Discover Paradise
The Islands of the South Pacific.

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Through the kind assistance of the European Union, SPTO will over the next four (4) years undertake extensive work to expand its global reach through the South Pacific Specialist Programme and we therefore invite you to be part of this exciting journey to make you, our valued partner become a South Pacific Specialist.

As part of its evolution, the next 4 years will see the introduction of some features of the program that are aimed at adding value to the services that you provide and help you grow your business. These include the introduction of module 2 of the training program that covers the various niche segments throughout the South Pacific and the introduction of a more user friendly web portal.

We therefore hope that you will find the South Pacific Specialist Programme rewarding and we wish you all the best as you continue to promote and sell the exotic South Pacific.

Ilisoni Vuidreketi
Chief Executive Officer
COOK ISLANDS

Welcome to the secret of the Pacific. Breathe in the fresh pure air. Wade into the cool, calm, blue lagoons. Let the untouched charm of these beautiful Cook Islands capture your spirit and hold your heart.

The 15 islands of the Cooks lie halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii, scattered like fragrant frangipani petals floating across 2.2 million square kilometres of a seductive, sensual ocean. Boasting rare beauty, an idyllic climate, warm welcoming people with the widest white smiles and a pace of life unsurpassed for peace: the Cook Islands is Paradise.

Come explore and share with us the pleasures of the Cook Islands.

Climate: The Cook Islands enjoy a pleasantly warm and sunny climate all year round. June to August are the cooler months, whilst November to March marks the warmer season, with occasional tropical showers expected. It is also known as cyclone season – something to be aware of although not necessarily a deterrent as they are not a regular occurrence.

Accommodation: A wide range of accommodation styles are available to suit all our visitors from 5 star to island style hotels, resorts, motels and hostels.

Airlines:
- International: Air New Zealand, Pacific Blue
- Domestic: Air Rarotonga

Entry requirements: When you come to the Cook Islands, a valid passport and a return ticket will allow you a stay of up to 31 days, but this is currently under review in order to allow visitors the choice of staying up to six months at a time. In the meantime extensions are granted on a monthly basis – up to six months at a time. From April 2010, extensions are granted at two weeks before your visa expires. Extensions are granted at two levels for persons 15 years and older: Up to three months NZ$70, up to five months NZ$120. Children under 15 years of age are exempt from charges, but must report to Immigration for official paperwork to be completed. Sailors wanting to berth their yachts in the docks of Avatiu Harbour need to obtain moorings from the Harbourmaster at the Ports Authority, PO Box 84, Rarotonga.

Health Regulation: Cook Islands are free from most tropical diseases including malaria.

Currency: NZ dollar

Transport: Buses, Taxis and rental cars. The standard left hand rule applies to driving in the Cooks. And the maximum speed limit in the villages and town is 40k with 50k in the less populated areas. It is essential to have a current Cook Islands Driving Licence which can be obtained from the Police Station in Avarua for NZ$10. Motor scooters, which can be hired, have an additional charge of NZ$5 for the practical test which is compulsory. Road rules are strict when it comes to drinking and driving, so best not to.

Language: Cook Islands Maori and English.

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Fiji Islands has a population of just over 750,000 and a land area of 18,200 km taken up mostly by the two major islands Viti Levu and Vanua Levu.

Climate: Tropical, warm, and pleasant year-round temperatures, with average temperatures of 25 degrees Celsius.

Accommodation: A wide range of accommodation, from 5 star luxury hotels, resorts to budget and backpackers – plenty available. The island resort too have a high standard of accommodation.

Airlines:
- International: easily accessible from most parts of the world: Air Pacific, Air New Zealand, JetStar, Air Caledonia, Pacific Blue, Solomon Airlines, Qantas Airways, Air Vanuatu, Our Airline, Air Niugini and Korean Airlines.
- Domestic: Pacific Sun provides services throughout the Fiji Islands. Charter flights and helicopters are also available.

Entry Requirements:
- Current passport valid up to 6 months beyond expected stay. Pre-arrival visas are required for Nationals of only a few countries.

For information on visas to the Fiji Islands please visit Fiji Immigration service.

Health Regulations:
- Fiji is free from most tropical diseases including Malaria.

