for Cooking)

Refills of gas, of most types of regulator and size,

can be organised through the marina office. The turnaround may be a couple of days.

### Haulout

Shelter Bay has a 100 ton Travelift.

### Liferaft Servicing

**Panama Marine Products & Services Co.**  
France Field, Bldg. 54, Colon Free Zone. Tel: 4305233 [panamax@cwpanama.net](mailto:panamax@cwpanama.net)

### Mechanical

**Andy Anderson** Tel: 639 4556, 449 3231 Speaks excellent English. Able to do a variety of projects.

### Rigging

**James Laing** Tel: 268 1147, 681 6509 New Zealander living in Panama City.

### Sail Repairs

**Manuel Pretelt** Calle 8 ½ & Ave Santa Isabela, Colón Tel: 441 2389

### Watermaker Repairs

**Marine Warehouse** Portebello, Colón Tel: 696 1554 Authorised Spectra Watermaker Distributor

### Water

Safe drinking water is available on all berths.

### Welding / Metalwork

**Donald King** 9th St & Ave. Melendez, Colón. Speaks excellent English.





## Panama Canal Transit Information

The World ARC will employ the services of a transit agent in order to expedite the fleet's transit of the canal. Recreational yachts are not the most important user of the canal and as a result, the procedures for the transit of pleasure craft are subject to changes. The following text outlines what to expect when transiting the canal, based on the procedures in place at the time of writing.

### Paperwork

Prior to the start of World ARC, World Cruising Club will collect together details on each yacht (boat details, scantling lists, crew details etc) and declarations from each skipper that they understand and will comply with the terms and conditions of the transit. As an example each skipper must declare that their vessel is capable of motoring at a boat speed in excess of 5 knots. This paperwork will be passed onto the transit agent.



### Preparation

In Shelter Bay Marina an appointment will be made for the yacht to be visited by an Admeasurer team. This team, normally comprised of 2 people, will come aboard to check that the information previously given is all correct, and also provide a brief on how the transit will be conducted. The Admeasurer inspects the vessel with a checklist. Some of the items checked are:

- Boarding Area for pilot boarding is clear, well lit and that the means to board is safe. Generally not a problem on a yacht. The adviser will probably require use of the chart or saloon table for paperwork.

- VHF Must have channels 12, 13 and 16 working for transit communications.
- Check the horn (fixed/hand held) is available and working.
- Anchor ready for use, on the bow roller.
- Calibrated compass must have been calibrated within the last year.
- Holding tank (black water/sewerage) must be fitted to sanitation system.
- Galley/heads are checked for cleanliness for the pilot!



### Pilot / Adviser

Yachts will generally have an adviser onboard in place of a pilot. They are generally Panama Canal employees or even pilots, who are volunteering to act as advisers during their overtime.

It should be remembered that advisers are just that and the skipper should remain cautious.

There are many different advisers (around 300) and the service and manner of each differs greatly – after all, they are working overtime and not sat on a comfy bridge! Most crews find that treating them as an 'Examiner on Board' keeps them in an agreeable mood.

### Line Handlers

Each yacht is required to have 4 line handlers aboard. These are crew members in addition to the skipper and the adviser. The line handlers need to be aware at all times. It is possible to hire line handlers but experienced yacht crew would always be preferable.

As with any manoeuvres, line handlers need to be well briefed on what commands will be used to ensure that the boat is firmly held (but not suspended!).

### Lines

Mooring lines will be hired by World Cruising Club for the yachts. These lines are approximately 40mm diameter and 40m long. One end should have a 1m diameter loop on it for placing over the lock bollards. The line handlers will then control the lines as the yacht rises and falls in the locks. Lines are returned at the end of the transit, and then often brought back (with line handlers) to Shelter Bay for use on other yachts.



### Schedule

A typical transit will begin with a departure from Shelter Bay Marina in the late afternoon. The adviser will board the yacht, in the vicinity of the Limon Bay anchorage areas, in the early evening for the lifts up to Gatun Lake.

On exiting the last 'up' lock (at about midnight), yachts will pick up a buoy, in the lake, and offload the adviser. A different adviser will reboard at about 0500 for a dawn journey through the "Panama Channel" before starting the "down" locks at Miraflores. Expect to exit the last lock at about lunchtime, from where it is about an hour to Flamenco Marina.

The most preferred schedule for the fleet would be for boats to be divided into rafts of three and that 2 or 3 of these rafts depart during the afternoon of every other day.

Crews should expect to join boats on an earlier transit to help with their lines, and then travel back on land to make their own transit. To complete the favour, crews who have made the transits should expect to return to assist others. This will allow the fleet to transit the Canal without the need to employ extra line handlers.

### Locks

The lock chambers are huge and measure 300x33m. This means that the flow rates into and out of the locks are quite high. The water moves through 100 holes in the floor of each chamber.

This normally creates a large but equal disturbance which is not really a problem if you are in a chamber with other rafts of yachts. However, if a raft is chambered with a larger (cargo) vessel and generally this will be to her stern, the under-floor currents are displaced by her hull and can create a current off their stern.

Just be ready with the throttle and make sure line handlers are alert. Similarly, anticipate that when the gates open the larger vessel will engage forward gear and wash will kick astern.



## A. Flamenco Marina

### A. Flamenco Island & Marina

Isla Flamenco

Calizada de Amador

Apdo 6464, Zone 5, Panama

Tel: +507 314 1980 / 1353

Email: info@fuerteamador.com

Web: www.flamenco-island.com



A. Flamenco Marina

B. La Playita Marina

C. Anchorage

There are three possible mooring options on the Pacific side of the Canal.

Flamenco (A) and La Playita (B) Marinas may be full with permanent berth holders but space may be possible for a limited time. If there is no space available, yachts can anchor in the shelter of the Amador causeway (C).

### Mooring

At Flamenco Marina, berthing is alongside one of 165 floating pontoons. Rafting-up is likely.

### Facilities

Flamenco Marina is a relatively recent development and lies alongside the Pacific approaches to the Canal. The marina is situated on the south side between the two islands of Perico and Flamenco, which are attached to the mainland by a thin causeway. Ashore on the mainland are the districts of Balboa and Amador and, slightly further afield, the country's capital,

Panama City. Flamenco Marina is well situated for exploring Panama City and beyond.

There is a cruisers' net on VHF Ch 74 every morning at 0800, operated from the anchorage near Flamenco Marina. Some useful information and gossip.

## B. La Playita Marina

La Playita marina is a recent development and lies alongside the Pacific approaches to the Canal, on the opposite side to the larger Flamenco Marina.

### Mooring

Currently 1 pontoon with 40 slips, most of which are privately owned. A second pontoon is planned, with completion expected by early 2014.

Their one pontoon is constantly booked, and not normally open to visiting yachts, but World ARC has a good relationship with this small marina and occasionally some space is made available for World ARC boats on a short term basis.

### Facilities

There is a small toilet and shower block that may be made available for World ARC boats that are in the slips. These are not normally available to visiting yachts. Anchored yachts CANNOT use these facilities. Please note - Using these facilities without prior arrangement with the marina office will result in them becoming unavailable for everyone.

A small laundry is available, again for yachts alongside only. Cost US\$1 per load.

### Electricity

There is NO 16AMP POWER AVAILABLE. Slips are mainly 30A, some 50A. Note transformers from 30A to 16A have proved impossible to source in the past.

### Fuel

Diesel is available in the alongside slip, but times must be booked in advance with the office. VISA and Mastercard accepted, but not AMEX.

### Visiting La Taboga Island

The Taboga ferry departs from La Playita marina every day (45 min trip). Note that at weekends you will need to start getting in line nearly an hour in advance. Ferries depart Panama Mon-



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Fri at 0830 and return from Taboga at 1630. On weekends and holidays, ferries depart Panama at 0830, 1030 and 1630 and return from Taboga at 0900, 1500 and 1700.

### Travel Information

#### Airports

Nearest International airport is **Tucumen Airport**, Panama City and is around 30 minute taxi drive away. There are flights to the Caribbean, North and South America and Europe. Direct flights to Europe are available with KLM and Iberia.

#### Buses

A bus makes the Isla Flamenco circle once an hour. Beyond the Isla, there are many buses serving Panama City.

#### Car Rental

<b>Alamo</b>	Tel: 236 5777
<b>Budget</b>	Tel: 263 8777
<b>Hertz</b>	Tel: 260 2111

#### Taxis

There are cabs in the Flamenco Island area frequently and the ride for two into Amador is \$2, Panama City around \$8. The journey to Tucumen Airport is typically \$20, and the ride back to Colón (after a Canal transit) is \$40-60. **Fred** Tel: 65293739

#### Train

Taking the train back down the route of the canal is an easy way to return to Colón. Catch a bus from Flamenco to the train station in Panama City.

#### Bicycle Rental

**Moses Bike Rental** The Causeway, Amador. Tel: 211 3671. Typically Open Mon-Fri 0800-1800 \$10 per day, \$100 deposit. Can be delivered to Flamenco Marina.

### A to Z of What's on Shore

#### Accommodation

There is a hotel at the Flamenco Marina complex.

#### Bank and ATM (see Money)

#### Dentist

**Clinica Urriola** Centro Comercial Aventura, Tel: 260 9415

#### Diving

**ScubaPanama** Tel: 261 3841, 667 33173  
info@scubapanama.com

**Neptuno** Calle 73 San Fransico, Panama. Tel: 2613841

#### Doctors/Hospital

**Santa Fe Hospital** Tel: 227 4733

**Centro Medico Patilla** Tel: 265 8888  
at Punta Patilla has 24hr emergency room.

There are plenty of very good private medical facilities in Panama

Emergency ambulance Tel: 911

#### Hardware Store

**Centro Industrial** via Cincuentenario 79-10  
Excellent machine shop and good selection of tools.  
Tel: 224 2233

**Dimar** S.A. Edificio La Balinera Vista Hermosa. Fuel filters, oil filters and other supplies. Tel: 229 444

**Novoy** Av 7 Central 279; via Rdo J Alfaro Tel: 227 2744

#### Internet

There are at least 5 terminals within the marina shopping centre. WiFi is available in **Bennigan's** Restaurant in the Flamenco marina complex.

#### Laundry

Drop off at the Marina office; it is collected and returned the day after. Average wash and dry load costs \$2.50

#### Money

ATM located in the shopping plaza **HSBC** Calle Balboa and Barnby Tel: 228 4455

#### Pharmacy

**Farmacia Arrocha** Calle Aquilino de la Guardia, Balboa. Tel: 223 4505. 24hrs, and at Allbrook Mall



Embera Indian band



## Restaurants

The separate complex behind the shopping plaza has a number of bars and restaurants and there are plenty options further afield.

## Shopping

Shops in the **shopping plaza** sell a limited range of goods. In addition there is plenty of choice in the **El Dorado** or **Allbrook Mall** 15 mins by taxi.

**El Dorado Mall** contains a **Super 99** and **El Rey** supermarket. In addition there are internet cafes, hair salons, shops, and a **Gran Morrison** department store with a good selection of English magazines and books, and a little bit of everything else. There are also many fast food places, computer stores, shops and restaurants, all within a block of the mall.

**Allbrook Mall** is very large complex, again offering a wide variety of electronics, clothes, gifts, fresh fruit and veg and a very good supermarket with a fantastic meat counter.

## Telephones

There are payphones in the marina complex and outlets selling international calling cards.

**Cellrent de Panama** S.A. Street 75 San Franciso, Panama. Tel: 2267302, 6137890

## A to Z of Boat Services

### Boatyard

**Flamenco Marina** has an 8,000 square metre area for onshore minor repairs and cleaning work. The yard has none of its own workforce; any repair work must be carried out by authorised external service companies. Good 24-hour security. Liveaboard ashore is not permitted.

**Frank Nitte** can also organise a whole load of maintenance work [franknitte@hotmail.com](mailto:franknitte@hotmail.com) Tel: 6673 7395

### Chandlery

**Marine Warehouse** Stock and can import almost anything (once a week) via their Miami warehouse – dinghies, outboards, liferafts, etc. Contact Arturo (very good English) Mob: 6702 9256 Tel: 314 1768 [arturo@marinewarehouse.net](mailto:arturo@marinewarehouse.net)

**Nautipesca Chandlery** situated within the Flamenco Marina. Sell a variety of boating essentials, plus lots of good fishing gear. Tel: 236

1591, 236 6659 [nautipesca@cwpanama.net](mailto:nautipesca@cwpanama.net)

**Captain Store and Service Inc.** Tumba Muerto, Altos del Chase, Av, de la Amistad, 19F, Panama City. Tel: 236 2575, 236 6235

**Isla Morada** Charts, Some SSB and VHF equipment, almanacs. 5 mins in a taxi from Flamenco. Open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-1pm. Tel: 228 4348 / 228 6069. After hours Mob: 6673 4890

## Electricity

There is no 16 Amp power available at Flamenco Marina, only 30A and 50A. In the past it has proven impossible to buy 30A-16A transformers locally.

## Electrical and Electronics

**Electromar Services** P.O.Box 87-1374, Zone 7, Balboa, Ancon, Panama City. Tel: 228 9983

## Fibregalss / GRP Repair

**Christobal Marina Repair** Tel: 232 6575, 661 48167 [waltrek@cmrepair.com](mailto:waltrek@cmrepair.com) [www.cmrepair.com](http://www.cmrepair.com). For all types of repair work

**Alberto** Tel: 225 6654. Speaks good English.

## Fuel

Petrol (gas) and diesel is available on the fuel dock. Book through marina office. Tides may restrict some draughts at low water.

## Gas (Cooking)

Gas is available from **Panagas**, situated a few miles away from the marina, towards Colón. Taxi drivers do not mind carrying gas bottles. Try **Federico** on 6529 3739 (limited English – World Cruising staff may be able to help arrange this on your behalf)

**Panagas** Tel: 800 5111 [www.panagas.net](http://www.panagas.net)

**Gente Del Mar** (See Mechanical) offer collections on Tuesday PM and other days by arrangement.

## Haulout

150 ton Travelift for vessels up to 100 feet. Like everything in Panama, it can be expensive and take some time! Typical haulout cost \$1000

## Liferaft Servicing

**Panama Marine Products & Services**, Co. France Field, Bldg. 54, Colon Free Zone. Tel: 4305233 [panamax@cwpanama.net](mailto:panamax@cwpanama.net)

**Marine Warehouse** (See Chandlery, above) can also sell / import new liferafts from the U.S.

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### Mechanical

**Andy Anderson** Tel: 449 3231 Speaks excellent English. Able to do a variety of projects.

**Gente de Mar** are located less than 10 mins in a taxi from Flamenco Marina, a few hundred metres before the YMCA building on the right hand side. Have several English-speaking mechanics (it is U.S-run), and will undertake most mechanical work. However, their excellent service means they are always busy. Tel Juan, 6700 9133

### Refrigeration

**Erick** Mob: 6670 1535

**Eugenio Evans** Mob: 6674 3901

### Rigging

**James Anderson** Mob: 6670 1788. Good service, but always busy.

**Kiwi Mike** ('Marine Scene') Mob: 6727 6722.  
[www.marinescene.co.nz](http://www.marinescene.co.nz)

### Watermakers

**Hydromundo** via Argentina y calle 55, Edif. Renaissance # 7, El Cangrejo, Panama City. Tel: 265 4158 Mob: 6450 5051

### Welding / Metalwork

**Metalica Perez.** Large outfit used to dealing with boats, excellent and prompt service but not much English spoken. Mob: 6616 7735 Tel: 227 1352

**Pevez** Via Corozal, near **Novey** downtown. Tel: 227 0846



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## Las Perlas Islands

The Archipelago de Las Perlas is made up of more than 220 islands and islets, only 90 of which are named and even fewer are inhabited. These islands first gained notoriety in 1513 in the days of Vasco Nuñez de Balboa's discovery of the Pacific Ocean. It is said that he encountered a group of Indians, resplendent in pearls, paddling boats who told him of the islands and their rich pearl beds. Although he never actually went to the islands, he named them "Islas de Las Perlas" (Pearl Islands).

### Entry Formalities

The islands are administered by the Republic of Panama. If one intends to stop at Las Perlas after clearing out from mainland Panama, this should be mentioned on the clearance papers.

### Pilotage Information

**Charts** 1929 - Golf of Panama

2258 - Bahia Buenaventura to Panama

**Pilots** Panama Cruising Guide (Bauhaus)

**A word of caution:** Tides in the Pacific can be as large as 5 metres. Take care when finding an anchorage and when landing a dinghy ashore.

### Suggested Itinerary

There are plenty of anchorages to choose from, mostly deserted. There are navigational challenges to stopping in the Las Perlas Islands. However, once these are overcome, you will hopefully enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the islands. In fact probably a taster for the Pacific islands. With Contadora, the three most notable islands are:

#### Isla del Rey

The largest island is Isla del Rey ("Island of the King"). Isla del Rey has several towns, most notably San Miguel. It offers many interesting inland areas to explore.

#### San Jose

San Jose is the second largest island, surrounded by over 35 white, black or gold beaches and coves. Lush green vegetation covers the whole island over gently sloping hills which peak, at the north of the island, to 440 feet. The coast line is very irregular, affording many anchorage locations. For anchorages, a favourite is Bodega Bay, on the west, one mile in length.

## Galera

The lonely island of Galera is beautiful beyond description, with its heavy facade of tall coconut palm trees and a white sandy beach. Be aware that there are very strong currents, shallows and reefs surrounding the island and navigation can be especially tricky.



## Contadora Island

Contadora Island is the most developed island. It is home to a small, elegant resort, with a small airport, hotels, restaurants, a couple of shops and a service station. Be careful when choosing your anchorage, as here is the only legal naturist beach in South America! Contadora is about 750 acres, is crossed by several roads, and can be walked around in an hour and half.

### Anchoring

The prevailing NE winds make the south side of the island more sheltered than the north. There is sufficiently large anchorage to the west of the airstrip approach. There are alternative anchorages on the south side to the east of the airstrip (Playa Suecas) and also to the east and north of the island as well (Playa Larga and Playa Galleon).

## Travel Information

### Airport & Airlines

**Contadora Airport** (OTD) When boarding your flight back to Panama City, you'll need to stop by the Aeroperlas or Air Panama offices by the airstrip to confirm your flight and check in.

**Aeroperlas** [www.aeroperlas.com](http://www.aeroperlas.com) Tel: 378 6000  
[info@aeroperlas.com](mailto:info@aeroperlas.com)

**Air Panama** [www.flyairpanama.com](http://www.flyairpanama.com) Tel: 316  
9000 [info29@flyairpanama.com](mailto:info29@flyairpanama.com)

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### Car Rental

Contadora is a compact island, and though most roads are paved there are few vehicles and no taxis on the island.

People get around by walking, by bicycle (\$15/day), or, more popularly, by ATV (\$75/day) or golf cart (\$60/day). Tel: 6513 9064.

### Ferry

**Sea Las Perlas** [www.sealasperlas.com](http://www.sealasperlas.com) Tel: 678 8000 [info@sealasperlas.com](mailto:info@sealasperlas.com) Connects the Flamenco causeway to Contadora island. Travel time 1h 40m. Prices around \$45 adult one way (\$35 per child) and \$90/adult return trip (\$70 per child).

## A to Z of What's On Shore

### Accommodation

**Villa Romantica Hotel** Tel: 2504067 / 2504078 [hotel.romantica@gmail.com](mailto:hotel.romantica@gmail.com) A selection of rooms, all 'individually' decorated.

**Hotel Punta Galeon** Tel: 2504221 [gerenciapp2@cwpanama.net](mailto:gerenciapp2@cwpanama.net) Modern hotel with standard rooms.

**Hotel Gerald's** Tel: 2504159 [Gerald@cableonda.net](mailto:Gerald@cableonda.net)

### Diving

**Coral Dreams** offers diving and snorkelling tours. Contact Roxana and Guillermo at their shop Tel: 5361776 [info@coral-dreams.com](mailto:info@coral-dreams.com)

### Garbage

May be taken ashore at the **Romantica Hotel**.

### Hospital / Doctors

**Health Centre** open Mon-Fri from 0700-1500.

### Internet

**Café** next to dive center. Wifi in **Romantica Hotel**

### Money

Arrive with sufficient US dollars for your stay there is no bank or ATM. Hotels accept Visa and Mastercard but there is an additional surcharge.

### Restaurants

**Villa Romantica** seafood and international cuisine. Also serves breakfast.

**Punta Galeon Restaurant** seafood and

international cuisine.

**Blandy** serves basic meals including breakfast. Dinners from 1700-1900. Tel: 250 4037

**A La Fonda Clarita** basic lunch & evening meals

**Rincon Romantico** international cuisine.

**Restaurant Gerald Seafood** German food, pizzas and pastas. Serves breakfast.

**Pacific Island** 0600-0900, 1100-1400, 1700-1900

### Shopping

**Contadora Supermarket** The biggest of the mini markets. Open 0600-1900

**Blandy** with some fresh vegetables and frozen meat. Closed over lunchtime.

**Pacific Island Shopette** Open 0600-1900

## A to Z of Boat Services

No real yacht facilities or services available in the islands.

### Fuel

The fuel station is located opposite the main supermarket. Price US\$ 5 /gallon approximately.

### Gas (Cooking)

Propane bottles are available at the **Fuel Station** but no refills



Contadora beach



## Galapagos Islands



### Information

Time Zone	UTC-6
Dialling Code	+593 5
Money	US\$
Language	Spanish

### Useful websites

[www.galapagostourist.org](http://www.galapagostourist.org)  
[www.ecuadortouristboard.com](http://www.ecuadortouristboard.com)

### Entry Formalities

Arranged through the World ARC agent.

