

## FAQ CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND STAY IN *THE ISLANDS OF TAHITI*

### Prior to departure:

- **INSURANCE : What type of insurance should I have ?** You should have a travel insurance covering Covid-19 medical expenses **OR** personally assume all expenses related to cost of care including hospitalization, confinement, or repatriation, should the visitor fall ill during their stay
- **TEST : Do I need to provide a medical certificate if I already have a compulsory Covid Test result?** No, you only need to present a negative result to the SARS-CoV-2 virus genome test (e.g. the SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test) to the airline staff upon check-in prior to boarding the flight to French Polynesia
- **TEST : Is there any other type of certification that I can provide if I cannot find a health facility guaranteeing results within 3 days ?** If you can not provide a SARS-CoV-2 virus genome test (e.g. the SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test) less than 72h prior to the flight, you have the possibility to provide a negative antigen test allowing for the detection of the "N" protein of the SARS COV-19, carried out less than 48 hours prior to the flight to French Polynesia.
- **TEST : Does a child need a Covid test to travel to *The Islands of Tahiti*?** All travelers aged of 11 years and older must provide:
  - proof of a negative RT-PCR test (any RT-PCR test listed on this FDA [site](#) is allowed) carried out less than 72h prior to their international air departure. *Ex: If the flight departs on a Monday at 11pm, the passenger needs to take the test the preceding Friday.*
  - or proof of a negative antigen test allowing for the detection of the "N" protein of the SARS COV-19, carried out less than 48 hours prior to the flight to French Polynesia.
- **RESERVATION / CHANGE / CANCELLATION POLICY : What if I test positive prior to departure : will the industry partners offer flexible cancellations conditions? Is there a common policy on cancellation?** Yes, *Tahiti Tourisme* set up a common policy with most of the local partners offering greater flexibility in terms of reservation, postponement or cancellation conditions to potential travelers. For any new reservation made between May 1st, 2020 and October 31th, 2021 concerning a stay in French Polynesia between July 15th, 2020 and December 31th, 2021, modifications and cancellations can be done without penalty; in case of cancellation, prepayments may be refunded within 12 months from the initial date of stay at the latest.

- **ETIS SANITARY FORM : Is it possible to download the sanitary entry form before the departure?** The Sanitary entry form is filled online on the dedicated digital platform [www.etis.pf](http://www.etis.pf) [Electronic Travel Information System] which is available since the sanitary crisis. Once completed a receipt will be issued in return. This receipt must be presented upon check-in at the airline company together with the test results to be able to board the flight to French Polynesia. It is preferable to present a printed copy of this receipt for faster process upon arrival but a digital file (tablet, cell phone) is acceptable as long as it can be presented also upon arrival.
- **ETIS SANITARY FORM : Is there a fee for the sanitary form?** The Sanitary entry form is free of charge.
- **BOARDING AUTHORIZATION: When will I receive my boarding authorization?**  
At the latest 2 days prior to departure, the traveler who will have filled all the entry formalities on the platform [www.etis.pf](http://www.etis.pf), will receive his boarding authorization by email.
- **CHILDREN: Is my unvaccinated child under 18 years old subject to quarantine?**  
Unvaccinated children under 18 years of age traveling with a parent or legal guardian who is :
  - vaccinated: no quarantine - 2 self-tests (given upon arrival) to be performed (from 6 years old) at D+4 and D+8 to be given to their accommodation or to a dedicated center
  - unvaccinated: mandatory 10-day quarantine in the company of the legal representative in Tahiti only and 2 RT-PCR tests (from 11 years old) on D+4 and D+8 to be performed at the Institut Louis Malardé (ILM).Unvaccinated children under 18 years of age traveling alone: mandatory 10-day quarantine in Tahiti with the legal representative only and 2 RT-PCR tests (from 11 years of age) at D+4 and D+8 to be performed at the Institut Louis Malardé (ILM).

