

Huahine Island, Society Islands, French Polynesia

The garden island of the Society Islands, Huahine rewards curious cruisers with the largest concentration of ancient Polynesian marae in French Polynesia, sacred freshwater eels, and a laid-back lagoon that Bora Bora used to be.

- Tender port
- Typical call: 7-9 hrs
- XPF / Credit cards in Fare
- French & Tahitian
- Nature & history focus

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor off Fare, ~10 min boat ride

Walk to center: 0 min — tender drops at Fare village waterfront

Best For: Ancient marae, sacred eels, lagoon tours, snorkeling, Avea Beach

Don't Miss: Blue-eyed eels at Faie stream & Maeva archaeological site

Getting around: **Taxi** ~600–1,000 XPF short trip; 2,500+ XPF for longer rides · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Maeva Archaeological Site & Marae** — Wander the largest concentration of ancient Polynesian stone temples in French Polynesia.
- **Sacred Blue-Eyed Eels of Faie** — In the stream running through Faie village live enormous freshwater eels with striking icy-blue eyes, considered sacred by locals.
- **Lagoon Outrigger & Motu Picnic** — Spend the day on a motorized outrigger canoe snorkeling crystal-clear coral gardens, feeding stingrays, and eating a traditional Polynesian lunch on...
- **Scooter or 4WD Island Circuit** — Rent a scooter or small car and circuit the island independently — Maeva marae, Faie eels, the Belvedere lookout over Maroe Bay, and the stunning...
- **Avea Beach, Huahine Iti** — The postcard-perfect beach of Huahine — miles of powdery white sand, shallow turquoise water, and coconut palms on the southern tip of Huahine Iti.

BEST WALKS

- **Fare Village & Beach Stroll** 1 km · flat · 20-30 min — From the tender pier, walk the main street past local shops, the Super U supermarket, and the colourful waterfront.
- **Fare to Huahine Distillery** 0.5 km · flat · 10 min — Walk from the tender pier to Distillerie Huahine Passion near the village centre for free tastings of pineapple, passion fruit, and ginger liqueurs.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:12AM–5:54PM · Jun 6:30AM–5:38PM · Aug 6:22AM–5:55PM · Sep 5:59AM–5:59PM · Oct 5:35AM–6:03PM	
Apr	82°	79°	23d		
Jun	80°	77°	17d		
Aug	78°	76°	15d		
Sep	78°	76°	17d		
Oct	79°	76°	18d		

