

Cycling Tahiti & the Leeward Islands

a 12 day French Polynesia Bike Tour



Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 - Welcome to Tahiti

Our team will meet you at the airport as the flights from North America and Europe arrive, then transfer to our hotel in downtown Papeete. Guest arriving on morning flights will have the day to explore town, with it's markets or perhaps relax poolside after the long flights. Your guides will be happy to suggest places to try for your first taste of Polynesian / French cuisine.

Relax: Free to explore

Sleep: Hotel Tahiti Nui



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Day 2 - Bike fitting, ferry to Mo'orea, warmup ride

We will gather for breakfast, a chance to meet your fellow riders who arrived at various times the day before. After breakfast get fitted with the bike for your tour, then hop the midday ferry to Mo'orea. A short 45 minute trip across the Sea of the Moon puts us on Mo'orea where we warm up with a short ride to our hotel, situated on the shores of scenic Cooks Bay. We gather for our welcome dinner overlooking the waters, with fish fresh from the lagoon.

Ride: 8 mi / 12 km, Land: small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Dinner

Sleep: Cooks Bay Hotel & Suites

Day 3 - Cycling Mo'orea, Marae Titiroa, Belvedere Overlook

After a hearty breakfast, we enjoy a ride looping the entirety of the island on Mo'orea pedaling hibiscus lined roads shaded by coconut palms. The ride also includes an optional jaunt into the rugged interior to visit the historic Marae Titiroa and enjoy the spectacular view from Belvedere Overlook, before returning to our hotel on scenic Cook's Bay.

Ride: 36 mi / 59 km, Land: small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch

Sleep: Cooks Bay Hotel & Suites

Day 4 - Free time on Mo'orea, dinner at Papeete's Roulettes

You have the morning free to relax, then after lunch we make the short ride back to the ferry port in Vai'are and our ferry ride back to Papeete. For dinner tonight we will explore a Papeete landmark, the Roulettes that line the docks serving any imaginable kind of food, a local's favorite.

Ride: 8 mi / 12 km, Land: flat

Eat: Breakfast

Sleep: Hotel Tahiti Nui

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Day 5 - Ferry to Huahine, Warm up ride

The high-speed ferry takes us to the leeward island group, as we start the first leg of our explorations of Polynesia. After arriving in Fare, the port town, on the island of Huahine-Nui we will ride to the southern tip of the smaller island, Huahine-Iti where our hotel awaits with its white sand beach.

Ride: 16 mi / 25 km, Land: small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Dinner

Sleep: Hotel Le Mahana

Day 6 - Twin island ride, Marae Manunu

Huahine is actually two islands enclosed by the same reef. We'll start today's ride on Huahine-Iti, looping around the other side to Maro'e Bay, before crossing over to Huahine-Nui. Here our route takes in several ancient temples, 300 year old stone fish traps that still are in use today, plus a climb up over the islands backbone before descending back to Maro'e Bay. Afternoon will find us on a leisurely coastal loop of Huahine-Iti back to our hotel.

Ride: 39 mi / 63 km, Land: small hills.

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Hotel Le Mahana

Day 7 - Ferry to Ra'iatea, Warm up ride

We will depart early to ride back to Fare where we again hop on the high speed ferry across the . When we reach Uturoa on the island of Ra'iatea, Polynesia's second largest city (that's not saying much, considering the entire island's population numbers only around 9000), we will pedal out to our bungalows located on a beautiful secluded beach on the islands southern tip.

Ride: 38 mi / 62 km, Land: flat

Eat: Breakfast, Dinner

Sleep: Opoa Beach Hotel



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Day 8 - Metric Century day, Marae Taputaputea

Metric Century Day. We'll be looping the entire island of Ra'iatea during today's ride. The only major sightseeing stop will be at Marae Taputaputea, the ancient center of Polynesian religion and believed to be the point from which the Hawaiians and Maori set sail for their future lands. Most of today's ride is paved, with a couple short stretches of good, hard packed coral sand road.

Ride: 60 mi / 98 km, Land: small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Opoa Beach Hotel

Day 9 - Free day or cycle Taha'a

For folks wanting some more riding we'll catch the morning water taxi to Taha'a (at your own expense), for a ride around this rarely visited island. An island full of smiles and the common "bonjour" or "Ia Ora" make this a must for those wishing to see the real life in the Society islands. Or you can opt for a free day to lounge around.

Ride: 43 mi / 70 km (optional), Land: small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Dinner

Sleep: Opoa Beach Hotel

Day 10 - Ferry to Bora Bora

Around noon we will ride back to Uturoa to catch the ferry to Bora Bora, the fabled island that soldiers from WWII raved about in their tales of the South Pacific. The dramatic peaks in the island's center grows majestically as we sail in. A short ride puts in our hotel in late afternoon.

Ride: 28 mi / 45 km, Land: flat

Eat: Breakfast

Sleep: Hotel Maitai Polynesia



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Day 11 - Cycle around Bora Bora

Compared to our loop ride on Raiatea, the loop of Bora Bora will be over all too soon, as the island has only 31 kilometers of road looping around its entirety. But we will make a leisurely day of it stopping to explore as we go.

Ride: 20 mi / 31 km, Land: flat

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Hotel Maitai Polynesia

Day 12 - Bid the islands Nana, enroute to your next adventure.

Sadly, all things must end and we must say goodbye to Polynesia. You have the morning free for a last bit of snorkeling and relaxing by the shore, before being shuttled by boat to the Bora Bora Airport built on the surrounding reef for flights back to Papeete. Folks flying on airlines with morning departures will need to plan a post-tour night in Papeete. Maururu, Nana

Travel: Shuttle to airport

Eat: Breakfast

Scheduled Dates You Can Join:

You can find the most up to date information on available departures and book your spots on the tour's webpage linked below. Lets Travel!

<https://pedalers.travel/bicycling-tahiti-french-polynesia.htm>

Private Dates For Your Gang:

Any Pedalers tour can be made private at your request. If you don't see the date you want, we'll create one for you. A tip from our local experts, this tour is best enjoyed March through November with warm temperatures and little rain.



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Why Pedalers?

Experience the Heart and Soul of Each Country with Our Local Expert Team

Our passionate and diverse team of local experts will guide you through their homeland, sharing intimate knowledge and hidden wonders. They are not just guides but also skilled bike mechanics, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable ride. Unlike other tour companies, Pedalers' local crew brings an insider's perspective to the table. You'll be pampered by a friendly team, equipped with the skills to fix anything. A sweep rider and sag wagon provide support, and your baggage travels comfortably with you. Pedalers treats you like family, making your journey unforgettable.

Indulge in Mouthwatering Local Delights on a Culinary Adventure

Unlock the essence of culture through food as we take you on a culinary extravaganza. Bond with fellow riders over scrumptious dishes at local restaurants specializing in regional cuisine. Family-style dining lets you sample outstanding dishes, carefully chosen by our expert guides. Lunch is satisfying but not overwhelming, and breakfast offers comforting Western delights. Pedalers knows the importance of good food for cyclists, creating a mouthwatering experience that combines riding and dining.

Immerse Yourself in Authentic Accommodations, Where Culture Meets Comfort

Discover the charm of our handpicked accommodations. Pedalers takes a unique approach to accommodations, ensuring an authentic and immersive experience. Choose between Classic and Première Classe tours, each offering carefully selected lodging options. Classic tours feature mid-priced boutique inns that blend comfort with local character, while Première Classe tours add a touch of luxury to your adventure with upscale lodges and inns. Regardless of your choice, Pedalers' accommodations reflect the local culture, providing a delightful and comfortable stay that complements your journey.

Lodging:

Boutique Hotels, Inns & Resorts

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What's Included:

- 13 nights Accommodation in the area's better hotels (double occupancy)
- 6 dinners, 6 picnic lunches, 11 breakfasts
- Rental bike
- Service of Team Pedalers Guide(s)
- Inter-Island Ferry tickets
- Daily route directions and maps
- Sightseeing and cultural activities
- Airport pick up & drop off

Meeting & Flights:

The Tahiti Bike Tour meets and ends at Faa'a International Airport in Papeete, French Polynesia.

Flights to PPT arrive and depart either early morning or late at night. Additional nights in Papeete maybe necessary.

For assistance with flights contact our friends at Exito Travel: help.pedalers.travel/flights.htm

Route Conditions:

The ride is on a mix of paved and hard packed coral sand roads, with some stretches on narrow lanes. Traffic is moderate to light. The route is suitable for performance road, sport road and touring bikes. Terrain is mixed with flat and hilly terrain. A few bigger climbs are encountered on Huahine.



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Passport, Visa and Travel Documents:

Passports are required for all guests unless you are a citizen of or currently residing in France. US and Canadian citizens can enter France without a visa but require an ETIAS starting in 2024. An ETIAS can be obtained online at: <https://www.etiasfrance.com/application-form/>. Citizens of other countries should check with the French Embassy in their country for entry requirements applicable to your trip. We strongly recommend looking into this well in advance of your tour, so as to be prepared and not left standing at the gate.

Pedalers does not provide any visa processing services for tour guests.