Currency: Fiji $
Situated in the equatorial pacific, Kiribati offers world class fishing (both game and bone fishing) from Kiritimati Island. In the west of the country is the Gilbert group of islands, which offer amazing and unique cultural experiences and private island escapes. If that’s not enough, the country’s capital - Kiribati is for travellers - those who have a passion for exploring and discovering, people who like an adventure off the tourist trail to places where few have been before, and people who want to understand a country - not just see it.

**Climate:** Temperature varies between 25°C and 33°C, and we have annual sunshine of 40-35 hours. The wet season extends from December to May and rainfall variation is high in most of the islands. The tropical climate and hot temperature encourage cool, cotton, loosely outifts for men and women.

**Accommodation:** Ranges from comfortable hotels, motels, private island getaways and village guesthouses.

**Airlines:** Air Pacific is the only air service operated in Tarawa and Kiritimati (Christmas Island). Tarawa is serviced twice out of Fiji every Mondays and Thursdays and once every Wednesdays to Kiritimati (Christmas Island) from Nadi and Honolulu. Air Pacific condors shares with Qantas and Cathay Pacific with connection available from Australia, New Zealand, United States and now from Europe through Hong Kong.

**Entry requirements:** All visitors to Kiribati must possess a valid passport and onward ticket and must have proof of sufficient funds to support themselves while staying in the country. Note visas are not required for most countries. Refer to the link provided if you would like to see the Visa Exemption Order http://kiribatitourism.gov.ki/index.php/practicalinformation/visainformation

**Transportation:** Kiribati - once you arrive in Kiribati, you will have no problem accessing services, getting by or just having a chat. To see our language & culture page please refer to link provided if you would like to learn some I-Kiribati words before arriving.

**Hire & Rental Vehicles on Kiritimati Christmas Island:** Hire and rental of vehicles on Kiritimati Island is possible through arranging with tour and accommodation operators directly. Our office branch on Kiritimati Island can also assist on arranging rental cars for you. You can also contact the following inbound tour operator to assist you:

Tobaraoi Travel - Office located in the village of London (Ronton) on Kiritimati Island
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E kiribatitobaraoi.com
W www.tobaraoi.com

**Language:** The main language in I-Kiribati - however English has been taught over many years is widely understood; you will have no problem accessing services, getting by or just having a chat. To see our language & culture page please refer to link provided if you would like to learn some I-Kiribati words before arriving.

**Health:** Main hospitals are located in Tarawa, Tabiteuea North and Kiritimati.

**Currency:** Australian Dollar (AUS)

**Transport:** Once you arrive in Kiribati, you will need to find a way of getting yourself around. Here are the options:

**Bus services in Kiribati:** There are no taxis in Kiribati - but in Tarawa and Kiritimati (Christmas Island) there are small fleets of privately owned buses, for which it is rare to wait more than 3 minutes for. Just flag one down anywhere! In Tarawa the bus fares are between $0.70 and $2.00, and in Kiritimati between $0.80 and $5.00. The bus can be stopped anywhere by saying “Taaka I-ka” meaning “stop here, please”.

**Car rental:** On South Tarawa cars can be rented from the following companies. It is also possible arranging rental vehicles through accommodation operators on South Tarawa. Mary’s Motel also offers its guests their own rental cars prior on arrangement.

Tarawa Motors (Toyota Rent a Car):
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Nganga Rentals: (cars, motorbikes & scooters), located at Tobunia (Sweet Coconut) close to Neways vehicle repair garage.
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Bus/Van Hire: On Tarawa, buses are also available for private hire Lagoon Motors Location: Antevuaka, Banuaibua Office
T +686 22324 / 21083
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Utilirei bus services: Located in Ambbo
T (+686) 22530

Noi Manu bus services: Located in Naurevere
T (+686) 28266

**Transportation on Outer Gilbert Islands:** On the outer Gilbert Islands there are no bus services - however it is possible to hire bicycles, motorbikes or small trucks for any transport requirements you have.

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For more information contact:

**KIRIBATI NATIONAL TOURISM OFFICE**
Climate: The tropical weather averages about 81 F (27 C) with little variation during the year. The waters in the lagoon are a comfortable 80F (26 C) year round. The region is known for mild winds and tropical showers. The normal conditions are dry with low rainfall. Trade winds cool the atolls much of the year and the calm water months fall between June and September. The seasons are typical of the tropics. The rainy season runs from September through November. The dry season begins in January and lasts for 3 months.

