

The Marquesas Islands

Trip Information

Embarkation: TBC

Disembarkation: TBC

Arrival Airport: Nuku Hiva (NHV)

Departure Airport: Nuku Hiva (NHV)

Flights, Hotels, Transfers, Excursions & Insurance

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Advice on your international flights

We suggest you book your international flight to fly into and out of Fa'a'a International Airport in Tahiti and that if possible you arrive in French Polynesia one day before cruise departure so you're well rested before the start of the cruise. There are daily domestic flights between Tahiti and Nuku Hiva which are around three and a half hours in duration. Disembarkation at the end of the cruise will be just before 10am. If you are not remaining in French Polynesia for additional nights after your cruise, please allow plenty of time for the transfer to the airport and for check-in.

Insurance

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boat to abort diving, mechanical breakdown, air supply failure, changes or cancellations due to weather and more. For more information please see our webpage at www.masterliveboards.com/insurance or contact our reservations team by email at bookings@masterliveboards.com for more information.

General Information

Visa and Passports

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Time Zone

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Climate and Weather

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Food and Drink

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Electricity

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Smoking

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Safety On Board

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on board an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) which has been proven to greatly increase the survival rate in the eventuality of cardiac fibrillation.

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Payments On Board

Marine and Port Fee

The marine park and port fees must be paid on board the vessel:

10 nights Marquesas Islands – TBC USD per person

Optional Extras

Master Liveaboards offer a range of services to make your stay on board even more enjoyable. We offer land excursions throughout your cruise free of charge and the following services are also available for an additional fee:

Nitrox

Beer

Wine (750ml bottle)

Selection of Spirits and Cocktails

Dive equipment rental

Master Liveaboards Merchandise



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In addition to Marine Park & port fees, guests are advised to bring from 250 - 400USD (or equivalent currency) for any optional extras.

Tipping

At Master Liveboards we believe that tipping is a matter of personal choice. Should you feel that your crew has made your holiday extra special then a tip is always appreciated. An envelope will be provided for your convenience by your cruise director and gratuities then divided equally amongst all the crew, including the captain and dive guides. Please note that tips are only accepted in cash.

Diving Information

Guests' Level of Diving

Master Liveboards welcomes everyone from non-divers to seasoned divers. Each destination has different diving conditions based on the season and time of the trip. Whilst most of our trips are suitable for each and every experience level, there may be some dives offered that are not suitable for beginners. Your cruise director will be able to advise you whilst on board however if you have concerns regarding the conditions of the destination you wish to visit then please contact your agent or the Master Liveboards reservations team.

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Aqua Lung Calypso Regulator - complete with alternate air source and depth/pressure gauge console

Wetsuits – type dependant on destination

Mask

Fins - full foot or open heel and boots depending on destination

Underwater torch



Dive computer*

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12 litre aluminium tanks (12 litre steel and 15 litre aluminium or steel tanks by special request and depending on availability), weight belts and weights are provided free of charge.

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Indoor and outdoor work stations for the preparation and maintenance of cameras
Individual storage drawers for cameras and peripheral items
Large rinsing tanks with fresh water changed frequently

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Flying After Diving

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FAQ's

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Recommended amount (additional to park & port fees) : 250 - 400 USD
Airport Departure Tax in local currency
- Diving Certification & Logbook
Including Nitrox Card if certified & intending to use Nitrox
- Travel and Diving Insurance Documents
To include emergency medical evacuation
- Essential Diving Items
Dive computer with full battery
- Toiletries & Medications
Including sunscreen & insect repellent
Inform booking team of medical conditions
- Essential Clothing Items
Swim wear, hat and lightweight jacket

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Tuamotu Archipelago Trip Information

Rangiroa – Fakarava Itinerary

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Disembarkation: Fakarava

Arrival Airport: Rangiroa Airport (RGI)

Departure Airport: Fakarava Airport (FAV)

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Marine and Port Fee

The marine park and port fees are dependent on trip duration and must be paid on board:

7 nights Tuamotu Archipelago – 70USD per person

10 nights Tuamotu Archipelago – 90USD per person

14 nights Tuamotu Archipelago – 120USD per person

Optional Extras

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Diving Information

Guests' Level of Diving

Master Liveboards welcomes everyone from non-divers to seasoned divers. The scuba diving regulation system in French Polynesia is particularly severe. The rules governing this field of activity are of prime importance and flouting them may result in heavy consequences, depth limits given by the Cruise Director must be followed. Each destination has different diving conditions based on the season and time of the trip. Whilst most of our trips are suitable for each and every experience level, there may be some dives offered that are not suitable for beginners. Your cruise director will be able to advise you whilst on board however if you have concerns regarding the conditions of the destination you wish to visit then please contact your agent or the Master Liveboards reservations team.

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Essential Diving Items

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Fakarava and the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Trip Information

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All Master Liveaboard crew members undergo rigorous training in emergency management procedures. A thorough boat safety briefing will be provided by your Cruise Director at the start of your trip during which all guests will be requested to participate in a life jacket drill. Further practice scenarios may be performed during your cruise to assist our crew in keeping their skills sharp.

Emergency Equipment

Each vessel is equipped with modern safety features such as automated life rafts, EPIRB, satellite communication and emergency pumps. Each guest will be offered the optional rental of a Nautilus Lifeline, which can be used to communicate your location to the vessel, or coast guard in the unlikely event you find yourself drifting away from your liveaboard.

First Aid

Master Liveaboard vessels are equipped with a fully stocked medical first aid kit for treating minor injuries and ailments as well as for assisting trained medical professionals in remote locations. Each yacht has a full complement of medical grade oxygen which can be administered to divers through DAN kits or unit specific attachments. You will also find on board an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) which has been proven to greatly increase the survival rate in the eventuality of cardiac fibrillation.

Our dive teams are all qualified emergency responders. Should you feel unwell at any point during your cruise, please seek the advice of your cruise director who will be able to assist you.



Staying Connected

We regret that we are unable to provide an internet service on board Master Liveaboard vessels. Many of our trips are in remote locations and internet service is intermittent at best. Most cell or mobile phones which have 'roaming' will function during your cruise, however service signal strength can be very weak and some areas of your cruise may not be covered at all. The cost of calls made is determined by your service provider.

We do have satellite phone communication which can be used by guests in the event of an emergency. Our out of office contact numbers can be found below, should your family need to contact you during the cruise, however this number is reserved for emergencies only.

Payments On Board

Marine and Port Fee

The marine park and port fees for this trip are 70 USD per person and must be paid on board.

Optional Extras

Master Liveaboards offer a range of services to make your stay on board even more enjoyable. We offer land excursions throughout your cruise free of charge and the following services are also available for an additional fee:

- Nitrox
- Beer
- Wine (750ml bottle)
- Selection of Spirits and Cocktails
- Dive equipment rental
- Master Liveaboards Merchandise

All prices are given onboard in USD, however, we accept payment in Euro, GBP, AUD and NZD.

In addition to Marine Park & port fees, guests are advised to bring from 250 - 400USD (or equivalent currency) for any optional extras.



Tipping

At Master Liveboards we believe that tipping is a matter of personal choice. Should you feel that your crew has made your holiday extra special then a tip is always appreciated. An envelope will be provided for your convenience by your cruise director and gratuities then divided equally amongst all the crew, including the captain and dive guides.

Diving Information

Guests' Level of Diving

Master Liveboards welcomes everyone from non-divers to seasoned divers. The scuba diving regulation system in French Polynesia is particularly severe. The rules governing this field of activity are of prime importance and flouting them may result in heavy consequences, depth limits given by the Cruise Director must be followed. Each destination has different diving conditions based on the season and time of the trip. Whilst most of our trips are suitable for each and every experience level, there may be some dives offered that are not suitable for beginners. Your cruise director will be able to advise you whilst on board however if you have concerns regarding the conditions of the destination you wish to visit then please contact your agent or the Master Liveboards reservations team.

Scuba Equipment

Since some of the domestic airline carriers in the regions we operate have strict check-in luggage limits, all Master Liveboards vessels provide rental equipment, including:

Aqua Lung Wave BCD – not weight-integrated

Aqua Lung Calypso Regulator - complete with alternate air source and depth/pressure gauge console

Wetsuits – 3mm shorty

Mask

Fins - full foot or open heel and boots depending on destination

Underwater torch

Dive computer*



* Please note that the use of a dive computer and safety sausage is compulsory on our vessels. For your safety, Master Liveboards asks all guests to always dive within the limits of their dive computer and make a safety stop at the end of each dive.

12 litre tanks (15 litre tanks by special request and depending on availability), weight belts and weights are provided free of charge.

Underwater Photography and Videography

Our vessels offer specialised features for underwater photographers and videographers. These include:

Indoor and outdoor work stations for the preparation and maintenance of cameras

Individual storage drawers for cameras and peripheral items

Large rinsing tanks with fresh water changed frequently

Our crews are thoroughly trained in the handling of delicate camera equipment and will bring your cameras to/from the tenders for you.

Diving Health

Flying After Diving

Current studies show that you should wait at least 18 hours after multiple repetitive dives before you fly. Please have this in mind before you book your onwards international or domestic flights.

Diving Insurance

Diving insurance is mandatory aboard all Master Liveboard vessels, irrespective of destination. Your insurance must cover all of your scuba diving and snorkelling activities, including the costs for recompression chamber treatment and emergency air evacuation.

Whilst many general travel insurance companies will cover scuba diving activities they often fall short on recompression treatment or evacuation. Master Liveboards strongly recommends purchasing diving-specific insurance and is working with DiveAssure to offer policies that cover everything our guests need. You can find more details at the following link on our website:

www.masterliveboards.com/insurance.html



Master Liveboards can offer short-term diving insurance coverage (1-4 weeks) though we advise that requests must be made to our reservations team at least 1 week prior to your cruise departure date to ensure adequate time for arrangements.

Diving Emergencies

In the unlikely event a dive accident occurs there is a multiple bed hyperbaric chamber in Tahiti. A specially trained emergency team is constantly standing by. Should an emergency arise on one of the islands, rapid response medical evacuation is provided by a special aircraft. We strongly urge that all guests dive well within recognised limits, follow Dive Guides' advice and of course purchase specific dive insurance before their trips.

FAQ's

If there are any questions that have not been answered then please visit our website at www.masterliveboards.com/about-us/faqs or contact our reservations team at bookings@masterliveboards.com.

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French Polynesia



What to Bring

The following is a check list of items that you should ensure to bring with you for your trip aboard a Master Liveaboards vessel.

Passport

3-6 month validity depending on nationality & at least 2 empty pages for visa stickers and stamps

Travel Documents

Flight tickets - International & Domestic; hotel booking; excursions

Cash & Credit Card for emergencies

Recommended amount (additional to park & port fees): 250 - 400USD

Diving Certification & Logbook

Including Nitrox Card if certified & intending to use Nitrox

Travel and Diving Insurance Documents

To include emergency medical evacuation

Essential Diving Items

Dive computer with full battery

Toiletries & Medications

Including sunscreen & insect repellent
Inform booking team of medical conditions

Essential Clothing Items

Swim wear, hat and lightweight jacket

Guests are strongly advised to carry essential items in hand luggage in case of lost or delayed luggage through International or Domestic Flights.

