



Tuamotu Kite School

April to October 2020

Lessons, Kitecamp, Activity packages and rates
Fakarava Atoll, Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia



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Please allow us to introduce ourselves

Adrien and Aline Cartier Millon. We both arrived five years ago on different sailboats in French Polynesia, met at Fakarava and fell in love with one another and the Tuamotu atolls. We share a passion for watersports; Adrien has the highest level of French kitesurf teacher training and Aline is a Yachtmaster professional sailboat captain. Our two boats are floating base camps for our business Tuamotu Kite School, based in Fakarava lagoon from April to October.



Kitecamp aboard our sailboats

Sail or fly to Fakarava atoll for lessons and/or to stay aboard our boats. Pizza is a 35-foot open catamaran featuring a spacious cockpit which serves as a meeting space to share experiences from meals to yoga sessions and dance parties. Eureka is a 28-foot Danish built monohull with more intimate space for 3 guests and kite gear storage. We rent our two sailboats as a floating kitecamp to people interested in learning and practicing watersports of all kinds. Come stay aboard and play in the lagoon with us!

Contact us for Reservations

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VHF radio channel 69 standby

We speak English, French, Spanish, German



Reservations

Kitcamp clients may reserve lessons in advance.

Clients not staying aboard may reserve lessons up to three days in advance because our location changes based on the weather.

Reserve kitecamp dates with a 50% non-refundable payment.

Payment

All prices are in pacific franc XPF

Cash in XPF, USD or EUR, at these exchange rates: 100 XPF = 1 USD, 120 XPF = 1 EUR

Bank transfer, contact us for the details

Paypal.me/kitetuamotu

Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back

Kitecamp live aboard rates:

All ages, kilters and non-kilters alike, everyone is welcome!

Space for 1 to 7 people to sleep, come alone or with your friends and family.

Kitecamp does not include ready made meals, however it does include a list of basic ingredients for you to make your own food (see Food section for more details)

Kitecamp			
Price	Nights	Description	Savings
8000	1	Kitecamp per person per night, stay aboard one of our sailboats at the kite spot	
50000	7	Kitecamp per person per week	6000
35000	1	Private catamaran, up to 5 guests, two double beds, one single bed, spacious cockpit, galley, rowing dinghy	5000
16000	1	Private monohull, up to 2 guests, double bed and single bed, small cockpit and galley, SUP / kayak	
6000	meals per day	Three large healthy meals a day made with love, per person, see 'kitecamp meals a la carte' for the meal descriptions	600

Kitecamp work trade:

You may ask us to do a work trade to stay aboard. This option is not always available. In exchange of 8 hours of work per day, you may stay aboard our boats and use the basic ingredients aboard to make your own food at no expense. Or you may work for 4 hours a day and pay 4000 xpf a day for Kitecamp. Tasks vary and may include: deep cleaning and organizing, scrubbing the hull, website or video work, boat maintenance, mechanic work, sewing, sanding, fiberglass and painting.

Included in Kitecamp:

- Sleeping aboard Pizza the catamaran or Eureka the monohull sailboat at an anchorage inside of Fakarava atoll (see location section)
- Snorkeling gear
- 2 paddleboards

- 1 kayak
- Fishing equipment
- Kitchen, basic food ingredients (see food section)
- Sheets and towels
- fresh water for drinking and cooking, plus limited rain water for showering

Kitecamp Experience Package			
Price per person	Nights	This package includes:	Savings, up to:
50000	3	Kitecamp + 3 coco credits	13000
100000	7	Kitecamp + 5 coco credits	21000

All-inclusive Kitecamp Experience Package			
Price per person	Nights	This package includes:	Savings, up to:
65000	3	Kitecamp + All meals + 3 coco credits	22000
130000	7	Kitecamp + All meals + 5 coco credits	39000

1 Coco credit =

You may use all of your coco credits for the same kind of lesson, excursion or activity, or any combination of the following:

- 2 hour kite lesson, 2 students per instructor, all levels beginner to expert
- 2 hour downwind kite session Hirifa to Tetamanu plus snorkeling Tetamanu pass
- 1 hour of wakeboarding or hydrofoil personal coaching
- 2 hour freediving or spearfishing lesson or excursion
- Guided snorkeling excursion in Tetamanu pass or another excellent spot
- Sailing excursion (not available every week)
- Personalized yoga lesson and/or meditation session
- Weaving coconut palms lesson: make your own plate, hat, basket...
- Homemade coconut milk and oil making activity: local style slow food

Availability of all activities are weather dependent

Special for returning Kitecamp clients

If you have stayed aboard our boats before, next time you come aboard for one week or more we will give you, with pleasure, free of charge:

- Pancake breakfast, I'm sure you remember how good our famous coconut pancakes are
- 30 minutes of wakeboard or foil wake personalized coaching with Adrien
- A snorkeling / freediving / spearfishing excursion, let's get some fish for....
- Beach BBQ with smoked fish, coconut palm weaving and dance party!



At kitecamp, you may...

- Kitesurf, depending on the wind
- Scuba dive the famous Tetamanu pass, dive boats can pick you up directly from your boat.
- Snorkel, swim, SUP or kayak
- Freedive
- Spearfish
- Line fishing with fishing rod from the sailboat or paddleboard
- Walk on land
- Slackline
- Collect shells, make driftwood sculptures or sandcastles on the beach
- Enjoy fresh coconuts, make your own coconut milk or oil
- Weaving coconut palm fronds
- Make friends from neighboring sailboats at anchor, on stopover from sailing around the world
- BBQ on the beach
- Party with music aboard one of our sailboats or on the beach

You may do these activities yourself or you may request a paid course (see Activities)

Sleeping arrangements:





Pizza

The catamaran named Pizza has two double cabins and one single cabin. The hulls are connected by a large outdoor cockpit, each with its own door to the outside. The starboard (right side) hull has a double bed next to a sitting area with table for two, and storage space for kite gear. The port (left side) hull has the galley (kitchen), with a double bed in the same open cabin space, and a single bed in a forward cabin. The single bed is accessible by either crawling over the double bed to access the forward cabin or by the large 60x60 cm hatch above the bed. The cabins are all equipped with lights, fans and hatches for good ventilation. Pizza sleeps 5 people maximum.

Eureka

This monohull has one double bed and one single bed in the same central cabin, equipped with a small and efficient galley and chart table. There is kite gear storage in the forward cabin. The small cockpit is comfortable and private, a sweet space for two or three people to enjoy. Sleeps 2 to 3 people maximum.