## San Cristóbal

### Pilotage

#### Charts

1375 Galapagos Islands with Plans

#### Pilots

Landfalls of Paradise (Hinz)  
 Pacific Crossing Guide (RCC)  
 South Pacific Handbook (Stanley)  
 Cruising the South Pacific (Austin)

### Mooring

The fleet will anchor in Wreck Bay (Bahia de Naufragio) at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno.

### General

Puerto Baquerizo on San Cristobal Island will be the first scheduled stop for World ARC in the Galapagos. It is a small, compact, safe town with all basic necessities just a walk from the dock. You should be able to orientate yourself quite quickly with what it has to offer.

## Travel Information

### Airports

Around 2km from the town centre.

### Airlines

**Emetebe** is the Inter-island carrier. **Tame** and **Aerogal** offer flights to the mainland. All 3 airlines have offices in the airport. There is also a Tame office along the Charles Darwin beachfront road at the western side of the town

### Ferries

Daily ferry service from San Cristobal to Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz, departing at 0700 and returning at 1400. It takes 2hrs – 2.5hrs.

It is possible to hire a private charter (approx \$300) or find a local heading that way.

### Bicycle Rental

**Chalo Tours** Ave Espanola (next to police station) hire bikes. Other bike hire stores are also available. Expect to pay around \$20 per day.

### Taxis

Taxis are double-cab 4x4 jeeps. Just hail one down in the street. You can also hire the driver on an hourly basis to conduct an island tour.

### Water Taxis

**Agua Taxi** VHF Ch 14. \$0.60 per person approx, \$1 after 2000.

## A to Z of What's on Shore

### Accommodation

**Miconia Hotel and Restaurant** opposite the dock.

**Bellavista Suites** opposite the dock.

**Teclas Surf Resort** Av. Charles Darwin. Friendly and safe budget hostel.

**B&B** style lodgings available around the town, varying in quality. The Tourist Information office has more details.

### Book Exchange

**Patagonia Restaurant** Av. Charles Darwin, has a bookswap corner as well as a good breakfast! Open from 0600.

### Doctors/Hospital

**Hospital** Ave Quito and Av Alsacio Northa  
Tel: 252 0118.

Generally medical resources are limited. More serious problems will have to be dealt with in Santa Cruz or mainland Ecuador

**Red Cross** Tel: 252 0125

### Emergencies

**Red Cross** Tel: 252 0125

**Hospital** Tel: 252 0118

**Police** Tel: 252 0101 VHF Ch 26

### Ice

From local food shops or bars, including the **Miconia Hotel**.

### Internet

Internet cafés are available on almost every street. Expect to pay up to \$2 per hour.

Note: WiFi services on San Cristobal are not that reliable.

### Laundry

**Super Wash** Ave Jose de Villamil,

**Limpio y Seco** Av. Alsacia Northia, just downhill from the church,

**Laundry** (blue writing) Av. Alsacio Northa, just up the hill from the traffic lights .

Expect to pay around \$2/kg, washed and dried.

### Money

**Banco Bolivano** ATM located in front of Proinsular grocery store. VISA network ATM

**Banco del Pacifico** Av. Charles Darwin. Offers cash advances on Master Card and a Cirrus ATM machine.

### Pharmacy

5 pharmacies within the town, all fairly well stocked. Duty system to provide 24hr availability.

### Post Office

**Correos** Av. Charles Darwin. There are also post boxes outside most souvenir shops along the seafront.

## Restaurants

**Miconia Restaurant** on the beach front, a 50m walk from the dock. Overlooks the anchorage. This venue has become popular for both a drink and dinner. [www.miconia.com](http://www.miconia.com)

**Polo's Bar** 12 de Febrero e Ignacio Hernandez. Serves good food at a reasonable price. With a pool table, good music and a well stocked bar, it is popular with the younger generation.

## Rubbish/Garbage

Please do not bring your garbage ashore independently. Call on VHF Ch 11 and a boat will collect your garbage bags - \$1 per bag paid to the boatman. Spanish for rubbish is 'basurn'

## Shopping

### Markets

Good fresh fruit and vegetable store located on the corner next to the only set of traffic lights in town. Open Mon-Sat until 2000, variable on Sun. Most small stores shut for siesta in the afternoon. Generally, avoid shopping on a Sunday.

### Supermarkets

**Mercado Municipal** Rosianas and Calypso. Opposite Port Captain office. Open Mon-Sat 0600-2000.

## Sports Facilities

**Surf Club** Av. Hernan Melville (Opposite the Dolphin café) Open daily 0900-1230 & 1400-1800. Board hire per hour or per day. Average cost for a half-day is \$10.

## Toilets

The only public toilet available is by the pier. Most local bars and restaurants have facilities.

## Water

It's possible to get fresh water delivered to a boat at anchor. Enquire through rally control or our yacht agent. Expect to pay around \$55 per 500lt.



## A to Z of Boat Services

San Cristobal has very limited facilities and anything but the smallest repair would be difficult to carry out here. There is an electrician (Miguel) who has a small workshop in the middle of the town (in the coffee field). He is willing but has limited equipment and parts.

Puerto Ayora has marine repair specialists.

## Chandlery

There is a selection of small hardware stores in which its possible to get general items. The shops, known as 'Ferreteria' stock a reasonable range of fixtures, fittings, ropes, hoses, tools etc. Some also sell fishing equipment. The closest Ferreteria is 50m from the dock. It offers fishing equipment and some limited boat supplies.

## Electricity

Not available (anchorage only)

## Fuel

A limited supply of diesel may be available and it is easier in Santa Cruz island. Delivery to your yacht at anchor or collected ashore in jerrycans with special permit. Both are organised by our yacht agent. International prices changes every week.

## Gas (Cooking)

Difficult to buy gas here. Those with US bottles as opposed to European ones will probably have more luck. The approximate cost is \$3/kg



Left and above, Wreck Bay, San Cristobal

## Isabela

Puerto Villamil can best be described as the “jewel of the Galapagos harbours”. The harbour is protected by a southern string of low islands and reefs and is therefore a protected, calm anchorage.

### Formalities

On arrival go immediately to the Capitania building which is the white and blue building located at the based of the concrete pier.

On arrival at the embarcadero, you may be asked to pay a \$5 visitors fee. Keep your permit for future visits ashore.

### Mooring

The harbour is protected by a southern string of low islands and reefs. While there is a small boat entry through these islands, yachts will need to round to the south and west of the group, and enter through a buoyed channel. Entry is not easy as it is encumbered with reefs, so make sure you arrive with good light and keep a good lookout for reefs in the approaches to the anchorage.

The anchorage area is bounded by low volcanic islets, is quite calm and is a lot smaller than it looks as you enter, because it is mostly filled with submerged reefs and shoals. Reefs are above water at low tide.

The water in this protected area is quite shallow - 3 to 4 metres. There are large coral slabs on the bottom so it is easy to foul the anchor, but the anchorage is well protected from the swell.



*Puerto Vilamil anchorage*

### Dinghy Docks

There are 2 dinghy dock areas. There is a very convenient, big concrete pier in the town, with the Iguana Café building on it. However the approach

through the surf can be difficult and there can be a lot of swell. Useful for a quick drop off, or visit.

The main dinghy dock is to the very east of the town (called the embarcadero). At high to mid tide, it is possible to carefully pick your way directly from the anchorage to this dock. At lower tides you have to go out around the long way. Land at the small yellow pontoon east of the quay, or on the beach west of the same quay - go the western end of this small beach where there is less breaking swell.

To reach town from the embarcadero, follow the road, and stay left when the road branches. Town is about a 15-20 minute walk away.

### Don't Miss

Snorkelling off your boat and in the reef area with white tipped sharks. Play with the colony of penguins that live in the anchorage and visit your boat to feed.

**Concha de Perla** Just off the embarcadero is a raised walkway through ancient mangroves to a tranquil pool with a dock. Nice protected snorkelling or just a great place for a picnic.

**Las Tintoreas** This is a trail around the reef and islets surrounding the anchorage. Wildlife includes penguins, turtles, marine iguanas, white tipped reef sharks, sea lions, and blue footed boobies. The steps are in the centre opening in the reef that many fishing pangas take to the open sea –just watch them.

**Centro de Crianza** Follow main road west to the Iguana Crossing resort. Follow trail and raised walkways to tortoise rescue and breeding centre. Most of the endangered species endemic to Isabela are represented here.

**Muro de Lágrimas** The ‘wall of tears’ is 6 km out along the beach road and was built after WWII by inmates of a penal colony. From there, go to the Mirador (overlook) and then walk along the trails. Lava tubes, Playa del Amor (covered in marine iguanas), lagoons with pink flamingos (6pm when they return from feeding). You can arrange a taxi for \$12 to take you 6km to the Wall, wait, take you to the Mirador, wait, take you to the first set of trails, from which you visit the others and walk back to town. Biking is also a nice option.



### **Cerro Negro and Volcan Chico**

**Volcanoes** All day trip by truck and horse back. Even if it is cloudy and rainy in the anchorage, it will more than likely be clear at the volcanoes (or vice versa). Ask about conditions before you go to avoid disappointment.

Enquire at **Sharksky Tours** on Via Las Fragatas to join a tour (\$35 pp) or organise a bespoke adventure for guide and transportation. Also offices in San Cristobal.

**Cabo Rosa/Los Tuneles** This is a 25 mile panga ride to Cabo Rosa, with a brief stop at Roca Union. Cabo Rosa (or Los Tuneles) is an unbelievable lava landscape which is negotiated by the panga driver through a series of narrow channels and arches with cactus growing on them. The collapsed lava has created many tunnels and bridges that are magical. Snorkelling possible too. Ask at the **embarcadero** for a boat and driver.

## **Travel Information**

### **Airlines**

**Emtebe** provide Inter island flights with an irregular schedule. Offices at the corner of Las Fragata and Antonio Gil streets.

### **Bicycle Rentals**

At **Bazar Veronica** on Antonio Gil just past hospital (heading west). \$5 for 3 hrs. Roads are all sand so traffic moves slowly.

### **Ferry**

Passenger speed boats operate daily between Isabela and Santa Cruz. The journey takes 2–3 hrs and costs \$25. Boats depart the embarcadero at 0600. The return journey from Santa Cruz departs at 1400. The ride can be wet and uncomfortable in certain sea conditions but is useful for managing crew changes. To book, visit the **Transmartisa** offices at the corner of Las Fragata and Antonio Gil streets.

### **Taxis**

Relatively inexpensive. \$2-3 for a trip around town to the dinghy dock.



*Volcano tour*

## **A-Z of What's On Shore**

### **Accommodation**

**Hotel Albermarle** on the waterfront near the Port Captain. Ask for Max Murray.

### **Internet**

**Albatros.net** Open Mon– Sat 0830-2030. North end of Via Fragata. \$2 per hour.

**Easynet** the island internet provider. Open: Mon- Fri 0830–1230, 1500–1830; Sat 0900–1300. Connection can be slow. Laptop station with LAN cable available.

### **Laundry**

**Concha de Perla Lavaderia** short walk inland from the embarcadero. \$1.50/kg, one day

**Lavaderia Jordan** \$2 per kilo. Wash, dry, fold.

### **Money**

Arrive with enough currency, as there are no ATMs and the bank will not issue cash.

### **Restaurants**

**El Cafetal Cafe Cultural** Nice quiet relaxing place for a drink.

**La Choza, Cesars** or **El Encanto de la Pepe**. Serve local food all day. On main square

**Pizzeria Los Delfines** On main square. Pizzas around \$20.

**La Faro** 100m north of the main square on via Las Fragatas.

**Casa Rosada** - the last establishment on the beach as you walk out of town (away from the dinghy dock). In the late afternoons, locals and tourists (and iguanas) gather and play or watch volleyball. They have a daily happy hour special from 1700 to 1900 and a book swap.

### Rubbish/Garbage

Recycling bins are available at the dinghy dock and around town.

### Shopping

#### *Bakery*

**Panaderia Frigata** Open Monday – Saturday 0600 -0900 and 1600-1900.

#### *Butcher*

Air conditioned butcher shop run by **Mercedes** (just beyond Albatros.net - on the right by the bus stop just past the triangle and grocery store). Beef, chickens.

#### *Supermarkets*

Provisioning on Isabela is a bit hit and miss. Supply boats are scheduled regularly every 15 days or so.

**Albertros.net** is probably the supermarket with the most choice. Open Daily 0700 – 2200. At the northern end of Via Fragata. Also has WiFi (see above).

**Supermercado Insular** usually has a good fresh fruit and vegetable selection. On via Gaviotin and Terro Real.

### Sports Facilities

#### *Diving*

**Isabela Dive Center** Calle Escalecia. Price \$120 per person per day.

#### *Kayaking Tours*

**Wooden House** B&B (Minino), on route from embarcadero, for \$25 and \$5 each per hour for kayaks. Tours to a little offshore island and coves along the coast. Alfredo Bolivar (Minino), ga\_viye@yahoo.com Tel: 05-252-9008

### Toilets & Showers

Public conveniences are available opposite the Capitania Building. In poor state of repair and cleanliness.

### Water

Cruisers have bought locally produced agua desalinada in 5 gallon jugs from **Francisco** Mob: 086 214512. \$1.50 per 5 gallons.

## A-Z of Boat Services

### Chandlery

Two hardware stores in town, and most supermarkets also have a small hardware section.

**Ferreteria Ana Karolina** Calle Escalecia, next to Isabela Dive Center has quite a bit of stainless fasteners, tools, gasket material, etc.

**Ferreteria Las Palmas** Via Comoran and El Gaviotin

### Fuel

Only if essential. A certificate must be organised at the Capitania. Diesel (in jerrycans) from the one and only fuel station 1-2 miles out of town. Taxi costs \$3 (or \$10/hr if filling several boats and making two trips).

### Mechanical

**Jorge at Taller Peter.** Taller Peter is on Via Municipal, one block west of the blue-roofed municipal equipment repair shop. Shop Tel: 02-529436 Mob: 08-6925177. Diesel and gas engine repair.

### Welding

**Pedro Pachai at Taller Peter** (Via Municipal, one block west of the blue-roofed municipal equipment repair shop). Shop Tel: 02-529436, Mob: 08-6925177. Aluminium, stainless, monel, steel, and bronze welding.

### Woodwork

**David Playito** next to Taller Peter apolinario\_7@hotmail.com



*Sunbathing sealions*

## Santa Cruz



*Academy Bay, Puerto Ayora*

### Entry Formalities

Arranged through the World ARC agent  
**ServiGalapagos**.

### Mooring

The World ARC fleet will be at anchor in Academy Bay. A stern anchor may help keep the boat into the southerly swells.

### Mail

Mail can be sent care of the World ARC agent, ServiGalapagos. Use this address format:

Ricardo Arenas-SERVIGALAPAGOS

Yacht "Name"

Puerto Ayora

Isla Santa Cruz

Galapagos ECUADOR

### General

Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island, is the centre of the tourist industry in the Galapagos and is the 2nd scheduled stop in the islands. The town Puerto Ayora is also four times the size of Puerto Baquerizo. Most of the day trips and longer cruises leave from this island.

There is nowhere to moor a dinghy ashore, just a drop off dock, so most people use the water taxis. If you choose to use your own dinghy, it is a requirement to wear life jackets. The local maritime authority (white uniforms) do enforce this from time to time. All the water taxis carry life jackets or buoyancy aids for each person to use when aboard.

## Travel Information

As mentioned, the town of Puerto Ayora is small and safe, therefore walking is the most popular form of transport and also the cheapest.

### Airports

**Seymour/Baltra Airport** (code GPS or SEGS). On Baltra Island, just north of Santa Cruz. To get to the airport take a taxi direct (\$15) or a taxi to the bus station and go by bus. Journey time is 30mins by taxi and 45mins by bus. Both will drop off at the ferry dock on the Baltra Channel. After a 5 minute ferry ride and a complimentary bus (15mins) you arrive at the airport.

### Airlines

**Aerogal** to Guayaquil and **TAME** to Quito, and Guayaquil. TAME also fly to San Cristóbal.

### Bicycle Rental

Bikes are widely available in the town. Prices range from \$8 to \$15 per day, or \$2 to \$5 per hour. Ensure you ask in the shop where you are permitted to cycle, as some areas are restricted for walking only or completely out of bounds.

### Taxis

Taxis are the double-cab 4x4 jeeps. A journey within the local area will cost \$1.

### Water Taxis

**Augua Taxi** VHF Ch14. The taxis run 24 hours a day and prices are per person. If leaving early hours for a day tour organise a water taxi the night before. Daytime rates are \$0.60. After 1900 the price is increased to \$1.



*Buying produce in Puerto Ayora*

## A to Z of What's on Shore

### Accommodation

Being an international port, Puerto Ayora has a good selection of hotels (**Sol y Mar**, **The Red Mangrove**, **Hotel Elizabeth** and **Francis Drake Hotel**). There are also several hostels for those on a budget.

### Couriers

**DHL** Ricardo Arenas, our agent here in the Galapagos, is also the DHL agent. Office hours are Mon-Fri 0800–1230 and 1400–1530; Sat 0900–1230

Ricardo Arenas-SERVIGALAPAGOS/Yacht "Name", Puerto Ayora, Isla Santa Cruz, Galapagos ECUADOR

### Dentist

See Hospital.

### Diving

The islands feature about 30 dive sites, a combination of which can be accessed on day trips from Puerto Ayora. Unfortunately you are unable to simply go and dive off your boat using your own gear. You must be accompanied by a professional bilingual naturalist and dive master. Dives with a reputable company average about \$130 per day (two dives). Reliable PADI dive courses are also available.

### Doctors/Hospital

**Dr. Darquesa** inland of the Charles Darwin Station. He reportedly offers the best treatment in town in a clean private environment. Tel: 526 496.

**Hospital Republica de Ecuador** Avda. Baltra on the sea front. Tel: 252 7439

**Lab Clinic** Blood and faecal tests in one hour.

**Red Cross** Tel: 129

### Hardware Store

Locally known as 'ferreteria' there are plenty of hardware stores in town.

### Ice

Available at the **supermarket** as well as most of the corner shops. Pay around \$1 for 2kg of ice.

### Internet

There are internet cafes on almost every street, and often in bars also. Expect \$1.50 - \$2/hour.

### Money

**El Banco del Pacífico**, next to the supermarket by the dock, open Mon-Fri 0800-1530; Sat 0930-1230. The bank's ATM accepts most cards. There is a \$1.50 fee.

### Pharmacy

There are plenty of pharmacies in town.

**Lolita Pharmacy** is closest to the dock. Open 7 days a week, 0700-2300.

### Post Office

**Correos** near the supermarket, open every day 0900–1200. Stamps are \$1 each

### Restaurants

**The Rock** a lively restaurant just a few minutes from the dock, open from early evening until midnight. Varied menu with daily specials board.

**Capricho** is an open-air German-run café. Maria's piping hot pancakes make a good start to the day and a range of lunches and cakes are also available. Open 0700-2000.

**Limón y Café** a young person's hang out. Open Mon-Sun 0900-midnight.

**Il Giardino** serves international and Italian food and excellent ice creams. Good service. Closed on Mondays.

**La Garrapata** with juice bar, sandwiches and set lunch during the day, à la carte at night. Open Mon-Sat 0900-2200, Sun 1700-2200

### Rubbish / Garbage

Local boats service your yacht at anchor for rubbish collection. Pay in cash, depending on the amount of garbage you have. Expect to pay \$1 per bag of waste. Collections are mostly made in the morning, from 0800 onwards.

### Shopping

Main Supermarket, located opposite the dock. Although small by mainland standards, it does offer a good array of dried, canned, and boxed goods, as well as basic toiletries, cheeses, bottled water, and a liquor section.

Fresh produce arrives on the island on Saturday mornings.



## Markets

**Town Market**, 1km up Av. Baltra (main street) on the right hand side. Here you can find a good range of fresh local produce as well as fruit and vegetables from the mainland. It is a ten-minute walk so advisable to get a taxi for the return. Also Saturday market.

There are also a number of stalls on the main street (and just off it) selling fresh fruit and vegetables.

## Telephones

All calls can be made at **Pacifictel** after waiting in line. Warning: When making a phone call from the Galapagos patience is required, as the phone lines are among the worst in the country.

## Water

Delivered by boat to your yacht, expect to pay approx. \$55 per 500l. Pay cash on delivery.



*Views of Academy Bay from Puerto Ayora*

## A to Z of Boat Services

Repair facilities in Puerto Ayora, although limited, are surprisingly good for such a small place. This is due to the large number of excursion boats based there, local mechanics being extremely adept at making emergency repairs.

### Electrical and Electronics

**Electronautica** does all electronic repairs.

Taller Miguel Pionce (see below).

### Fibreglass / GRP Repair

**Alberto Vera** Av. Bolivar Naveda, a local boat builder, is a skilled carpenter.

### Fuel

Delivery arrangements and cost to be confirmed. Payment in advance. Be prepared with spare jerry cans if you over-estimate your requirements, as NO REFUNDS are possible. As always filter fuel into your tank or jerrycans. Fuel can also be bought at the fuel station, 1km inland along the Av. Baltra. A permit is requested in advance and fuel will be sold at international prices that may vary every week.

### Gas (Cooking)

**Mecanica Gallardo** Tel: 526 287. Propane only and the cost is approx. \$2/kg Taxi drivers will know where to take you and will charge \$1. Very difficult to purchase propane bottles.

### Haul-out

The only haul-out facility in the islands is a drying grid in the inner harbour in Puerto Ayora. This can be used depending on the state of the tides. One must get permission from the port captain.