Accommodation: Throughout the Marshall Islands there are many choices for hotel or bed and breakfast accommodations. On Majuro you will discover a range of hotels with a variety of services and rooms. There are also many exciting opportunities to experience the outer islands and distant atolls and to meet the people of the Marshall Islands.

Entry requirements: United States and all its territories, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, Pacific Islands Forum Countries including Australia and New Zealand are exempted from the requirements of entry visa. Entry visa will be issued upon arrival to citizens of Canada, Japan, Korea, Republic of China (ROC), and Philippines and all European countries provided the duration of the intended visit is no more than thirty (30) days, the visitor have a roundtrip or a transit ticket and a passport valid for at least six months. Citizens of all countries not listed above must present a passport valid for at least six months, an entry visa, a roundtrip or transit ticket before boarding and traveling to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Currency: U.S. Dollar

Language: Marshallese/English

Time zone: The Marshall Islands are 12 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

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The Republic of the Marshall Islands covers nearly a million square miles of coral atolls, islands and deep Blue Ocean and is one of the most unique places in the world to visit. As the capital atoll of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Majuro houses the central government, most of the country’s businesses, and an estimated 50% of the country’s population. Indeed, this is the country’s most developed and urban atoll.

Nonetheless, Majuro still offers visitors a glimpse of what the rest of the country is like. While you are here, we encourage you to take a little time to really see the Marshall Islands. Do a bit of exploring—take a drive out to Laura Village (on the far western end of the island), book a picnic trip to one of our small islands across the lagoon, or take a scuba diving excursion to see our rich underwater world. If you have a few extra days, visit one of our other atolls, like Arno, Jaluit, Mili or Likiep, where small accommodation facilities are available.
NAURU

Unique Nauru

Extraordinary Nauru is a tiny island with a big history and even bigger hospitality. Nauru is located in the deep, blue Pacific Ocean waters north of the Solomon Islands. An uplifted coral formation, Nauru is just 21 kilometres square and lies some 40 kilometres south of the Equator.

One of the smallest nations on earth, with a mostly Micronesian population of around 10,000 people, Nauru offers travellers a truly unique Pacific Island visit. Discover excellent deep sea fishing, scuba dive amazing ocean depths, take a tour of the island’s past economic mainstay the phosphate mines or simply experience a holiday in a world far from your own.

Climate:
Nauru’s weather is tropical with temperatures ranging between 24.4 Celsius and 33.9 Celsius. Heat is kept temperate by cooling sea breezes. The tropical weather has a monsoonal pattern, with a rainy season from November to February. North-east trade winds blow from March to October and average humidity is 80%.

Accommodation:
Holiday makers, vacationers, business or intrepid travellers, Nauru accommodates a variety of visitors in its two hotels: the recently refurbished Menen Hotel and OD-N-Aiwo Hotel.

Entry requirements:
Visitors need to apply for a visa before their arrival, through one of the government’s overseas offices. Visas cost A$100. A A$50 departure tax applies to all visitors. Prices are current at time of writing this website.

Currency:
Australian Dollar (AU$)

Language:
Nauruan, but English is also widely spoken. Perhaps due to the isolation of the island of Nauru, the Nauruan language is said not to be similar to any other Polynesian island language.

Time zone:
Nauru is GMT/UTC +12

Electricity:
Australian plugs and sockets are used

Contact Nauru Tourism:
Nauru’s National Tourism Office may be contacted using the following contact details.
NEW CALEDONIA

Bonjour! Some people have likened this sophisticated French Territory to the French Riviera transported to the South Pacific. With its Parisian designer boutiques, duty free shopping, fine dining and high concentration of Europeans, it does have a distinctly international feel. Grande Terre, the island on which the capital Nouméa is situated, is where everything happens. It covers a 400km long area from north to south and is 50km wide from west to east. Surrounded by a 1,600km long coral barrier reef, New Caledonia has the largest lagoon in the world (24,000km²).

Nouméa’s attractive restaurants cater to all tastes and budgets ranging from the traditional French to Moroccan, Italian, Chinese, Japanese and even Vietnamese fare. Nightlife is very active in the capital with two casinos and a host of private clubs. New Caledonia’s 231,000 inhabitants are spread across seven islands. The ‘Big Land’ as the main island is known dominates with the Loyalty Islands and Isle of Pines making up the balance of the group.