Pizza + Eureka = 'trimaran'

We often attach Pizza and Eureka side-tied together at anchor, making a tri-maran! (two hulls plus one hull) If you are a larger group of friends or family, then if weather allows we will likely do mode trimaran so you may enjoy more close time together. It is a big floating boat platform, really cool and funny. Like this we can accommodate groups of up to 8 people if you are traveling with close friends or family.



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Interaction with hosts

Adrien and Aline, your hosts, sleep and cook on a different catamaran, at anchor next to Pizza and Eureka, and are available to answer your questions or to go play in the water with you. The three boats are always connected to the VHF radio on channel 69 for easy communication, or you can just paddle or swim over to say hi! We are happy to enjoy an evening happy hour or dinner with you when you like.



Life aboard our boats:

Cleaning and Organization

Upon your arrival, we will give you an entertaining tour, detailed orientation of the boat, answer questions and help you get settled into your new home. We will show you some techniques and supplies for organizing and cleaning. It is your responsibility to maintain a clean living space on a daily basis for your comfort, hygiene and pleasure.

Laundry

The living space aboard is more enjoyable if you do not hang wet clothes in the middle of the cockpit where people walk or sit. It is nicer to hang your wet clothes at the back of the boat, or at the front of the boat on lines provided, using clothespins so they do not fly away.



Cockpit cleaning

On a daily basis, you may rinse the cockpit floor clean with a few buckets of seawater. The benches around the exterior of the cockpit are not a place to dump buckets of water because that would put water inside of the storage beneath. You may wipe any surfaces clean with a small microfiber towel dipped in a small cup of fresh water and vinegar. If black flies come aboard the boat on the rare day without wind, wipe the surfaces with vinegar, do the dishes, do not cook fish or meat in the middle of the day, and they will disappear. The space is simple and easy to clean.

Electricity:

There is electricity on the boat, you may charge your electronics.

250 watts of solar panels and a 400-watt wind generator to power 210 amps of 12v AGM batteries

220v or 110v Inverter for charging your laptop or camera

5v USB sockets for charging your phone or camera

There is a battery charge monitor, and if the battery tension goes below 12.6V then you must unplug your electronics and the freezer to not damage the batteries, and wait for the sun to charge the batteries above 12.6 before plugging your devices back in. This happens sometimes at night after cloudy days, or if you charge multiple drone and computer batteries at once. It is most efficient if you charge your electronics and run the freezer in the middle of the day when the sun is actively charging the solar panels, and unplug the freezer at night.

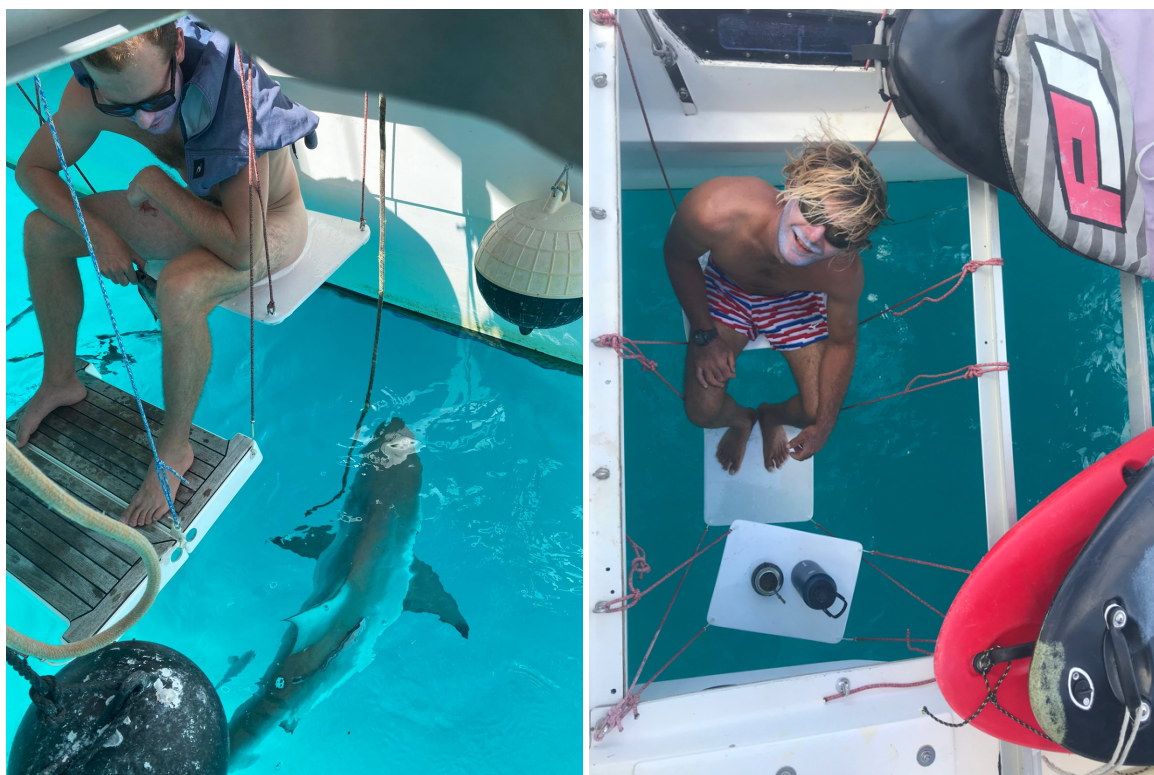
Water:

We collect rainwater for showering and drinking. There is a 100-liter water tank inside of Pizza the catamaran, and 80 liters inside of Eureka the monohull. The water in the tanks is only for drinking, cooking and cleaning the stove. We use saltwater for doing the dishes with biodegradable soap. In each boat, in the galley (kitchen) there are two foot pumps, one for saltwater and one for freshwater. This eliminates the need for a noisy or energy consuming water pump! There are large containers of fresh rainwater in the cockpit that we use for showering.



Shower:

To be comfortable, fresh, clean, and conservative with fresh water use, we recommend the following technique: Bring your soap to the swim step, one of the two platforms just above water level at the back of the catamaran. First, jump into the beautiful turquoise lagoon to get wet or pour a bucket of saltwater on your body. Then, soap up and rinse off all of the soap with saltwater- just jump in! Finally, step back into the cockpit and take one or two small bowls or cups of fresh water to do a final rinse of your body. We have soap on board for you to use, or you may bring your own.



Toilet:

On Pizza the catamaran, there is a one-of-a-kind TOILET SWING in a comfortable, shady space under the boat. We do not have an indoor toilet. It is a swing with a hole in it, for direct fish feeding. The fish are already very happy when you sit on the swing and will come out from under the boat to wait for their meal! You may clean yourself by splashing water up towards your body with your hand and washing with the soap provided. The lagoon stays clean, the fish are fed, you sit in the shade in the breeze, and there is no bathroom to clean, it's a unique experience that inspires funny selfies, what could be better?!