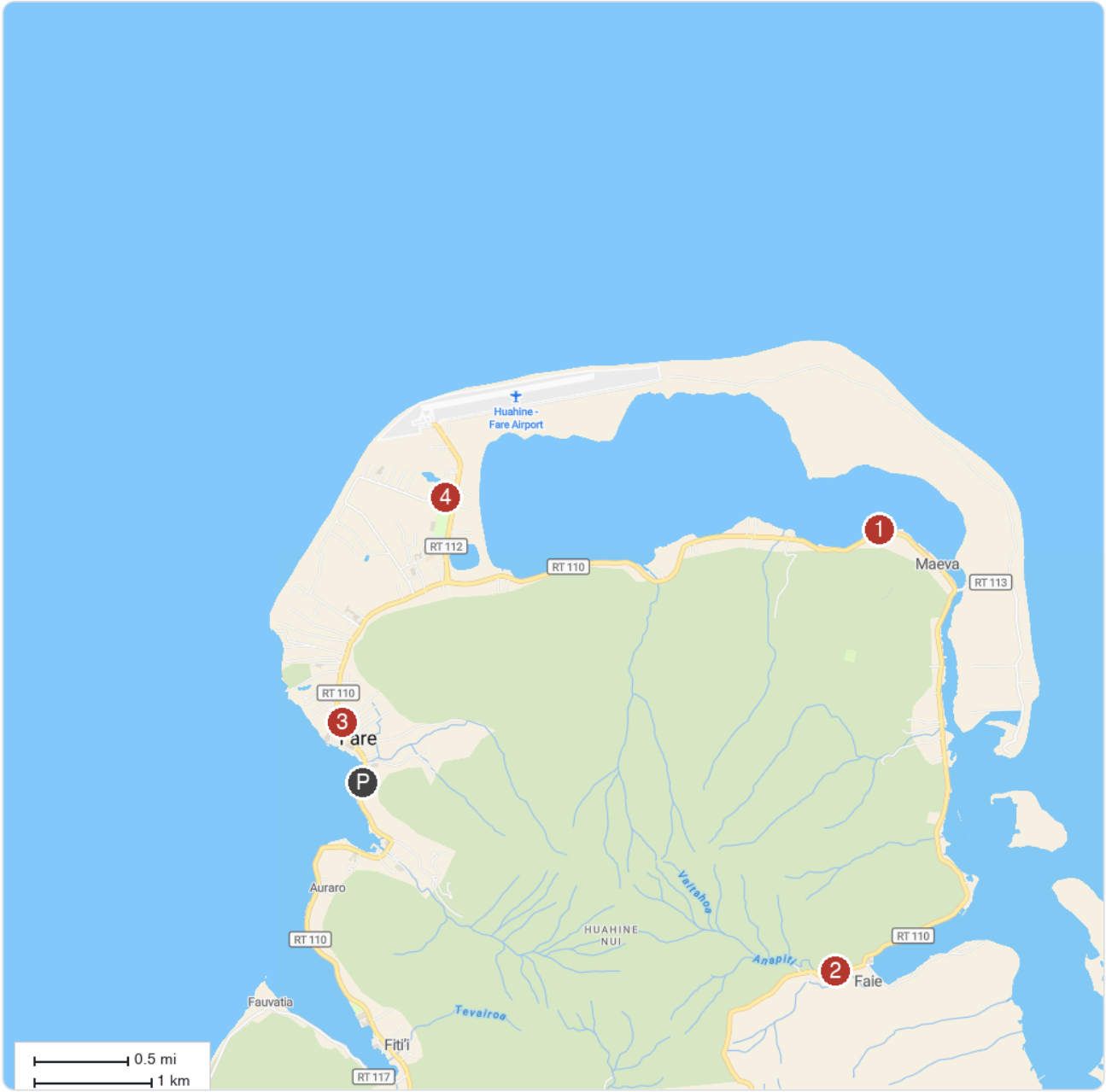
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book transport before you arrive. Huahine has no public buses. Rental cars and scooters are very limited — reserve your vehicle months ahead or you'll be stuck in Fare village all day.
- Bring some local cash (XPF). ATMs are in Fare, and most shops and restaurants accept Visa/Mastercard. But markets, roadside fruit stands, and the eel feeding area require small bills or coins.
- Sunday = almost everything is closed. If the ship docks on a Sunday, supermarkets close by noon and car rentals may be shut. Pre-booked tours and hotel restaurants typically still operate.
- Insect repellent is essential. The lush jungle means mosquitoes and tiny biting sandflies (no-nos) are active, especially near streams and at dawn/dusk. Pack reef-safe bug spray.
- Use reef-safe sunscreen. Huahine's lagoon is remarkably pristine. The local community actively protects it — regular chemical sunscreens are harmful to coral. Mineral-based reef-safe formulas only.
- Eat poisson cru at the Huahine Yacht Club. It's a 5-minute walk from the pier, right over the water. The fresh tuna marinated in lime and coconut milk is the definitive French Polynesian dish.

Huahine Island, Society Islands, French Polynesia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Maeva Archaeological Site | The largest concentration of restored ancient Polynesian marae (stone temple platforms) in French Polynesia, along Lake Fauna Nui. | 2 Sacred Blue-Eyed Eels of Faie | A freshwater stream in Faie village home to large blue-eyed eels considered sacred by locals for centuries. |
| 3 Fare Village | Huahine's small main town and tender landing point, with a quiet waterfront lined by shops and cafes. | 4 Motu Topati | A small uninhabited islet off Huahine's lagoon known for calm, clear swimming and snorkeling waters. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |