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Ia Orana Puddle Jumpers,

Formalities in foreign countries are always time consuming and often a difficult first step in the country of arrival. After your weeks of offshore sailing, we will help you to check in to French Polynesia with ease so you can enjoy our paradise islands from the first day.

Tahiti Crew started in 2012, as a crew placement agency for Superyachts. We opened our office in Marina Taina in 2013 and has began offering services to the Puddle Jumpers in 2014 and 2015. We have local staff who are fluent in English, and - believe us - this assistance will be welcomed in some remote islands...

Tahiti Crew is very happy to renew this experience with members of the 2016 PPJ fleet. We have decided to offer special conditions to the Pacific Puddle Jump rally members for all the official formalities, plus any other kind of assistance you may need in French Polynesia.

For the majority of the yachts, the first point of entry will be the Marquesas Islands.

Formalities

For your information, and regarding formalities you should know:

- All yachts transiting in French Polynesia have to declare their crew at the immigration police, gendarmerie and Customs both at their arrival harbour, also in Papeete, Tahiti, and on the departure island.
- In the Marquesas, the border police and the custom is represented by the gendarmerie.
- Unless they obtain a bond exemption from a yacht agent (see below), all the non-EU crew need to pay a BOND equal to the cost of an airline ticket to their home country to guarantee to local authorities that they will have enough money to leave the country. The bond needs to be paid by credit card to the bank and the local bank return your money in cash in Pacific Francs the day you are leaving the country. (Unfortunately, you usually lose money on the exchange back to US dollars or euros.)
- At your first port call in Marquesas, Gambier or Tuamotu, you will have to contact the gendarmes, who will give you a customs clearance. The original must be sent straight to customs headquarters in Tahiti.
- Long stay visa (over 90 days stay in French Polynesia) must be requested from a French embassy or consulate BEFORE you set sail for French Polynesia. Extensions requested locally are only given in case of serious sickness or boat failure.

Registration with Tahiti Crew and payment

In 2014, we worked with about 150 yachts that visited French Polynesia. To make it easier this year, we've established a registration page online on www.tahiticrew.com on the section yachts services. If you would like to work with us this year, you have to follow the steps and send us the requested documents on yachts@tahiticrew.com with the name of your boat as a subject.

Once we receive all the mandatory documents, we will send you an email with your invoice and the amount to be paid in USD by a bank wire transfer. The payment has to be made **prior** to your arrival (before you set sail from the West Coast). Once the payment is made, we will email you the bond exemption letter that you will present to the gendarmerie for your entry in French Polynesia.

If your first port of call is Tahiti, you can pay us on your arrival in USD dollars or Pacific Francs. Please make sure also that you have read on the website under yachts services, the formalities and the FAQ questions. If you have further questions, feel free to send us an email with the **name of your boat in the subject line**.

ARRIVING IN THE MARQUESAS

On the day you arrive, you need to present yourself with all your crew to the gendarmerie of Nuku-Hiva or Hiva Oa. You will need to bring your passports and your bond letter. If you haven't had the time to print it or send us your documents, you can go to the local internet café to print it out, or ask our local yachts services agent to do it. This is not ideal as boats are generally all arriving at the same time, so it might take more time to organize your check in. The gendarmerie will make you fill out the custom form, that you will need to put a stamp on and post it, you will keep 2 copies for your own records. Once, you have registered with us, we will send you your bond exemption and all the information you need to have for your arrival in the Marquesas including a map.