Anchorage / Location of our boats

Most of the time between April and October we anchor the boats at the south end of Fakarava, at the world-class kitesurf and diving spots of Hirifa and Tetamanu. When you arrive, we will be anchored inside of Fakarava lagoon at one of the following locations, in order of likelihood: Hirifa, Tetamanu South Pass, Pakokota, Rotoava, or Garue North Pass, with occasional trips to other atolls.

We sail between these locations, but we do not guarantee that we will go sailing while you are on board. For example, when there is amazing wind for kitesurfing at Hirifa, we will stay and kite at Hirifa for the week! If a storm with strong north westerly wind is forecasted (this usually happens once or twice per season) we will likely sail to the north side of the atoll to be in a protected, calm anchorage before the storm arrives.



Hirifa

Magnificent, postcard perfect place. We anchor in shallow turquoise water downwind of a pink sandbank, an idyllic kitespot for everyone from beginners to riders perfecting freestyle aerial tricks. This is the south east corner of Fakarava lagoon, a comfortable anchorage in all directions of wind, except strong north west. There is one Paomotu family living on the motu, harvesting coconuts and sometimes offering cold beer and local food by reservation. This is a favorite spot for sailors to anchor and practice watersports. Excellent fishing spot with many edible and relatively easy to spear fish. Raimiti pension is located 2km away and is a nice place if you would prefer to stay on land and still have easy access to kite lessons or other activities with us. From the Fakarava airport, Hirifa or Tetamanu are 30 nautical miles south, 1.5 to 3 hours in speedboat, 5000 xpf per person one way.

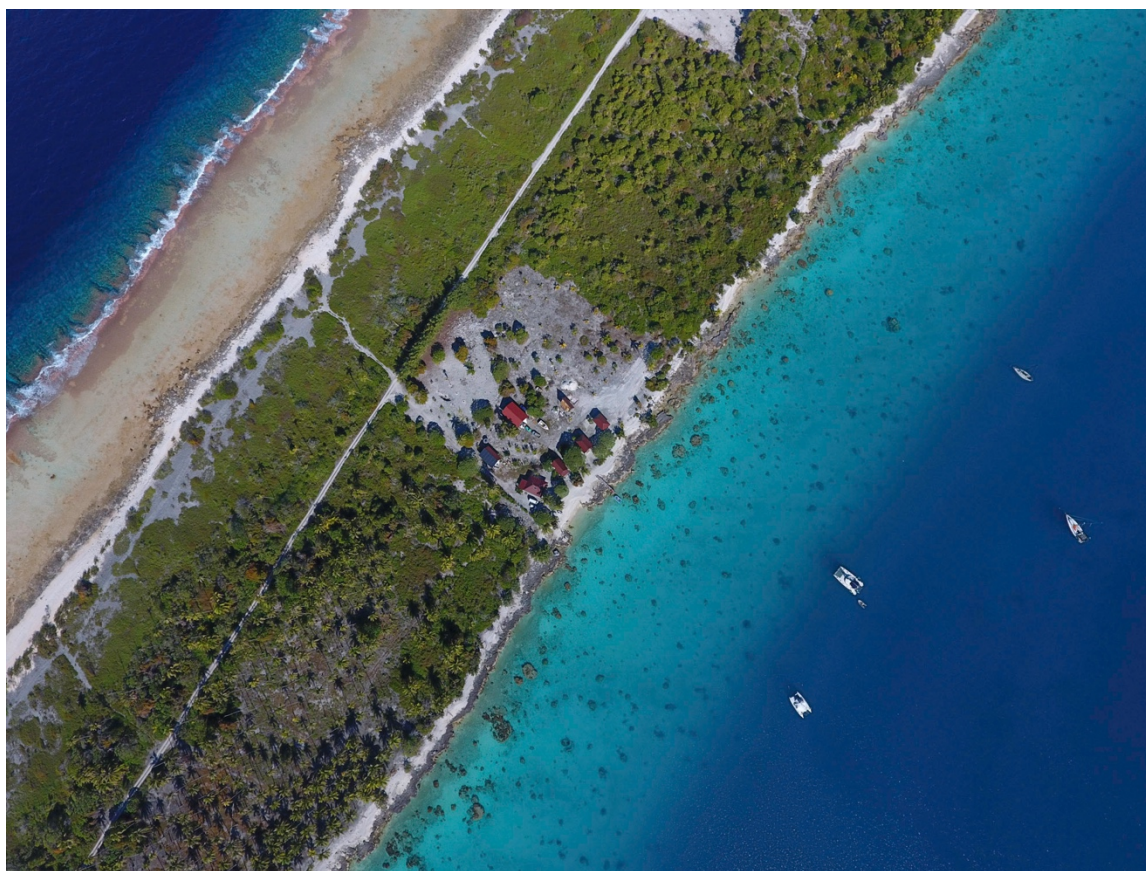


Tetamanu anchorage above, Tetamanu village and pass below



Tetamanu

The south pass of Fakarava atoll. Gorgeous clear water and huge coral heads, hundreds of sharks to admire, directly from the boat at anchor! Incredible snorkeling, observe countless marine animals as the current pushes you into the lagoon. We can kite and sometimes surf here, but we go farther away from the pass and the sharks for spearfishing. On land, there is a charming historic village not to be missed, two pensions, 2 SCUBA diving clubs, and a bar on stilts over the pass. The anchorage is agitated and wavy as soon as the easterly trade winds pick up. We do not often anchor here because there is almost no sand between the vibrant coral heads, so it is impossible to not hurt the coral unless if you are lucky to get one of the four first-come-first-serve mooring balls, and there are almost always more than a few boats here from April to October. We visit Tetamanu regularly in our motor boat from the calm anchorage of Hirifa: 6 nautical miles, 20 minutes, 2000 xpf transfer per person.



Pakokota

An anchorage with mooring balls half way between Rotoava village in the north and Hirifa in the south. Pakokota Yacht Services and Lodge is a friendly family run business with a restaurant, a nice place to socialize with other sailors. At Pakokota, like Hirifa and Tetamanu, we may practice all of the lessons and activities that we offer, depending on the weather. It is a convenient place to provision for food, via a taxi ride to one of the shops in town and easily connect to internet from the boat. In the best conditions, it takes us around 5 hours of sailing from Pakokota to arrive at Hirifa or Tetamanu, this is often times a difficult upwind, wavy passage with the normal easterly trade winds.



