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Tahiti

SOCIETY ISLANDS - TUAMOTU ISLANDS - GAMBIER ISLANDS - MARQUESAS ISLANDS - AUSTRAL ISLANDS



Two volcanoes emerging from an emerald sea gave birth to the myth of paradise known today as the largest of the Polynesian islands with an area of 1,042 sq km (651 sq mi): steep cloud-draped mountains, deep verdant valleys, luxuriant ferns, swift, invigorating rivers and black sand beaches await you

the Te Pari towards the petroglyphs of Vaiote and the drums of the god Hono Ura.

Papenoo's waves, dear to surfers, mingle with the cold Papenoo river waters and the black sand of the beach. With just one look, the wonderful Matavai Bay allows visitors to embrace by just one look the shiny relief emerging from the immensity of Pacific Ocean.

More than just an international point of arrival for the other fabulous nearby islands, Papeete, the capital of Tahiti, offers visitors numerous treasures: the colorful market, art and history museums, botanical and flower gardens, animated nightlife and cultural exhibitions such as the traditional "Heiva" which provides a lively change of scenery full of folklore, dancing, singing, colors and fragrances.

on this "island of love" of nearly untouched relief.

While Tahiti Nui, the big island, offers numerous excursion possibilities, Tahiti Iti, her discrete little sister, overflows with innumerable treasures surrounded by an aura of legend.

These treasures can be discovered as you follow the narrow, shaded pathways which wind between the seashore and the forests of "mape" (Polynesian chestnut trees) through

Selling tips

A rich natural heritage: impressive and accessible waterfalls; new and mysterious natural sites; splendid skylines.

A modern and diversified air, land and marine travel network.

Unique events, entertainment and shows not to be missed.

Nature, the cradle of our historical and cultural inheritance: historic, sacred and religious sites swathed in legend; many museums all around the island.

Tahiti's diverse styles of cuisine: special theme-based buffets are offered by hotels and resorts, including the famous ahima'a (traditional Tahitian earth-dug oven feast) accompanied by a colorful dance show. Polynesian, French, Chinese and Italian cuisine, as well as snack bars and late night food kiosks complete the scene.

Terrestrial and underwater treasures: evocative lagoon, intact barrier reef, enchanting tropical gardens and spectacular surfing spots.

Service-oriented and committed tourist industry professionals: attentive to your needs so that your clients have an unforgettable and enjoyable trip.

A broad range of activities: hiking and horseback excursions; safaris to the heart of the island; waterfall and canyon adventures, trips out on the lagoon, underwater explorations, guided tours of cultural sites, museums and marae. Many professionally conducted tours to discover the secrets of the old gods and the traditions of the Ma'ohi people.

Health: 2 hospitals, 2 private clinics, 12 dispensaries, 1 infirmary.

A large choice of affordable, quality accommodation: cultural and beach stays; air-conditioned rooms modernized; family "pensions" (or homestays); overwater bungalows and floating hotels. Rated from "high comfort" to "super luxury class". Conferences and seminar facilities are also available.

Banks: "Banque de Polynésie" (18 branches), "Banque Socredo" (13 branches), "Banque de Tahiti" (11 branches).

Other Polynesian name: Otahiti - **Name given by discoverers:** New Cythere (Bougainville) - **Location:** Society Archipelago - **Surface:** 651 square miles
Highest peak: Orohena (6790 feet) - **Population:** 169,624 - **Agriculture:** coconuts, bananas, taro, breadfruit...

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Tahiti hotels

PACIFIC KON TIKI
 IA ORANA VILLA
 INTERCONTINENTAL RESORT TAHITI

HOTEL FACILITIES			
Baby-sitting	†	†	†
Tahitian feast	†	†	†
Bar(s)	2	1	3
Laundry	†	†	†
Boutiques	0	1	2
Excursion desk	†	†	†
Change	†	†	†
Business center (Fax, Internet)	†	†	†
Wedding ceremony	†	†	†
Tennis court	†	†	†
Disabled facilities	†	†	†
Jacuzzi	†	†	†
Car/Scooter desk	†	†	†
Night club	†	†	†
Swimming pool	0	1	2
Helipad	†	†	†
Restaurant(s)	0	1	2
Room service	†	†	†
Snack	1	1	1
SPA	†	†	†
Dance show	†	†	†
Airport/Hotel transfers	†	†	†
Trio/Local Music	†	†	†
TV	†	†	†
ROOM FACILITIES			
Internet access	†	†	†
Bath	†	†	†
Ceiling fan	†	†	†
Air-conditioning	†	†	†
Safe	†	†	†
Shower	†	†	†
DVD/Video	†	†	†
Tea & coffee facilities	†	†	†
Disabled facilities	†	†	†
Mini-bar	†	†	†
Radio/CD	†	†	†
Fridge	†	†	†
Hairdryer	†	†	†
Glass bottom table	†	†	†
Telephone	†	†	†
TV	†	†	†
ACTIVITIES & EQUIPMENT			
Aquagym	†	†	†
Sunset cruise	†	†	†
Cultural activities	†	†	†
Horseback	†	†	†
Dolphin excursion	†	†	†
Whale excursion (seasonal)	†	†	†
Jet ski	†	†	†
Kayaks	†	†	†
Snorkelling	†	†	†
Parasailing	†	†	†
Deep sea fishing	†	†	†
Pedal boats	†	†	†
Petanque	†	†	†
Outrigger canoe	†	†	†
Scuba diving	†	†	†
Quad ATV	†	†	†
Hiking	†	†	†
Tennis racquets	†	†	†
Shark feeding	†	†	†
4WD Safari	†	†	†
Water skiing	†	†	†
Island tour (bus)	†	†	†
Helicopter tour	†	†	†
Bicycles	†	†	†
Volley Ball	†	†	†