Climate: Semi-Tropical, warm season from September to March adverage temperature up to 27 degrees Celsius and cool season from April to August, average temperature up to 23 degrees Celsius.

Accommodation: A wide range of quality accommodation to suit all budget from luxury to backpackers hotels, motels and resorts.

Airline: International carrier is Air Calin. Others include Air France, Air New Zealand, Air Vanuatu, and Qantas.

Transport: International driving permits, Rental cars, buses, taxis, ferries.

Language: Melanesian languages

For more information contact: New Caledonia Tourism (South). (contact details below)

Health: No special requirements

Currency: French pacific Franc

Entry Requirements: Valid passport (6 months from the date of return or after the date for French Citizen). A visa can be required and depends on your period of stay and your country of origin.

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The world's largest coral atoll is also one of the smallest self-governing countries on Earth. The island's most striking feature is its array of private lagoons and small beaches as well as its rugged and rocky terrain. Steep cliffs along the coastline are honeycombed by caves, chasms and blowholes. Niue prides itself on a forest undisturbed for centuries. It is a nature lover's delight.

With a population about 1500 people on its 260 sq. km's of land mass. Niue is clean, civilized and crime free – The way things should be.

Climate: April to November is the long dry season, with temperature around 24 degrees Celsius. Niue has an average annual temperature of 25˚ Celsius and a medium humidity that peaks at 88 %.

Accommodation: Hotel, Motel, and Guesthouse, Budget, Superior, Resort Style and Self-Catering.

Transport: Rental cars and vans, taxis, motorbikes, mountain bikes. Local driver’s license required.

Language: English and Niuean

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Health: 24 hour hospital. No vaccinations required; be careful with coral cuts and take antiseptic cream.

Currency: NZ $
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Towering mountain peaks, lush, fertile valleys, golden beaches, sparkling coral islands and some of the best diving locations in the world. Papua New Guinea is a country of wild beauty, of breathtaking landscapes and of fascinating flora and fauna.

Papua New Guinea is a country rich in natural resources but its wealth of tradition, beauty and history is unparalleled in the Pacific. From the magnificent beaches to the cool highlands, the world above water is equally fascinating. Take a breath of fresh, crisp mountain air 4,500 meters up at the base of Mount Wilhelm, the country’s highest peak.

Thirty eight of the forty three known species of exotic Birds of Paradise are found in PNG together with countless butterflies and over 2,000 magnificent species of orchid. Beauty also lies in the people who still today, observe their delicate traditions and culture.

Climate: Warm to hot and humid throughout the year. Rainy season differs in each province. Generally the dry months are May to November. Coastal temperatures are usually 25-30 degrees celsius.

Accommodation: Accommodation in Papua New Guinea is available to suit every budget and need. Whether you backpacking or experience the adventures that are on offer.

We have something for you, whether you looking for a quiet and very secluded hideaway or a fun family atmosphere, whether you would like the cultural experience of a homestay or prefer the luxury wilderness lodges that are on offer in the tranquil rainforest vegetation.

Airlines: International: Air Niugini, and Qantas Airlines of PNG and Virgin Australia Domestic: Air Niugini, Airlines of PNG, Travel Air

Entry requirements: Passports should be valid for at least 6 months from the date of intended travel.

General VISA Information All people wishing to travel to Papua New Guinea for work, business, study or tourism purposes must have an entry permit/Visa to enter the country.

Health: Certification or vaccination against yellow fever or cholera is required for travelers over one year of age, coming from or through infected areas. Malaria is the only serious health risk in Papua New Guinea.Visitors are strongly advised to consult their local doctor or tropical disease clinic to commence anti-malarial preparations before arrival in PNG.

Currency: Kina

Transport: Rental cars, local boats, taxis.

Language: Pidgin and English

For more information contact: Papua New Guinea Tourism Promotion Authority (contact details below)

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SAMOA

Samoa is a postcard of natural beauty consisting of ten islands, each offering very distinct and different environments to explore – from the rainforest covered rugged volcanic mountain peaks of the two main islands to the vast valleys leading down to a coastline ringed with a necklace of white sandy beaches. Within these lush green fertile valleys grow banyan trees towering above the rainforest canopy, full of tropical blooms and numerous varieties of vegetation. Cascading waterfalls drop into rivers that cut jagged lines through the valley floor as they make their way to the ocean.