Garue north pass

An anchorage close to the north pass, it is a great place to seek shelter at anchor from rare north westerly storms. It is agitated with normal easterly wind conditions. Garue pass is a beautiful place to snorkel, SCUBA, freedive or spearfish. There are nice white sand beaches and a long, sandy road that leads all the way to Rotoava village.



Rotoava

We rarely anchor in front of Rotoava village. Close to the airport, this is the touristy shopping center capitol of Fakarava atoll. Its all relative, but it is one of the largest villages of the Tuamotu archipelago with four general shops, over a dozen pensions, guest houses, restaurants and several dive centers. There is no good place to kitesurf from this anchorage, we prefer to have you discover and enjoy the wilder and more authentic, natural side of Fakarava, in the south of the atoll.



Faaite

Sometimes we sail to the neighboring atoll of Faaite, a small atoll with a sweet little village, the place we were married! Many fish, nice waves, no services for tourists. Sailboats rarely visit this atoll because the pass can be difficult to enter and the main anchorage is exposed to the easterly tradewinds. The weather conditions are rare that it makes sense for us to enter the pass and anchor but we still visit multiple times a year, we love this place.



Tahanea

A few times a year we sail to Tahanea, an magical uninhabited atoll east of Faaite, we can not predict in advance when we will make this trip, but if you stay on board for more than a couple of weeks then there will be more likelihood that we will have time wait for calm nice sailing weather to visit other atolls.



Other Tuamotu Atolls

Who knows where the wind will blow us next! We have adventurous spirits and depending on who is aboard and for how long, sometimes we make spontaneous sailing trips around this incredible archipelago. Contact us if you are inspired to come aboard for a sailing adventure with us, different rates apply. We are likelier to leave the Fakarava area after October. Here is an image of our boats just downwind of Fakahina atoll, we visited for the day with the boats on standby and took turns swimming ashore to meet the locals and explore.

Where is kitecamp, how do I get there?

Sail or Fly

Sail a boat to Fakarava or fly with **Air Tahiti airlines to FAV**. Tahiti **PPT is the closest international airport**, 1.5 hours on a small airplane from FAV. Round trip PPT-FAV is about 50000 xpf or 500 USD.

Speedboat Transfer

We will reserve your transfer from the airport or your pension on Fakarava to the boat. It will **cost between 1500 and 5000 xpf per person** in pacific franc cash (half price for children under 10), depending on where in the lagoon of Fakarava the boat is located when you arrive (see location). Depending on the weather, it takes anywhere from **1 1/2 to 3 hours** on a speedboat transfer across the lagoon. There is no road that goes all the way from north to south, boats are the only option. The lagoon of Fakarava is large, about 45x20 km or 30x10 nautical miles. The **airport and village are located at the north side, and we usually anchor at the south side.** If your dates are flexible for your transfer, then we can help connect you with sailboats traveling to the village and back who would be happy to take you on as crew for a half day, in exchange for good company.

We will send you our location and reserve your transfer **three days in advance** of your arrival at Fakarava because of the possibility of a changing weather forecast. We sail to the best locations for you to enjoy a comfortable, flat water anchorage, and practice water sports of all kinds, because that is what we are truly passionate about and wish to share with you! We enjoy all of the anchorages because there are only gorgeous places in this paradise of a lagoon, with many activity options.

Cook your own Food

There are always some basic food items aboard the boats in the galley (kitchen). You are welcome to use any food items present aboard, please make yourself at home, and clean up after yourself. You may expect to find these basic ingredients aboard along with other yummy surprises:

- rice
- pasta
- flour
- lentils
- various canned goods
- salt and pepper
- oil, vinegar
- spices, herbs de Provence
- soy sauce
- coffee, tea
- powdered milk
- sugar
- potable water from the rain or watermaker

These ingredients are sufficient if you are on a tight budget, wish to eat very simply and go fishing. Please let us know in advance your plans for provisioning or not, or purchasing meals.



Galley aboard Pizza:

- New gas stovetop with three burners
- Large double sink with fresh and salt water foot pumps (see water section)
- Tiny freezer / refrigerator 20x20x30 cm (see electricity section)
- Many pots and pans, pressure cooker
- Plates, bowls, utensils, cups and mugs for about 10 people
- Various serving utensils and kitchen tools
- Glass jars and plastic containers for food storage

Galley aboard Eureka:

- Gas stovetop with two burners
- Small single sink with fresh and salt water foot pumps (see water section)
- Pots and pans
- Plates, bowls, flatware, cups and mugs for about 4 people
- Various serving utensils
- Glass jars for food storage

You may hunt and gather your own food for a local style feast



To beer or not to beer?

If you wish to drink alcohol while you are on board, you may bring your own drinks from Tahiti or tell us two weeks in advance so we can order a beer delivery from a shop on Fakarava for you. Wine and hard liquor are available at the shops at Fakarava but the quality is low and the price is much higher than on Tahiti. We drink socially but not everyday and we only keep a little bit of rum on board to make small happy hour cocktails with you.



Your food shopping options:

There are different possibilities to organize provisioning for every budget and taste bud.

We recommend bringing fresh foods such as fruits, vegetables, cheese and meats with you from Tahiti if you plan to do your own cooking, to add more flavor and nutrition to the basic ingredients included in kitecamp. Snack foods and alcohol are also considerably less expensive on Tahiti than on Fakarava and worth the price of bringing them in airplane luggage or freight.

Shop at Tahiti

Bring food from Tahiti on the airplane

Go food shopping on Tahiti, bring bags of fresh produce on the airplane in your luggage. If you would like to pay less to bring the same bags on the plane, drop off your bags a couple of days early, or at least more than 2 hours before your departure time with reserved air freight, so it can be on the same airplane as you. Contact Air Tahiti fret to reserve space in freight to ensure they will have space for your bags. It is not always necessary to reserve space in freight; it depends on how full the flight is, but you can't know that in advance. You can also send your board bags or extra luggage with Air Tahiti fret to cut down on luggage costs. Do not forget to

reserve the freight for your return flight to Tahiti if you need your luggage to be on the same airplane as you. Upon arrival at Fakarava, bring your luggage and freight on the transfer speedboat with you. The speedboat driver or receptionist upon arrival in the south may charge a fee if you have many extra bags.

Air Tahiti Fret

fret@airtahiti.com

tel [+689 40 86 41 68](tel:+68940864168)

Monday to Friday: 4:30 to 18:30

Saturday, Sunday and holidays: 4:30 to 13:30

Or, shop at Tahiti and send it on a cargo ship:

Drop off boxes of dry and/or refrigerated food on the Cobia III cargo ship for about 1000 xpf per medium sized box. There is an extra fee for hiring someone to pick them up from the cargo ship at the village and send them on a speedboat until our sailboat, about 1000 per box. It is an economical option if you have many heavy items to send, you are part of a large group, or if you are staying aboard for longer than a week or two and you plan on doing your own cooking.