HOTEL PACIFIC KON TIKI
 271 Pomare Boulevard, Papeete
 Mr. Jacques VANFAU - B.P. 111 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
 Tel: (689) 54.16.16 / Fax: (689) 42.11.66
 kontiki@mail.pf

Total capacity of 36 units:

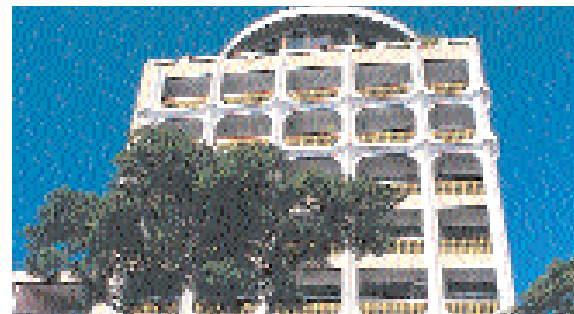
- 16 Rooms
- 20 Oceanview rooms

Electricity: 220V

Distance between the hotel and:

- the airport: 5,5 km
- the ferry quay: 100 m

Cards: Amex, MasterCard, Visa



IA ORANA VILLA
 PK 10,8 Punaauia
 Mr. Hiro BAMBRIDGE - B.P. 380853 - 98717 Moana Nui - Tahiti
 Tel: (689) 54.49.11 / Fax: (689) 54.49.14
 iaoranavilla@mail.pf

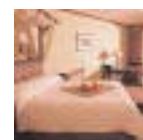
Total capacity of 49 units:

- 21 Seaside air-conditioned bungalows
- 4 "Deluxe" air-conditioned rooms
- 6 Standard oceanside rooms without air-conditioning
- 15 Standard mountainside rooms without air-conditioning
- 3 Mountainside junior suites

Electricity: 220V

Distance between the hotel and:

- the airport: 5 km
- the ferry quay: 10,5 km



INTERCONTINENTAL RESORT TAHITI
 Tata'a Point, PK 7,5 Faa'a - Mr. Jean-Marc MOCELLIN - B.P. 6014 - 98702 Faa'a - Tahiti
 Tel: (689) 86.51.10 / Res: Individual (689) 86.51.78 / Group (689) 86.51.77 / Dir: (689) 86.51.15
 Fax: (689) 86.51.30 / Fax Res: Individual & Group (689) 86.51.28 / Fax Dir: (689) 86.51.45
 tahiti@interconti.com / reservationspf@interconti.com / groupreservationspf@interconti.com
 www.tahiti.interconti.com

Total capacity of 263 units:

- 17 Overwater bungalows
- 15 "Deluxe" overwater bungalows
- 60 Panoramic rooms
- 78 Gardenview rooms
- 92 Lagoonview rooms
- 1 Presidential suite

Conferences and seminars: see page 35

Dive center-Aquatica Dive Center:
 dive@aquatica-dive.com / aquatica@mail.pf

Electricity: 110V (only for the shavers) / 220V

Distance between the hotel and:

