

Fatu Hiva

QUICK FACTS

Population: 587 (2007)

Language: French, Marquesan

Currency: XPF

Scheduled Docking Location:

Anchored, tender to the pier in the village of Omoa

Shopping: Omoa Village has two small food stores. Handicrafts can be purchased directly from the artists in Omoa Village. Fatu Hiva is the leading producer of tapa (decorated beaten bark cloth) in French Polynesia.

Banks / ATMs: There are no banks on Fatu Hiva, and credit cards are not accepted. Cash: best to have local currency (XPF).

Post Office: In Omoa Village.

Internet/Wi-Fi: Wifi available at the tourism office in Omoa Village, the charge is \$500 xpf per day.

Airport Transportation: There is no airport on Fatu Hiva.

Taxis: No taxis on the island. Private 4x4s with drivers can be arranged via the tourism office. Drivers do not speak English.

Port Agent Contact:

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In case of any emergency while ashore, please contact the above number(s).

WELCOME TO THE MARQUESAS

These islands are wild and remote. Steamy jungles cloak mountains that rise straight out of an indigo ocean. Ancient archaeological sites abound with temples and tikis that inspire sculptors to create traditional wood carvings. Marvel at spectacular cliffs and ravines, tap into your inner anthropologist, stroll ancient royal walkways, and revel at the skyhigh waterfalls.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Omoa Village

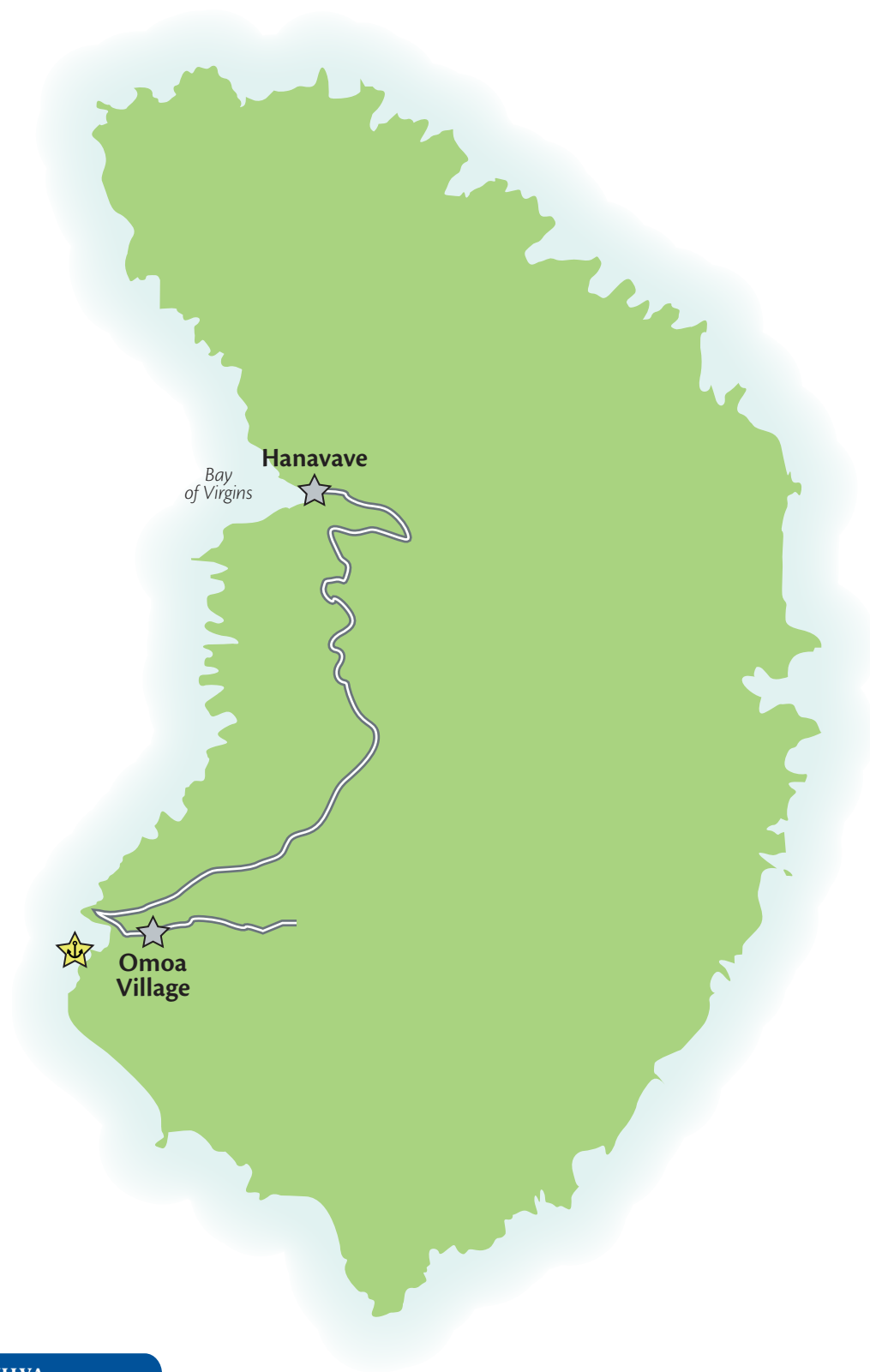
The village of Omoa is the administrative center of Fatu Hiva. Here, you will find a pretty church and the Musée Grelet, a small private museum founded by a 19th-century Swiss immigrant to this island. Exhibits include war clubs and spears, adzes, tikis, stone pestles, and carved-wood koka'a bowls. Fatu Hiva is renowned for its handicrafts, especially tapa (decorated beaten bark cloth). During your stay, you may see artists at work on tapa and other crafts, including hand-painted pareos and monoï, a scented coconut oil.

The area around Omoa Village also features many ancient petroglyphs, or rock art. Among them is one of the largest in the Marquesas: that of the famous paoa, which looks like a huge tuna fish carved into the rock. A guided hike to the petroglyphs is available as an excursion from *The Gauguin*.

Hanavave & the Bay of Virgins

Fatu Hiva's other main settlement, Hanavave, lies on one of the most beautiful bays in the world, the Bay of Virgins, and the ten-mile road linking Hanavave to Omoa Village is a wonderland of scenic delights. Behold towering cliffs, plunging waterfalls, steep gorges and valleys, and luxuriant vegetation along the way. A scenic drive between Omoa Village and Hanavave is available as a shore excursion from *The Gauguin*.

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FATU HIVA, MARQUESAS ISLANDS

— Main Road

★ Points of Interest

★ Pier
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pier in the village of Omoa

Paul Gauguin
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