The coastline is a wonder in itself, with sparkling white sand beaches – in some places stretching for miles – and here and there are walls of sheer cliffs that drop straight into the Pacific. Amongst all this natural beauty are nu’u or villages with their churches, meeting houses and open fale or homes encircling the malae or village green. Samoa is home to a people proud of their Fa’a Samoa (The Samoan way) – a culture 3000 years in the making – a heritage as rich and colourful as Samoa’s natural wonders.

This is Samoa – where the people, culture and nature give life to the islands.

Climate:
Pleasantly warm throughout the year with an average temperature of 29°C. Conditions from May to November are cooled by the South-East trade winds.

Accommodation:
A selection of hotels, motels, resorts and beach fale accommodation is available.

Airlines:
International: Virgin Samoa, Air New Zealand, Air Pacific, Polynesian Airlines, Inter Island Airways.

Entry Requirements:
Visitors to Samoa do not require an entry visa for stays of less than 60 days. Visitors must have an onward/return ticket and a passport valid for a minimum of six (6) months after the intended date of departure from Samoa.

Health:
No special requirements

Currency:
Tala

Transport:
Rental cars, taxis, ferries, and buses

Language:
Samoan & English

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SOLOMON ISLANDS

Soaring mist insbrouded mountains preside above dense, abundant rainforest, waterfalls and rivers cascade to an intricate coastline. Here the villages and sun soaked golden beached fringed with coconut palms lie scattered around lazy lagoons. This is indeed a diver’s paradise and an eco-tourism destination that’s unspoiled, unburried and totally unforgettable.

The setting for some of World War II’s most fierce and bloody battles is today home to one of the most natural and peaceful races in the South Pacific. Here, in this archipelago of mountainous islands and low-lying coral atolls, you can experience the undiscovered delights of a primitive culture which has not allowed the advances of the outside world to overshadow it. Colourful costumes, age-old customs, rituals and taboos. They still endure in the Solomons.
TAHITI & HER ISLANDS

Tahiti and her islands, a paradise hidden away in the heart of the Pacific.

In the middle of the South Pacific, Tahiti and her islands make up the largest marine territory in the world, covering an area of 5.5 million square kilometres. "Ia Ora na", "Maeva" and "Manava", three words of welcome: this is how the Polynesians greet their visitors. With its turquoise lagoons, its islands surrounded by sparkling white-sand beaches, its magical atmosphere, Tahiti and the surrounding islands attract many couples looking for a romantic holiday.

Beyond the mythical white sandy beaches, Tahiti and her islands have many rich resources: well-preserved flora and fauna with many endemic species, an incredible variety of landscapes. Diving is another "must": according to divers, there is no better place in the world to see such a wide variety of marine species, with the lagoon in particular being a world-class diving destination.

CLIMATE: The French Polynesian islands enjoy a tropical climate; the maximum number of hours of sunshine is close to 3000 per year in the Tuamotu Atolls, one of the highest in the world! The temperature, which relatively constant, is cooled by the trade winds of the Pacific that blow throughout the year. The average ambient temperature is 27°C and the waters of the lagoons are a fairly constant 26°C. While further away from the equator, the archipelagos down south, (the Austral and Gambier), enjoy cooler temperatures.

ACCOMMODATION: Family hotels are available in the main islands of French Polynesia and international hotels only in some of them.

HEALTH: No vaccines are required except for passengers from high-risk countries (this information can be obtained from your airline). On the island of Tahiti, sanitary facilities and health services are available. The cities of Papeete, Taravao (peninsula of Tahiti) and Uterua (Raiatea) have fully equipped hospitals. Other tourist islands at least possess a hospital or a clinic.

REQUIREMENTS: French nationals only need a National Identity Card for a stay in French Polynesia. However, a biometric passport is necessary for transit via the USA. Travellers are seriously advised to be in possession of a passport valid for six months longer than the duration of their stay, regardless of the length of their stay (*).

- European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Romania, United Kingdom, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Spain, Greece.


- Chinese foreign nationals from Hong Kong if they are HKSAR passport holders and those from Macao if they are RM&M passport holders.