- the airport: 2 km
- the ferry quay: 7 km

Cards: Amex, MasterCard, Visa



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Tahiti hotels

LE MANDARIN NOA NOA
 LE MERIDIEN TAHITI
 LE ROYAL TAHITIEN

HOTEL FACILITIES			
Baby-sitting	†	†	†
Tahitian feast	†	†	†
Bar(s)	1	2	1
Laundry	†	†	†
Boutiques	0	2	0
Excursion desk	†	†	†
Change	†	†	†
Business center (Fax, Internet)	†	†	†
Wedding ceremony	†	†	†
Tennis court	†	†	†
Disabled facilities	†	†	†
Jacuzzi	†	†	†
Car/Scooter desk	†	†	†
Night club	†	†	†
Swimming pool	0	1	1
Helipad	†	†	†
Restaurant(s)	2	2	1
Room service	†	†	†
Snack	1	1	1
SPA	†	†	†
Dance show	†	†	†
Airport/Hotel transfers	†	†	†
Trio/Local Music	†	†	†
TV	†	†	†
ROOM FACILITIES			
Internet access	†	†	†
Bath	†	†	†
Ceiling fan	†	†	†
Air-conditioning	†	†	†
Safe	†	†	†
Shower	†	†	†
DVD/Video	†	†	†
Tea & coffee facilities	†	†	†
Disabled facilities	†	†	†
Mini-bar	†	†	†
Radio/CD	†	†	†
Fridge	†	†	†
Hairdryer	†	†	†
Glass bottom table	†	†	†
Telephone	†	†	†
TV	†	†	†
ACTIVITIES & EQUIPMENT			
Aquagym	†	†	†
Sunset cruise	†	†	†
Cultural activities	†	†	†
Horseback	†	†	†
Dolphin excursion	†	†	†
Whale excursion (seasonal)	†	†	†
Jet ski	†	†	†
Kayaks	†	†	†
Snorkelling	†	†	†
Parasailing	†	†	†
Deep sea fishing	†	†	†
Pedal boats	†	†	†
Petanque	†	†	†
Outrigger canoe	†	†	†
Scuba diving	†	†	†
Quad ATV	†	†	†
Hiking	†	†	†
Tennis racquets	†	†	†
Shark feeding	†	†	†
4WD Safari	†	†	†
Water skiing	†	†	†
Island tour (bus)	†	†	†
Helicopter tour	†	†	†
Bicycles	†	†	†
Volley Ball	†	†	†



LE MANDARIN NOA NOA
 Downtown Papeete, 51 Colette Street
 Mr. Christophe BEAUMONT - B.P. 302 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
 Tel: (689) 50.33.50 / Fax: (689) 42.16.32
 chris.beaumont@mail.pf / www.hotellmandarin.com

Total capacity of 37 units:

- 32 Standard rooms
- 5 Mini suites

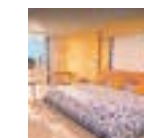
Conferences and seminars: see page 35

Electricity: 110V (only for the shavers) / 220V

Distance between the hotel and:

- the airport: 4 km
- the ferry quay: 500 m

Cards: Amex, Diners, MasterCard, Visa, JCB



LE MERIDIEN TAHITI
 PK 15 Punaauia, seaside - Mr. Dominique MICHAUD
 B.P. 380595 - 98718 Tamanu Punaauia - Tahiti
 Tel: (689) 47.07.07 / Res: (689) 47.07.29 / Fax: (689) 47.07.08 / Fax Res: (689) 47.07.28
 ventes@lemeridien-tahiti.pf / rez@lemeridien-tahiti.pf / reservations@lemeridien-tahiti.pf
 www.lemeridien.com / tahiti.lemeridien.com

Total capacity of 150 units:

- 12 Overwater bungalows
- 130 Lagoonview rooms
- 5 Junior suites
- 1 Overwater suite
- 2 Senior suites

Conferences and seminars: see page 35

Electricity: 110V (only for the shavers) / 220V

Distance between the hotel and:

- the airport: 10 km
- the ferry quay: 15 km

Cards: Amex, MasterCard, Visa, JCB



LE ROYAL TAHITIEN
 Pirae, seaside
 Mr. Lionel KENNEDY - B.P. 5001 - 98716 Pirae - Tahiti
 Tel: (689) 50.40.40 / Fax: (689) 50.40.41
 royalres@mail.pf

Total capacity of 40 units:

- 40 Rooms

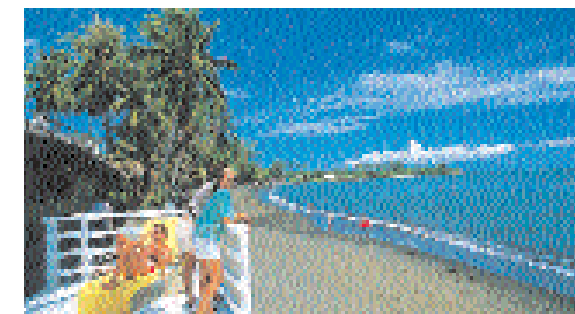
Electricity: 110V / 220V / 230V

Distance between the hotel and:

