

HUAHINE, FRENCH POLYNESIA

Its name translating to 'woman's sex' refers to the profile of Mt Tavaiura being similar to that of a pregnant woman lying down. This 75km² island has eight villages, the capital of which is Fare. Huahine is one of the four islands included in the annual Hawaiki Nui Va'a canoe race

KEY INFO

Currency: CFP (1 USD = 0.0091 CFP)	Languages: French, Tahitian
Population: 6,075 (304,000 French Polynesia)	Drive on the: Right
Emergency #: 15 (medical), 17 (police), 18 (fire)	Pharmacy: Pharmacie Lafayette de Huahine, Fare (📍)
Drinking water: Tap water is not drinkable	Protection: Bug Spray & SPF 30+
Time Zone: GMT-10	Wi-Fi: Not commonly available (Rent a Tahiti Wi-Fi Box)
ID Requirements: Photo ID	Post Office: Main St, Fare, 98731, FP (📍)

PORT LOCATION

Ships tender ashore in Huahine. The cruise ship sails into Baie de Maroe and tenders shuttle back and forth to Maro'e village pier. The ride is 0.4 nautical miles

Getting Around: Huahine is actually two islands, joined by a tiny meeting point just west of Maro'e. The village of Maro'e is on Huahine-Iiti (the southern island). The larger northern landmass is Huahine-Nui, on the other side of Maroe Bay. The easiest way to get around the island is by renting a car or bike. A cruise ship shuttle (Le Truck) offers an easy way to Fare. Public transport is practically non-existent.

📍 Contact huahinecarrentals@gmail.com for car rentals (📍 [Facebook Page](#))

📍 www.europcarhuahine.com for car and scooter rentals from Fare

Taxis: Taxis are scarce and expensive

Tourist Bus: There is no Hop-On Hop-Off Bus in Huahine

Port Facilities: None

Port Address: Tender Dock, Maro'e, Huahine-Iiti, French Polynesia (S16°45.827' W150°59.814') 📍

BEACHES IN HUAHINE

Huahine-Iiti: On the western point of the smaller island (the island that cruise visitors tender to) is **Plage Hana Iiti** 🌐. At the southernmost point of the island is **Avea Beach** 🌐, which is your picture-perfect island beach. As always, it's important to watch your possessions on a tourist beach.

Huahine-Nui: As the shuttle bus drops visitors in Fare, the **Fare Public Beach** 🌐 is probably the most convenient beach spot, just north of the yacht club.

Surfing is taken surprisingly seriously here, and tourists have been known to be verbally and physically abused by local surfing gangs, known as '**black shorts**', around Fare and Fiti. If you want to go surfing, it's best to go with a guide... and you'd better be good!

For more: www.tahititourisme.com/islands/huahine, www.tahiti.com/island/huahine

📱 card payment accepted

💳 cash payment accepted

🌐 link to map

WHAT'S ON HUAHINE-ITI?

Marae Anini: On the south coast of Huahine-Iti, the historic Polynesian temple is an interesting visit. Sometimes you'll see weaved baskets with offerings from modern-day visitors. Was once used for human sacrifices. 24 hours | Free | [Location Link](#)

Mont Puhu Rahi: This hiking trail predominantly follows a road up the mountainside, with the final leg being totally off-road. Amazing views from the top (462m). 24 hours | Free | [Location Link](#)

WHAT'S ON HUAHINE-NUI?

Distillerie Huahine Passion: The artisan distillery in Fare village is run by French mainlanders who have lived in Huahine for four decades, crafting spirits from the island's mango, pineapple, vanilla, and passion fruit. Hours unknown (potentially closed) | Free | [Location Link](#)

Motu Trésor: Between Fare and the airport, this small museum has a fabulous collection of more than 500 French Polynesian shells and pearls. Run by the owner, Frank, who is full of information about the collection. Incidentally, Frank is the only professionally trained jeweler on the island.

9:30a-5p (Mon-Fri) | \$ donations accepted | [Location Link](#)

Blue-eyed Freshwater Eels: On the opposite side of Maro'e Bay from Maro'e village the road turns left for Faro, but if you go right you'll be rewarded with beautiful viewpoints and an encounter with Huahine's potentially sacred blue-eyed eels – they can reach up to 2m in length.

24 hours | Free | [Location Link](#)

Huahine Pearl Farm & Pottery: Take the shuttle boat (\$ donations accepted) out to the pearl farm, where there's also an opportunity to buy pearls and pottery, as well as discover the farming process.

9:30a-4p (Mon-Sat), 9:30a-12p (Sun) | Free | [Location Link](#)

🌐 www.huahine-pearlfarm.com

Fare Pote'e, Maeva: Open-air living museum, in the old capital of Huahine, Maeva. There are a number of interesting relics on display, dedicated to the memory of archaeologists Dr Kenneth Emory and Dr Yoshiko Sinoto. 8a-2p (Mon-Fri), 8a-12p (Sat) | CPF 250 | [Location Link](#)

🌐 www.farepotee-maevahuahine.com/home.php

WHERE TO EAT

Izzy's: In Fare, this streetside burger joint is a favorite with locals for lunch. Try the fish burger... just be prepared to wait because everyone else is going too. 10a-3p (Mon-Sat) | [Location Link](#)

Huahine Yacht Club: On the waterfront by the Fare Public Beach, this yacht club serves up a delicious locally-grown vanilla slice, as well as poisson cru – the classic Tahitian raw fish dish, marinated in coconut milk. 9a-9p | [Location Link](#)

Chez Tara: On Huahine-Iti, right by Avea Beach, this restaurant of Hotel Le Mahana Huahine is considered one of the best for a traditional Polynesian feast anywhere on the island.

11a-3:30p (Thu-Tue) | [Location Link](#) | [Facebook](#)