- North, South and Central America: Brazil (*), Venezuela (*), The United States of America (*), Mexico (*), Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Costa Rica, Chile, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay, Guatemala, The Bahamas, Barbados.

- Other countries: Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, St Marin, Vatican City, Switzerland, Croatia, Antigua and Barbuda, Israel, Macedonia, Mauritius, Montenegro, Palau, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Serbia, Seychelles.

Diplomatic passport holders only: Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Armenia, Morocco, Moldova, Russia, Senegal, Thailand, Ukraine, Vietnam, - or with a biometric passport: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- or holders of service passports: South Africa, Columbia, Dominican Republic, Equateur, Gabon.

- or holders of a special passport: Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, the Sultanate of Oman, Peru, Qatar, Tunisia, Turkey.

- or of a biometric passport with the number of the identity card: Taiwan - holders of a secured diplomatic passport: The Republic of Congo.

Nations from all other countries require visas, which may be obtained from the French Embassy or French Consulate in the country of residence. The full global listing of which can be found at: W www.ambafrance.org

For all other categories of visa-exempt foreigners, please contact the French Polynesian Border Police (Direction de la Police aux Frontières de Polynésie Française):
F 689 90.06.20 / F 689 81.28.34
E dpaf.polynesie-visas@interieur.gouv.fr

LANGUAGE: While the official language is French, the indigenous languages, such as Tahitian, are still widely practiced in each archipelago. English is also widely spoken, particularly in tourist areas.

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THE KINGDOM OF TONGA

Journey back in time to experience the Kingdom of Tonga’s authentic and compelling mix of centuries-old culture, history and traditions. Understand why Tonga’s relaxing combination of uncrowded, unhurried and undiscovered is the “True South Pacific”. Experience a monarchy unique in the South Pacific, and a generous and genuine welcome from the people of the nation dubbed the ‘Friendly Isles.’

The main island of Tongatapu is home to the royal family and to the Tongan capital of Nuku’alofa. Part of the Tongatapu Group, rugged Eua lies 40km off the coast of Nuku’alofa. The island is an ideal destination for those in search of adventure and who enjoys being in touch with nature. The Ha’apai Group to the north is a wonderful eco-tourism destination and a paradise for divers and snorkellers with its prolific wildlife and pristine natural beaches. The northern most group of islands, the Vava’u Group, is a haven for yachtsies and one of the world’s great sailing centres with its sheltered anchorages. From July to October, you can see and swim with the magnificent humpback whales that come to mate and calve in the warm waters of Vava’u. It is said to be a water lover’s paradise.

There’s no better way to immerse yourself in Tonga’s compelling mix of spectacular landscapes, pristine rainforests and azure waters than by taking full advantage of the Kingdom’s energetic list of activities.

Climate: From December to April, the weather is hot and humid, with considerable rainfall. From May to November, the weather is cool, dry and pleasant with an average temperature of up to 22 degrees celsius. Trade winds make for pleasant days and cool nights.

Accommodation: A range of 4 star hotels, budget and island boutiques accommodation.

Airlines:
International: Air New Zealand, Air Pacific and Virgin Australia
Domestic: Chathams Pacific

Entry Requirements: Bona-fide tourists and business persons from most countries, including New Zealand, United States, United Kingdom and Australia, may enter Tonga for a period not exceeding 31 days without a visa, but visitors from certain countries will need a visa prior to arrival.

Visitors must have a valid passport (6 months or more), an onward air or sea ticket and relevant health certificates.

Health: A valid yellow fever certificate and a valid cholera certificate are required by all travellers over one year old who have been in an infected area prior to arrival in Tonga.

Currency: The Tongan Pa’anga (TOP$) equals 100 seniti (cents).

Notes: $1, $2, $5, $10, $20, $50, $100; Coins: 5, 10, 20, 50

Transport: Buses, Vans, Taxis, Ferries

Language: Tongan and English

For more information contact: Ministry of Tourism/Tonga Visitors Bureau (contact details below)

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You will discover a distinctive social Polynesian culture of atoll island people who vigorously maintain their unique social organisation, art, crafts, architecture, music, dance and legends.

The spectacular marine environment consisting of a vast expanse of ocean interspersed with atolls, magnificent lagoons, coral reefs and small islands all provide a unique South Seas ambience.

**Climate:** Tropical and hot
Temperature ranges 28-31 degrees, wet season in November to April. May to October, light winds, South East trade winds.

**Accommodation:** Comfortable hotel and guesthouses.

**Airlines:** International: Pacific Sun
**Entry requirements:** Valid Passport and onward ticket.

**Health:** No special requirements.

**Currency:** Australian $

**Transport:** Minibus, taxis, and motorcycle.

**Language:** Tuvaluan and English

For more information contact:
Tuvalu Tourism Office. (contact details below)

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Talofa! If all you want is to disappear, relax under a palm tree and not be bothered by anyone with fewer than 1000 tourists a year, Tuvalu is the place to be.

Tuvalu is one of the world's smallest (total land area of just 26 km² and a population of just 8,000) and most isolated island nations. This unspoilt corner of the Pacific offers a peaceful, and non-commercialised environment that is ideal for rest and relaxation.

Yet it is this smallness and isolation which is part of its attraction. Its nine atolls on which the Tuvaluans, direct descendants of the ancient Polynesians live, provide the kind of solace a person is looking for somewhere to really escape the pressures of the outside world is seeking.
Discover what matters to you!
Vanuatu boast 83 islands – too many to mention. No matter where you go, there are incredible experiences to suit every budget and interest, and the refreshing unaffacted environment and people of Vanuatu will create an unforgettable holiday.

To find out more visit: www.vanuatu.travel

Climate:
Tropical and warm year round (cool and dry season: May-Nov, hot and humid season: Dec-Apr)

Accommodation:
From unique luxurious island resort retreat to island-style backpacker’s accommodation

Airlines:
International: Air Vanuatu, Air Pacific, Air Calin, Qantas, Air New Zealand, Virgin Australia, Solomon Airlines.

Domestic: Air Vanuatu (regular), Unity Airlines, Air Taxi, Vanuatu Seaplanes, Air Safaris

Entry requirements:
Valid passport (+6 months validity) and onward ticket.

Currency:
Vatu

Transport:
Transfer operators, Buses, Taxis, Car and Scooter rentals, and ferries.

Vanuatu is like stepping back to another place and another time. A time when water was pure and food was from the village. The smiles are warm and genuine. As soon as you arrive you’ll forget the world you left behind and experience a place that is unforgettable.

Across the 83 islands in the archipelago, the Ni-Vanuatu speak approximately 210 different dialects. Words like “schedule” are not common but “welcome”, “dance” and “relax” are easily translated. It’s probably why we have been selected the happiest country on earth twice.

Smiles aren’t the only thing you’ll see in Vanuatu. There’s a playground of rainforests, volcanoes, pristine beaches, coral seas, fresh food, adventure and relaxation. Every island is different, but smiles can be found everywhere.

Discover What Matters

VANUATU

Language: Bislama, French and English.

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Now that you have discovered paradise, we invite you to reward your desires and satisfy the inquisitiveness with a memorably enriching South Pacific holiday experience.

Speckled across seventeen million square kilometers of enchanting ocean, the islands of the South Pacific have for decades captivated the hearts of travelers with its charm and its natural beauty, rich and diverse natural, cultural and traditional attributes have often earned the Pacific recognition as the friendliest place on earth.

The South Pacific experience is not just about relaxing on palm fringed beaches and swimming in crystal clear lagoons. You’ll find world class diving and surfing, excellent sailing, humpback whales and spinner dolphins, lush tropical rain forest with secret waterfalls, river rafting and a fascinating traditional village based culture.

Explore the oceans, snorkel, swim, scuba dive through reefs see exotic fish and colourful reefs. Indulge yourself in the enormously varied cuisine, the best of traditional island cuisine rich with tropical fruits, vegetables, seafood. Go out for a meal and you can find yourself eating on a deck built over the ocean, or against the backdrop of a tropical rain forest.

Fish in abundance, or you can, of course, catch your own. Charters that will take you fishing – with deep sea and local, offshore trips.

With about 3300 diverse enchanting, fascinating and different islands, some quite small but size isn’t everything! A cruise can be a great way to taste several of them in one go. Anytime of year is perfect to cruise the South Pacific.

From basic beach holidays, backpackers, traditional local island style to private luxury villas. Enough variety and quality to suite every taste, is good value, more importantly the friendliness and hospitality is genuine and the best in the world.

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