- the airport: 8 km
- the ferry quay: 3 km

Cards: Amex, Diners, MasterCard, Visa, JCB

Tropical garden: 3 hectares



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Tahiti hotels

PRINCE HINOÏ NOA NOA
 RADISSON PLAZA RESORT TAHITI
 SHERATON HOTEL TAHITI

HOTEL FACILITIES	PRINCE HINOÏ NOA NOA	RADISSON PLAZA RESORT TAHITI	SHERATON HOTEL TAHITI
Baby-sitting	✈	✈	§
Tahitian feast	✈	✈	§
Bar(s)	1	2	1
Laundry	✈	§	§
Boutiques	0	2	1
Excursion desk	✈	✈	✈
Change	✈	✈	✈
Business center (Fax, Internet)	§	✈	✈
Wedding ceremony	✈	✈	✈
Tennis court	✈	✈	✈
Disabled facilities	✈	✈	✈
Jacuzzi	✈	✈	✈
Car/Scooter desk	✈	✈	✈
Night club	✈	✈	✈
Swimming pool	1	1	1
Helipad	✈	✈	✈
Restaurant(s)	1	1	2
Room service	✈	✈	✈
Snack	1	1	1
SPA	✈	✈	✈
Dance show	✈	§	§
Airport/Hotel transfers	✈	✈	✈
Trio/Local Music	✈	✈	✈
TV	✈	✈	✈
ROOM FACILITIES			
Internet access	✈	§	§
Bath	✈	✈	✈
Ceiling fan	✈	✈	✈
Air-conditioning	✈	✈	✈
Safe	✈	✈	✈
Shower	✈	✈	✈
DVD/Video	✈	✈	✈
Tea & coffee facilities	✈	✈	✈
Disabled facilities	✈	✈	✈
Mini-bar	✈	§	✈
Radio/CD	✈	✈	✈
Fridge	✈	✈	✈
Hairdryer	✈	✈	✈
Glass bottom table	✈	✈	✈
Telephone	✈	✈	§
TV	✈	✈	✈
ACTIVITIES & EQUIPMENT			
Aquagym	✈	✈	✈
Sunset cruise	✈	§	✈
Cultural activities	✈	✈	✈
Horseback	✈	✈	§
Dolphin excursion	✈	§	§
Whale excursion (seasonal)	✈	§	§
Jet ski	✈	§	✈
Kayaks	✈	§	✈
Snorkelling	✈	✈	✈
Parasailing	✈	✈	✈
Deep sea fishing	✈	§	✈
Pedal boats	✈	✈	✈
Petanque	✈	✈	✈
Outrigger canoe	✈	✈	✈
Scuba diving	✈	§	§
Quad ATV	✈	§	✈
Hiking	✈	§	✈
Tennis racquets	✈	✈	✈
Shark feeding	✈	✈	✈
4WD Safari	✈	§	✈
Water skiing	✈	§	✈
Island tour (bus)	✈	§	✈
Helicopter tour	✈	§	✈
Bicycles	✈	✈	✈
Volley Ball	✈	✈	✈



PRINCE HINOÏ NOA NOA

Downtown Papeete
 Mr. Jean-Louis JARRY - B.P. 4545 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
 Tel: (689) 42.32.77 / Fax: (689) 42.33.66
hotelprincehinoi@mail.pf / www.hotel-princehinoi.com

Total capacity of 72 units:

- 72 Standard rooms
- Electricity:** 110V / 220V
- Distance between the hotel and:**
- the airport: 5 km
- the ferry quay: 200 m
- Cards:** Amex, Diners, MasterCard, Visa

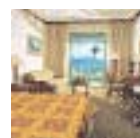


RADISSON PLAZA RESORT TAHITI

PK 7 Arue, Lafayette Beach
 Mr. Philippe GUITTON - B.P. 14170 - 98701 Arue - Tahiti
 Tel: (689) 48.88.01 / Fax: (689) 48.88.93
sales-tahiti@radisson.com / www.radisson.com/aruefrp

Total capacity of 165 units:

- 32 Oceanview rooms with jacuzzi
- 54 Oceanview rooms
- 26 Oceanview duplex suites
- 53 Oceanview suites
- Conferences and seminars:** see page 35
- Electricity:** 220V
- Distance between the hotel and:**
- the airport: 12 km
- the ferry quay: 7 km
- Cards:** Amex, Diners, MasterCard, Visa, JCB

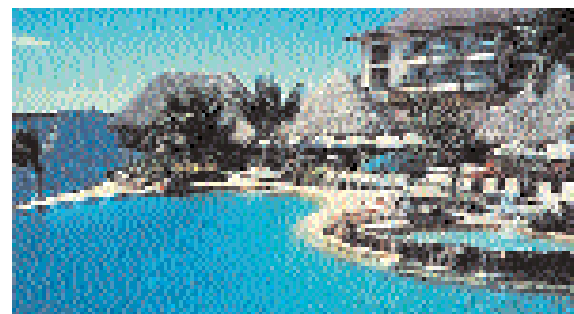


SHERATON HOTEL TAHITI

PK 2 Auae, Faa'a
 Mr. Gilles FRAISSANGE - B.P. 416 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
 Tel: (689) 86.48.48 / Fax: (689) 86.48.40
reservations.tahiti@sheraton.pf / www.starwoodtahiti.com

Total capacity of 200 units:

