

Vairao, Tahiti Iti, French Polynesia

The wild side of Tahiti. Vairao anchors ships in a deep bay on Tahiti Iti, steps from the world's most fearsome wave and a roadless wilderness most tourists never reach.

-  Tender port
-  Typical call: 6-8 hrs
-  French Pacific Franc (XPF)
-  French / Tahitian
-  Home of Teahupo'o

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Vairao Bay; tender to Vairao quay (inaugurated 2018)

Best For: Boat tours to Teahupo'o, Fenua Aihere wilderness, Maui Beach, authentic Polynesian village life

Walk to center: Village shops within 5-10 min on foot; major sights require transport

Don't Miss: A boat tour to the Teahupo'o reef — one of the world's most spectacular waves, safely viewed from the lagoon

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  2,500–3,500 XPF (~\$25–35 USD) ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Teahupo'o Reef Boat Tour** — The must-do at Vairao.
- **Fenua Aihere Wilderness Boat Trip** — The roadless far end of Tahiti Iti — accessible only by boat.
- **Maui Beach Day** — One of the rare white-sand beaches on Tahiti, about 10 minutes by car from the pier.
- **Taravao Plateau Lookout** — Drive up to the Belvedere de Taravao for sweeping views over the isthmus connecting Tahiti's two peninsulas — rolling...
- **Vaipahi Water Garden** — About 20 minutes along the south coast of Tahiti Nui, this botanical garden features lush walking paths through...

BEST WALKS

- **Vairao Village Stroll** ~30-45 min · Easy · Flat — A gentle walk through this quiet Polynesian village: local homes with colorful gardens, the Protestant church, a small magasin...

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pre-book everything. There are no taxis, no Uber, and no tour desks at the pier. Book ship excursions or arrange a private driver/guide before your call. Arriving without a plan...
- No ATM at the pier. Get French Pacific Francs (XPF) in Papeete. Nearest ATM is Taravao, ~10 min by taxi. Some vendors accept euros or USD at a poor rate.
- Reef-safe sunscreen required. French Polynesia enforces bans on oxybenzone and octinoxate to protect coral reefs. Bring compliant sunscreen — it's the law and vendors sell it...

Vairao, Tahiti Iti, 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

Tahiti iti pearl farm
Visit a farm cultivating Tahitian black pearls; learn and shop.
- 2

Harrison Smith Botanical Garden
Stroll through a beautiful garden showcasing diverse tropical plants.
- 3

Water Gardens Vaipahi
Explore beautiful gardens featuring waterfalls, ponds, and native plants.
- P

Cruise port / terminal