Cobia III

cobia@mail.pf

[40 43 36 43](tel:40433643)

Departs Motu uta Tahiti, near Papeete, on Mondays at mid day.

Arrives at Rotoava, Fakarava village dock most Wednesdays, in the morning.

Personal shopping service

-Email me a detailed food shopping list at least two weeks in advance and I will send it to Juliette (87 70 02 68, rairoajuju@yahoo.fr), who does a personal shopping service on Tahiti. I provide my organization service free of charge to coordinate your order with Juliette, see the timing with the cargo ship or airplane and hire someone to receive it at Fakarava and deliver it to the boat. Juliette charges 2000 xpf for her shopping service per shop that she visits for you. She can send dry goods or fresh produce on either the Cobia III cargo ship for about 1000 xpf per medium sized box, or with Air Tahiti freight for around 300 xpf per kilo.

In addition to the Carrefour supermarket, Juliette can go to the Papeete market on Sunday mornings to shop for fresh local produce and put it on the Cobia on Monday morning for an arrival on Wednesday in Fakarava. I will receive the boxes before your visit and stock them in the galley. Depending on where we are located in the lagoon, there will be a fee of between 1000 to 2000 xpf per medium sized box to transport the freight via taxi and/or speedboat from the village dock or airport to the boat. If you do not go shopping yourself on Tahiti, and there is no produce available at the local farm or market on Fakarava, then this is the only way to absolutely guarantee that you will have fresh fruits and vegetables during your visit if you plan on doing your own cooking.



Fruits and Vegetables

Email me at least one week in advance to request from a local farm on Fakarava if they have local organic fruits and vegetables available for reservation and purchase. Sometimes you can expect to find: cucumbers, lettuce, eggplants, watermelon, tomatoes, limes, bok choy, papaya, papplemousse, green peppers. High quality and excellent taste, about the same prices as Tahiti, not always available, but definitely worth trying!



Shop at Fakarava

Arrive in advance and shop at Fakarava

-Arrive at least one day in advance and stay at a pension in the village of Rotoava Fakarava, go food shopping at one of the four shops. If you arrive on an airplane the same day that you plan on staying aboard the boat, then we can not guarantee that the driver of your transfer will allow you the time to go food shopping. The local shops have plenty of options of imported dry goods, at prices similar to, or a little bit higher than Carrefour supermarket on Tahiti, however they do not always have fresh fruits and vegetables. Garlic, onions and some random fresh vegetables imported from Tahiti of varying quality are usually always available. Alcohol is available to purchase at some shops (not the shop at the dock) but it is about 50% more expensive than on Tahiti.

Meals a-la-carte, Delivered to your Boat

Please tell us at least two weeks in advance if you plan on purchasing some meals, so that we may do the appropriate shopping. Please inform us of any dietary restrictions or preferences. Vegetarian, gluten and dairy free options are available. Eat with us on one of our boats or request a private, romantic meal aboard your own yacht ;)



Breakfast

1200 xpf per person, served around 7 or 8 am

Choose one option per morning:

- Coconut pancakes made with whole wheat or buckwheat flour, served with butter and jam
- Steel cut oats spiced porridge with dried fruit, seeds and nuts
- Cheddar cheese egg scramble with veggies and toast

All options include French press coffee and/or tea with milk and sugar.

400 xpf for a large side of homemade chocolate sauce for your pancakes or oats

Snacks, available anytime

600 xpf per person: Simple snacks to go like cheese and crackers, dried fruit and nuts, or fresh fruit when available



Lunch or dinner

2200 xpf per person per meal, served around noon / 6 pm

We like to make plenty of healthy food to fuel active lifestyles. We use local ingredients like organic vegetables grown on Fakarava, fresh fish, and coconuts prepared in creative ways.

Served family style in generously sized portions. You may also request a beach BBQ with fresh fish that we spear together!



Restaurants

-Pakokota, Rotoava, Hirifa and Tetamanu anchorages have restaurants that are open sometimes, often times by reservation only. We can ask the family restaurant owners if they are open and make these reservations when you are on board if you are interested in eating out.



Activity ideas:

We live in the Tuamotu atolls on a sailboat to be able to intensely practice our passions! Boat life in the lagoon is perfect for relaxing... and for us, before anything an open invitation to go play on and under the water!

To help spark your imagination, here are some activities that you may practice freely and independently directly from the sailboat at anchor or by paddling ashore:



Kitesurf

Are you an experienced kitesurfer who would like to enjoy the best spots of the lagoon of Fakarava? You may freely kite when you like with your own gear or by renting our gear, starting from the beach next to the boat at anchor or from the swimstep of the catamaran.





Floating Picnic

Pack a picnic and paddle to the water's edge, a delicious way to cool off on a hot afternoon!



SUP or Kayak

Use one of the paddleboards or kayak included in kitecamp to go explore.



Snorkeling

Check out the fish around the sailboats or paddle to coral heads near and far to observe various marine flora and fauna. We often see manta rays in the anchorage of Hirifa, especially in October, swimming next to the boats at anchor, it's a nice invitation to jump in and dance with them.



SCUBA diving

We do not have SCUBA diving equipment aboard.

You may call or email, or ask us to call for you, a local dive club to book a dive during your stay aboard.

From Hirifa or Tetamanu anchorage, Enata Diving can pick you up directly from the sailboat to bring you diving in Tetamanu pass. One dive is 7500 or two dives are 15000 xpf, payment by cash or credit card. Does not accept reservations more than a few days in advance, but they almost always have space. enatafakaravading.com / info@enatafakaravading.com / 87-70-15-08

From Tetamanu anchorage, you may dive Tetamanu pass with Top Dive or Tetamanu Diving Center, but they do not pick up at Hirifa.

From Pakokota anchorage, you may dive either Garue North Pass or Tetamanu Pass with one of the many diving clubs based at Rotoava village, accessible by van or boat pickup.

Whale season is from about August to November at Fakarava. They frequently visit Tetamanu pass, and from the sailboat at Hirifa we can often see them blow in the ocean.



Sasha's first fish speared!



Claire and Nathalie speared their first fish too!

Spearfishing

If you have a lot of experience with spearfishing, you may freely use our spearguns to fish around the sailboats or at a nearby coral head accessible by paddleboard or rowing dinghy, to prepare and cook for yourselves. We have a few different basic spearguns, wetsuits, some extra weights and two weight belts and gloves for you to borrow.