- 190 Lagoonview rooms
- 10 Suites
- Conferences and seminars:** see page 35
- Dive center Top Dive Tahiti:**
topdivetahiti@mail.pf
- Electricity:** 110V / 220V / 230V
- Distance between the hotel and:**
- the airport: 4,5 km
- the ferry quay: 1,5 km
- Cards:** Amex, Diners, MasterCard, Visa, JCB



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Tahiti hotels

SOFTEL MAEVA BEACH
 TIARE TAHITI NOA NOA

HOTEL FACILITIES	SOFTEL MAEVA BEACH	TIARE TAHITI NOA NOA
Baby-sitting	✈	✈
Tahitian feast	✈	✈
Bar(s)	1	0
Laundry	§	✈
Boutiques	2	0
Excursion desk	✈	✈
Change	✈	✈
Business center (Fax, Internet)	✈	✈
Wedding ceremony	✈	✈
Tennis court	✈	✈
Disabled facilities	✈	✈
Jacuzzi	✈	✈
Car/Scooter desk	§	✈
Night club	✈	✈
Swimming pool	1	0
Helipad	✈	✈
Restaurant(s)	2	1
Room service	✈	✈
Snack	1	1
SPA	✈	✈
Dance show	✈	✈
Airport/Hotel transfers	✈	✈
Trio/Local Music	✈	✈
TV	✈	✈
ROOM FACILITIES		
Internet access	§	✈
Bath	✈	✈
Ceiling fan	✈	✈
Air-conditioning	✈	✈
Safe	✈	✈
Shower	✈	✈
DVD/Video	✈	✈
Tea & coffee facilities	✈	✈
Disabled facilities	✈	✈
Mini-bar	✈	✈
Radio/CD	✈	✈
Fridge	✈	✈
Hairdryer	✈	✈
Glass bottom table	✈	✈
Telephone	✈	✈
TV	✈	✈
ACTIVITIES & EQUIPMENT		
Aquagym	✈	✈
Sunset cruise	✈	✈
Cultural activities	✈	✈
Horseback	✈	✈
Dolphin excursion	✈	✈
Whale excursion (seasonal)	✈	✈
Jet ski	§	✈
Kayaks	✈	✈
Snorkelling	✈	✈
Parasailing	§	✈
Deep sea fishing	§	✈
Pedal boats	✈	✈
Petanque	✈	✈
Outrigger canoe	✈	✈
Scuba diving	§	✈
Quad ATV	§	✈
Hiking	✈	✈
Tennis racquets	✈	✈
Shark feeding	✈	✈
4WD Safari	§	✈
Water skiing	§	✈
Island tour (bus)	§	✈
Helicopter tour	§	✈
Bicycles	✈	✈
Volley Ball	✈	✈



SOFITEL MAEVA BEACH

Punaauia, seaside
 Mr. Alain BLONDEAU - B.P. 60008 - 98702 Faa'a - Tahiti
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H0547@accor.com / reservation.tahiti@accor.com / www.accor.com / www.sofitel.com

Total capacity of 216 units:

- 13 Panoramic rooms
- 104 Lagoonview rooms
- 97 Mountainview rooms
- 2 Suites
- Conferences and seminars:** see page 35
- Electricity:** 110V (only for the shavers) / 220V
- Distance between the hotel and:**
- the airport: 3 km
- the ferry quay: 7 km
- Cards:** Amex, Diners, MasterCard, Visa, JCB



TIARE TAHITI NOA NOA

417 Pomare Boulevard, Papeete
 Mrs Marianne GIAU-LAINE - B.P. 2359 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
 Tel: (689) 50.01.00 / Fax: (689) 43.68.47
hotttiaretahiti@mail.pf

Total capacity of 38 units:

- 1 "Deluxe" room
- 2 Panoramic rooms
- 18 Standard rooms
- 17 Oceanview rooms
- Electricity:** 220V
- Distance between the hotel and:**
- the airport: 5 km
- the ferry quay: 200 m
- Cards:** Amex, MasterCard, Visa



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General information



Transportation

Tel: (689) 42.97.20 / Fax: (689) 42.63.00
utsrobert@mail.pf



Taxis

In addition to the vehicle rental offices which are available at the airport, in the main hotels and downtown, visitors can also take a taxi. Official rates do exist, however it is recommended to ask for the current distance rate before your ride begins.

PUBLIC TAXI TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

37 Wallis Street, Papeete - B.P. 20 088 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 41.23.42 / 42.86.79
- Tahiti-Faa'a International Airport: Tel (689) 86.60.66
- Café Le Jasmin Papeete: Tel (689) 45.23.031
- Le Vaima Papeete: Tel (689) 42.60.77



Car rental

AVIS PACIFICAR

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What to see?

TO'ATA - THREE DIFFERENT ROLES

Tahua To'ata, or To'ata Square, covers nearly two hectares at the western edge of Papeete and faces the island of Moorea. This site has undeniable attractions and provides Tahitians and tourists alike with three distinct but complementary areas. Strollers can walk around 5000 m² of paved and planted sites where flowers and tropical greenery draw attention. Benches set along the way and bordered with stylish cast iron candelabras light the square at night and make it safe and secure.

At one end of the square, facing Papeete harbor, there are some small restaurants with a variety of cuisine available. Pizza, salads, fish, meat and Chinese dishes can be enjoyed inside or out on a terrace right along the water's edge. From there, diners can follow the back and forth routes of paddlers training for the canoe racing season. On the other side, a raised area of the square provides a show plaza of some 7200m².

Currently, seating from 3,500 to 5,000 is available as the scene of festivities for the annual July celebrations which include dance and traditional vocal music that fills the evening air for several weeks at this time. To'ata is also the venue for major international stars throughout the year and a number of them have performed here since the opening of this marvelous site in June 2000.



VAIETE SQUARE, LAUNCH PAD FOR NEW ARTISTS

For many years the special site for traditional dance during the July festivities, Vaiete Square was the site of the first territorial parliament in 1945 as well as the place where the 4th Pacific Arts Festival was held in 1985. It became clear that this site in the heart of Papeete needed upgrading so that it would be more welcoming and safer. Having done this, the new Vaiete Square was officially declared open on February 16th 2001. Apart from the 30 little mobile stands that serve as snack bars where even the most discerning diners come to eat, Vaiete now has a 1200 square meter tiled areas where a virtually full-time local music show entertains passers-by. At the end of April 2001, local authorities opened this site up to both budding and fully fledged artists, who use the space now and then to share their musical artistry or crafts skills. Such shows often are held to coincide with the arrival and departure of cruise liners, which call at the wharf adjacent to Vaiete Square. Public conveniences are open 24/7 and the square is maintained and available for families to enjoy.

THE BOUGAINVILLE PARK, RELAXATION AREA

Built near the Post and Telecommunication Office (OPT) and around the statue of the French navigator, Bougainville Park offers a real oasis in the center of a town. This 5,600 m² natural park, where one can linger and enjoy a babbling brook, offers a pleasant glimpse of nature but also of Polynesian culture. Thus, all year long, floral, cultural and artistic shows enliven this islet of relaxation designed for children (who benefit from the playground) as well as the elderly. The "Fare Pote'e" (covered stage) hosts different events and concerts.



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Open Monday to Saturday, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm / 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (last entry at 4:15 pm); closed Sunday and public holidays. Admission fee. The only museum in the world dedicated to pearls will show you this gem of the sea through many different aspects. You will find a collection of pearl producing oysters and shells, the genealogy of the "Pinctada Margaritifera" which produces the Tahitian black pearl and many objects made with mother-of-pearl, a great variety of subjects on the one theme. Learn everything about the different criteria for determining the quality of a pearl and, last but not least, discover some unique pieces from the private collection of Robert Wan. Guided visit in English, French, Spanish and Japanese (by booking one week before the requested date).

TAHITI AND HER ISLANDS - TE FARE IAMANAHA MUSEUM

PK 15 Punaauia, Fisherman's Point
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A historic site where there was once a "marae", a major religious structure; an amazing environment. The museum's collections cover archeology and display the native Polynesian natural environment, Polynesian material culture, technology and skills, as well as the society and religious life of the Polynesians before the arrival of the missionaries of the "London Missionary Society".

THE HOUSE OF JAMES NORMAN HALL

PK 5,5 Arue, mountainside
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Open Tuesday - Saturday 9.00 am - 4.00 pm (Sunday and Monday on request). Admission fee.

A bilingual guide is available on this cultural visit and conferences can be organised on request. Located a few kilometers from Papeete, the home of James Norman Hall displays the daily environment of this first world war hero, adventurer, poet, essayist and writer of American contemporary literature: his desk, his library made up of over 3,000 books, antique wooden furniture, a few fetish objects, nostalgic family photos and his favourite paintings recreate the atmosphere of a beautiful Tahitian home during the years 1920-1951. Visitors may walk around Mama Lala's magnificent garden or relax on the terrace under the mango tree while enjoying fresh beverages and local meals from the family kitchen (prior reservation the day before), now a coffee and tea room.



Parks and gardens

HARRISON W. SMITH BOTANICAL GARDEN/MOTU OVINI

PK 51,2 Papeari, adjacent to the Paul Gauguin museum
Contact: Tourism Service (see page 24).
Tropical gardens and streams with hundreds of varieties of tropical trees, shrubs, plants and flowers. Good swimming.
Restaurant, snack-bar. Open daily 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Admission fee.



