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Tonga

Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Private Yacht Charter Tonga

Region: Pacific

Gateways: VAV - TBU

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TONGA

Overview

Tonga (Pacific) rewards captains who protect swim mornings at Vavau day anchorage and hold tables early at Vavau Harbour Table. Embark via VAV / TBU, berth with intent at Neiafu Harbour, and leave mileage for weather - the working charter view.

Superyacht charter Tonga - embarkation, itinerary and APA bands before contract. Blue Ocean Club brokers Pacific weeks.

AIRPORTS

VAV, TBU

REGION

Pacific

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Tonga week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - Neiafu Harbour, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Neiafu Harbour.
- Coastal cadence: Morning toys at Vavau day anchorage, held lunch, short reposition through Vavau nest, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Vavau Harbour Table and Vavau Beach Club confirmed weeks out.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Tonga, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy at Neiafu Harbour, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Vavau day anchorage - swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Vavau nest

Neiafu embayment classic.

Haapai flats

Whale-season sand and reefs.

Tongatapu

Capital clearance and south coasts.

Northern outliers

Expedition legs only.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Neiafu Harbour

Neiafu Harbour - primary Vavau yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway VAV - Transfer 15-30 min from VAV
- Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Nukualofa yacht access

Nukualofa yacht access - primary Tongatapu yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway TBU - Transfer 20-40 min from TBU - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Haapai yacht access

Haapai yacht access - primary Haapai yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~35 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway VAV - Transfer Passage from Vavau - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Niutoputapu yacht access

Niutoputapu yacht access - primary Niutoputapu yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~30 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway VAV - Transfer Remote north passage - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Tonga Hub Berths

Pillar-retained secondary berthing capacity for Tonga ecosystem maps. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway VAV - Transfer 15-30 min from VAV - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorage

Vavau day anchorage

Protected day-stop captains favour near Neiafu Harbour.

Tonga overnight roadstead

Deeper holding when primary quays are full in Pacific.

Tongatapu lee cove

Weather-aware swim cove on the Tonga circuit.

Haapai quiet hook

Lower-density day-hook for privacy mornings.

Tonga weather alternative

Captain-selected fallback when the primary plan densifies.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Vavau Harbour Table

Vavau

Walk-ashore dining near Neiafu Harbour - book peak weeks ahead.

Tongatapu Shore Kitchen

Tongatapu

Local plates after a day on the water around Tonga.

Tonga Quay Classic

Vavau

Marina-adjacent dining for embarkation nights.

Haapai Waterfront

Haapai

Harbour-view restaurant our captains favour for quay nights.

Niuaatoputapu Concierge Table

Niuaatoputapu

Held table for yacht parties - advance booking in season.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Vavau Beach Club

Vavau

Signature shore stop near Neiafu Harbour - tender access and advance booking in peak weeks.

Tongatapu Day Shore

Tongatapu

Secondary shore lunch when the primary club is dense.

Tonga Sunset Deck

Vavau

End-of-day shore energy before returning aboard.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph VAV / TBU arrivals into Neiafu Harbour transfers.

Helicopter / GA

Private hops from VAV / TBU when Tonga supports coastal helipads or GA strips. VAV corridor TBU corridor

Chauffeur

SUV / S-Class briefed on Neiafu Harbour gates - timed to embarkation. To Neiafu Harbour (15-30 min from VAV) To Nukualofa yacht access (20-40 min from TBU)

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - TONGA

VAT & APA - Tonga short version.

On a Tonga charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

VAT / tax

Tonga cruising permits and whale-season rules - confirm APA and cyclone windows. Confirm commercial charter tax treatment and APA with the broker before deposit.

APA

For Tonga in high season, budget APA at roughly 25-35% of base fee covering fuel, berths, permits and held tables - confirm against LOA and itinerary.

What we send PAs

A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Vavau

Vavau is a core Tonga charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Neiafu Harbour - Day-anchor: Vavau day anchorage - Table: Vavau Harbour Table

Tongatapu

Tongatapu is a core Tonga charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Nukualofa yacht access - Day-anchor: Tonga overnight roadstead - Table: Tongatapu Shore Kitchen

Haapai

Haapai is a core Tonga charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Haapai yacht access - Day-anchor: Tongatapu lee cove - Table: Tonga Quay Classic

Niutoputapu

Niutoputapu is a core Tonga charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Niutoputapu yacht access - Day-anchor: Haapai quiet hook - Table: Haapai Waterfront

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Child destinations

- Vavau - Crewed yacht charter in Vavau - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Tonga.
- Tongatapu - Crewed yacht charter in Tongatapu - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Tonga.
- Haapai - Crewed yacht charter in Haapai - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Tonga.
- Niutoputapu - Crewed yacht charter in Niutoputapu - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Tonga.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

What does it cost to charter a yacht in Tonga?

How much to charter a yacht in Tonga: we quote live fleet against your dates, then layer APA guidance and Neiafu Harbour berth strategy. Ranges are indicative until the yacht and week are locked.

Which marina should we embark from in Tonga?

Boarding for Tonga is typically coordinated around Neiafu Harbour; captains confirm approach and tender logistics before wheels-down.

Can you charter a superyacht in Tonga?

Private superyacht charter in Tonga works when the harbour can take the LOA - otherwise we embark nearby and tender in for shore nights.

Can you arrange airport transfers into Tonga?

Yes - chauffeur and helicopter where available from VAV / TBU, timed to the embarkation slot at Neiafu Harbour.

How does a Tonga week use Vavau nest?

Vavau nest is a core Tonga cruising pocket - we sequence marina nights and day-anchors so the week feels unhurried. Tonga is planned as a full cruising ecosystem with embarkation, berths and day-anchors sequenced together.

When is the best time for yacht charter in Tonga?

Tonga rewards advance berth holds in high season. Shoulder weeks keep the same swimming mornings with less quay pressure.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Neiafu Harbour

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Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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