### Mechanical

**Taller Miguel Gallardo** Avenida 2 de Noviembre. Open Mon-Fri 0800-1200, 1400-1800. Repairs on diesel and outboard engines, as well as refrigeration repair, general machine and metalwork, including welding.

**Taller Miguel Pionce** opposite Hotel Las Ninfas. Diesel engine repairs, starter motors and alternator repairs.

### Rigging and Sails

Simple repair jobs are undertaken by **Ramon** who works at the Darwin Centre. Also shop opposite Mecanica Gallardo for basic repairs.

## French Polynesia

French Polynesia is composed of over 150 islands and islets, all of which are the over-water summits of former underwater volcanoes (down to 4,000 metres deep). Volcanic islands are constantly sinking and owe their survival to coral growing on the surface. The islands are a mixture of volcanic high islands and coral atolls; the high islands have rich, fertile soil and support a much wider diversity of vegetation than the atolls

### Entry Formalities

The Customs office is co-located with the Police station on the main high street in Atuona. World Cruising Club will use an agent to expedite the clearance procedures.

After clearing in all crew changes and boat moves must be reported to the maritime office of immigration (PAF), as must inter-island cruises and final departure. For World ARC participants these formalities will be handled using a local agent.

**Forbidden:** The importation of plant products (fruit, vegetables, flowers), plants and seeds into French Polynesia is regulated or forbidden. The transport of these products between the islands is also strictly regulated. All fresh fruits, vegetables and plants on board have to be declared on arrival, so appropriate treatment can be applied by the sanitary authorities. Advice is to throw all fresh fruits and vegetables overboard before arrival to avoid any problems with sanitary authorities.

### Visas

French Polynesia is part of the Schengen Area Agreement of the EU, and Schengen visa rules apply. Citizens of the EU, Australia, Switzerland and Norway can stay for 90 days without a visa. Citizens of USA, Canada, New Zealand, Argentina, Chile, Japan and Mexico can stay for 30 days without a visa. World ARC participants will be staying longer than 30 days in French Polynesia, and so will be required to obtain a Visa Extension through the appointed agent for a fee of 5.000 cfp (approx US\$65). All other nationalities require a visa in advance, which can be obtained from French diplomatic missions, for example in Panama City.

## Hiva Oa

### Information

Time Zone	UTC-9.5 (The Marquesas are 30 minutes ahead of the rest of French Polynesia)
Dialling Code	+689
Money	CFP Franc
Exchange	1US\$ = 86.84XFP
Language	French
Emergencies	Tel: 911 or 999 VHF Ch 16

### Useful websites

[www.marquises-hivaoa.org.pf](http://www.marquises-hivaoa.org.pf)



### Mooring

Boats will anchor in the NE corner of Taaoa Bay. The tidal range is 1m on average. Depths vary at less than 3.5m inshore of the breakwater. The bay is open to the SE and can be quite roilly. The village of Atuona is a short walk around the bay to the West.



Arrival welcome in Hiva Oa

## General

The World ARC fleet will make landfall in French Polynesia on the island of Hiva Oa in the Marquesas Islands. The arrival in Hiva Oa will be the end of the longest passage on the rally itinerary.

In addition to a warm welcome, Hiva Oa provides sufficient facilities to re-provision. The island's windward position in the group means yachts are well placed to explore the remainder of the Marquesas.

Hiva Oa is a place of pilgrimage where you can pause to reflect by the tombs of the painter **Paul Gauguin** and the singer **Jacques Brel** in the old naval cemetery of Atuona.

The **Segalen-Gauguin** museum has Gauguin works on display as well as a reconstruction of the 'House of Pleasure' where he lived. There is a column in homage to Jacques Brel. It is a centrepiece for artistic creativity and cultural exchanges on the island.

Mountain trails lead you to unique archaeological sites where the largest **tikis** (hand carved sculpture) in French Polynesia are to be found. The exceptional site of **Puamau** is well worth the extra trip.

The island is a hive of busy artists, wood carvers, tapa cloth makers, tattoo artists, singers and dancers. Many excursions and sights are available: waterfalls, rock outcrops, river fords or bathing in the river for nature lovers.

## Travel Information

Transport on the island is difficult and limited. There is no bus service and island exploration is best done by hire car, taxi or organised tour.

### Airports

There is an airport on Hiva Oa which is serviced by flights from Tahiti 4 times a week. Flight time 3h45m. Tel: 927 231

### Airlines

**Air Tahiti** offers inter-island flights. Their office is located at the western end of Atuona, next door to the bank. Tel: 917 090 / 917 091 Open Mon-Fri 0800-1200 & 1330-1630.

### Car Rental

Rental cars are limited in number and quality. It may be best to search for the best (and safest) deal. All will drop off the vehicle at the dinghy

dock. Driving license will be required and a passport can be deposited instead of the usual 5000cpf.

**Atuona Rent-a-Car** Tel: 927 607 Mob: 721717

**David Location** Tel: 927 287 [kmk@mail.pf](mailto:kmk@mail.pf)

**Hiva Oa Location** Tel: 917 060 Mob: 728 383

### Taxis

**Mme Frida Peterano** Tel: 707 202

**Mlle. Simone Teriivahine** (Vahine Transport) Tel: 246 477

## A to Z of What's on Shore

### Accommodation

**Hiva Oa Hanakee Pearl Lodge** Above Atuona  
Tel: 927 587 [hiva.oa.pearl@mail.pf](mailto:hiva.oa.pearl@mail.pf)  
[www.pearlresorts.com](http://www.pearlresorts.com)

**Relais Moehau** Tel: 927 269 Mob: 701 634  
[moehaurelais@mail.pf](mailto:moehaurelais@mail.pf) [www.relaismoehau.pf](http://www.relaismoehau.pf)

**Chez Marie-Antoinette** Heitaa. On the mountainside Puamau, near archeological sites  
Tel: 927 227 Mob: 709 224 No credit cards

**Pension Gauguin** (M. André Teissier) Tel: 927 351  
Mob: 756 851 [pens.gauguin@mail.pf](mailto:pens.gauguin@mail.pf)  
[www.pensiongauguin.ifrance.com](http://www.pensiongauguin.ifrance.com)

**Pension Kanahau** Above Tahauku Bay (Mme. Stéphanie Dubreuil) Tel: 917 131 Mob: 701 626  
[pensionkanahau@mail.pf](mailto:pensionkanahau@mail.pf) [www.ifrance.com/pensionkanahau](http://www.ifrance.com/pensionkanahau)

**Pension Tahauku Maui Ranch** (Mrs. Priscille Rauzy) Tel: 927 104 [tahauku@mail.pf](mailto:tahauku@mail.pf)  
[www.chez.mana.pf/~odscd](http://www.chez.mana.pf/~odscd)

**Tematiu Villlage** Atuona (Mr. Gabriel Heitaa)  
Tel: 917 060 Mob: 700 171 or 707 207  
[heitaagabyfeli@mail.pf](mailto:heitaagabyfeli@mail.pf)

**Chez Keyser** Above Tahauku Bay Tel: 234 817  
[pension.hivaoa@yahoo.fr](mailto:pension.hivaoa@yahoo.fr) [www.pension-hivaoa.com](http://www.pension-hivaoa.com)

### Dentist

**Alexandre Rocher** Tel: 927 817

### Diving

**Eric Le Lyonnais** Atuona Tel: 927 088 Mob: 270524  
[eric.lelyonnais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:eric.lelyonnais@wanadoo.fr) Tariffs 2008-2009: 1 tank dive; 7000 cfp / person (3 pers min)  
2 tank dive; 13000 cfp / pers (2 pers min)

### Doctors/Hospital

**Atuona Health Centre** (Centre de soins de Atuona) Tel: 927 375 Open from 0730

**Dr Alexandre Magne** in Atuona Tel: 927 815  
Mob: 751 632 alexmagne@mail.pf.  
On call 24hrs. Home/yacht visits available.

### Electricity

Domestic electricity points ashore are usually 240v 50Hz. European 2 round pin plugs.

### Hairdressers

Located in the Mayor's complex. Tel: 927 230

### Laundry

**Sandra Wullaert** offers a good service and she can be contacted via the local agent. Cost 500cpf/kg

### Money

24hr ATM at the **Bank Socredo** and at the **Post Office**. Takes Visa and Mastercard. Maestro not accepted. Located on the main street.

### Pharmacy

Located in the Mayor's complex. Tel: 917 165  
Open Mon-Fri 0900 -1200 & 1500-1730; Sat 0800-1100.

### Post Office

Located on left as you enter town. Open Mon-Thu 0700-1200 & 1230-1500; Fri 0700-1200; 1230-1400.

### Restaurants

Seafood and pizza restaurant located at the **Relais Moehau** (see accommodation above).

**Hiva Oa Hanakee Pearl Lodge** an extensive menu and good views.

### Rubbish / Garbage

Garbage should be reduced as much as possible and then deposited on the dinghy dock in the bins provided.

### Shopping

**Magazin Gaugain** has the best opening hours Mon-Fri 0730-1900; Sat 0730-1800; Sun 0800-1200 & 1700-1900.

**Magazin Libre** has the best selection of bread and pastries. Opens from 0500.

**Magazin Jean** probably has the most stock and choice in town.

### Markets

There is usually a stall/ van on the dock which sells fresh products.

### Sports Facilities

**Hiva Oa Hanakee Pearl Lodge** has a pool.

There are football pitches and courts between Atuona town and the beach.

### Tourist Office

**Hiva Oa Tourist Committee** Atuona Tel: 927 893 or 927 269 Mob: 701 634 www.marquises-hivaoa.org.pf

### Toilets and Showers

Other than restaurants ashore, there are no public facilities. There is a beach shower near the dock.

### Telephones

Pay phones are located outside the Post Office. A OPT prepaid card is required

### Water

There are taps on the dock to fill jerrycans.

**Although locals drink this water it is not recommended for visitors to drink.**

## A to Z of Boat Services

Services and supplies are very limited. The closest yacht services are in Tahiti.

### Chandlery

There is a small **hardware store** opposite the Post Office. Open Mon-Fri 0730-1130 & 1430-1700; Sat 0800-1100.

### Fuel

There is a fuel dispensary on the dock, however, there are limitations on bringing boats alongside. Refuelling is best done by jerrycan and dingy. Fuel should be available tax free on presentation of the Tax Free Fuel Permit, purchased during clearance procedures. Mon-Fri 0730-1200 & 1400-1730 Sat 0800-1200

### Gas (Cooking)

Gas supply is limited and Nuku Hiva is more likely to be able to supply butane. Propane is unlikely before Tahiti. Fittings must be metric.





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## Tahiti

### Information

Time Zone	UTC-10
Dialling Code	+689
Money	CFP Franc
Exchange	1US\$ = 86.84XFP
Language	French and Tahitian
Emergencies	Police 17
	Fire 18
	Health 15

### Useful websites

[www.tahiti-tourisme.com](http://www.tahiti-tourisme.com)

[www.tahiti-manava.pf](http://www.tahiti-manava.pf)

## Pilotage Information

**Charts** 1382 Approaches to Tahiti and Moorea  
998 Makemo to Tahiti

**Pilots** as for Hiva Oa

## Entry Formalities

Call Harbour Control on VHF Ch. 12 before entering, leaving or moving within Papeete Harbour. Tel: 505 450

After clearing in all crew changes and boat moves must be reported to the maritime office of immigration (PAF), as must inter-island cruises and final departure. For World ARC participants these formalities will be handled using a local agent.

## Visas

See previous section on Hiva Oa.

## General

Tahiti is the largest island in French Polynesia, and is one of the Windward Society Islands. It is a mountainous island with deep valleys and lush vegetation and is made up of Tahiti Nui, the big island and Tahiti Iti, her discrete little sister. Papeete, the Capital of Tahiti, is a bustling international point of arrival with a colourful market, art and history museums, botanical and flower gardens, and animated nightlife.

## Don't Miss

**Traditional Tahitian food** Throughout Tahiti and her islands, food is still cooked in traditional

pit ovens. The food (most likely local pork) is wrapped in banana leaves and placed in a hole in the ground on top of stones that have been heated in a fire, then covered with earth. The steaming process takes several hours resulting in mouth watering food.

**Harrison W. Smith Botanical Gardens** created by an American nearly one hundred years ago. Today, the **Gauguin Museum** is nestled amidst the lush foliage of the gardens.

**Exploring inland** Beyond the white fringe of the beaches exists a heart born of volcanic upheaval: **Faatautia Valley** is unspoiled and lovely, the **Arahohe Blowholes** show the power of the Ocean, and the lava tubes of **Hitiaa** are a maze of natural tubes through which you can walk or swim, filled with grottoes, waterfalls, streams and caves.

**Ancient history** On Tahiti and Moorea alone there are hundreds of ancient marae, which mark sacred Polynesian ground, hidden under the shade of the green canopy. It is on these ancient platforms that the Polynesian culture we see today was born. Getting to these places requires four-wheel-drive vehicles or a good set of hiking shoes — and sometimes both.

**Diving** With water that often exceeds 200 feet in visibility, divers come from all over the globe to see Tahiti's sharks (silvertip, blacktip reef, whitetip, lemon and gray), acres of hard-coral kingdoms, stingrays, turtles, mantas and clownfish galore.

**Pearls** The naturally black Tahitian pearls are reputed to be the most valuable in the world due to their exotic colours and rarity.



## Papeete

### Yacht Quay

Mailing:

Port de Plaisance Marine

Capitainerie du Port

BP 9164 Papeete, Tahiti

Tel: +689 50 54 82



- A Yacht Quay
- B Port Captain

### Mooring

Mediterranean mooring style with lazy-line pick up on secure gated pontoons; 24hr security provided. Fees for mooring, electricity, water and garbage will be confirmed.

## Travel Information

### Airports

The **Faa'a International Airport** (code PTT or NTA) is situated just 3 km from downtown Papeete. Airport Flight Information, Tel: 866 061 or 866 018.

### Airlines

Regular international flights with Air New Zealand, Air France, LAN and others.

**Air France** Bookings: 474747; Direct: 474740

**Air NZ** Bookings: 540747; Direct: 540740

**LAN Airlines** Bookings: 503010; Direct: 503013

Local flights operated by:

**Air Moorea** Tel: 864141

### Air Tahiti

Tel: 864242

### Buses

In and around Tahiti, the famous "Le Truck" provides a great Island bus service. Basically it's a truck chassis with an open air sheltered cabin and wooden bench seats. There are literally hundreds of these vehicles serving Papeete with nearly all routes commencing and stopping near the market in the downtown area. Using this mode of transport is easy, cheap and can often be one of the highlights of a stay in Papeete [150 cfp per journey]. There are designated stops all along the circular island road, however, in many cases Le Truck will stop anywhere when signalled. Service hours are early morning through to late afternoon/early evening, Monday to Friday inclusive, although on the two major East and West routes, services generally run later into the evenings with a limited weekend service also available.

### Car Rental

**Tourist Office** on the Quay. Open Mon-Fri 0730-1700; Sat 0800-1600; Sun 0800-1300.

Driving is on the right hand side. Stay clear of driving into town between 1700-1930 and out of town between 1600-1730. If hiring a motorbike we recommend you refrain from riding after dark as there are very few street lights. Most hire car companies are based at Faa'a Airport (Avis, Europcar and Hertz).

### Taxis

These can be expensive, though regulation of tariffs and the installation of meters in many taxis has seen prices reduced. Prices are usually displayed within the taxi, if you are unsure about the cost ask the driver before starting the journey. Vehicles displaying a white 'tiare' flower on their illuminated sign have drivers who speak English.



World ARC yachts in Papeete

## A to Z of What's on Shore

Business hours for all shops are usually Mon-Fri 0800-1130 & 1330-1730.

### Accommodation

Many of Tahiti's hotels, in their design and styling, are amongst some of the most unique in the world. Most offer accommodation in individual thatched 'fare' (bungalows) located in tropical gardens, along beaches, and even over water on stilts. The budget end of the market comes in the form of "Pensions de Famille", the Tahitian version of Bed and Breakfast.

### Book Shop

**Te Fare Tauhiti Nui** (Public Cultural Centre), 646 Boulevard Pomare (next to Toata). Tel: 544 546 tauhiti@mail.pf. Open Mon-Thu 0800-1700; Fri 0800-1600. Public books, video & CD library. Lots of books about all aspects of French Polynesia.

**La Maison de la Presse** Boulevard Pomare. Good selection of newspapers and magazines.

**Librarie du Vaima** Vaima Centre. Excellent bookshop.

### Doctors/Hospital

**Hospital Mamao** Tel: 466 262  
Main hospital with 24 hour casualty department situated at the west end of the city along Rue Georges Clemenceau. Payment must be made in full for most treatment.

**Clinique Paofai** Tel: 461 818 Boulevard Pomare. A private clinic close to the yacht quay with good facilities.

**Cardella Clinic** Tel: 460 425. Near the cathedral. Medical facilities are of a high standard.

Emergency ambulance Tel: 15

### Hardware Store

Marine related stores are found on Quay Fare Ute, others in down town Papeete.

### Ice

Available at supermarkets.

### Internet

**Tourist Office** waterfront, has two internet

stations [1hr = 1000 cfp]

**Mana Rock Café** Rue des Ecoles, Tel: 500 240

**Tiki Soft Café** Pont de l'Est, Tel: 889 398

WiFi connection in Papeete is provided by **IAORANET** <http://iaoranet.easyforum.fr>. They also service Nuku Hiva and Rangiroa.

### Laundry

**Laverie Du Pont de l'est** Rua Paul Gauguin 1. Open Mon-Fri 0700-1430, Sat 0700-1200.

**Laundry**, next to Nissan garage on the waterfront by Rue Clappier. Open Mon-Fri 0700-1700.

### Money

There are many banks along the main front street Boulevard Pomare, which all have ATMs and money changing facilities. Hours Mon-Fri 0700-1530; closed weekends.

Credit cards are widely used throughout the islands, with the most popular cards being Visa and Mastercard, followed by American Express and Diners Club.

### Pharmacy

**Pharmacie du Port** the nearest pharmacy to the dock situated opposite the cruise ship dock, on the corner of the Boulevard Pomare and Rue Paul Gauguin. Open Mon-Fri 0645-2000; Sat 0730-1930. Tel: 420 069

### Post Office

Boulevard Pomare, next to Parc Bougainville. Open Mon-Fri 0730-1700; Sat 0730-1100.

### Restaurants

French Polynesia is renowned for its unique cuisine using traditional cooking methods combined with French gastronomy, and Italian and Chinese influences. This can be sampled at the many sophisticated restaurants and at the cheap road side mobile snack bars. Be sure to try the delectable national dish, 'poisson cru', fresh fish marinated in lime juice and fresh coconut milk. Along Papeete's waterfront and scattered throughout Tahiti you will find colourful vans that have been converted into mobile restaurants called 'les roulottes'. Usually family run they cook a variety of chicken, steak, fish, waffles, crêpes, pizza and other substantial meals often cooked over gas fires and are excellent value.



### **Rubbish / Garbage**

Organised by Yacht Harbour, monthly fee payable.

### **Shopping**

#### *Supermarkets*

**Champion Supermarket** situated on the Rue De Commandant Destremeau, east of the temple de Paofai. Open Mon–Sat 0700-1930; Sun 0600-1200.

#### *Market*

The **central market** offers a range of goods from fresh vegetables and fish to tourist goods. Open Mon–Sat 0730-1800; Sun 0500-0900.

### **Sports Facilities**

Hiking, Quad biking, surfing and swimming are the most popular sports activities in Tahiti.

#### *Diving*

The **Nautical Activities Centre** (at the Hotel Intercontinental) offers a range of water based activities. Tel: 533 496 [www.aquatic-dive.com](http://www.aquatic-dive.com)

### **Tourist Office**

Situated in the park on the waterfront by the Quai d'Honneur. Information on all of French Polynesia. Open Mon–Fri 0730-1700; Sat 0800-1600; Sun 0800-1300 [www.tahiti-manava.pf](http://www.tahiti-manava.pf)

### **Yacht Clubs**

**Tahiti Yacht Club**, situated on the East Coast on the outskirts of Papeete. Limited facilities for visiting yachts in any large numbers. Visiting yachtsmen welcome. Tel: 562 697 or 564 558 [rporoi@portpft.pf](mailto:rporoi@portpft.pf)

### **Water**

In Tahiti the tap water is regularly tested and safe to drink. In the outer islands water is collected through catchments from springs and bores, often varying in quality, sometimes affecting sensitive stomachs. There are taps on the dock and water is charged at a daily rate.



*Views of Papeete*



## **A to Z of Boat Services**

### **Boatyard**

**Boatyard Tahiti** has some of the best repair facilities in the South Pacific islands and although labour charges are high, a specialist can be found for most jobs. There are several workshops in Fare Ute, on the east side of the harbour, specialising in yacht repair and maintenance. There is also a slipway and small boatyard doing hull repairs. Additionally a small shipyard is now operating out of Taravao.

### **Chandlery**

A good selection of chandlers in the main port on the quay "Fare Ute".

**Nauti-Sport** Fare Ute Tel: 505 959 [tahiti.sport@tahiti-sport.pf](mailto:tahiti.sport@tahiti-sport.pf) Nauti-sport is an agent for many leading brands.

### Electrical and Electronics

**Poly Naval** Farre Ute. Tel: 545 280

**SOPOM** (see Mechanical)

### Electricity

European three pin plugs. Plenty of sockets on the docks. 220v 60Hz supply.

