

Cruising Notes for Tonga's Vava'u Islands

A typical 10-day charter Itinerary

Day 1: Vava'u to Kapa Island

Orientation, chart briefing and checkout of your yacht. Sail to Port Maurelle on Kapa Island.

Day 2: Kapa Island to Fale Vai

Snorkel the north side of Ava Island. Sail to Nuku and anchor off Fale Vai.

Day 3: Fale Vai to Hunga

Sail out the Faihava Pass to Hunga, where the fishing is excellent (with your own gear). Anchor in Hunga Lagoon.

Day 4: Hunga to Vaka'eitu

Enjoy a short sail to Foeata for snorkelling. Sail to Vaka'eitu for the night.

Day 5: Day trip to Luahaipu

Sail south for a day trip to Luaa Fuleheu or Luahaipu, both beautiful and uninhabited. Sail back to Vaka'eitu and snorkel the reef.

Day 6: Vaka'eitu to Hinakawea

Beach Sail to Euaiki and then on to Hinakawea Beach for a Polynesian feast and traditional Tongan dance.

Day 7: Hinakawea Beach to Kenutu

Sail to remote Maninita for lunch and snorkelling. After lunch, head north to Kenutu and anchor overnight.

Day 8: Kenutu to Taunga

Leave early for Fanua Tapu Pass. Anchor on the north side of Taunga and snorkel the reefs of Tauta.

Day 9: Taunga to Olo'ua

Sail carefully through the reefs to visit Mafana and Olo'ua.

Day 10: Olo'ua to Kapa Island

Sail around Taunga for snorkelling between Ngau and Pau. Sail for Nuapapa and Mariners Cave, then on to Swallows Cave on Kapa.

Final Morning: Kapa Island to Neiafu

Return to Port of Refuge Harbour to check out before noon.