Slackline

We have a couple of slacklines that we leave in place at Hirifa, suspended between coconut trees, over the sand and with shade, just in front of the sailboats at anchor, that you may use anytime to perfect your balance.



Yoga

You may borrow our yoga mats to practice yoga in the middle of the cockpit of Pizza or on the beach, shaded by the coconut trees.





Nature walk

Explore the motu and barrier reef on a walk to the ocean side. At Hirifa, the 'tour de motu' is not to be missed, there are different colorful ecosystems to discover and admire from the walking trails to the tidal pools. Every anchorage has a place to walk across the motu to the ocean side to see the waves and wildlife.



Weaving coconut palms

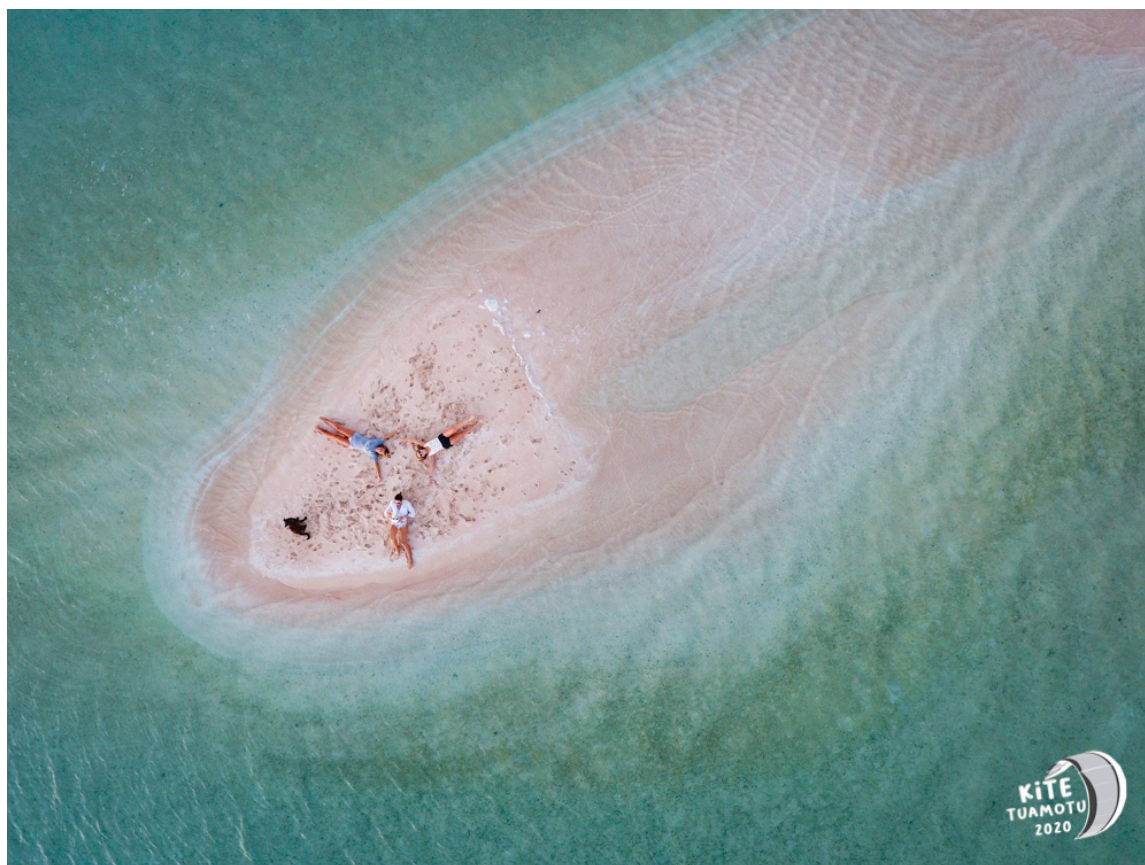
Aline is passionate about weaving coconut palms and can inspire you to weave biodegradable

plates for the next beach BBQ or picnic.



Relaxation, reading on the net

Life on the water is calm and peaceful, lay on the trampoline of the catamaran or on the beach. You may enjoy one of the books from our library aboard of Pizza, write your own, or just be present in the moment and gaze out on the incredible beauty that surrounds us.



Lay on the beach

Enjoy the soft pink sand beneath your toes



Beach BBQ

Ask the locals on the motu where you may collect firewood and have a fire, and make your own small BBQ to grill fish or other food, there is a small grill available on Pizza or there is one already on the beach at Hirifa. We like to make homemade bread dough with flour, sourdough starter or yeast or baking powder, and grated coconuts then cook it slowly on the grill over hot coals.



Make friends with local children

Smile a laugh together as you enjoy a meaningful and entertaining cultural exchange.



Surf

There are some gorgeous, expert riders only, usually private, surf spots nearby. The waves break over shallow coral reef. The waves do not work every week, and we can only tell a couple of days in advance if there will likely be favorable conditions. Adrien is especially very motivated to surf with you if the conditions allow and we are at the right place at the right time. We have a couple of surfboards that you may use. Once you are here we can organize a surf trip via speedboat if there are waves.





Lessons:

We propose kitesurfing, freediving and spearfishing lessons as well as snorkeling excursions. When the weather permits, we prioritize kitesurfing lessons at Hirifa anchorage for both kitecampers and visiting sailors on neighboring boats. Hirifa is the best place to kitesurf in Fakarava and the most beautiful anchorage with a long pink sand beach.



Kitesurf lessons

Adrien has been passionate about kitesurfing since his childhood. He has the highest level of French kitesurf teacher training (moniteur diplôme d'état / BPJEPS) since 2009. He has more than 10 years of teaching experience, he has worked in many different schools around the world and now has opened Tuamotu Kite School, based here at Fakarava atoll.

Adrien is fluent in English, French, Spanish and German and teaches in your chosen language. Fakarava lagoon is the most ideal place for all levels to kitesurf. Regular easterly tradewinds, tropical climate and large expanses of flat water with very few obstacles.

Kitesurf lessons are one or two hours long, at any time of the day depending on wind and availability. Lessons can take place almost anywhere inside of the lagoon of Fakarava, starting, followed by and ending on our semi-rigid boat.