### Fibreglass / GRP Repair

**Christian Fuller** Tel: 483 601 Mob: 790 606 [chfuller@mail.pf](mailto:chfuller@mail.pf). Woodworking projects, including fine interior woodwork, teak decks, varnishing. All fibreglass repair and spray painting. Installation and repair of small refrigeration units (12v-24v). English spoken. Will travel to your boat!

### Fuel

In Tahiti duty free fuel is available at **Marina Taina**, five miles west of Papeete. It is possible to arrange a duty free fuel permit, which enables yachts to buy duty free fuel throughout French Polynesia. It does take up to one week from arrival to get the permit, as it must be issued by customs services in Papeete. The permit can be sent to Nuku Hiva for collection from there, or await collection in Papeete. This provides quite a saving. The cost of the permit is 7000 cfp. Duty free fuel is available in Hiva Oa, Nuku Hiva (easier and bigger quantity in stock), Rangiroa (Tuamotu), Tahiti and all Leeward Islands (Raiatea, Bora Bora, Huahine and Tahaa).

### Gas (Cooking)

**Gaz de Tahiti** Zones des Hydrocarbures, Fare Ute., Tel: 508 400 Open Mon-Fri 0730-1200 & 1300-1600. Situated on a turn off on the road to the Port Authority. Most types of containers filled, including Camping Gaz. Butane only available.

### Liferaft Servicing

**Marine Corail** Fare Ute. Contact Francois Charpentier Tel: 428 222

**Nauti-Sport** Fare Ute. Contact Arnault Didier Tel: 533 070

### Mechanical

**Societe Polynesien Moteurs (SOPOM)**, Pont de Motu Uta (between Nautisport and the bridge)

Tel: 439 115 / 429 969 [sopom@mail.pf](mailto:sopom@mail.pf). Open Mon-Fri 0730-1145 & 1315-1700 (1600 on Friday); Sat 0730-1130. Sales and service of the following products: marine diesel engines (Nanni diesel, Baudouin), turbines (Castoldjet, Hamiltonjet), gensets (Sdmo, Genelec, Nanni diesel), watermakers (Sice, Aquaset). Also: propeller shafts, propellers, hydrojet, alternators, inverters, fans, air extractors, filters (oil, gas, air), rubber couplers, flexible hoses (rubber, PVC, plastic), thermal & sound insulation, professional fishing gear, winches and more. Can take care of maintenance and repairs (more than 15,000 parts in stock).

**Api Yachting** (see Sails & Rigging)

### Refrigeration

**Christian Fuller** (see Fibreglass Repair)

### Sails & Rigging

**Api Yachting** 120 Av du Chef Vairaatoa Tel: 421 810, Mob: 779245 (sails & rigging), 770756 (mechanical repairs) [apiyachting@mail.pf](mailto:apiyachting@mail.pf). Open Mon-Fri 0700-1200 & 1300-1600.

**Nauti-Sport** (see Chandlery)

### Watermakers

**Sopomeca** Fare Ute. Contact Andre Richard Tel: 772 225 or 451055

**SOPOM** (see Mechanical)

### Welding / Metalwork

**Faure Naval Repairs & Welding** next to Stade Central, zone industrielle de Tiperui. Tel: 782 983 / 796 089



## Bora Bora

### Maikai Marina & Yacht Club

BP 162 Vaitape

Bora Bora

98730 French Polynesia

Tel: +689 603 800/803

Web: [www.maikaimarina.com](http://www.maikaimarina.com)



A Maikai

### Pilotage Information

**Charts** 1060 Huahine to Maupiti  
1107 Plans in the Society Islands

**Pilots** As for Hiva Oa

### Entry Formalities

Customs are located in the Gendarmerie opposite the city dock on the main road.

Bora Bora is part of French Polynesia, so the same visa requirements are in place.

### Mooring

At the Maikai Yacht Club. 15 mooring balls available, plus some stern-to dockage. Anchoring is possible in around 15m in the area west of the mooring buoys.

### General

Bora Bora is one of the Leeward Society Islands and some would say, the most beautiful island in the Pacific. There's no doubt that it's magnificent volcanic peaks, circular barrier reef and crystal clear lagoon teeming with wildlife are too good to miss, and despite the tourist development, Bora Bora has kept her Polynesian charm.

Dominating the island are majestic Mount Otemanu and Mount Pahia, two towering volcanic peaks of black rock that jut out of the centre of the emerald-green island. Often draped in white clouds, these landmarks take on mysterious and mythical qualities. Separated from the principal island by a deep lagoon, is the small island of Toopua and the islet of Toopua Iiti. The three islands are the eroded remnants of the slopes of a crater, enclosing the central part of an ancient volcano. The coast of the main island is deeply jagged and bordered by a fringing reef that disappears in the southern part to give way to the magnificent white sand beaches of Taahana and Matira.

Its ancient name of Vava'u suggests that the original inhabitants of this seven-million-year-old island arrived from Tonga. Interestingly, in the local Tahitian language there is no "B," so its actual name is then Pora Pora, meaning "first born." A tiny island that stretches just 9 km from north to south and around 4 km wide as its broadest point, Bora Bora has plenty for participants to do and see.

### Don't Miss

**Incredible views** There are outstanding views from several spots on Bora Bora, all reachable only by treacherously rutted dirt roads. They include the TV Tower Vistapoint, which really has a tower perched on top; Fitiu Point, which still has rusted cannons from World War II, and scenic Taihi Point, a spectacular spot with an abandoned hotel far in the distance.

**Mount Pahia** The ultimate viewpoint, a tough but rewarding five hour climb [661m] with unforgettable views.

**Tour of the lagoon** There are many different types of tours, including outrigger speed canoe, glass bottomed boats and helicopter "flight" seeing!

**Sealife** Due to a recent drop in manta ray population (over 80%), all cruising yachts are requested not to attempt to snorkel in the lagoon without a guide. Snorkellers can see almost as much as divers, and some companies also offer the chance to observe rays and sharks feeding. However simply looking down into the water from a boat results in easy views of countless species of tropical fish, brilliant coral gardens and the Lagoon's larger residents, including rays.

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**A Motu picnic** Nothing beats watching the sun go down over the reef from one of the outlying sandy atolls (Motu).

**Cycling around the Island** One of the best ways to get around this tiny island is by bicycle. The road is paved, circles the island [32km], and is predominantly flat. Bora Bora has several ancient temples (marae) and authentic Polynesian villages. There are also some reminders of World War II with a number of cannon emplacements left behind by the U.S. Navy.



### Travel Information

#### Airports

The airport (BOB or NTTB) is built on **Motu Mute**, a palm fringed motu approximately 20 minutes by motor launch from the main village of Vaitape. Two large catamaran ferries operate a free transfer to the Vaitape Quay from where there is a regular bus service to Matira Point. Ask the rally team for the ferry timetable.

#### Airlines

**Air Tahiti** flies between Bora Bora and Tahiti 6 times daily. Office in Vaitape Tel: 677 035 / 605 353. Mon-Fri 0730-1130 & 1330-1630; Sat 0800-1100.

**Vaeanu** makes three trips a week between Papeete and Bora Bora. Tel: 412 535

#### Bicycle Rental

You can rent bikes from the **Yacht Club**, **Hertz** and **Fare Piti Rent a Car** Cost 2000 cfp a day.

#### Buses

The bus service is infrequent. The Yacht Club offer a shuttle service into town. Outward at 0800, return at 1100 cost around 500 cfp per person return.

#### Car Rental

It is possible to hire cars and buggies, however there are a limited amount on the Island and it seems the major hotels get first choice. Both are expensive to hire.

**Hertz**, situated across from the main square in Vaitape. Tel: 677 015. A Fiat costs 13.500 cfp a day. A Buggy 9,300 cfp for 8 hours.

**Fare Piti Rent a Car** Tel: 676 528 Car hire 11,000 cfp a day, Scooters a day.

**Fredo & Fils Rent a Car** in Vaitape and at several hotels. Tel: 677 031

#### Taxis

Taxis tend to congregate at the main dock In Vaitape.

**Danny Tours** Tel: 717 911

**Heimana Tours** (Julia & Léon), Tel: 676 982  
Mobile: 706 916 or 768 605.

### A to Z of What's on Shore

#### Accommodation

Most accommodation is on the south coast.

There is a full range from five star luxury hotels to cheaper smaller pensions. Maitra Point, next to the best beach on Bora Bora, is packed with a full range of accommodation.

#### Book Exchange

At the Yacht Club.

#### Dentist

Available at the medical centre.

**Doc Zona** Tel: 676 942

**Docs Macouin and Maton** Tel: 677 055

#### Doctors/Hospital

Small clinic in the centre of town Tel 607 077

The nearest hospital is in Raiatea, and for serious conditions Tahiti.

Doc Azad Roussanaly Tel: 677 795

Doc Duval Tel: 676 707

Doc Maria Lopez Tel: 603 636

Docs Juen and Semararo Tel: 677 062



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### Hairdressers

**Mise en Scène** Tel:757 427 St.James, located near the chandlery.

### Ice

Ice is available at the **Yacht Club** 500cpf/4kg

### Internet

**Aloe Internet Café** at the Vaitape shopping centre. Tel: 677 888. Open Mon–Sat 0800-2100  
Cost: 1 min = 40 cfp, 30 mins = 1200.

Wi Fi access will be provided at the Yacht Club by laoranet and Hotspot.

### Laundry

**Bora Bora Lavarie** in St James Shopping Mall.  
8kg wash us 1000 cpf

### Money

There are three banks in Vaitape, very close to the main dock.

**Bank Socredo** (closest) Mon-Fri 0730-1130 & 1300-1530

**Bank du Tahiti** Mon-Fri 0745-1145 & 1330-1630.

**Bank du Polynesia** Mon-Thu 0745-1200 & 1300-1600; Fri 0745-1200 & 1300-1500.

### Pharmacy

Next to the Chan Lee Supermarket (see shopping) and Le Cocotier Restaurant. Mon-Fri 0800-1200 & 1530-1800; Sat 0800-1200 & 1700-1800; Sun 0900-0930. Tel: 677030.

### Post Office

Located on the southern side of Vaitape. Open Mon 0800-1500; Tues–Fri 0730-1500; Sat 0800-1000. Tel: 677074.

### Restaurants

Several restaurants offer a free pick up service

**Bloody Marys** south of Island. Lunch 1100-1500, Dinner 1830-2100. Tel: 677 286

**Kina Hut**,south of Island. Tel: 675 406

**Pirates Bay** in Vaitape.

### Rubbish / Garbage

**Yacht Club** offers a garbage disposal service.

### Shopping

There are two main supermarkets. Both are well stocked and are open Mon-Fri 0800-1600; Sat 0800-1200.

**Super To'A Amock** closest to the Yacht Club  
**Chan Lee Supermarket** opposite the Vaitape shopping centre.

### Sports Facilities

Bora Bora offers plenty of great walking and for the really energetic, the ascent of Mount Pahia.

#### *Diving*

There are many good dive sites, and dive companies

**Top Dive Bora Bora** Tel: 605 050 [www.topdive.com](http://www.topdive.com)

**Bora Bora Blue Nui** Tel: 677 907  
[www.bluenui.com](http://www.bluenui.com)

#### *Horse Riding*

**Ranch Reva Reva** offers horse riding excursions on Motu Piti Aau, and a 2.5 hour moonlight ride. Daily 0800-1600. Tel: 676 363.

### Tourist Office

Located on the main dock. Open 0900-1600 and is run by Michelle, the Minister for Tourism's wife. Tel: 677 636.

### Water

From the Yacht Club via hose or by jerry cans.



Vaitape main square

## A to Z of Boat Services

### Boatyard

There are no repair or haul-out facilities in Bora Bora. The nearest are in Raiatea:

**Raiatea Carenage Services** P.O. Box 1111, Uturoa, Raiatea, French Polynesia. Tel: 600 545  
Call on VHF Channel 68 when near Raiatea.

### Chandlery

**Marine Services** situated on the road between the Yacht Club and Vaitape, opposite the supermarket. Tel: 603 838 [marine-services@mail.pf](mailto:marine-services@mail.pf)  
Open Mon–Fri 0730-1200 & 1330- 1630; Sat 0800-1200. This shop has very basic parts and can carry out basic work if needed.

### Fuel

The fuel station is situated south of the Yacht Club in the bay before Vaitape. There is duty free fuel for visiting yachts that have the right paperwork (for French Polynesia).

### Gas (Cooking)

Gas bottle refilling is not commercially available in Bora Bora. Ideally yachts requiring gas should refill bottles before leaving Raiatea.

**Raiatea Yacht Carenage Service** can refill butane bottles including Camping Gaz bottles. They are closed on Sundays. Please contact in advance on VHF Ch 68 or Tel: 600 545

### Mechanical

**Marine Services** just west of Vaitape, sells outboards and stock a limited range of spare parts.

### Sails

**Calibre Sails** Tel: 4013699672/4013674392 (leave message to Patrick and Rebecca Childress) Mobile: 021782764. Agent for Southern Spars and Rig Pro, new sails, sail repair, boom covers.



*World ARC 2012 fleet departing Bora Bora for Suvarrow*

## Cook Islands

### Information

Time Zone	UTC-10
Dialling Code	+682
Money	NZ\$
Exchange Rate	1US\$ = 1.2NZD
Language	Maori and English
Emergencies	999

### Useful websites

[www.cook-islands.com](http://www.cook-islands.com)

### Pilotage Information

**Charts** 4630 - Samoa to Southern Cook islands

**Pilots** South Pacific Handbook (Stanley)  
Cruising the South Pacific (Austin)  
South Pacific Anchorages (Clay)

### Visas

There are no visa requirements for stays of up to 30 days, as long as you have sufficient funds and an onward ticket. A departure tax of NZ\$30 is charged for all travellers, including yachtsmen 12 years and older.

**Vaccinations:** You do not need any vaccinations for the Cook Islands unless you are departing from an infected area/country. Mosquito repellent is essential and reef shoes are recommended.

### General

The culture of the Cook Islands stems from the Polynesians, who migrated there around 800AD. There are 15 islands that make up the chain, and they are located in the centre of the Polynesian Triangle. The Islands are made up of 2 groups, north and south, and Suvarrow is one of seven islands that make up the northern group.

Considered one of the best kept secrets of the South Pacific, the Cook Islands have all the beauty of its better known neighbours, Tahiti and Fiji, as well as all the necessary factors required to host tourists of all types.

Cook Islanders are considered among the finest Polynesian singers and dancers, often gaining awards in international contests. Unlike most Western dancers, Polynesians tell a story with their bodies that matches the words of the song. Cook Islands' dancing is fast, frenzied and erotic,

with hip swinging and suggestive gestures.

The hub of Cook Island activity occurs on the island of Rarotonga, where the capital city of Avarua is located. Rarotonga is the international gateway to the Cook Islands.

The Cook Islands are considered to be the cleanest in the Pacific, which has been a direct result of very strong and consistent conservation efforts by the local people.

### Emergency & Medical Services

Medical and dental services are only available on the more populated islands. There is a well-equipped hospital with New Zealand-trained staff in Rarotonga, with a smaller hospital in Aitutaki.



## Suvarrow

**Size** 0.15 square miles / 0.4 square km  
**Population** Caretaker family April-Oct only!

Suvarrow was for many years the home of a New Zealand hermit, Tom Neale, who wrote of his life in a book 'An Island to Oneself'. Today a caretaker and his family live on the atoll for half of the year, their solitude disturbed only by visiting yachts!

They arrive on the island in April after the cyclone season is over and get their home set up for the season. Six years ago, a two-story building was added to the island. The foundation houses a big water catchment tank that takes water off the large steel roof. The first floor is open and serves as the living and eating area (now affectionately called the Suvarrow Yacht Club).

### Don't Miss

- Visit the atoll's huge colonies of boobies and turtles
- Dive with pods of false killer whales. They are large animals and very, very inquisitive.
- Snorkel with Manta rays, gentle giants
- Get a Suvarrow passport stamp from the caretaker for a small fee.

## Niue

### Information

Time Zone	UTC-11
Dialling Code	+683
Money	NZ\$
Exchange Rate	1US\$ = 1.2NZD
Language	English and Polynesian
Emergencies	999
Useful websites	
	<a href="http://www.niueisland.com">www.niueisland.com</a>

### Entry Formalities

Immigration is at the police station; there is a customs office. Both situated close to the wharf.

On departure a tax of NZ \$34 per person is required. Children under 12 are exempt.

### Visas

There are no visa requirements for stays of up to 30 days, as long as you have sufficient funds and an onward ticket.

### Mooring

Twenty safe moorings have been put down by the Niue Yacht Club for visiting yachts, available for around \$15NZ per night. All moorings are regularly inspected. The moorings are approx 4.8 tonne concrete blocks with new polyester lines and pink pick up floats. Pass your rope through the stainless steel eye, tie off on board and put the float back in the water. Anchoring is also possible, but be careful as sharp drop off edge of suitable shelf, which can be difficult. Landing with your dinghy can be an interesting experience as there is no beach, just a concrete jetty. Your tender must be lifted out by the dock crane onto the wharf, where there is a trolley for moving it clear of the landing zone. You will need a 3 point bridle for your dinghy.

### General

Niue is now one of the worlds smallest self-governing states, and rules in free association with New Zealand. Most Niueans now live in New Zealand - about 20,000 are Niuean born or of direct Niuean descent - while the island of Niue itself has only about 1500 population.

The Island is a raised atoll of rocky limestone which

forms an island totally unlike that of its neighbours. Rocky seashores, gaping sea caves and the most spectacular and extensive cave system in the entire South Pacific are what characterise Niue.

The pace of life in Niue is relaxed and calm. Shops close at 1600 and Sundays are strictly a day of rest with nothing much happening - fishing, diving and boating are not permitted on Sundays. The Niueans are proud that their Island is one of the safest in the world, with crime, graffiti, drugs and pollution almost unheard of. Traditions are respected and continue to be taught at school.

World ARC will receive a 'Traditional Niue Welcome' by Niue High School students; the boys will demonstrate a boys' war challenge and the senior girls a welcome dance. Captain Cook was also met by a war challenge, the Islanders throwing spears at him. His men shot back and then he sailed away, naming Niue the "Savage Islands". The locals are now much more welcoming!

### Don't Miss

Niue has no poisonous animals or plants, so you can amble anywhere, anytime. Find out more at the Tourism Office in Alofi.

**Rainforest** walking amongst flocks of butterflies in the virgin rainforest of the Huvalu Forest Conservation Area.

**Beauty** visiting some of the Island's famous beauty spots: Togo Chasm; Talava Arches; Anapala Chasm.

**Diving** within dramatic underwater cathedrals in water teeming with life, including the friendly Niuean sea snake.

**Cycling** beneath avenues of perfumed frangipani.

**Swimming** in coves that might be yours for the whole day, like Limu and Matapa Chasm.

**Caving** explore the most breathtaking caves in the South Pacific. The spectacular underwater caves are dwarfed by the ones you'll be able to explore on land. They're easier to get to as well. Some you can walk to yourself, but for the best ones you'll need a guide. The key man is **Tali Magatogia**, a Niuean who's been running very special tours for years and can take you places that will make your spine tingle. What's more, there are so many caves within Niue that up until the mid-1800's most people lived in them.

**Snorkelling** over bright corals in crystal clear warm tropical water.



## Travel Information

### Airports

**Hanan International Airport** (code IUE or NIUE) is 2km south-east of the main town of Alofi. Taxis meet the flights with a fare of around NZ\$8 to most places.

### Airlines

**Air New Zealand** one flight week on a Friday.

### Bicycle Rental

Niue is a good place to cycle, with a 68km ring road around the upraised atoll. Mountain bikes for hire for around NZ\$10/day.

### Buses

No public transports but local people will often stop and offer visitors a ride.

### Car Rental

A local Niue Photo Driving Licence is required (NZ\$11.30).

**Alofi Rentals** Tel: 4017 alofirentals@niue.nu

**Hea Hea** pelenistravel@niue.nu

**Niue Rentals** Tel: 4216 www.niuerentals.nu

**Driveaway Rentals** sarah@niue.nu

### Taxis

**Mitaki Taxis** Tel: 4084

**Alofi Rentals** Tel: 4017



*Alofi, Niue*

## A to Z of What's on Shore

### Accommodation

A full range from the Matavai Resort to a selection of guesthouses and backpackers is available.

### Doctors/Hospital

**Niue Fooo Hospital** located near the airport. New hospital with dental facilities, X-ray, ultrasound and lab technicians. Visitors pay a modest fee for doctors visits and medication. Medivac arrangements for serious medical cases to NZ. Clinic Mon-Fri 0800-1600  
Emergency ambulance Tel: 999

### Electricity

240 volts, 10 amps, 3 pin plug, same as New Zealand.

### Hairdressers

**Sala's Salon** for women and men's haircutting at the commercial center.

**Vilina Hair & Beauty** located at Togalupo, Alofi

### Hardware Store

**Ali's** or **Swanson's**. Mon-Fri 0800-1630. Limited stocks.

### Ice

**Central Services**, and if re-opened, **Niue Fish Processors** on the wharf.

### Internet

A one off connection fee of NZ\$25 is payable at the **Rocket Systems - Internet Café** to have unlimited WiFi access for the duration of your stay. Open Mon-Fri 0900-1600

### Laundry

**Hinas Laundry** behind Swan-Son Supermarket. NZ\$25 per load wash and dry and NZ\$15 per load for wash only. Open Mon-Fri 0800-1600

**Laundry**, 200m from the wharf. NZ\$25 per load wash and dry.

### Mail

It is not recommended to mail anything to Niue.

### Money

There are no ATM machines, and while some businesses accept credit cards (Visa), most don't.

