

Rangiroa, Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia

The second-largest atoll on Earth, Rangiroa is a diver's paradise where wild dolphins surf the passes, black pearls are harvested offshore, and a turquoise lagoon big enough to swallow the entire island of Tahiti glows at every horizon.

-  Tender (no pier)
-  Typical call: 6-8 hrs
-  XPF (French Pacific Franc)
-  French / Tuamotuan
-  World-class diving & snorkeling

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in the lagoon; tenders land at Ohotu Wharf, Avatoru Islet

Best For: Scuba diving, lagoon snorkeling, dolphin watching, pearl farms, blue lagoon boat trips

Walk to center: Avatoru village is ~10 km west; Tiputa Pass dolphin spot is 10 min on foot from pier

Don't Miss: Dolphins surfing Tiputa Pass at outgoing tide; a Blue Lagoon excursion to swim with baby reef sharks

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~500 XPF/person (short trips); from 1,500 XPF + 130 XPF/km ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Tiputa Pass Drift Dive** — Drop into the open ocean side of Tiputa Pass and ride the incoming current through the pass into the lagoon.
- **Blue Lagoon Boat Excursion** — A 1-hour boat ride across the lagoon leads to the Lagon Bleu — a lagoon within the lagoon, ringed by tiny...
- **Dolphin Watching at Tiputa Pass** — A resident pod of bottlenose dolphins lives permanently in the pass and loves to surf the standing waves created by...
- **The Aquarium Snorkel Tour** — A short boat ride from the tender pier to the shallow lagoon edge known as 'The Aquarium' (Motu Nuhi).
- **Gauguin's Pearl Farm Visit** — Gauguin's Pearl Farm sits in the Avatoru village area, several km west of the Tiputa-side tender wharf.

BEST WALKS

- **Pier to Tiputa Pass Dolphin Viewpoint** 10 min walk | Flat | Free — The easiest walk on the atoll.
- **Pier to Kia Ora Resort** 20–25 min walk (or 5 min by bike) | Flat — Walk or bike west along the main road from Ohotu Wharf to the Hotel Kia Ora Resort & Spa.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		83°	80°	19d
Jun		81°	78°	16d
Aug		79°	77°	12d
Sep		79°	77°	13d
Oct		80°	78°	16d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:58AM–5:42PM · Jun 6:14AM–5:28PM · Aug 6:06AM–5:43PM · Sep 5:45AM–5:46PM · Oct 5:23AM–5:49PM

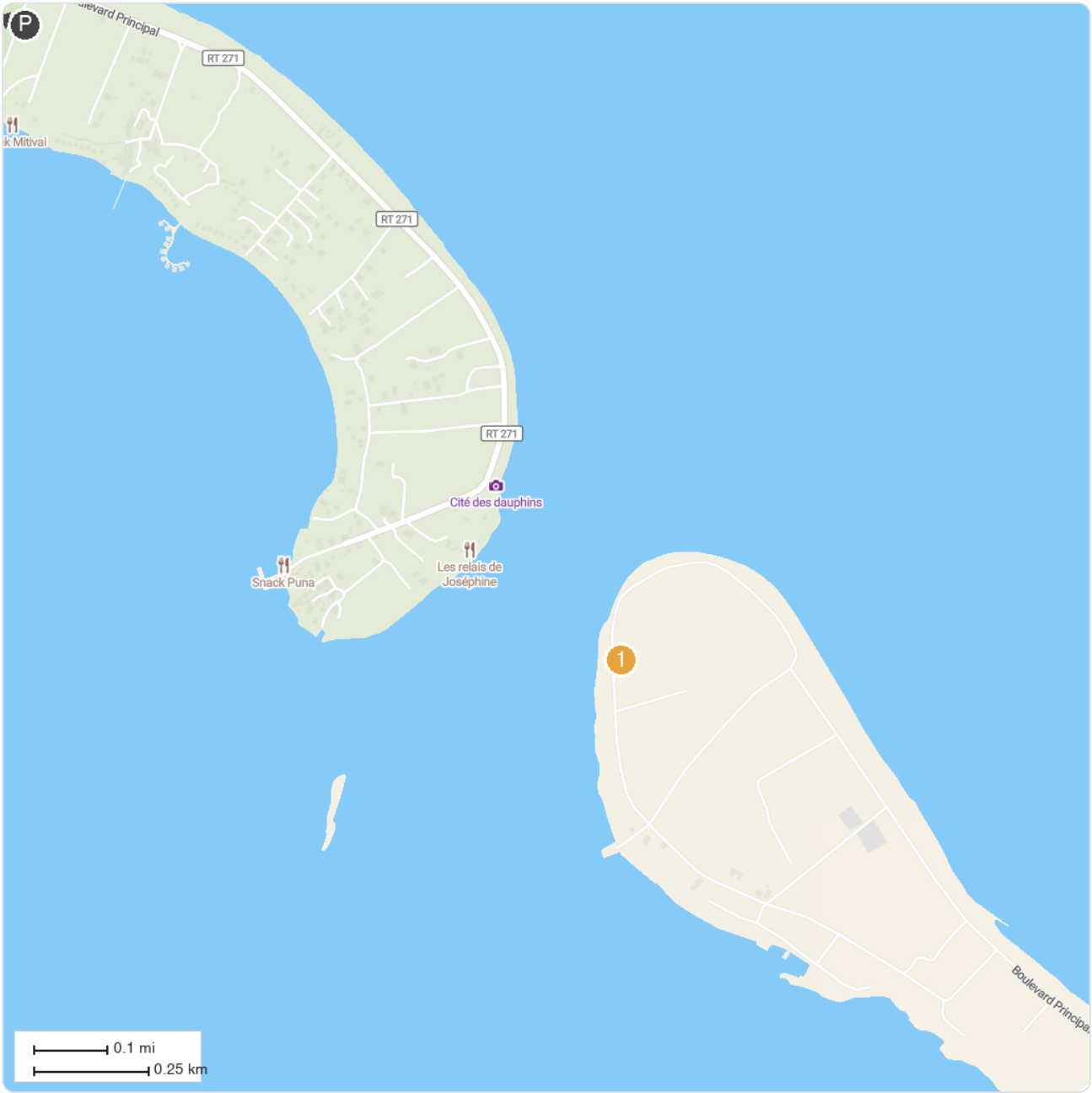
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Water shoes are non-negotiable. The beaches on the main islet are crushed coral and shells — painful and sharp barefoot. Pack water shoes for any beach or lagoon entry.

Rangiroa, Tuamotu Archipelago, 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.



1 Rairoa Fishing And Tours It is a local business offering fishing trips and island tours.

P Cruise port / terminal