Our courses are followed by boat for many advantages:

- Comfort- you do not need to walk back upwind to the starting point
- Safety- obstacles are dangerous for beginners, where we give lessons there are no obstacles or other kites to crash into, there is plenty of space as we drift downwind in the lagoon.
- Quality- the instructor follows you in the boat during the lesson to give you personalized tips and ideas for improvement.
- Efficiency- You may concentrate on each technical aspect of this sport to progress faster



Hirifa Sandbank Kitespot

There is also a large sandbank with a zone of shallow water with no obstacles available at Hirifa. We use this site to launch and land kites, teach you how to safely setup the materials and explain the dangers and safety measures to be taken while kitesurfing. Downwind of this sandbank is a perfectly turquoise flat water sport to perfect your jumps and practice freestyle! Sit on the beach, talk with other kitesurfers and enjoy seeing riders make impressive tricks. Take postcard perfect pictures of kitesurfing in paradise. This is where we come to ride after kite school, and especially when there is stronger wind, we fly high!



Kite Lesson Details

Most of our students need multiple lessons to safely become independent riders. You will likely not be able to ride upwind on the first day. You will learn how to pilot your kite before going on the board.

Lessons are with small groups of two students per instructor.

Each student has their own materials, 1 kite and 1 board per person, the size of which will be chosen by the instructor to prioritize your safety and personal learning adventure.



Materials

To enjoy the most ideal equipment for each lesson, we have every size of this year's new kites from Takoon from 5 to 15 meters.

All materials are included: kite, bar, board, harness, life jacket, helmet

If you would like more attention to progress faster, you may opt for a private lesson



Bring or wear:

For your comfort please wear a wetsuit, this is optional but highly recommended, especially for beginners. We have some lycra tops and many sizes of wetsuits that you may use.

Wear sunglasses with a line attached to your head or clothing and water resistant sunscreen.



Personalized

Lessons are adapted to your level and tips are personalized. Safety, handing your gear, setting up materials, launching techniques, starting from a boat or land, landing your kite, piloting the kite, body dragging, waterstart with a board, first rides on the board, navigating, being independent, transitions, turning, jumps, freestyle, hydrofoil...



Downwind sessions

We organize downwind kite sessions in the lagoon of Fakarava: Hirifa to Tetamanu or other passages, depending on the weather conditions.



Wing foil

New lessons for 2020!

At least 15 kts of wind for wing lessons.

Wing surf: 5m wing with SUP paddleboard

Wing foil: 5m wing with Foil





Light wind days

To progress on light wind days, you may take a wakeboard lesson for training your board skills. Try the kiteboard, wakeboard, surfboard or foilboard, towed by our boat with personal coaching. Our boat is equipped with a wakeboard mast and the wave is sufficient and really fun for surfing in foil surf.



For Sailors

We can give you a kite lesson of different techniques to safely and efficiently launch and land from your sailboat or dinghy.



Kitesurf lessons		
Price per person	Hours	Description
12000	2	2 students , kite gear included, all levels, or advanced tricks downwind coaching session, twintip or strapless kiteboard
10000	2	2 students , use all your own kite gear, all levels
16000	2	Private lesson , twintip, strapless or wing surf for all levels. Kite foil or wing foil for experienced wake foil riders
10000	1	Private lesson , twintip, strapless or wing surf for all levels. Kite foil or wing foil for experienced wake foil riders
10000	2	Downwind kite session with boat safety, 4 experienced kites maximum, kite gear included, about 6 miles
4000	2	Downwind kite session with boat safety, 4 experienced kites maximum, use all your own kite gear, about 6 miles
7000	3	Snorkeling excursion in tetamanu pass + downwind kite session with your gear, from Hirifa to Tetamanu with boat safety
13000	3	Snorkeling excursion in tetamanu pass + downwind kite session with our gear, from Hirifa to Tetamanu with boat safety
3000	2	Boat safety , request us to look out for you and pick you up at the end of your session, less than 1 mile from the kitespot



Wakeboard / hydrofoil lessons

Price, personal lesson	Hours	Description
6000	30 minutes	All levels, many boards available: twintip kiteboard, finless board, surfboard, supfoil or hydrofoil wakesurf

10000	1 hour	You may try multiple boards in the same session.
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Kite gear rental		
Price	Time	Description
2000	8h-sunset	Kite board rental, twintip or strapless. Foilboards are not available for rental.
1000	8h-sunset	Kite harness rental, seat harness or waist harnesses available in all sizes
8000	2 hour session	Kite gear rental, includes boat safety, for experienced kites: kite, bar, harness, board, helmet, life jacket. +2000 for downwind session
Pick up rental gear at our boat starting at 8h in the morning, and drop it off before sunset.		
You are responsible for paying for repairs of any loss of or damages made to the gear during the rental time		



5x Kitesurf lesson package

Purchase before or on the same day as your first lesson

Valid for one person from April to October, 2020

Price per person	Lessons	
55000	5x 2 hr	2 students per instructor, kite gear included, all levels
45000	5x 2hr	2 students per instructor, use all your own kite gear, all levels



Weight minimum 25 kilos (55 lbs), lessons are the same price for all ages

Package discounts see 'kite lesson packages' for information

Kite gear includes: kite, bar, harness, board, helmet, life jacket. Bring your own sunglasses with cord attached and sunscreen.

Wetsuits are not required but highly recommended, especially for beginners. We have many wetsuits from XS to XL that you may use

GoPro bring your own waterproof camera and we will film you during your lesson or downwind session!

Weather dependent at the discretion of the instructor, because we only give high quality lessons