**South Pacific Bank** tellers only, no ATM. Mon-Thu 0900-1500; Fri 0830-1500.

### Pharmacy

At the **Hospital**. Panadol and flu tablets are also available at the supermarkets

### Post Office

In **Alofi Commercial Centre**. Post in and out once per week. Mon-Fri 0900-1530. Outward mail closes Thur 1300 for Fri morning flight out.

### Restaurants

**Falala Fa Bar** Main St. Alofi. Closed on Monday. Fully Licensed Bar.

**Jenna's De La Cuisine** Alofi. Tel: 4316. Serves local and international dishes. Tues-Sat 1830-2100. Tuesday night special buffet

**Mitaki's Café Fast Food and bakery** Alofi. Tel: 4084. Mon-Fri 0600-1400; Sat 1800 - late

**Tavana's Café** Alofi Commercial Centre. Tel: 4334. Mon-Fri 0900-1500.

**The Crazy Uga** Main Street, Alofi. Mon-Sat. Light lunches and dinner. Real Espresso Available! No alcoholic drinks available.

**Washaway Café** Avatele Beach. Tel: 4822. Open Sunday only 1100-2300. Self service and full licensed bar.

### Rubbish / Garbage

Land at the wharf. The cost is NZ\$10 per boat.

### Shopping

#### Markets

Local market on Friday very early in the morning to get fresh fruits and vegetables.

#### Supermarkets

**Swan-son**, the Island's major supermarket. Open Mon-Fri 0900-1600 only. Meat, fish and green vegetables available.

**Double M** in the Town Square, imported frozen meats and groceries. Mon-Fri 0830-1700; Sat 1600-1800. One of the few shops open over the weekend.

#### Smaller shops

Outside these hours some smaller shops are open, but carry less range. These stores are often located in houses within villages – if in doubt just ask around!

Government liquor bond store. Duty free allowance for cruisers on arrival, as well as after Customs clearance. Located Customs next door.

### Sports Facilities

**Hash House Harriers** run/walk on Monday afternoons Tel: 3001

**Niue Golf and Sports Club**. Compact nine hole golf course, and tennis courts.

### Diving

**Niue Dive** Tel: 4311 [www.dive.nu](http://www.dive.nu) [niuedive@dive.nu](mailto:niuedive@dive.nu) Niue's only dive shop. Cost with equipment hire: 2 tanks NZ\$145, 1 tank NZ\$85. Discounts of up to NZ\$40 for own equipment and more than 3 participants in the trip. There are many excellent dive highlights. For non-divers you can swim with spinner dolphins or snorkel with humpback whales.

### Telephones

No mobile/cell phone coverage. International phone link is expensive. Niue's Telecom Office is in the Commercial Centre and is open 24 hours.

### Tourist Office

**Niue Tourism Office** Alofi Commercial Centre. Tel: 4224 [www.niueisland.com](http://www.niueisland.com)

### Water

All water on the island is safe to drink., Two outlets available on the wharf, you just have to bring the jerry cans.

### Yacht Club

**Niue Yacht Club** at Mamatas Ice Cream Heaven. Meals wines and beers. Register your yacht on arrival; optional \$NZ20 Yacht club membership available. Washroom facilities above wharf; solar heated shower; large tub for clothes washing. Book swap available. A great drop-in centre for a chat, ice cream and advice. Regular club BBQ nights. [www.nyc.nu](http://www.nyc.nu) Commodore: Keith Vial

### A to Z of Boat Services

Very limited. Minor repairs to diesel and outboard engines. Aluminium welding of spars available. Given sufficient notice specific spares can be flown in from New Zealand, on the weekly flight.

### Fuel

Fuel, diesel or petrol is available from **Central Services**. Delivery to the wharf can be arranged for a small additional fee. Yachts must supply their own fuel containers. Bulk refuelling is also possible, with the yacht moored along side the wharf for as long as it takes to transfer fuel. Again Central Services can be contacted for this service.

### Gas (Cooking)

Propane gas available - ask at the Yacht Club.

## Vava'u, Tonga

### Information

Time Zone	UTC+13
Dialling Code	+676
Money	Tongan \$ or Pa'anga (TOP)
Exchange Rate	1US\$ = 1.87T\$
Language	Tongan and English
Emergencies	911
Useful websites	
	<a href="http://www.vavau.to">www.vavau.to</a>
	<a href="http://www.tongaholiday.com">www.tongaholiday.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.vistvavau.com">www.vistvavau.com</a>

### Pilotage Information

**Charts** NZ8234 Vava'u group

**Pilots** Pacific Crossing Guide (RCC)  
Kingdom of Tonga (Hellewell)

### Visas

Citizens of most countries are granted a 31 day visitors visa on arrival. Passports must have a minimum of six months validity.

### Entry Formalities

Yachts must berth on main quay on arrival (if full permitted to anchor or pick up mooring) and await clearance. Yachts will be visited by all the authorities together (customs, immigration, quarantine and health); normal working hours are Mon-Fri 0830-1630. Customs overtime is T\$100 out of hours, or T\$120 at weekends – so better not to arrive over the weekend. Important to have clearance from previous port, or risk a heavy fine (about T\$2,000).

### General

The Vava'u group is made up of 50 islands, of which 13 are inhabited by a population of about 16,000, offering fantastic cruising through its protected waterways, the smaller islands surrounded by white sands and vibrant coral reefs. Ashore the rolling countryside offers a host of activities to be enjoyed, with plenty of opportunities for a good walk to stretch your 'sea legs'.

The original vegetation of Tonga was tropical rain forest, however today this has been almost

completely lost throughout the Kingdom with only small remnants remaining on Tongatapu, some of the Vava'u islands and on 'Eua.

Neiafu, capital of Vava'u, is where the World ARC yachts will be based. Once ashore everything is within easy walking distance of the town centre; whilst there are plenty of small supermarkets, a visit to a few may be required to find all one's needs, as whilst well stocked, selections can be limited. A surprising number of restaurants abound, with a wide variety of cuisine offered.

Tongans are welcoming, relaxed, and generally happy. Minor things like delays or noise tend not to cause any stress. Tongans enjoy the beach, collecting from the sea, singing, and dancing. Any occasion, big or small, can become a good reason for getting together to celebrate with friends and family. In Tongan life, the family is of utmost importance. Each family member plays a role, with older persons commanding the most respect. Women benefit from a higher social status than in other parts of Polynesia as tradition gives them certain authority over male family members. Public life, however, is still dominated by men. The eldest sister acts as the family matriarch and oversees her siblings, nieces, and nephews.

Religion closely follows the family in importance, and almost all Tongans are churchgoers. This staunchly Christian nation honours Sundays across every island group—the Sabbath is declared forever sacred in the Tongan Constitution. Almost everything (except bakeries, a few restaurants, and resorts) is closed. No sporting events take place, it is unlawful to work or trade, and most tours do not operate. Contracts signed on a Sunday are void. It is inadvisable to create any disturbance, operate noisy equipment, or be loud on Sundays.

Your independent cruising period through the islands of Tonga and Fiji starts here.



## Don't Miss

**Whale watching.** The warm seas and calm waters of Vava'u provide the perfect nursery for Southern humpback whales. Having spent their summer feeding in Antarctica, they travel thousands of miles to mate and calve in Vava'u between June and November. If you haven't been lucky enough to see whales from your own boat, join one of the many organised operators and try your luck.

**The Botanical Gardens,** on the NW coast of the island are well worth a visit for the great selection of plants to be seen, the insight into the development of the local vanilla growing industry, and not least for the scenery on the drive across the island.

**'Ene 'lo beach,** a lovely place to stop at for a swim after a visit to the Botanical Gardens. There is a delightful restaurant from which to enjoy magnificent views across a beautifully sheltered bay.

**Kayaking and outrigger canoeing.** Try a different craft for some close up coastal exploration in these calm waters.

**The caves.** Don't leave without a swim inside the Swallows Cave and/or a dive into Mariners Cave.

### Vava'u

mailing address:

Aquarium Cafe

Vava'u - Neiafu

Kingdom of Tonga

Cruisers' net      Mon-Sat 0830 VHF Ch 26  
or Tel: 676 70 319



## A to Z of What's on Shore

Opening hours

Banks: Mon-Fri 0900-1600; Sat 0830-1200;  
Shops: Mon-Fri 0800-1700; Sat 0830-1200.  
Everything is shut on Sundays.

### Accommodation

**Hakula Lodge** Tel: 70872 Mob: 12511  
fishtonga@kalianetvav.to

**Adventure Backpackers Lodge** avbakpak@  
yahoo.com

### Dentist

**Prince Wellington NGU Hospital** (see Doctor)

### Doctors/Hospital

**Prince Wellington NGU Hospital**

Mateialona Road. Tel: 70202 and 70204.  
24 Hours for emergencies.

**Emergency ambulance**                      Tel: 911

### Fishing Gear

**Ika Puna Store** on Fatafehi Road has a good selection of lures, weights and lines. Also sells flippers and snorkels. Galvanized shackles and limited chandlery items.

### Hairdressers

In the main street.

### Internet

**CocoNet Internet Café** Main Marina Wharf. WiFi and LAN for own computers available. Open Mon-Sat 0830-1730. Closed Sun. Tel: 71502  
coconet@kalianet.to

**Café Tropicana** Fatafehi Road. Tel: 71322

WiFi available at **Aquarium Café** and **Mango Restaurant**

### Laundry

**CocoNet Café, Vava'u Laundry** has service washes, **Giggling Whale** has washing and drying machines. Also **Café Tropicana** and **Blue Lagoon**.

### Money

**ANZ, Bank of Tonga** (Westpac) and **MBF**, all on main street near the market. No international transactions on Saturdays. 24hr ATM at ANZ Bank and Bank of Tonga.



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## 03. World ARC Local Information



### Pharmacy

**Vava'u Pharmacy** Fatafeti Road, Neiafu. Mon-Fri 0830-1600 Sat 0830-1100. Closed Wed.  
Tel: 70213 [pharmacy@kalianetvav.to](mailto:pharmacy@kalianetvav.to)

### Post Office

In the centre of town on Tu'i Road.

### Restaurants

A good selection of small restaurants offering a variety of menus:

**Aquarium Café** dinghy dock and WiFi.

**Mango Restaurant** dinghy dock and WiFi.

**Ovava Restaurant** use Paradise Hotel dinghy dock. BYO alcohol.

**Sunset Restaurant** Italian.

### Rubbish / Garbage

Dispose of in bins at main wharf and public jetty.  
NB: T\$0.40 per kilo of rubbish landed on arrival.

**Aquarium Café** small T\$2, medium T\$3 and large T\$5.

### Showers

At the public dock.

### Shopping

**Utukalungalu Local Produce Market** near Main Wharf. Mon-Thu 0830-1630; Fri 0830-midnight; Sat 0700-1200.

Four Chinese run supermarkets offering a variety of stock, which may require visiting each for different things. They stock tinned butter.

### Sports Facilities

**Diving** Generally good diving and relatively cheap.

**Beluga Diving** Tel: 70327, [beluga@kalianet.to](mailto:beluga@kalianet.to)  
VHF Ch 16. Ask for WARC discounted rates.

**Dive Vava'u** Tel: 70492 [info@divevavau.com](mailto:info@divevavau.com)

**Canoeing**

**Friendly Islands Kayak Co** runs kayak and mountain-bike tours. Tel: 70173 [www.fiko.com](http://www.fiko.com)

### Telephones

Vava'u is linked to the world via satellite links. Calls can be made from **Tonga Communication** in Neiafu, open 24/7. Tel: 70255. Local SIM card credit is \$5.

### Tourist Office

A branch of the **Tonga Visitors Bureau** is situated on the corner of Fatafahi and Otumapa Roads. Tel: 70155 VHF Ch 16.

## A to Z of Boat Services

### Boatyard

**Sailing Safaris Marine Centre** Open 0800–1700

### Chandlery

No dedicated shops but worth trying the following hardware stores for a small selection of marine related items: **EM Jones**, **ACE Hardware**, **Pacific Timber and Hardware**, and **Ika Puka Store**.

### Haul Out

**Sailing Safaris Marine Centre** on a slipway. Limit of 30 tons. No catamarans. No draught restriction. Approximate prices T\$10/ft in & out; T\$2/ft/day to remain in cradle on slipway.

### Electrical and Electronics

**Vava'u Electronics**, on Fatafahi Road opposite Paradise Hotel. VHF Ch 13 or Tel: 70247.

### Fuel

**Pacific Energy** Duty Free fuel after clearing out. Please contact in advance with your order. Fuelling will take place on the northern side of the main wharf.

### Gas (Cooking)

**Pacific Energy** (next to Marcella's Resort in Toulala). By taxi or dinghy. Only able to fill butane gas bottle with DIN fittings. It is possible to refill blue CampingGaz here.

### Mechanical, Refrigeration, Rigging, Watermakers & Welding

**Sailing Safaris Marine Centre**

**EM Jones** for outboard engine parts.

### Sail Repairs

**Ricky Ticky**, ask at Sailing Safaris Marine Centre

### Water

Local tap water is potable, available from fisheries dock. Jerry cans of water from **Aquarium Café** 20litres = T\$2. Bottled water from most shops

## Fiji

### Information

Time Zone	UTC +12
Dialling Code	+679
Money	Fijian Dollar (FJD)
Exchange Rate	1US\$ = 1.9FJ\$
Language	Fijian and English
Emergencies	911
Useful websites	
	<a href="http://www.fijime.com">www.fijime.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.spto.org">www.spto.org</a>

### Free Cruising Period

World ARC yachts will arrive in Fiji during one of the free cruising periods of the rally. Therefore, skippers and crews will decide where they wish to make landfall in Fiji and where they will conduct their international clearances. The ports of entry to use are: **Savusavu**, **Suva**, **Levuka** on Ovalau island & **Lautoka**. The choice of which port of entry to use will depend on your cruising plans for exploring Fiji.

Savusavu on the north eastern island of Vanua Levu is a bit further north but makes a logical start point for extensively cruising Fiji. If the time available is more constrained, completing clearance at Ovalau or Suva makes most sense, before continuing down either the North or South coast of Viti Levu. Completing clearances in Lautoka in the West of Viti Levu is convenient for crews who need to make up time, or need to leave the yacht in one place for a longer period of time in order to leave it to fly elsewhere or get work done at Vuda Point or Denerau marinas.

Regardless of where a yacht is cleared into the country,

1. Savusavu
2. Suva
3. Levuka
4. Lautoka

the procedure will be similar and is outlined below. Local berthing providers can also advise on the process and even act on your behalf (for a fee) to smooth the formalities requirements. These points of contact are Copra Shed Marina in Savusavu, the Royal Suva Yacht Club in Suva and Yacht Help Fiji in Port Denerau or Vuda Point Marina for Lautoka.

### Visas

A free visa valid for four months is given on arrival to citizens of more than 100 countries, including most of Western Europe, North America, and much of South America. Check at [www.fiji.gov.fj/publish/fiji\\_faqs.html](http://www.fiji.gov.fj/publish/fiji_faqs.html), for a full list. Passport must be valid for more than 3 months longer than intended stay.

### Advanced Notification

Fiji Customs, Bio Security (BAF) and Health departments require advanced notification and information before your arrival. Skippers will be responsible for sending these to the authorities but the forms (where applicable) and contact details will be provided by Rally Control in advance. An automated 'Read Receipt' should be kept for your records.

### Clearances Procedures

The health officer is normally the first official you can expect on board but if on a mooring or at anchor, they will probably be accompanied by the other officials. A health practise fee of 33 FJD will be payable, but not necessarily at the same time. Customs and Immigration officials will then board the yacht or you should visit



their offices. An inspection of dutiable goods (beer, wine, spirits, tobacco) held on board should be expected. Duty will be payable on excess quantities of dutiable items. On arrival, it's recommended to ask locally for advice about current procedures. Overtime will be charged on out-of-hours clearances

### Immigration

If you have not been visited by an Immigration Officer on arrival you will need to visit the Immigration office; in Savusavu the immigration office is about 200 metres to the west of Copra Shed Marina, just before the BP service station. Each person will automatically receive a four month visa.

### Internal Clearances

Fiji used to require internal customs clearances when moving between the areas of different ports of entry but this system has now been abolished. Skippers must now report their location once a week to [yachtsreport@frca.org.fj](mailto:yachtsreport@frca.org.fj)

### Cruising Permits

**PLEASE APPLY FOR A CRUISING PERMIT ON THE DAY YOU ARRIVE.**

Permits from the 'Fijian Affairs Board' are available through the Marina offices for an administration cost of around FJD\$5. The permits are issued in Suva and faxed back to the Marina and can take 3-4 days. You do not need to specify exactly where you want to go as the permit covers all of Fiji (except the Lau Group). You need a permit before you go cruising.

### International Clearances Out

To exit the country, customs & immigration officers from Lautoka will be invited to Musket Cove Resort in order to complete international clearances. If this is not possible, you will be advised by Rally Control and yachts may need to visit Lautoka or Vuda Point Marina to clear out before moving to Musket Cove.

## General

The Fijian archipelago consists of over 300 islands grouped around the two main islands of Viti Levu and Vanua Levu. Human settlement goes back at least 3,500 years with a mixed Melanesian and Polynesian population supplemented in more recent colonial times by Indian labourers, resulting in a sizeable ethnic Indian population on the two large islands. Traditional Fijian culture survives strongly in the outlying islands where the correct etiquette should always be observed (see later notes).

With a delightful mix of mountainous tropical rainforests, pristine beaches and fabulous coral reefs, Fiji has become a popular holiday destination that has much to offer. However with its widely scattered islands and remote village communities it is still perfectly possible to avoid the tourist resorts and encounter the true Fijian way of life, especially when cruising.





## Don't Miss

**The Interior** Fiji's rainforests are unique in that they have no harmful animals or insects, and because of the mountainous nature of the islands there are numerous streams and waterfalls to explore. One of the most famous is the sacred Bouma Falls on the Island of Taveuni.

**Diving and Snorkelling** The region is famous for its vibrant coral reefs offering the entire spectrum of underwater life from sharks, rays and many species of fish, to the vivid rainbow of soft corals, sea stars and myriad shrimp.

**Whitewater Rafting** Shoot down mountain rivers in kayaks and inflatable rafts. Specialist travel companies can offer a range of tours, mainly on the larger islands and in co-operation with villages, ensuring tourist income stays in the local economy.

**The Yasawa Group** A chain of around 20 islands northwest of Viti Levu which are famous for crystal blue lagoons and some of the Pacific's most ethereal beaches. The islands have white sandy beaches and crystalline waters, lush tropical rainforests and volcanic peaks that attract fresh tropical rain.

**A Church Service** Even the most irreligious person will be moved by the passion and singing at a Fijian Sunday service. Visitors are always welcome, but dress appropriately.

**Learning some Fijian** Whilst English is widely spoken, a few words of Fijian will help make instant friends. Try these: Hello ~ *Bula* and Thank you ~ *vinaka* [vee naka].

## Fijian Village Etiquette

When visiting a Fijian village it is customary to present a gift (sevusevu) of yaqona (kava), to the Turaga ni Koro, the village Chief. The presentation is usually in his house and will generally be attended by some of the older men who happen to be in the vicinity at the time, and can quickly turn into a social occasion.

- Dress modestly. Don't wear shorts, and women must not wear low cut tops or have bare shoulders. A sulu (sarong, lavalava, pareu) is a useful way to quickly cover up, even for men.
- Do not wear hats or touch anyone's head, both of which are signs of disrespect.
- Always remove your shoes before entering any house or other building.
- Stay with your assigned host. If other villagers ask you to eat or accompany them, politely note that you are with your host and would be honoured to visit with them at some other time.
- Speak softly; raised voices are interpreted as expressing anger.



Waterfront on Savusavu



## Fiji: Savusavu

### Location

Savusavu, located on Vanua Levu Island, 110 miles from the capital Suva, is well located for clearance for yachts wishing to cruise in the east of the archipelago after clearance.



### 1. Copra Shed Marina

P O Box 262 , Savusavu

Tel:(679) 885 0457

Fax:(679) 850 344

VHF Channel 16

[coprashed@connect.com.fj](mailto:coprashed@connect.com.fj)

### 2. Waitui Marina

P.O. Box 465 , Savusavu

Tel:(679) 885-3031 / (679) 997-2558

Fax:(679) 885-3031

VHF Channel 16

### Mooring

There are two options for mooring with facilities in Nakama Creek, the harbour of Savusavu: Copra Shed Marina & Waitui Marina. Waitui moorings are orange and those of Copra Shed are white. Copra Shed now also has a small dock for smaller boats.

**Copra Shed** has moorings and six finger berths, showers, fuel and water. Restaurants, bar, chandlery, dive shop, internet cafe, travel agency and apartments. Dolly Singh is the friendly and helpful manager.

**Waitui Moorings**, showers, laundry, garbage disposal, water, help with clearance, upstairs bar, book swap, free dinghy dock.

### Travel Information:

#### Airports

2 airports on the island of Vanua Levu, Labasa (LBS) and Savusavu (SVU), have connections to the rest of Fiji. Savusavu is 10 minutes from the docks and Labasa is 50km away.

#### Airlines

Fiji Airways around 3 times a day between Savusavu and Nadi (NAD) and once a day to and from Suva (SUV). They fly around 3 times a day between Labasa and both Nadi and Suva Web: [www.fijiairways.com](http://www.fijiairways.com)

#### Buses

The bus station is 500m from the Copra Shed Marina. Buses go to Labasa or in the other direction to Vatavoni to connect with a ferry service to Taveuni.