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Places of interest

PAPEETE - THE PUBLIC MARKET

Papeete's Public Market is in every sense the heart of the city. "Le Marché", as the municipal market is called, is located just one block inland from the waterfront. On the ground floor of the spacious building are many stands with displays of luscious ripe fruits, Tahitian and Chinese vegetables, "monoi oil" and scented soaps, vanilla beans, cakes and pies, fruit preserves, dance costumes, woven hats and bags and shell necklaces. Strings of brightly colored fish are brought from the fishing boats to the market each afternoon around 4:00 pm which is a good time to visit. The "marché" is open daily from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm (Sundays until 9:00 am), and reaches its peak of activity very early on Sunday mornings, when Tahitian families come to shop for their Sunday feasts. This is the perfect place for photographs. Be sure to stop at the flower market on the ground floor where you will find with brilliant displays of lovely floral arrangements of orchids and anthuriums, marigolds and daisies, red ginger and jasmine as well as, shell necklaces, woven hats and baskets. The upstairs section is reserved for artisans selling pareos, tifaifai wall hangings or bed covers, embroidered cushion covers and other handicrafts. Here you will also find a cafeteria serving local dishes. All around the exterior of the "marché" are more vendors of pareo, table sets, shell jewelry and leis and crowns of "Tiare Tahiti" flowers.

RELIGIOUS ARTS

The church has a preponderant place in Polynesian society where it runs most of the youth organizations and plays an important part in education. Below are the cathedrals and churches you may wish to visit:

Paofai Temple, Papeete

The solemn inauguration of the temple took place in 1873. The three sides of this beautiful and vast building are supported by two rows of six powerful columns of old oak, hand turned and painted. The sky blue ceiling is decorated with three superb, white rosaces decorating the point where the candelabras are hung. The artistically decorated spiral stairway leads to the galleries. These stairs give access to the upper level where the bell is located as well as the clockroom. The throne made of local wood is a remarkable piece of veneer made in the French artillery workshops of the period. From there, visitors can admire a panorama of the mountains of Tahiti, the city of Papeete as well as the harbor.

Notre-Dame Cathedral of Papeete

Place Notre-Dame, Papeete.

Mormon temple of Papeete

Quartier of Titiro, Papeete. Consecrated in 1993.

Saint-Etienne church of Punaauia

PK 12,1 Punaauia, seaside
Consecrated in 1980. Stained glass inaugurated in 1985.

Saint-Michel church of Papara

PK 35,6 Papara, seaside
Consecrated in 1991. Stained glass inaugurated in 1992.

TOWN HALLS

Papeete town hall

On the corner of Colette street and Paul Gauguin street, close to the public market, is the ornate Fare Oire or Town Hall which was inaugurated in 1990. This building is a replica of the palace of Queen Pomare IV that formerly stood at Place Tarahoi. Take the elevator to the third floor gallery to view the frequent exhibitions of paintings or historical displays. Tel: (689) 41.57.00

Faa'a town hall

PK 4,2 Faa'a
Inaugurated in 1989, made up of 8 modules of typical local Polynesian architecture. Be sure to visit the official wedding and registry room.
Tel: (689) 80.09.60

Pirae town hall

Pirae Town Hall is built on a state territory called "Shilson Property", located on Ariipaea Pomare Avenue at the entrance of the Hamuta Valley in the center of Pirae town. This Louisiana style building regroups in one place different facilities, like: the Town Hall, an exhibition hall, the municipal police, a multipurpose room, a "fare potee" (traditional Tahitian room), a bandstand, a public garden. This building was put into service at the beginning of 2002.
Tel: (689) 50.80.80

Arue town hall

PK 6 Arue
This building of typical French colonial architecture was originally known as "la Saintonge", a name created during a period when Chinese names were made to sound more French. It was built in the 19th century and was inaugurated in October, 1892 by Victor Raoulx, a well-known businessman and influential politician at the time. The building was bought in October, 1978 by the community of arue, which converted it into a Town hall. The 100th anniversary of "Saintonge" was celebrated in October, 1993. Tel: (689) 50.20.20
Other unique architectural designed town halls not to be missed are: Punaauia, Paea and Tautira town halls located on the west coast.

VENUS POINT LIGHTHOUSE

PK 10 Mahina
This historic site, where the Europeans first came ashore in 1767, is one of Tahiti's favorite bathing beaches. It is a public park with black sand, tropical gardens, lighthouse, snack-bar, handicrafts stands, showers and toilets.

TOMB OF POMARE V AND OF ROYAL FAMILY

PK 5,3 Arue
Walk past the Protestant church of Arue to a point of land beside Matavai Bay and you will see the mausoleum of POMARE V (1839-1891), Tahiti's last monarch. This royal tomb is built of coral blocks in a tower-like shape that is supposed to resemble a Grecian urn that has been painted red.

CHINESE TEMPLE IN MAMAO

Opposite the Mamo Territorial Hospital, Papeete.
This classic oriental structure, with its pagoda roof made of ceramic tiles, was built between April 1985 and May 1987, replacing an old wooden temple that was destroyed by fire on May 18th, 1981. Local historians estimate that the original temple dated back to around 1860. Like its predecessor, the new temple is dedicated to Kan Kung, a legendary warrior chief. For Tahiti's Chinese community, this temple is a memorial to their ancestors.