Tandem kitesurf

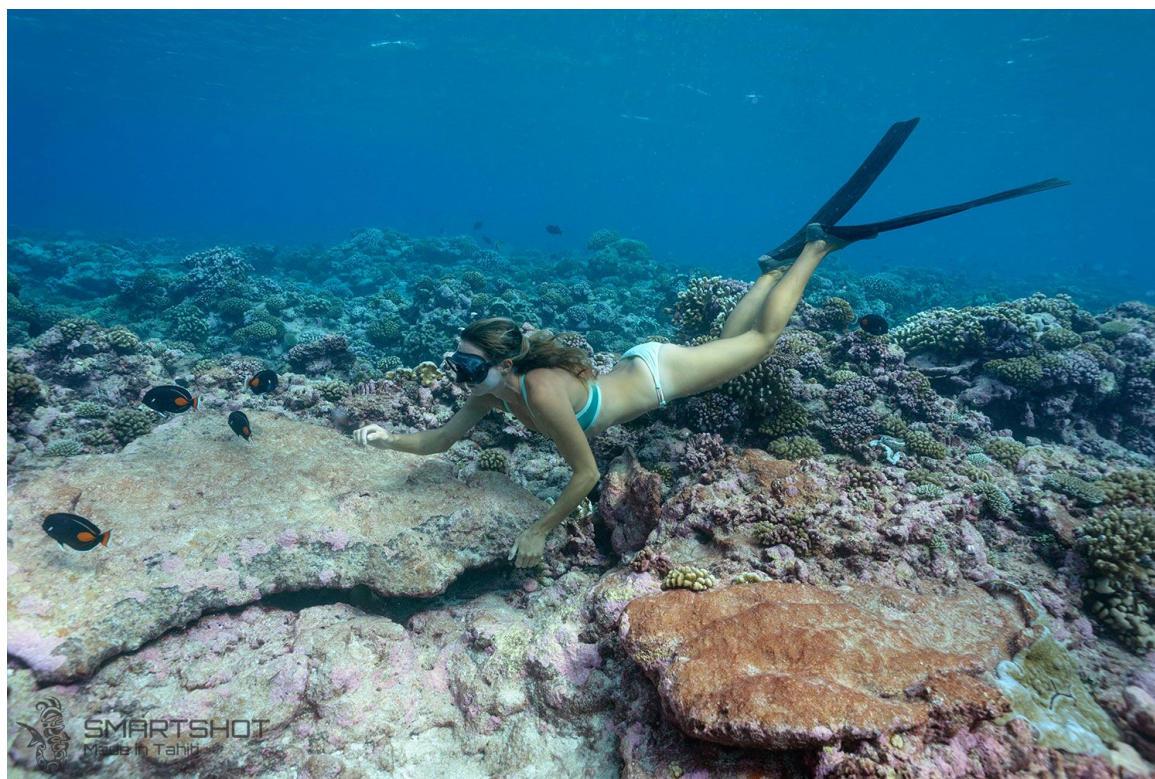
Adrien has fun sharing kitesurf with everyone, even the little ones!



Snorkeling / Freediving / Spearfishing Excursion

2 hours, 6000 xpf for 1 or 2 people, 3000 for each additional guest, up to 6 in total.

We will guide you in our large dinghy to Tetamanu pass or another excellent location. You may request to watch us spearfishing, and bring your own materials if you have spearfishing experience. Or perhaps you prefer a calm snorkeling spot with countless colorful fish and vibrant coral. Weather depending, we will pick the best location for your chosen activity together. We are happy to show you our fish book to explain which fish are safe to eat at our location, to conservatively avoid getting ciguatera poisoning.



Freediving / Spearfishing lessons

2 hours per lesson, 12000 xpf for 1 or 2 people, 6000 xpf for each additional person. Up to 4 people in total for lesson 1, and up to 2 people at a time for lessons 2 or 3. All levels welcome, ages 10 and up. Ask us about how we can creatively adapt lessons for people with disabilities or physical challenges.



Lesson 1:

Stretching, breathing and relaxation techniques for static apnea

We start on the beach, yoga mats are provided, bring your own towel and water bottle for the first 90 minutes of exercises to release tension and create space, especially in the core, neck and shoulders, increasing your potential lung capacity. Learn to understand and control your emotional responses to rising carbon dioxide and lack of oxygen. Practice breathe-up techniques to saturate your blood with oxygen and meditation techniques to relax your mind before you take a huge three-step inhale and hold your breath as we time you. Learn how to safely practice apnea with a buddy. Bring your mask, snorkel and wetsuit for the second part, to be as warm, buoyant and comfortable as possible for your breath hold in the water. We have wetsuits and masks that you may use. Wetsuit highly recommended.

Lesson 2:

Dynamic apnea / freediving

We begin out of the water by discussing how to avoid the potential dangers of freediving and how to respond if an accident occurs. We practice different ways to equalize your sinuses and ways to avoid ear injuries. Then, in the water, we use a technique to help recover your dive buddy from a simulated shallow water black out. We practice efficient body position and movement during your duck dive and hydrodynamic finning as you dive down a few meters. Depending on your comfort level and experience, we may go deeper for a breath hold at the bottom to train for spearfishing, or we may stay at three to five meters. We dive in a buddy system next to a vertical line with a weight at the bottom. You need a water bottle, wetsuit, weight belt, fins (ideally long fins), mask and snorkel. We have some sizes of long fins, and other diving materials that you may use.

Lesson 3:

Freediving or Spearfishing

You are picked up in a large dinghy to go on an adventure to an ideal location for freediving or spearfishing, appropriately adapted to your level and the weather conditions. Put together the techniques learned in lessons 1 and 2 with personalized coaching to safely work towards your underwater goals and enjoy the adventure. Let's get some fish!







Are the sharks dangerous? How about while spearfishing?

No, in brief. The sharks here are not interested in you at all, unless if you are spearfishing in a careless manor. If you are out spearfishing and you see some sharks nearby it is better to wait to spear a fish until the sharks clear out of sight for several minutes at least, or better yet, go to a different fishing spot. Ideally, spear the fish in the head so you will kill it or knock it out, then it will not vibrate and likely not immediately attract sharks. Then calmly swim towards the fish at the end of your spear, hold the fish in your hand near your body in a hydrodynamic position, controlling the fish that could come to its conscious again, and swim to the surface. This is easier to show you in the water than to explain.

Sharks are intimidated by the presence of multiple people in the water. If your dive buddy spears a fish and there are sharks present, swim towards your buddy and be available to assist in bringing the fish to the surface. If a shark swims towards you in the water, he is probably just curious, coming over to check you out, not to bite you. Look at the shark and slowly, confidently, swim towards it, or maintain a vertical body position to show it how big you are, and don't be scared. If the shark approaches your personal space or comes close to your speared fish, then give it a little push on the top of its 'nose' with your unloaded speargun or hand, reef sharks do not like you to touch them there, near their sensitive vibration sensors, and it will turn around. Never spear a shark.

Look at the picture below, this is just after we finished cleaning some fish off the back of the boat at anchor and the sharks came by to eat the guts. There are some nice looking fish to spear but it would be careless to spear them with this many sharks around. However, it is a fun time to

go snorkeling without a speargun, the sharks are not interested in you and they are beautiful to watch.



Sharks next to Tetamanu pass:



Sailing Pizza and Eureka

Depending on the weather and plans, we might go sailing while you are on board. We love to share this experience with you but it is not possible every week. We prioritize kite lessons and if there are kite lesson clients and nice wind at Hirifa then we will most likely stay at Hirifa to teach and to kite ourselves. Hirifa is an amazing spot; everyone loves it...

We like to play while sailing by jumping off the side of the boat and grabbing onto a floating line trailing behind the boat, then climb back up the line and onto the boat. Or by foil boarding behind the boat. An expert level foil board rider can hold onto a long line from the top of the mast while the boat tows them on foil!











Photography

We look forward to making gorgeous images with you and sharing them with you at the end of your visit.