#### Ferries

There are several ferry services which connect Savusavu with Taveuni and Suva. The quality of the vessels is only satisfactory with the M.V. Lomaiviti Princess being the best option.

#### M.V. Lomaiviti Princess Gundar Shipping

**MV Suliven - Suliven Shipping Ltd**, Savusavu, Tel: 885 3191 Email: [msuliven@connect.com.fj](mailto:msuliven@connect.com.fj)

#### MV Spirit of Fiji Islands (SOFI) – Consort Shipping

#### Taxis

Hailed from outside the docks or ordered at reception.

## A-Z of What's on shore

### Chandlery

**The Yacht Shop Savusavu**, The Copra Shed Marina , Savusavu Tel: 8850040 Email: [yachtshopsavusavu@mac.com](mailto:yachtshopsavusavu@mac.com)

**Tradewinds Marine Chandlery** Copra Shed Tel: 850 457 Email: [coprashed@is.com.fj](mailto:coprashed@is.com.fj)

### Charts

Speak to **Curly Carswell** to attend one of his chart marking seminars or receive waypoints for navigating in Fiji. Listen to the local cruiser net at 0830 on Ch 14.

**Tradewinds Marine Chandlery**, Copra Shed marina. Fijian charts (good and reasonably priced) are available covering the entire archipelago. Email: [curly@connect.com.fj](mailto:curly@connect.com.fj)

### Fuel

Fuel and water available at the Carpenters fuel jetty, halfway between the two marinas.

### Gas (Cooking)

Gas cylinders (most types including Camping Gaz) can be filled with butane at Fiji Gas station about 5 km out of town on the road to Labasa. It is best to go there by taxi and ask the driver to wait while the cylinders are filled.

### Internet

Available at Copra Shed Marina or downtown. Also worth buying a 3G Sim card.

### Laundry

**Liti's Talei Laundry Service** At Waitui Marina  
Hot or cold wash, dry & ironing.

### Money

There are three banks in town; cash can be drawn at the ATM of the ANZ, Colonial Bank and Westpac.

### Supermarkets

**MH supermarkets** 2 in town. The nearest between the two marinas.

### Water

Available at the **Carpenters fuel jetty**

## A to Z of Repair Services

### Boatyards

**Savusavu Marina Village Valeci**, Savusavu  
Tel: 8853 543 Email: [savumari@connect.com.fj](mailto:savumari@connect.com.fj). Also some docks and moorings Web: [www.marinavillagefiji.com](http://www.marinavillagefiji.com)

**Windward Marine Fiji** Email: [windwardmarinefiji@yahoo.ca](mailto:windwardmarinefiji@yahoo.ca)

### Electrics & Electronics

**Bebi Electronics, Ltd.** Waitui Marina, Mob: 997 2558 Web: [www.bebi-electronics.com](http://www.bebi-electronics.com) Email: [sales@bebi-electronics.com](mailto:sales@bebi-electronics.com)

### Mechanical

Garage nearby where motors can be repaired.

### Metalwork

There is a metal workshop on the lane going up hill from Waitui Marina to the Hot Springs Hotel

### Refrigeration

**Cooke's refrigeration** in town.

## Fiji: Suva

### Location

The Royal Suva Yacht Club is located in Korovou, in the northern outskirts of the city. The club charges F\$50 per night for an alongside berth, when available. They depths are around 2m.

The alternative is to anchor. The holding in the anchorage area is patchy and there is debris on the sea bed. There is a charge of F\$5 per person per day for using the RSYC dinghy dock.

An alternative anchorage is off the nearby Tradewinds Hotel (see (2) on the diagram below)

### Royal Suva Yacht Club

P.O. Box 335,

Club House, Korovou,

Suva, Fiji

Tel: (+679) 3312921

Fax: (+679) 33044330

[www.rsyc.org.fj](http://www.rsyc.org.fj) , [rsyc@kidanet.net.fj](mailto:rsyc@kidanet.net.fj)



Entrance pass

### Clearance

Contact Suva Port Control on Channel 16 on arrival, who immediately advise new arrivals to contact the Royal Suva Yacht Club (RSYC). The club will arrange for the various agencies to visit the boat. Crew must not come ashore until cleared. The Yacht Club's boat will transport the officers to clear the waiting yacht(s) in the quarantine area. The club charges F\$50 for all the transport fees. There are two daily clearance times: Mon - Fri 0900 hrs & 1500 hrs. Yachts arriving after 1500hrs on Fridays will have to wait until the next normal working day, or agree to pay the extra charges.

## Travel Information:

### Airports

Suva (SUV) is 20 km away from the RSYC. It has connections to the rest of Fiji and some international flights, including Vanuatu.

### Airlines

Fiji Airways operate several schedules daily around Fiji. [www.fijiairways.com](http://www.fijiairways.com)

### Buses

Minivans and buses, in and out of the city centre, pass the RSYC frequently during the day.

### Ferries

There are several ferry services which connect to Savusavu with Taveuni

**M.V. Lomaiviti Princess Gundar Shipping**

**MV Suliven - Suliven Shipping Ltd**

**MV Spirit of Fiji Islands (SOFI) – Consort Shipping**

### Taxis

Can be hailed from outside the RSYC or ordered through the yacht club office.

## A-Z of What's on shore

### Chandlery

**Carpenters Marine**, Rona Street, Walu Bay Tel: 331 3644 A good range of outboard engines, generators, dinghies, pumps, etc. Agents for Johnson and Evinrude.

**Fluid Power Services Limited** 4 - 6 Amra Street, Walu Bay, Suva , Viti Levu, Fiji Tel: 3302835 Email: [fluidpower@connect.com.fj](mailto:fluidpower@connect.com.fj) Opening hours: Mon - Fri 8.00 - 17.00 / Sat 8.00 - 13.00 / 24 Hours Service for major breakdowns.

**The Yacht Shop** 4 Vetaia Street , Lami, Tel: 336 1522 Email: [yachtshop@tradewinds.com.fj](mailto:yachtshop@tradewinds.com.fj) A well stocked chandlery.

### Charts

**Carpenters Shipping** 22 Edinburgh Drive , Suva, Fiji Tel: 331 2244 Email: [j.wong.shipping@carpenters.com.fj](mailto:j.wong.shipping@carpenters.com.fj) Stockist of British, Australian and Fijian charts and publications. Admiralty Chart Agent.

**Hydrographic Office Amra Street** , Walu Bay Tel:(679) 331 5457 Stockist of local charts and nautical publications.

### Fuel

Shell fuel station at the **RSYC**. 2m depth at high tide.

### Gas (Cooking)

**Fiji Gas** Amra Street, Walu Bay Tel: 332 4 35 Will fill your tanks while you wait.

### Internet

At the **RSYC**.

### Laundry

At **RSYC** or several places in town.

### Market

Don't miss a visit to the **Municipal Market** which has an excellent selection of local fresh produce. Open daily.

### Money

ATMs in **Downtown Suva**. Machines nearer the RSYC may charge for a withdrawal.

### Supermarket

There are several well stocked supermarkets including **New World Foods** and **MH supermarkets**.

**Cost-U-less** (Costco subsidiary) is located outside city center opposite the University of South Pacific.

### Water

There is water on the pontoons at the **Royal Suva Yacht Club**.

## A to Z of Repair Services

### Boatyards

No place designed for a yacht to be hauled. There are options in the yards servicing the commercial vessel but these should be for emergencies only. Catamarans however can dry out on the RSYC slipway for antifouling, and this is one of the few places in Fiji that can deal with cats.

**Marine Industrial & Structural (MIS) Engineering Limited** 22-24 Tofua Street Tel: 331 2938, 331 6378 Email: [kelemis@connect.com.fj](mailto:kelemis@connect.com.fj)

Located close to the yacht club, several slipways capable of handling most kinds of craft, haulout up to 100 tons and repairs: welding, machining, fabrication.

### Electrical and Electronics

**Bayside Electrical Ltd** Wailada, Lami Tel: 3361 510

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**Clay Engineering** Lot 2, Wailada Sub Division Lami, Suva Tel: 336 3880 Suppliers and repairers of wind and solar power systems.

**Cooke's United** Natco building, between RSYC and Suva town. Tel:330 38 45 Mobile: 992 41 75 Fax:330 38 51 Email: [kat\\_mawi@hotmail.com](mailto:kat_mawi@hotmail.com)

**Rizvy S. Ali** – Electrician Suva , Fiji Tel:+679 3387361 Mob 9942616. Marine Electrician.

**Universal Electronics** 31 Knolly Street Tel:312 808

### Fibreglass & GRP Repair

**Pacific Fibreglass Ltd** Tel: 336 1613

**The Fibreglass Shop** Tradewinds, Lami Tel: 336 1057

### Inflatables & Liferrafts

Liferrafts can be serviced in Suva.

**Marine Safety Services Ltd** see Boatyard

### Mechanical

**Asco Motors** Ratu Mara Road, Nabua Tel: 338 4888 Yamaha and Mariner agents.

**Carpenters Motors** Argo Street, Walu Bay Tel: 331 8538 Tohatsu and Honda agents.

**Richard's Small Engine Repairs** 4 Freeston Road Walu Bay. Tel: 331 2027 / 334 0697

**Suva Marine Services** Tel:331 3990 Mercury Agents.

**Mechanical Services Limited** 20 Matua Street, Walu Bay Tel:3314933, Cell 9999236 Email: [info@mechanicalservices.biz](mailto:info@mechanicalservices.biz)

### Metalwork & Welding

**Cooke's United** Tel: 330 38 45 Mobile: 992 41 75 Email: [kat\\_mawi@hotmail.com](mailto:kat_mawi@hotmail.com)

**Marine Industrial & Structural (MIS)** Engineering Limited 22-24 Tofua Street , Walu Bay Tel: 331 2938, 331 6378 Email: [kelemis@connect.com.fj](mailto:kelemis@connect.com.fj)

### Refrigeration

**Cooke's United** Natco building, between RSYC and Suva town. Tel:330 38 45 Mobile: 992 41 75 Email: [kat\\_mawi@hotmail.com](mailto:kat_mawi@hotmail.com) Also Air Conditioning.

### Sail Repair

Pacific Sails & Awning Tradewinds , Lami Tel: 338 4692 Sailmakers, also awnings and upholstery.

## Fiji: Nadi Bay Area

### Location

There are two berthing options in the Nadi Bay area. Either at the Port Denerau Marina or Vuda Point Marina at the northern end of Nadi Bay. Both places offer good options for boat projects or leaving the boat securely. Port Denerau is the most accessible for Nadi Town and sits in an area recently developed for shopping and hotels.



1. Vuda Point Marina
2. Nadi Intl Airport
3. Port Denau Marina
4. Musket Cove

## Travel Information

### Airports

Nadi International Airport (code NAN or NFFN)

### Airlines

International airlines flying into Fiji:

**Fiji Airways** [www.fijairways.com](http://www.fijairways.com)

**Qantas** [www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au)

**Air New Zealand** [www.airnewzealand.com](http://www.airnewzealand.com)

**Virgin Australia** [www.virginaustralia.com](http://www.virginaustralia.com)

**Pacific Island Seaplane** operate local charter flights. Tel: 6725 644

### Ferries

There are ferry services operating fast catamarans and ships between all of the island groups in Fiji. Suva is the main port.



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### Buses

**Pacific Transport** operate buses between Suva and Lautoka, stopping in most villages.

### Taxis

Easy to find on the street. Should be metered. Licenced cabs have "LT" on yellow number plates.



World ARC sports day at Musket Cove

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### Dentist

**Dr Uma Sharma** Namaka (by Hospital supplies).  
Tel: 672 1999 Email: [drumasharma@connect.com.fj](mailto:drumasharma@connect.com.fj)

### Internet

Internet cafés are widespread. Higher speed of access than from Musket Cove.

### Laundry

**Hiralal Laundry** 24 Veve Street (by market), Lautoka. Tel: 666 1972.

### Money

Banks throughout town (ANZ and Westpac)

### Pharmacy

**Island Chemist** High Street, Nadi. Can supply anti-malarials without prescription

### Shopping

#### Markets

Market in Lautoka. Nadi Market will ship to Musket Cove

**Freddy's Marketing** has selection of imported fruit and vegetables. Tel: 672 5975 Email: [freddysmarketing@connect.com.fj](mailto:freddysmarketing@connect.com.fj)

**Fiji Meats** branches in Savusavu and Suva.

Order there for collection in Lautoka (close to wharf). Will freeze and vacuum pack if ordered in advance. Tel: 666 0255 Email: [sales@fijimeats.com.fj](mailto:sales@fijimeats.com.fj)

### Supermarkets

**Victoria Wines and Spirits** Nadi Town (can deliver to Musket Cove, or Lautoka or Denarau). Good selection of wines and spirits (expensive in Fiji). Tel: 331 2884 Mob: 990 8628 Email: [info@victoriawines.com.fj](mailto:info@victoriawines.com.fj)

**Morris Hedstrom** (known as MH), in Nadi/Lautoka and throughout Fiji.

### Telephones

Vodafone is the only mobile phone company in Fiji and has roaming agreements with Australia, NZ and UK.

## A to Z of Boat Services

### Boatyard Services

**Baobab Marine** at Vuda Point (Tel: 664 0827) and Denarau Marinas (Tel: 675 1120). Surface treatments, light engineering and sails  
Email: [brian@baobabmarine.com](mailto:brian@baobabmarine.com) Web: [www.baobabmarine.com](http://www.baobabmarine.com)

**Yacht Help Fiji** at Denarau Marina. Antifouling to engineering. Tel: 675 0911/2 Web: [www.yachthelp.com](http://www.yachthelp.com) Email: [info@yachthelp.com](mailto:info@yachthelp.com)

### Chandlery

**Imported Accessories** Denarau Marina. Tel: 675 0993 Mob: 991 8999 Email: [ima@connect.com.fj](mailto:ima@connect.com.fj)

### Charts

**Yacht Help Fiji** (see Boatyard Services)

### Electrics

**P Kumar** Lautoka (will travel to Musket Cove).  
Tel: 651 0850 Mob: 992 9696.

### Fuel

**Lautoka**, bunkering available for large quantities on main wharf.

**Vuda Point Marina** at marina fuel pontoon.

### Gas (Cooking)

Propane is available through the marina offices.

### Haul Out

**Denarau Marina** 50 ton travel lift. Tel: 675 0600,

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Email: portdenarau@connect.com.fj

**Vuda Point Marina** 60 ton travel lift. Tel: 666 8214 Email: vudamarina@connect.com.fj

### Fibreglass / GRP Repair

At both boatyards.

### Inflatables and Liferrafts

**Marine Safety Services** Nadi Tel: 672 0177. Also have an office in Suva. RFD agents.

### Mechanical

**All Engineering** Lautoka. Tel: 665 2696, Mob: 992 9309. Diesel engines.

**Marine Power & Services** Denarau Tel: 675 0036 Mob: 992 6147 Email: mps@connect.com.fj Outboard engines.

### Refrigeration

**P Kumar** (see Electrics).

**Ali's Refrigeration Works** Lautoka. Tel: 666 1750 Mob: 992 6750.

### Sails and Rigging

Minor repairs through Marina Office at Musket Cove. Major replacements through New Zealand.

**Marshall Sails** Denarau Marina. Tel: 675 0996 Email: marshallsails@connect.com.fj

### Water

**Lautoka**, on the main wharf. **Denerau** and **Vuda Point Marinas**, on the docks.

### Welding and Metalwork

**Denarau Marina.**



## **Fiji: Musket Cove, Malolo Lailai**

Musket Cove is primarily a holiday resort, on Malolo Lailai Island, with a small marina serving visiting yachts.

There are no major yacht services at Musket Cove and everything should be done before arrival. Special arrangements may be in place for the visit of World ARC. A greater selection of services are available at Denarau Marina, which is on the way to Malolo Lailai Island.

### **Musket Cove Yacht Club**

**Mailing address:**

**PO Box 9024**

**Nadi Airport**

**Nadi, Fiji Islands**

**Tel: +679 666 2216 (ext 1274)**

**Web: [www.musketcovefiji.com](http://www.musketcovefiji.com)**

**Email: [mcyf@musketcovefiji.com](mailto:mcyf@musketcovefiji.com)**



## **Entry Formalities**

Yachts must clear in to Fiji before they arrive at Musket Cove. It is suggested that yachts clearing in to Fiji at Savusavu use Copra Shed Marina in the centre of town. The marina has 9 stern to moorings, and 22 moorings (for yachts up to 15m), and one for yachts up to 36m.

World ARC will arrange for clearance of yachts for the departure from Musket Cove Resort.

## **Mooring**

Musket Cove Resort maintains 24 mooring buoys off the entrance to the marina lagoon area, and a large dock to which yachts moor Med-style with anchor stern or bow to the dock (where it is hoped to berth the majority of World ARC yachts). Check availability on arrival.

The entrance to the area where the marina is situated is limited by draft. There is a depth of 2m at Low Water, with a height of tide of approximately 1.5m. Yachts should contact Musket Cove Marina before entering on VHF Ch 68.

## **Travel Information**

No transport is required at Musket Cove Resort as everywhere is only a short walk away. The staff use golf buggies around the resort, and so you might be offered a lift!

### **Airports**

The Island has a small airport a short walk from the resort and marina, with regular flights to Nadi International Airport. **Pacific Sun** operates flights to Nadi. Flight time is approximately 10 minutes. Web: [www.pacificsun.com.fj](http://www.pacificsun.com.fj)

**Pacific Island Seaplane** operate charter flights. Tel: 6725 644

### **Bicycle Rental**

**Activities Bure** (close to the Marina Office), for those wishing to explore the island.

### **Ferries**

The **Malolo Cat** operates between Port Denarau and Malolo Lailai Island, crossing in 50 minutes. It is a good way for new crew to join, or to do some shopping in Nadi or Lautoka, or simply go sightseeing on the mainland. Fares are approx F\$60 one way, F\$100 return. The fare includes coach transfer to/from Nadi airport and Nadi Hotels. Departs Musket Cove at 0845, 1215 and 1530. Departs Denarau at 1030, 1400 and 1700. Book 24 hours before travel. Tel: 664 0805 / 666 2633; Email: [reservations@musketcovefiji.com](mailto:reservations@musketcovefiji.com) or visit reception. Yacht Club members received 50% discount on ferry fares.

### **Taxis**

Book a resort chauffeur buggy via reception.

## A to Z of What's on Shore

More services available on Viti Levu - see previous section.

### Accommodation

Ask for discounted World ARC rates at Musket Cove Resort.

### Book Exchange

Book and DVD swap at the marina and resort offices.

### Emergencies

Contact Marina Reception.

### Hairdressers

Ask at **Mandra Spa**.

### Hardware Store

**Trader Shop** for limited supplies.

### Ice

**Trader Shop** (closed 1300-1400).

### Internet

WiFi is available throughout the resort. Purchase an access voucher for 30 minutes to 7 days at Reception. 7 days access costs approx F\$50

### Laundry

Self service laundry opposite Trader Shop entrance. Washers and dryers. Please ask the ladies at the shop to set the dryer machines going, F\$6 per wash or dry.

### Mail

Mail is delivered to the marina office about 1400 daily (except Sunday). Leave outgoing mail in the blue sack at the resort boutique, where stamps can be purchased (cash only). Yachts are given a "Rotation" number on clearing in to Fiji which must be declared on shipping documents for Duty Free in transit. There may still be duty payable and parcels may incur a transfer fee from Leeward Island Services (operators of Malolo Catamaran ferry) or the Fiji Post Office, which will be passed to the recipient for payment.

Best agents are DHL and FEDEX.

### Money

There is no cash facility at Musket Cove Resort. Yachts may open an account at the resort. Cash

is available in small quantities through the resort reception.

You only need cash for stamps and mobile phone top-ups. More than one account can be set-up per boat.

### Pharmacy

**Trader Shop** and **Resort Boutique** (situated close to the Resort Reception), both have limited stock.

### Post Office

**Resort Boutique** sells stamps. **Marina Office** may be able to help with any courier services required.

### Restaurants

**Ratu Nemani Island Bar** a favourite amongst visiting yachtsmen. Great place to watch the sunset whilst having your own BBQ on the many BBQ pits. Order your BBQ packs from the Coffee Cove before 1600. Open 1000 until late.

**Dick's Place Bar & Bistro** main restaurant of the resort. Open from 0730 for breakfast, last orders for dinner are 2130. Snack menu available 0730-1700. Shirt and dry shorts required. Mobile phone free area.

**The Coffee Cove Café** situated behind the Trader Shop. Relaxing place tucked away for a light snack, coffee or iced drink from 1000-1830.

**Lomani Resort** venture along the coast road past the runway to the next resort as an alternative for an evening out.

### Rubbish / Garbage

Bins are located to the right of the marina office. All rubbish to be bagged; recycle using white bins for glass bottles, and the sack for plastic bottles.

### Showers and Toilets

Marina block available. Visiting yachts are requested not to use their shower and toilet facilities on board whilst in the marina, and not to pump out holding tanks until out past the reef.

### Shopping

**Trader Shop** has a reasonable selection of foods, including some fresh meats, vegetables, and bread (but is only re-supplied once a week). Mon-Sun 0800-1900.

### Sports Facilities

**Diving Subsurface Fiji**, based at Musket Cove resort, can meet all your diving needs,



including tank fills. Tel: 666 6883 Email: info@subsurfacefiji.com

**Swimming Pool** Visiting yachtsmen are welcome to use the resort swimming pool situated by the bistro. This is a mobile free zone. Whilst open 24 hours it should be noted there is no lifeguard on duty, and guests are not allowed to take their own food or drink to the pool area.

**Watersports** Visit the **Dock Activities Bure** close to the Marina Office.

**Golf.** The neighbouring **Plantation Resort** has a nine hole course, green fees include use of clubs and a trundler.

### Telephone

Fiji Telecom phones outside the Marina Office. Phone cards from the Trader Shop.

### Yacht Club

Known as one of the most exclusive yacht clubs in the Pacific, **Musket Cove Yacht Club** membership is only open to those who have sailed in from, or are sailing out to, a foreign port. Apply at the Marina office for Life Membership, for which there is a modest charge.

## A to Z of Boat Services

Very limited facilities for repair or equipment purchase in Musket Cove. See previous section on Viti Levu.

### Chandlery

**Trader Shop** are able to have items shipped in duty free. Limited range in stock, including bottled gas. Chandlery in **Denarau Marina**

### Electricity

Available through 20 pontoon power pedestals. All 240v; limited 3 phase power outlets; standard European plug. Cost F\$0.60/KwH.

### Fuel

Diesel and petrol are available. Costs about F\$0.20 more than Port Denerau. Mon-Sun 0800-1700. Advise Marina Office before moving to the fuel dock.

### Water

Collected potable rainwater is available (approx F\$0.10 per litre), but possibly not large quantities. Fill tanks before arrival, or make water at anchor in the bay, or after departure. Contact **Marina Office**. Bottled water is available from **Trader Shop**.



## Vanuatu

### Information

Time Zone	UTC+11
Dialling Code	+678
Money	Vatu (Vt)
Exchange Rate	1US\$ = 95Vt
Language	Bislama, English, French
Emergencies	Police: 22 222 Fire: 22 333 Medical: 22 100

### Useful websites

[www.vanuatutourism.com](http://www.vanuatutourism.com)

[www.edgevanuatu.com](http://www.edgevanuatu.com)

### Pilotage Information

**Charts** 1494 Efate and Plans

**Pilots** Landfalls of Paradise (Hinz)  
Pacific Crossing Guide (RCC)  
South Pacific handbook (Stanley)  
Cruising the South Pacific (Austin)  
South Pacific Anchorages (Clay)

### Visas

Visitors from all Commonwealth countries, European Union, European Free Trade Area, USA, Brazil and the Russian Federation do not need visas. For a full list of exempt nations visit the Vanuatu Tourism website at [www.vanuatu.discoverparadise.org/en/resources/visa\\_info.html](http://www.vanuatu.discoverparadise.org/en/resources/visa_info.html)

### Crew Flying in to Vanuatu

Passengers flying into the country who are scheduled to meet a yacht and sail out, are required to submit a 'One Way Requirement Form', and a supporting letter from the receiving skipper, prior to arrival. The letter from the skipper should outline the vessel name and details, give permission for the person to join the crew in Vanuatu and give an undertaking that the crew person listed will be sailing out on that vessel. These should then be faxed to Immigration on (+678) 25 492. Immigration will then prepare and sign a 'One Way Requirement Letter' which authorises a one-way ticket departing via yacht. This will be faxed back to the crew member. The crew member should present this with their

incoming airline ticket to Immigration on arrival as they enter Vanuatu. (You cannot enter Vanuatu with a one way ticket if you do not have this letter prior to arrival).

### Entry Formalities

Boats are officially cleared into the Vanuatu islands at **Port Resolution** in Tanna.

Customs, Immigration and Quarantine officials make a special all-day visit to the Yacht Club for World ARC, enabling skippers to complete necessary paperwork without having to travel to the capital town.

Quarantine officials will ask Skippers about any fresh produce they have onboard, and may decide (at their discretion) to visit the boats at anchor in the bay for a brief inspection.

### Clearing out of Vanuatu

World ARC boats will be able to clear out of Vanuatu with Customs and Immigration from their base in **Port Vila**. Arrangements are normally made for officials to visit the morning before departure.

### General

Vanuatu is an archipelago of 83 islands around 1,750 km east of Australia, lying at the end of a chain of volcanic peaks stretching southeast from Papua New Guinea. With a unique blend of Melanesian (Ni-Vanuatu) tribal communities, pristine beaches, stunning active volcanoes and truly memorable diving, Vanuatu has much to entice visitors.

During World War II, the islands of Efate and Espiritu Santo were used as allied military bases, bringing many of the indigenous tribes into contact with the developed world for the first time, and inspiring the unique Cargo Cults. James Michener's book "Tales of the South Pacific", which spawned the musical "South Pacific", grew out of his experiences as an American sailor in the New Hebrides (the area's name during the Anglo-French colonial administration) in World War II. Wartime activity has left a legacy enjoyed by modern diving tourists, with the remains of the discarded military equipment in "Million Dollar Point" off Espiritu Santo, now a world renowned dive spot.

### Port Resolution, Tanna

Port Resolution, on the island of Tanna, will be the landfall for yachts arriving from Musket Cove, and it is here that yachts will clear customs, immigration and quarantine, with officers brought down by special arrangement. Staff from the local bank will also be on hand on arrival to exchange money. Support ashore will be through the Port Resolution Yacht Club, an organisation set up by the local villagers and run by an enthusiastic young man called Werry Narua, brother of the village chieftain. Sailing into Port Resolution with the backdrop of the volcano Mount Yasur will be just the start to the magical experience of a visit to Tanna, which means “earth” in Tannese. Mount Yasur is the world’s most accessible active volcano, and being so close to such natural raw power is an awe inspiring experience, especially at sunset, with glowing lumps of lava being thrown into the air. (It should be noted that this visit is potentially dangerous and entirely at your own risk, as the volcano is live and therefore unpredictable).

For World ARC a tour will be arranged to a kastom (the rules keeping ancient ancestral legacies alive) village, where villagers perform wearing nambas (penis sheaths) and grass skirts, singing and playing local musical instruments. The tour will then continue up to Mount Yasur to experience the volcano at sunset. These will be run over a number of days as the yachts arrive.

Social activities will be centred at the Port Resolution Yacht Club, where there will be an official welcoming ceremony hosted by the villagers, at which it is customary for an exchange of gifts to be made, with each yacht participating. The World ARC team have asked the village to request a ‘wish list’ of items it needs for the community, which will be made available to participants.

It is said that Tanna has a fourth dimension of spirituality and mystique; it is certainly a beautiful island with especially friendly people, from where it may well be hard to leave.



*Kastom ceremony in Tanna*

## Don't Miss

**Mount Yasur.** The world’s most accessible active volcano.

**Kastom ceremonies** Get under the skin of traditional Vanuatu society, with ritual celebrations of different aspects of village life. Remember to bring gifts when attending ceremonies, as many involve ritual exchanges to establish status.

**Kava drinking** Derived from the root of a pepper vine and common throughout Melanesia, drinking kava is the foundation for many traditional ceremonies and its consumption is controlled by strict rules in the tribal areas. On Tanna it is men only! Be warned, the kava found in Vanuatu is the strongest in Melanesia.

**Bislama** The national language of Vanuatu and a form of pidgin English, with other words added from French and Spanish. There are numerous books available locally, and learning a few words will earn you a reward of many smiles in the markets. See the language page on the excellent Vanuatu Tourism website for a basic introduction to the language.



*Exchanging gifts at Port Resolution*



*Mount Yasur*

## Port Vila, Efate

### Yachting World

mailing address:

PO Box 1507

Port Vila

Vanuatu

Tel: +678 232 73

Web: [www.yachtingworld-vanuatu.com](http://www.yachtingworld-vanuatu.com)

Email: [welcome@yachtingworld-vanuatu.com](mailto:welcome@yachtingworld-vanuatu.com)



## Mooring

As well as a number of mooring buoys, berthing is available on the sea wall, run by a local company called Yachting World. There is a 3m draft on the entrance to Port Vila between the two channel buoys. Tidal range is 1.2m. Be aware of the power cables between Port Vila and Reriki Island with an air draft close to the quay of approx 24m.

## General

Situated on the island of Efate, Port Vila is the bustling capital, and main tourist destination of Vanuatu. As such the town is well served to cater for visitors, with plenty of tours and excursions including some extreme sports aimed at the mainly Australian tourists. One such tour well worth going on (operated by Edge) involves a climb up a hill offering the most fantastic views back over Port Villa and the surrounding countryside, followed by abseiling down a waterfall! An awesome experience, especially for a first timer!

Port Vila is located around a magnificent natural harbour offering stunning views of Iririki and

Ifira islands. Vila is a pretty town. Clean and uncluttered, the waterfront area is so unpolluted- visitors can look down from the seawall and see live corals and tropical fish. Yachts will be docked on the waterfront, within easy reach of all amenities.

With plenty of locally grown organic produce, a visit to the market is a must, and will be a popular place to re-provision, although its worth reading up on Quarantine restrictions for fresh food entering Australia on the information pages for Mackay.

Well connected by international flights, Vanuatu is a good place to arrange crew changes, or to have family and friends visit. Given the excellent facilities in Port Vila and the tremendous enthusiasm of our host club, The Vanuatu Cruising Yacht Club, World ARC yachts will be there for several days.

## Don't Miss

**Diving.** Take a trip to some of the world's most renowned dive sites; Million Dollar Point and the liner SS President Coolidge.

**Extreme sports.** Traditional creeper jumping began in Pentecost Island, Vanuatu, and was the inspiration for modern bungee jumping, so why not explore your extreme side with some adrenaline rushing activities?

**Eating out.** Vila residents like to call their home the 'gourmet capital of the South Pacific' and after several months cruising in remote locations you will no doubt agree. The diverse ethnic and cultural mix of Vila is reflected in food styles served in over forty restaurants and cafes - French, Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Mexican, Thai, Melanesian and Mediterranean.



*The Blue Lagoon*



## Travel Information

### Airports

**Bauerfield** (code VLI or NVVV), Vanuatu's International airport, is 6km from Port Vila.

Vanuatu is served from overseas by **Air Vanuatu**, **Virgin Blue** and **Air NZ**.

**Vanair**, Rue de Paris, operates scheduled flights to the outer islands. Tel: 25025. [www.vanair.vu](http://www.vanair.vu)

### Bicycle Rental

**Zuma Scooter Hire**, Tel: 25609.

**EcoTours** offer cycling tours. Tel: 25299 [ecotour@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:ecotour@vanuatu.com.vu) [www.vanuatu-ecotour.com.vu](http://www.vanuatu-ecotour.com.vu)

**Tour Shop** for scooter and mountain bike hire. Tel: 25609 [tourshop@vanuatu.com](mailto:tourshop@vanuatu.com) [www.tourvanuatu.com](http://www.tourvanuatu.com)

### Buses

In Port Vila look out for small buses (number plates start with a B) which take you anywhere within the greater Port Vila area for Vt100. Last one on is last one off, so it can be an interesting way to see the town!

### Car Rental

**Budget** opposite Parliament House. Tel: 23170 or 25700 [budget@vanuatu.com.au](mailto:budget@vanuatu.com.au) [www.budgetvanuatu.com](http://www.budgetvanuatu.com)

**World Car Rentals** Rue Bougainville. Tel: 26515 [whisperingcoral@hotmail.com](mailto:whisperingcoral@hotmail.com)

### Taxis

Plenty of them and very affordable. Agree a price before starting the journey. Airport one way is 1500Vt.

## A to Z of What's on Shore

### Accommodation

Port Vila offers a wide range of accommodation, some of which is conveniently located in or near the city centre.

**Iririki Island Resort** five star luxury for that special break. Tel: 23388 [reservations@iririki.com](mailto:reservations@iririki.com) [www.iririki.com](http://www.iririki.com)

**City Lodge** opposite the market, but quiet with clean minimalist rooms. Tel: 26826 [citylodge@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:citylodge@vanuatu.com.vu) [www.citylodge.com.vu](http://www.citylodge.com.vu)

**Formule Hotel** once a large boat building shed! Tel: 29930 [hotelformuleholiday@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:hotelformuleholiday@vanuatu.com.vu) [www.vanuatu-formule-holiday.com.vu](http://www.vanuatu-formule-holiday.com.vu)

**Coconut Palms** central location on Cornwall Street. Tel: 23696 [sales@coconutpalms.vu](mailto:sales@coconutpalms.vu) [www.coconutpalms.vu](http://www.coconutpalms.vu)

**Le Meridien Hotel** open to non residents. Tassiriki Park. Tel: 22040 [reservations@meridien.com.vu](mailto:reservations@meridien.com.vu)

**Le Lagoon** set in 75 acres of exotic tropical gardens next to Erakor Lagoon. Tel: 22313 [sales@lagonvanuatu.com.vu](mailto:sales@lagonvanuatu.com.vu) [www.lelagonvanuatu.vu](http://www.lelagonvanuatu.vu)

### Book Exchange

At **Connect Café** (see Internet)

### Dentist

Vila Central Hospital, Rue Gloucester. Tel: 22100.

### Doctors/Hospital

**Vila Central Hospital** Rue Gloucester.

Open for outpatients during business hours

**Emergency ambulance** Tel: 22 100

### Fishing Tackle

Shop next to Snoopies, on main street.

### Hardware Store

**Port Vila Hardware** 10 mins from quayside, has small selection of basic chandlery items and hardware. Seek local advice on arrival.

### Ice

Supermarkets or liquor store opposite main wharf.

### Internet

**Connect Café**, next to quay, provides WiFi that reaches boats on the quayside and anchorages. See Helen for details. There are also Internet Cafés all along the main street.

### Laundry

**Ezy Wash** Rue Bougainville. Mon-Sat 0720-1730; Sun 0730-1200. Also offers same day dry cleaning service.

**Pacific Wash & Dry** Lini Highway. Mon-Sat 0730-1730. Costs at both, 850Vt for 5Kg Wash and Dry. Couple of minutes walk from the dock.

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### Money

**ANZ Bank** has a 12 hour currency exchange open 0900-2100, and an ATM. Normal banking hours are Mon-Fri 0830-1500. There is a small shop near VCYC on opposite side of the street offering money exchange and credit card cash advances. ATMs also at Westpac and National Bank.

### Pharmacy

**Drug Store** Lini Highway. Well stocked and helpful pharmacist. Mon-Fri 0730-1800; Sat 0730-1200; Sun 0830-1200. Also a dispensary at **Hospital**.

### Post Office

Lini Highway. Mon-Fri 0730-1630; Sat 0730-1130. Public Holidays and when there is a cruise ship in port: 0730-1500.

### Rubbish / Garbage

Container bins are located next to the quay

### Shopping

#### Markets

Excellent fresh produce market on main street. Open round the clock from early Monday through to 12 noon on Saturday. Prices are rock bottom and are clearly marked; there is no bargaining. Venture to the back where there are benches for diners to enjoy interesting freshly cooked dishes.

#### Supermarkets

**Au Bon Marche** excellent well stocked supermarket with good selection of meats and fresh bread, 5 minutes out of town by taxi. Mon-Sun 0600-1930.

**Dockside Duty Free Wines and Spirits** Lini Highway. Mon-Sat. Tel: 23031 [tusker@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:tusker@vanuatu.com.vu)

### Sports Facilities

**Diving Nautilus**, next to Waterfront Restaurant. Tennis, golf and various field sports are available. See **Edge Tours** for adrenaline sports.

### Telephones

Card phones outside the **Post Office**, booths inside.

### Tourist Office

**Tourism Centre** on main road by ferry to Irikiki Open Mon-Sat 0800-1800; Sun 0900-1400.

**Vanuatu Tourism Office** Lini Highway. Tel: 22813 [tourism@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:tourism@vanuatu.com.vu) [www.vanuatutourism.com](http://www.vanuatutourism.com)

### Yacht Club

**Vanuatu Cruising Yacht Club**. It is likely that World

ARC participants will be invited to an evening 'get together' with the Club members.

## A to Z of Boat Services

### Boatyard, Rigging, Sails and Welding

**Port Vila Boatyard** situated round the far south side of the Bay past the Main Wharf. Haulout on a trailer – limit 25 tons. Full range of services available. A good place for a haul-out and anti-foul before entering Australia. Tel: 23417, Mob: 57182 [portvilaboatyard@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:portvilaboatyard@vanuatu.com.vu)

### Chandlery

**Vila Marine** Opening hours: 07:30-11:30, 13:00-17:00 (Mon-Fri), 08:30-11:30 (Sat) [vilamarine@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:vilamarine@vanuatu.com.vu)

**Port Vila Boatyard** also has a small chandlery with limited stock.

### Electrical and Mechanical

**Total Marine Solutions** Engine repair and mechanical services. Electronics and Metal work. Web: [www.totalmarinesolutions.com.vu](http://www.totalmarinesolutions.com.vu)

**Port Vila Boatyard**. See Boatyard

**VanGlobal Industry** behind Police Station Electrical / SSB work Tel. 25368 Mob (Patik): 556 8271 [Pete@totalmarinesolutions.com.vu](mailto:Pete@totalmarinesolutions.com.vu)

**Sam Bell** the VCYC Commodore, can also help with electrical problems.

### Electricity

Limited supply to yachts on the Yachting World quay. All yachts here will have sufficient shorepower, as long as long heavily consumable units such as air conditioning and onboard washing machines are not used.

### Fuel

At **Yachting World** dock, next to the berthing quay. Pre-book at the Yachting World Office. Can take some time.

### Gas (Cooking)

Leave propane bottles at **Yachting World** for refill. Not possible to refill Camping Gaz bottles

### Refrigeration and Watermakers

**Applied Refrigeration & Mechanical Services** Geoff Clelland. Tel: 24957, Mob: 43193. Basic clean and service of watermakers - no parts kept in stock.

### Water

At **Yachting World** dock.

## Australia

### Information

Time Zone	UTC+10
Dialling Code	+61
State Codes	+07 for Queensland +08 for Northern Territory
Money	Australian \$
Exchange Rate	1US\$ = 1.1AUS\$
Language	English
Emergencies	000 or 112 000
Useful websites	<a href="http://www.australia.com">www.australia.com</a> <a href="http://www.destinationqueensland.com">www.destinationqueensland.com</a> <a href="http://www.mackayregion.com">www.mackayregion.com</a>

### Pilotage Information

**Charts** AUS251 Bailey Islet to Repulse Islands  
AUS 252 Whitsunday Group

**Pilots** 100 Magic Miles (Colfelt)  
Cruising the Coral Coast (Lucas)

### Visas

It is essential that individual crew members apply for a temporary visitors visa online at [www.eta.immi.gov.au](http://www.eta.immi.gov.au), before departure from Vanuatu. Failure to do so will result in crews not being allowed to leave the yacht on arrival. This also applies for crews arriving by air into Australia.

If the yacht's registered Owner or Skipper is arriving in Australia on the boat, but not leaving with it, they will need to leave a signed letter of authorisation for whoever is taking over responsibility of the boat.

### Entry Formalities

Mackay is a Port of Entry into Australia. Representatives of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) and Customs will be available on site. World ARC yachts will be directed to a dedicated pontoon on arrival to clear in. Crews are not allowed to leave the boat until cleared in.

### Australian Quarantine Requirements

Australia has some of the strictest laws in the world regarding the importation of food, liquids, souvenirs

and other items. Whilst friendly and informative, the **Australia Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS)** team in Mackay are very thorough, and it's best to prepare as much as possible for your arrival into Australia, to avoid having items removed from your boat unnecessarily.



As the regulations are constantly changing, you will be given a brief in Vanuatu, detailing current prohibited items. You can also follow the guidelines below, to enable you to provision correctly and manage your food stocks well in advance:

#### Prohibited items:

- All fresh and non-commercially packaged food items. This includes all meats (fresh, frozen or pre-cooked from fresh), fruits and vegetables.
- Most dairy products, including opened jars of mayonnaise.
- Honey containing honeycomb
- All living plants and herbs

Many other items will be inspected, including all souvenir-type items. If products are found to contain signs of life, they will either be treated on the spot, or removed for destruction.

There are also restrictions on fresh foods when travelling through the Torres Straits (between Thursday Island and Darwin). Current details, as well as all procedures and regulations for Customs and Immigration, will be given at the Skippers Briefing in Vanuatu.

#### Items allowed:

- Commercially-packaged non-fresh foods.
- All products originating from New Zealand, including UHT milk and meat products.
- Packaging must however be intact, and clearly show the origin of the product.
- All alcohol. Bottles may be liable for inspection, but will not be removed.

Tips for ensuring a quick clearance:

**Have all food, drink and souvenir items easily accessible for inspection**

**Prepare a list of all your provisions to show AQIS**

**Thoroughly clean all diving and fishing gear before arrival**

**Be honest and ask questions if unsure.**

### Antifouling

AQIS may ask questions such as when and where the last antifouling was carried out, and the type of products used.

AQIS appreciate that yachts on World ARC are constantly on the move, so do not generally present a problem with regards to build up of biomatter on their hulls, although it is recommended that you clean the waterline before departure in Vanuatu.

### Firearms and weapons

Firearms and ammunition need to be declared before arrival into Australia. On arrival, Customs agents will remove firearms for safe storage during your stay. You then need to notify Customs one week before you plan to leave the country, and they will arrange for your firearms to be sent (at their cost) to your port of departure, for collection when clearing out of Australia.

Flare guns/parachute flares, 'bangsticks', and spear guns are not classified as firearms by Australian Customs.

### Immigration

Yachts are not required to carry out the standard 96-hour notification procedure required by Australian Immigration, as this will be done on your behalf by the World ARC Team.

### Tourist Refund Scheme

Australia currently offers a Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS), which allows temporary visitors to claim back the tax paid on goods bought during their stay.

Most items are eligible for refund, including clothing, jewellery, shoes, cameras, small electrical items, souvenirs, and wine. Beer, spirits and tobacco products, as well as consumed or hazardous goods are not eligible for tax refund.