TAHITI CREW PACKAGES FEES	<i>General admission Fees</i>	<i>Puddle Jump Fees</i>
Sailing solo package <i>Premium service 1</i> (official clearance + Bond letter (1 pax) + Duty free fuel)	220 USD 22 390 XPF	200 USD 20 355 XPF
Sailing Duo package <i>Premium service 2</i> (Official clearance + Bond letter (2 pax) + Duty free fuel)	250 USD 25 443 XPF	230 USD 23 408 XPF
Family package <i>Premium service 4</i> Couple + one or two children (Official clearance + Bond letter (4 pax) + Duty free fuel)	250 USD 25 443 XPF	230 USD 23 408 XPF
Extra child (from 3 to 18 years old)	30 USD 3 053 XPF	25 USD 2 500 XPF
Children under 3	FREE	FREE
Sailors Package <i>Premium service 4</i> (Official clearance + Bond letter (4 pax) + Duty free fuel)	270 USD 27 478 XPF	250 USD 25 443 XPF
Extra crew	90 USD 9 160 XPF	70 USD 7 124 XPF
EU Citizen package* Duty Free Fuel formalities	120 USD 12 212 XPF	100 USD 10 177 XPF
Flying crew For new crew member joining the yacht by air (Bond letter 1 pax)	90 USD 9 160 XPF	70 USD 7 124 XPF
For puddle-jumpers flying in out during their stay in French Polynesia		20 USD 2000 XPF
Long Stay Visa and extension * <i>(Please read the information on long stay visa and extension)</i> For crew arriving with their long stay visa		20 USD 2000 XPF
For crew married with an EU applying for a Carte de sejour		50 USD 5088cfp
For Crew renewing their carte de sejour		50 USD 5088cfp
For crew applying for an extension		50 USD 5088cfp

RENEWAL for the boat and crew after 90 days (valid 90 more days)	220 USD 22 390 XPF	200 USD 20 355 XPF
Executive Package 20m (65ft) + All of above services + 24h concierge services 7 days a	* Make an enquiry	

**13% VAT to be added on the final price*

Payment method

In USD by bank wire transfer

Please note that the bond letter is only valid for 90 days from the day you've check-in French Polynesia.

*Also the bond letter package **only** includes the services listed in the package, all other services have additional prices.*

EU citizen duty free fuel package

Please send us a copy (PDF or JPG) of the captain's passport, the boat registration and a copy of the custom entry form in French Polynesia at yachts@tahiticrew.com

Long stay visa and extension

- To obtain a long stay visa, you need to apply in a French Consulate or Embassy outside of French Polynesia. Long stay visa cannot be organized from Tahiti.*
- Once, you have your long stay visa in your passport, you still need to request a carte de sejour when you arrive in French Polynesia. You can send us your documents from the Marquesas and we can organize it for you in Tahiti, we can also send you your carte where you want when it is ready.*
- Extensions are not easy to get. They are delivered for very specific purposes. Tahiti Crew can assist you for your application but we can't guarantee the extension as the Haut Commissaire takes the finale decision.*

Please read more information on www.tahiticrew.com in the section yachts services/ formalities

If your boat is above 25m (65ft), it is recommended for you to take our Executive Package.

Send us an email, if you are interested.

AGENT SERVICES

Berth booking for the marina Taina

5% on the first bill and 1,5% for the following bills

Boat keeping

30 USD per week

3053 XPF

General cleaning

125 USD (8hours of work)

12 721 XPF

Storage

50 USD/ per week

5088 XPF

Internet box

50 USD/ per week

5088 XPF

+ 5000 XPF for 5 GO

Mail

Receiving mail, sending mail

15 USD

1526 XPF

Liaise with the broker yacht in transit

15 USD + 10% on broker fees

1526 XPF

Office work

Printing, scanning, emailing etc..

On request

Repairs services

Sails repair

Canvas

Refrigeration

Hydraulic

Electrician

Laundry

10% on buying commission

Hourly spot services

50 USD

5088 XPF

ARRIVING IN TAHITI

When you arrive in Tahiti, you need to do a check-in with the port captain of Papeete. This needs to be done during the first couple of days after your arrival in Tahiti (not necessarily the 1st day)

If you are coming straight to the marina Taina, we can organize it for you and at the same time, it is a good opportunity for us to meet in person.

We receive Puddle Jumpers on **weekdays only** from 9.00am to 11.00am at the Marina Taina.

Tahiti Crew is very happy to renew our association with the Puddle Jump rally in 2016. We are excited to welcome you to French Polynesia and remain at your disposal for any information you may require to simplify your arrival and stay.

[Iaorana e Maeva in Tahiti and her islands!!](#)

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