

# Tahiti



Tahiti, (population 190,000) with its capital city Papeete, is the administrative centre of French Polynesia, an internally autonomous overseas collectivity (actually an overseas country) within the Republic of France. French Polynesia (total population 280,600), which comprises 118 islands and atolls in the central part of the South Pacific, is spread over almost 5 million square kilometres, an area equivalent to that of Europe. Tahiti is the largest of the high islands of the Society archipelago and it is here that the majority of the population resides.

“Metropolitan” or greater Papeete, (population of approximately 140,000) is located on the northwest coast of Tahiti and has the only international airport in the Region.

French and Tahitian are official languages, but English is increasing in use, especially by residents of greater Papeete, due to the influence of tourism.



The Tahiti Squash Federation “Fédération Tahitienne de Squash” is the newest member of the Oceania Squash Federation, formally joining the Federation in 2014 and competing at the 2015 PNG Pacific Games and 12<sup>th</sup> Oceania Championships for the first time.

The Federation is a full member of the World Squash Federation and has close working relationships with the French Squash Federation, using their coaching and refereeing education programs for certifications.

Squash is played at the private Phenix Sports Complex at Punaauia on 4 singles courts constructed in 2011. Squash is a popular sport in Tahiti with over 200 avid regular players, of which over 120 are financial members of the Federation.

They have a vibrant committee who successfully hosted the 2017 Oceania Championships in Papeete. Tahiti will host the 2027 Pacific Games and once again squash will be featured during the Games.

For general information you can contact them at [www.ftsquash.com](http://www.ftsquash.com) or chat on Facebook [www.facebook.com/ftsquash](https://www.facebook.com/ftsquash)

Visitors to Tahiti are most welcome to join the Federation players for a game and should contact the following persons to arrange it:

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