## Upon arrival During the stay :

- **TEST ON ARRIVAL (D0): What type of test is it?**  
Upon arrival in Tahiti, all travelers over 6 years of age will have to undergo an antigenic test. If the test is negative, free circulation. If the test is positive, travelers will be quarantined for 10 days at their own expense.
- **TEST: Are the tests realized upon arrival and during the stay free of charge?**  
The health protocol process on arrival including the Tests will be at travelers' expense as soon as the payment plan will be implemented by the Government.  
The package costs will be:
  - 5 000XPF for each vaccinated traveler
  - 12 000XPF for all other travelersFor the moment, this is not charged to travelers yet and we will make sure to communicate when it will be effective.
- **SELF TEST : How will I obtain my Covid-19 Self testing Kit ?** All children under 18 years old (included unvaccinated children from 6 years old traveling with a parent or a legal

guardian who is vaccinated) to French Polynesia will receive an envelope containing the Kit upon disembarking at Tahiti airport with all instructions to perform a self test 4 days and 8 days after their date of arrival.

- **SELF TEST : How can I give my self-test sample to the health authorities ?** Please give it to the hotel reception or guest house owner. If you are not staying in a hotel, the envelope includes a list of sanitary center where you can deposit your sample.
- **SELF TEST : How will I obtain my results ?**  
Only positive tests are identified, therefore, you will not receive any results unless you are tested positive and you will be contacted if this is the case.
- **TEST : Will random tests take place?** as part of health prevention, the Ministry of Health of French Polynesia may carry out some tests on visitors, at the request of a health representative
- **MASK : Will local partners provide masks or should I come with disposable masks for the whole stay?** Wearing the mask is mandatory (from the age of 11 years old). Most chemists around the islands sell disposable masks but it is recommended to use reusable masks during your stay (plenty of seamstresses sell reusable mask in town, in Tahiti).
- **MEDICAL EXPENSES : If I become sick and have to be taken into quarantine, who will pay for this specific part of the stay?** A traveler personally assumes ALL expenses related to the cost of care including hospitalization, confinement, or repatriation.
- **AIR TAHITI : Will Air Tahiti add flight?** You can find the current flight schedule on the official website of [Air Tahiti](#)
- **TEST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE : Where can I get a COVID-test ?** Visitors who require a COVID-test prior their departure flight to their home country can go to one of the open collection centers to get tested. Travelers should present their airline ticket to their final destination.

Check [the list of current options](#) for travelers that are required to take a test prior to departure.

- **ANTIGENIC TESTS AT DEPARTURE FROM TAHITI**  
For passengers departing to the United States requiring a negative COVID-19 test prior to boarding, the test center at the Faa'a international airport is reopened. At this stage, the center is open on days when flights to the US are scheduled from 3 PM until 8 PM.

In order to expediate your boarding process for your return flight to the United States, you may also pre-register for your antigen test and avoid a potential wait prior to departure. Two days prior to your return to the United States, you can contact [departure@ilm.pf](mailto:departure@ilm.pf), with your last name, first name, date of birth and your file number obtained upon your arrival in French Polynesia (found on the label affixed to the back of your passport). Full details can be found

[here](#)

- **TEST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE COST : What's the cost of a COVID-test in Tahiti?**  
Price of the test varies between 5 000 XPF and 20 000 XPF per person.
- **VACCINE : Is the RT-PCR test still necessary if I have been vaccinated?**  
Yes, so far, the RT-PCR test is still required whether or not one has been vaccinated.  
The reason is that for the time being, scientifics don't have enough history to be able to confirm when a person that has been vaccinated can be positive again (and contagious).  
After 1 year ? 6 months ? 3 months ? 1 month ? Hence, this position
- **QUARANTINE : Is quarantine mandatory?**  
A 10-day quarantine must be carried out in Tahiti for travelers not vaccinated or not immunized by covid infection arriving in French Polynesia (for travelers who have been vaccinated or immunized by covid infection; vaccination certificate or immunity justification must be provided). This quarantine is carried out according to the chosen accommodation structure, except for travelers returning from medical evacuation and their companion(s), as well as for students residing in French Polynesia.