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### *The Islands of Tahiti* Airline Fast Facts

All incoming flights arrive at Faa'a International Airport (PPT), which accommodates both international and domestic flights, located near the city of Papeete on the main island of Tahiti. The airport is close and convenient to all the major hotels and resorts on Tahiti. The airport offers guests VIP lounge access, retail space which includes Duty Free stores, cafes, grab and go options and convenience stores. The following is an overview of the aviation infrastructure in the destination:

#### **Airlines That Fly From the United States:**

- **Air France**
  - Air France flies from Los Angeles (LAX) to Papeete (PPT) three times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- **Air Tahiti Nui**
  - Air Tahiti Nui, the primary airline going to *The Islands of Tahiti*, provides daily non-stop service from Los Angeles (LAX) to Papeete (PPT) in just eight hours. In 2018, Air Tahiti Nui is replacing its entire Long-Haul Fleet with four new Boeing 787-9 aircraft. Delivery is underway in the fourth quarter, coinciding with the company's 20th anniversary celebrations.
- **French bee**
  - French low-cost carrier French bee added a nine hour non-stop route from San Francisco (SFO) to Papeete (PPT). The new route launched in May of 2018. The airline will fly Saturdays and Mondays in low season and will add a Thursday flight to the schedule during the peak season.
- **Hawaiian Airlines**
  - Hawaiian Airlines provides one flight a week from the Hawaiian Islands to *The Islands of Tahiti*. The airline offers one flight from Honolulu (HNL) to Papeete (PPT) and back, every Saturday.
- **United Airlines**
  - United Airlines added a non-stop route to *The Islands of Tahiti* from San Francisco (SFO) on their 787 dreamliners. The new route was launched on October 30, 2018 with service from SFO to PPT three times weekly on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

#### **Inter-Island Air Transportation:**

Air Tahiti is the nation's domestic commercial carrier and services 47 different islands with a 14-plane fleet. Not only is Air Tahiti a mode for transportation, but it is a vital link providing a connection between

Tahiti and the most remote islands for education, administration and medical needs. There are several charter companies that operate within the destination including, Air Archipels, Tahiti Air Charter, S.A.R.L Pol'Air and Air Gekko. Seaplanes are also available at Tahiti Air Charter. For more information on inter-island travel please visit: <https://tahititourisme.com/en-us/travel-planner/transportation/airlines/>

## **Airport News:**

### **Faa'a International Airport Expansion**

Faa'a International Airport has begun a \$12 million expansion and renovation project that is due to be completed in 2020. At the end of 2017, a new international boarding area and premium lounge opened, as well as a brand new contemporary Polynesian designed baggage claim area with two baggage beltways and a duty-free shop. The project will allow the airport to accommodate three departures of up to 950 passengers at any given time. The expansion also includes an extended public hall with new retail space, shops and restaurants.

### **Tahiti Nui Helicopters**

Tahiti Nui Helicopters is a Polynesian helicopter company which launched public flights in 2018. They offer both inter-island transport or sight-seeing tours. Tahiti Nui Helicopters are possible through a partnership between HBG, a leader in French helicopter services, and Air Tahiti Nui.

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### **About Tahiti Tourisme United States**

Tahiti Tourisme United States (TTUS) is the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for the country of French Polynesia, more commonly known as *The Islands of Tahiti*. As the DMO for *The Islands of Tahiti*, TTUS liaises with airline, cruise line, hotel, resort, tour operator, travel advisor and consortia partners to develop product, launch marketing initiatives, and generate robust tourism trade within French Polynesia.

### **About *The Islands of Tahiti***

Located in the South Pacific, *The Islands of Tahiti* are just eight hours by air from California. Surrounded by pristine, crystal clear blue waters, the 118 islands and atolls offer natural beauty, authentic island culture, and unique French Polynesian style. *The Islands of Tahiti* are world-renowned for their white-sand beaches, stunning turquoise lagoons and varied landscapes ranging from coral atolls to volcanic mountain peaks. Each island offers a variety of accommodation experiences from luxurious resorts with overwater villas, to family guesthouses, to sailing via private charter or scheduled cruise. Privacy comes naturally in *The Islands of Tahiti* and offers visitors the space to relax and reconnect and to be *Embraced By Mana*. *Mana* is the life force and spirit that connects all things in *The Islands of Tahiti*. Tahiti is halfway between California and Australia, on the same side of the International Date Line as North America and in the same time zone as Hawaii. For further information, [www.tahititourisme.com](http://www.tahititourisme.com) or call (310) 414-8484.

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