To claim a refund, you must meet the following conditions:

- Spend AU\$300 or more (including tax) in one store
- Purchase goods no more than 30 days before your departure
- Present a tax invoice receipt (check with the retailer)
- Have the goods with you when you leave

Australia (hand luggage if departing by air)

The World Cruising Club Team will be able to direct you to the TRS office in Darwin before your departure from Australia. If you are leaving the country by air, all international airports have TRS facilities to help you with your refund on departure.

### Importing spare parts into Australia

Goods with a value of less than AU\$1000 can be sent via the normal postal system from abroad, and do not require any form of customs clearance. The sender should attach a contact name and number in Mackay Marina.

Parts over AU\$1000 in value may be subject to Customs procedures. Tax should not be needed to be paid on these parts, but the process is fairly complicated. Clearance will not be delayed, but if you want duty to be avoided, a Broker may be required to complete a Temporary Import Declaration to clear in the parts on behalf of the Skipper/Owner. Parts should be marked as 'for Temporary Import'.

More details about Australian Customs regulations can be obtained from: [information@customs.gov.au](mailto:information@customs.gov.au) and see [www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au)

## Mackay, Queensland

### Mackay Marina & Shipyard

mailing address:

Mulherin Drive

Mackay Harbour

QLD 4740, Australia

Tel: +61 (0)7 4955 6855

Web: [www.mackaymarina.com](http://www.mackaymarina.com)

Email: [info@mackaymarina.com](mailto:info@mackaymarina.com)





## Mooring

Mackay Marina has nearly 500 berths, and can accommodate vessels up to 3.5m draft (LAT).

## General

The Mackay Region offers a picturesque landscape, exotic flora and fauna and a multi-cultural history. Visitors can appreciate all of this locally in Mackay or further afield in the region. Some highlights in each:

## In Mackay: Don't Miss

**Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens**, located at the Lagoons, off Nebo Road.

**Local craft displays** such as the Homebush Pottery and the Wood Chook Gallery in Sydney Street, Mackay.

Mackay City Council's **Orchid House**, located in Queen's Park, has over 3000 specimens on display.

**Live entertainment.** The Mackay Entertainment Centre in Gordon Street hosts a wide range of live shows.

**Heritage walks.** Mackay has a rich history, which is still evident today in its remaining historic buildings, memorials, cemeteries and other historical sites. A brochure providing a self-guided heritage walk through the city is available from tourist information services and the Mackay City Council Building in Gordon Street.

## Beyond Mackay: Don't Miss

**Historic Greenmount Homestead** at Walkerton was the first property in the district and offers visitors a taste of years gone by. Open: 0930-1230. To get to Greenmount Homestead travel from Mackay on the Peak Downs Highway to Walkerton and Greenmount Homestead is located about five kilometres west of Walkerton.

**Hibiscus Coast.** The Hibiscus Coast district is located about 30 minutes to the north of Mackay city and features the natural beauty of Cape Hillsborough National Park along with wonderful seaside townships such as Seaforth, Halliday Bay and Ball Bay.

**Rainforest.** Eungella (pronounced 'Yungulla') National Park, about 60 minute's drive from Mackay city, covers 51,700 hectares and boasts Australia's largest stretch of sub-tropical

rainforest. It has over 20 kilometres of walking tracks, which feature spectacular views. This National Park is famous for its population of platypus, which are frequently seen in the waterways around Broken River.

**National Parks** Mackay is located within close proximity to a number of beautiful National Parks. These includes Eungella National Park, Cape Hillsborough, Cape Palmerston and Keswick, Carlisle, Brampton and Scawfell Islands. Further details can be obtained from the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services.



*Eungella National Park*

## Travel Information

### Airport and Airlines

**Mackay Airport** (code MKY) Boundary Road, Mackay Tel: 07 4957 0201. 15-20min from marina. Taxi from airport is \$35. Cairns Airport (CNS) or Brisbane Airport (BNE) are the closest with direct international flights. Most International flights also connect via Sydney (SYD).

The following airlines service Mackay Airport:

**Qantas** [www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au)

**Virgin Australia** [www.virginaustralia.com](http://www.virginaustralia.com)

**Jetstar** [www.jetstar.com](http://www.jetstar.com)

**Tiger Airways** [www.tigerairways.com](http://www.tigerairways.com)

### Buses

Buses depart from the Marina for Caneland Central Shopping Centre (15 min journey time) and the town centre regularly. The Mackay Explorer Bus operates a free, hop-on, hop-off service on Sundays. Marina Office have current timetables. Bus departs from Northern car park.

### Car Rental

Companies located at Mackay Airport:

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**Hertz** [www.hertz.com.au](http://www.hertz.com.au) Tel: 07 4951 3334

**Avis** [www.avis.com.au](http://www.avis.com.au) Tel: 07 4951 1266

**Thrifty** [www.thrifty.com.au](http://www.thrifty.com.au) Tel: 07 4942 8755

**Europcar** [www.europcar.com.au](http://www.europcar.com.au) Tel: 07 4944 1188

**Budget** [www.budget.com.au](http://www.budget.com.au) Tel: 07 4951 1400

### Red Spot

[www.redspotcars.com.au](http://www.redspotcars.com.au) Tel: 07 4998 5799

At the marina office:

**Peter Hansen** Tel: 4955 6855

### Taxis

Tel (free): 131 008. Fare into town is \$15-20, airport \$30. Marina Office will call taxis, or Clarion Hotel can also call out of hours.

### Train

Trains are available between Mackay and Brisbane or Cairns [www.railmaps.com.au](http://www.railmaps.com.au) has more information about trains and buses to and from Mackay.

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### Accommodation

**Clarion Hotel** Mackay Marina 4.5star. Tel: 07 4955 9400 [res@mackaymarinahotel.com](mailto:res@mackaymarinahotel.com)  
[www.mackaymarinahotel.com](http://www.mackaymarinahotel.com)

### Dentist

**Moroney** 50 Nelson St, Mackay Tel: 07 4951 1751

**1300smiles** 34 Sydney Street, Mackay. Open: Mon-Fri 0800-1700; Sat 0900-1200 Tel: 07 4957 5354

### Doctors/Hospital

**Mackay Base Hospital** 475 Bridge Road  
Tel: 07 4968 6000

**Emergency ambulance** Tel: 000 or 112 000

### Hairdressers

**Le Paris Hair** In marina Tel: 07 4955 7478

### Hardware Store

**Porters** Brisbane St, Mackay Tel: 07 4967 3333

### Ice

Available in marina complex from **Lighthouse Takeaway** or **Bottle Shop**.

### Internet

Commercially provided wireless internet available from [www.marinanet.com.au](http://www.marinanet.com.au). Cost: 1 day; \$15, 7 days; \$25. Transferrable throughout other selected Queensland marinas. Also desktop internet terminal available in the laundry facility. \$2/ 20mins.

### Laundry

Onsite coin operated laundry. Open Daily: 0600-2100. Cost: Wash; \$5, Dryers; \$1/ 8 min.

### Money

Major banks (Bank of Queensland, Westpac, Commonwealth Bank) located on Victoria or Gordon St, Mackay. There are two ATMs in the marina complex in the Lighthouse Takeaway restaurant, and just behind Le Paris Hairdressers.

**Harvey World Travel** Wood Street Tel: 4969 3600 will exchange foreign currency at the best rates.

### Pharmacy

**North Mackay Night & Day Pharmacy** 19 Palmer St, North Mackay Tel: 07 4957 5398.

### Post Office

On Evans Avenue, North Mackay. Post box available outside Ants General Store.

### Restaurants

There is a great selection of restaurants in Mackay marina complex:

**Latitude 21** Tel: 07 4955 9400 The Clarion Hotel's restaurant and bar. Lunchtime specials.

**Georges Thai** Tel: 07 4955 5778. Rated one of Mackay's best restaurants.

**Lighthouse Takeaway** Fish & Chips Tel: 07 4955 5699. Basic takeaway food. Cheap!

**The Deck Steakhouse** Tel: 07 4955 5337. Some of the best cuts of meat in Queensland.

**Sails Sports Bar** Tel: 07 4955 5788. Pub grub with live sports tv coverage.

**MG Café** Tel: 07 4955 0268. Behind the marina office. Great for breakfast and coffee!

### Rubbish / Garbage

Rubbish bins are in both marina carparks. Rubbish can be split for recycling: Yellow lid bins for aluminium cans, glass, cardboard, cartons, etc. Blue lid bins for paper, red lids bins for all other waste. Used oil disposal containers are also available.

### Shopping

#### Markets

**Town Centre** and **Riverside Markets** operate on Sunday mornings. Catch the free Explorer Bus from the marina.

#### Supermarkets

**MG General Store** Behind main Marina Office  
Tel: 07 4955 0268. Very limited supplies.

**Canelands Shopping Centre** Victoria Street, Mackay. Open Mon-Fri 0830-1730; Sat-Sun 0830-1500. Larger supermarkets and stores open until 2100. Tel: 07 4944 7111. Bus leaves marina direct for Canelands every day.

### Sports Facilities

**Diving Reefstar Cruises** 1 Mulherin Drv North, Mackay. Mob: 0400 409219

**Ball sports Mackay Indoor Sports Arena.** Harbour Rd Tel: 07 4957 2672. 10 mins from marina.

**Swimming Bluewater Lagoon** River St, Mackay. Beautiful landscaped grounds with safe swimming. Lifeguards on duty. Open until 1800 every day.

### Tourist Office

**Town Hall Visitor Information Centre** 63 Sydney Street, Mackay Open: Mon-Fri 0900-1700; Sat 0900-1200; Sun Closed Tel: 07 4951 4803 [www.mackayregion.com](http://www.mackayregion.com)



World ARC catamaran in the Mackay Marina travelift

## A to Z of Boat Services

### Boatyard

**Mackay Marina & Shipyard** Boatyard  
Coordinator Brad Lowien [brad.lowien@mackaymarina.com](mailto:brad.lowien@mackaymarina.com) Tel: 07 4955 6855 Secure environmentally-sensitive shipyard, with 65 tonne (24m LOA max, 9.2m beam) travelift; two purpose built fully sealed spray-painting sheds and an abrasive sand blasting bay. Dry storage available. Many on-site trades including specialist painting, marine engineering, shipbuilding, 12/240V electronics engineers. Crews can liveaboard whilst dry docked, with full water and electricity.

### Chandlery

There is currently no chandlery at Mackay Marina, but **Boutique Marine** (in marina complex) can source any specialist parts or assist with project management, provisioning etc. Mob: 0412 037 474 (Annette). Many of the service units in the boatyard can also provide or order parts.

**Whitworth's** is Australia's largest online store for marine parts [www.whitworths.com.au](http://www.whitworths.com.au)

### Electricity

All berths serviced with 220 Volts, 50Hz single phase power. 32 & 63 amp 3-Phase power is available on selected berths. Boat Power sell electrical adapters.

### Fuel

Fuel dock available in the marina with 13 pumps on 2 fingers. Diesel and unleaded petrol available. Open: Daily 0830-1630. Price (Aug 12) Diesel \$1.56/litre.

### Fibreglass / GRP Repair

**Blue Line Boat Builders** Mob: 0418 185181

**Bluewater Marine** Tel: 4955 5488 Mob: 0427 023081 [info@bluewatermarina.net.au](mailto:info@bluewatermarina.net.au)

### Gas (Cooking)

Available from the **marina office**. Only bottles with standard Australian fittings can be refilled. The Australian standard fitting is a 1-inch reverse (left-hand thread) screw fitting. Note that most European fittings are not compatible, but some US fittings are. 3.7kg and 8.5kg Replacement propane bottles are also available to purchase. Butane may not be available.

World ARC yachts are recommended to stock up on gas before leaving Vanuatu.

### **Electrical and Electronics**

**Boat Power** Rod & Diane Tel: 07 4955 0046  
Mob: 0419 861377 boatpower@bigpond.com

### **Liferaft Servicing**

**RFD** Tel: 07 4948 1366 wokwood@whitsunday.net.au

### **Mechanical**

**Mackay Marine Services** Mob: 0418 883045  
mackaymarine@bigpond.com

**Mackay Diesel Marine** Tel: 4955 6460 Mob: 0411 747345

### **Refrigeration**

**Boat Power** Mob: 0407 387300 rodbelectrical@bigpond.com

### **Rigging**

**Nauticare** Mob: 0417 624354

### **Sail Repairs**

**Doyle** will collect from the boat Tel: 4948 1868  
Mob: 0409 469165 doyle.sails@fpg.com.au

**Airlie Sails** are Ullman Sails dealer Tel: 4948  
3016 contact@airliesails.com.au

### **Watermakers**

**Boat Power** (see Refrigeration)

### **Welding / Metalwork**

**Bluewater Marine** (see Fibreglass/GRP Repairs)



*Beach near Cairns, Queensland*

## **Thursday Island**

World ARC yachts are asked to rendezvous at Thursday Island after their independent cruising period from Mackay to bring them together for the onward passage to Darwin. This is for the safety of the yachts, ensuring that a timely departure is made for the passage onwards through the Torres Straits, with all yachts sailing from Thursday Island as a group to give support should it be required. When looking at Thursday Island itself participants might think it is a strange place to visit, but the purpose is as a rendezvous point, hence the short period of time we suggest yachts actually stay there. Having said that, many previous World ARC visitors actually enjoyed their brief stay, finding the islands a friendly place to stop and explore. A briefing will be held about sailing from Mackay to Darwin, including the stop in Thursday Island, after the end of the leg in Mackay.



*Thursday Island main jetty*

## **Pilotage Information**

**Charts** AUS293 Prince of Wales Channel

AUS299 Approaches to Thursday Island

**Pilots** Torres Strait Passage Guide (Hellewell)

## **Entry Formalities**

Anchor in one of the two areas listed below, then visit the Customs office near the main wharf. Tel: (07) 40691554 or VHF Ch. 16 [toroff@customs.gov.au](mailto:toroff@customs.gov.au)

Vessels can anchor in two areas:

1. Off the main wharf at Thursday Island.
2. Between Madge Reef and Horn Island. In the SE winds, the Horn Island anchorage provides greater protection.

There is an hourly ferry service between the two anchorages.



## General

Thursday Island, or TI as it is known by locals, is the gateway to the Torres Strait, an expanse of sapphire seas dotted with approximately 100 islands, 17 of which are communities. A three-square-kilometre speck within sight of the mainland, between Prince of Wales, Hammond and Horn islands, Thursday Island wears a few aliases: coined “Sink of the Pacific” for the variety of peoples who passed through in pearling days, the local tag is Waiben or (very loosely!) “Thirsty Island” – once a reference to the availability of drinking water and now a laconic aside on the quantity of beer consumed.

## Don't Miss

In town there are traces of the old **Chinatown** district around Milman Street, and a reminder of Queensland's worst shipping disaster in the Quetta Memorial Church, way down Douglas Street, built after the ship hit an uncharted rock in the Adolphus Channel in 1890 and went down with virtually all the Europeans on board.

Much can be learned of Thursday Island's history by a visit to the **local cemetery**; here Buddhists, Shintoists, Hindus and Muslims share their last resting place with Islanders and Europeans. A striking Japanese Pearl Divers Memorial sits amongst the many ornate tombstones overlooking Hammond Island to the north.

Step back to 1898 when you visit **Green Hill Fort**. Built in response to a Russian War scare, it's now silent 6" breach loading guns still jut out menacingly over the island's main approaches. Once munitions storage space, the Fort's underground tunnels and rooms today house the **Torres Strait Museum**. Museum displays include Pearling, Shipping and Military themes.

**Gab Titui Cultural Centre** has beautiful work by local artists — bronzes and linocuts feature prominently. The two-storey modern building is adorned with three feature sails and resembles the old pearl luggers. The Centre is an important element of the regional framework linking parts of local culture.

The **Ephraim Bani Gallery** displays artefacts from some of Australia's best Torres Strait collections. There are interpretive displays, workshop and temporary exhibitions, as well as a cafe and gift shop.

## Travel Information

### Airports and Airlines

The airport is located on **Horn Island** (code HID or YHID), which is approximately 8km from TI. Local airlines operate regular services to many of the outer islands.

**Quantaslink** (of Qantas Airlines) operates a twice daily service between Horn Island and Cairns.

**Aerotropics** operate a regular service between Cairns and Bamaga on Cape York.

### Buses

An inexpensive bus service with frequent bus stops operates on TI.

### Car Rental

**TI Hardware** rent out mini mokes Tel: 4069 1548

### Ferries

Regular ferry services between Seisia on the mainland and T.I, run by **Peddellsferry.com.au** from Engineers Jetty. Two daily services. Day trips also available to Punsand Bay.

**Horn Island Ferry Service** (Tel: 40691011), operates between T.I and Horn Island, which is where the airport is. Ferries run roughly hourly 0600-1800.

### Taxis

Plenty of taxis available.

**Silverleaf** offer an Island tour service with a minivan for 9 people. Approx \$70 for 1 hour. Tel: 4069 2655

### Water Taxis

Available on VHF Ch 16. Reported to be expensive.



*Horn Island jetty*

## A to Z of What's on Shore

### Accommodation

**Jardine Motel**, four-star deluxe accommodation, as well as the budget **Jardine Lodge** which has full use of the motel facilities. Self contained flats are available. Tel: 4069 1555. [www.jardinemotel.com.au](http://www.jardinemotel.com.au)

**Grand Hotel** 6 Victoria Parade. Ocean & mountain views. Tel: 40691557

**Federal Hotel** Victoria Parade. Classic Queenslander with motel and pub rooms, harbour views and counter meals. [www.federalhotelti.com.au](http://www.federalhotelti.com.au)

**Rainbow Motel** Douglas Street. Clean with the best burger bar in town. Tel: 4069 1569.

### Dentist

Available in the T.I. Hospital (see Doctors).

### Doctors/Hospital

**TI Hospital** Victoria Parade. Tel: (07) 4069 0200

**Emergency ambulance** Tel: 000 or 112 000

### Hairdressers

**Steph's** 14B Chester Street Tel: 0415035978

### Hardware

**T.I. Hardware** Douglas & Blackall Streets. Tel: 40691548, [sales@npadistributors.com.au](mailto:sales@npadistributors.com.au)

### Internet

**Ibis** supermarket

**Torres Shire Council Library** 68 Douglas Street

### Laundry

**R&F Self Service Store Shop** 2 52 Douglas Street Tel: 4069 1173

### Pharmacy

96 Douglas Street Tel: 4069 1411 Mon-Fri 0900-1745 Sat: 0900-1230

### Restaurants

Cafés on Douglas Street.

**Somerset Restaurant** within the Jardine Motel on the corner of Normanby St. & Victoria Parade.

**Malu Paru** restaurant within the Grand Hotel.

Balcony and sweeping views, with excellent seafood. Upper Victoria Parade.

**Federal Hotel** has a restaurant serving lunch and dinner. Victoria Parade.

**Rainbow Motel** has a good Burger Bar and takeaway restaurant.

### Shopping

**IBIS Supermarket** Douglas Street (good selection).

**The Fruit Barn** Douglas Street.

**Aunt Mary's Bakery** Victoria Parade.

**See Hop Trading** 48 Douglas Street. Good selection.

**South Pacific Store** 6 Airport Road, Horn Island, Tel: 4069 2448. Take the ferry.

### Sports Facilities

**Torres Shire Council Sports Complex** Loban Road. Pool, Gym, Multi-purpose Stadium. Open Mon-Fri: 0600-0830 & 1200-1900; Sat-Sun 1200-1800.

### Telephones

Pay phones are located outside the Post Office and at the Engineer Wharf. Limited mobile coverage.

### Tourist Office

**TI Tourist Information Bureau** Engineers Jetty.

**Travel Agent** on the corner of Victoria and Blackall streets. Tel: 4069 1264.

## Local Dangers

Saltwater crocodiles (salties) are the most dangerous animals in the north of Australia. Attacks are rare, but usually fatal. Salties are common north of Cairns, and especially between Cape York and Western Australia, including the Gulf of Carpentaria and Darwin. Sea bathing and exploring mangroves should be avoided, unless given good local advice that it is safe to do so.

Box jellyfish are usually found between October and May, but stinging jellyfish can be found at all times. Take local advice before swimming. In case of stings, douse liberally with vinegar and seek urgent medical attention.

## A to Z of Boat Services

TI has limited repair facilities for yachts; the next haul-out facility is in Darwin.

### Chandlery

**Waiben Light Marine Services** 83 Waiben Esplanade, Tel: 4069 2444 Suzuki and Evinrude agent.

**M & D M Ah Boo Marine & Sporting Store**  
94 Douglas Street, Tel: 4069 1514 ahboo.ti@bigpond.com Compressors, Honda spares, GPS, Fishing gear etc.

### Electrical & Electronics

**Lifelink Comms & Electronics** Tel: 4069 2321  
Repairs to marine systems, radios, computers, electrics.

**Babinda Electrics** 41 Summer Street. Tel 4069 1515.

### Fuel

From car petrol stations: **BP** next to Ibis supermarket Mon-Fri: 0730-1830 Sat: 0730-1330

**Mobil** next to Hop Trading.

### Gas (Cooking)

**Ibis** service station, **BP** and **Mobil** petrol stations all on Douglas Street.

**Rebel Marine** Hocking Point VHF Ch 16.

### Mechanical

**Carpentaria Yamaha** 91 Waiben Esplanade Tel: 4090 3177.

**TRAWQ Mechanical Workshop** Behind BP Service Station, Tel: 4090 3762.

### Refrigeration

**Haden Refrigeration & Air Conditioning** 7 John Street, Tel: 4090 3864.