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PK 11,4 Punaauia
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Aerial tour of the island

Seeing Tahiti from the air is a unique way of discovering the island. The views of the peaks and basalt needles, canyons and basins with their rushing impetuous waterfalls, the craters and high level plateaus look completely different from this height and give you an especially charming view of Polynesia.

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Inland excursions or eco-tourism

CIRCLE ISLAND TRIP

A single loop road (of around 114 km) connects the wild and rocky east coast, with its spectacular black sand beaches and where waves crash to the joy of surfers, to the tamer west coast with its peaceful beaches and lagoons.

You can interrupt your circle island trip frequently to see: Venus Point at Mahina (a name given by Captain Cook during his scientific observation mission of the planet Venus), the historic landing place of the first European discoverers and adventurers and the only lighthouse in Tahiti; at Tiarei, the "Arahoho" blowhole still catches visitors unaware with the rush and force of the waves inside the rock cliff.

Visit the three waterfalls at Faarumai in their luxuriant and exotic setting; the many gardens in bloom and lookout points around the coast; the displays of local produce, in particular fruit and craft centers, all these will attract you to stop as often as you wish.

On the west coast, at Papeari, the botanical garden made by Harrison Smith at the turn of the century lies alongside the Gauguin museum in the magical setting of the Motu Ovini. Further round, the Vaipahi garden is a place to stop near a little waterfall.

At Papara, you can admire the wonderful layout of the Olivier-Bréaud Golf Course set in the magnificent Atimaono complex which was a sugar cane farmand rum factory in the 19th century.

One of the surfing spots most valued for young folks is at the mouth of the Taharuu.



At Paea, visit the redeveloped site at the Mara'a caves which are deeply thrust into the mountainside contains a little lake with chilly waters. Also visit the Arahurahu marae (restored religious site) containing various stone block structures dedicated to the old gods and where important ceremonies used to take place. At Punaauia, the public beach of Mahana Park is a good place to stop for a rest and a refreshing swim.

To conclude the tour of the island it would be interesting to visit the Museum of Tahiti and the Islands (closed on Mondays) which has a rich collection of very old pieces and re constructed historic scenes. The road does not completely circle the peninsula and thus the Pari region with its spectacular cliffs is preserved intact in its natural state, having virtually original flora and fauna and some ancient sites which are interesting for hikers to visit.

VALLEYS AND MOUNTAINS

Try crossing Tahiti via the Papenoo Valley (preferably done with a guide), on foot, with a mountain-bike or four-wheel drive vehicle. The interior of the island can be crossed on a trail that follows the large Papenoo Valley, rich in archaeological sites and spectacular views of impressive waterfalls, as far as the Maroto pass. In the surrounding area, there are many hydropower plants and the archaeological sites of the two restored marae of Anapua and Farehape are also worth considering for a trip. The trail emerges at the mouth of the Maroto tunnel on the famous natural Lake Vaihiria, the place of the "eels with ears" legend, before descending down towards the Mataiea plain. Many other valleys have impressive waterfalls and lavatubes, underground galleries with streams running through them, that make for hiking that you won't miss.

The crossing of the Tahitian peninsula (through the interior or the Pari) may be done on foot but with a guide because of some very difficult passes in the Pari cliffs. Departing from Tautira, the hike takes two days spending one night in a tent at the Faaroa refuge.

The trip to the Vaiote petroglyph site usually begins by boat and then continues on foot towards the site of the drum rocks mentioned in the legend of Honoura and then on to the other archaeological ruins hidden in a very diverse and dense undergrowth.

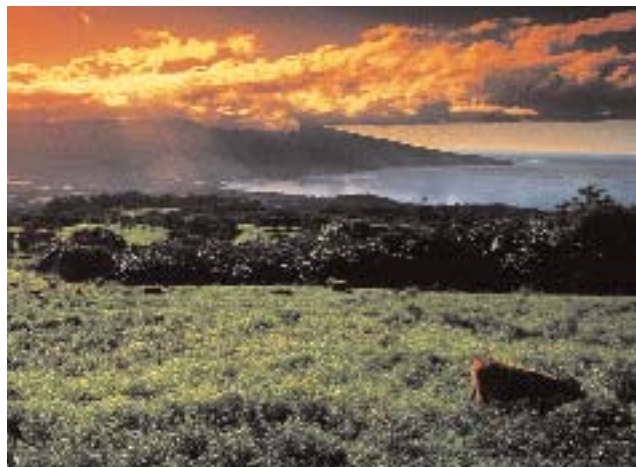


The Pari cliffs rising up out of the sea are another interesting aspect of this area with little coves and caves battered by swells from the south. After a night in the Faaroa shelter, the walk continues towards the mysterious Vaipouri cave and its underground lake, a place sullied in legend, but also good for swimming.

The ascent of Mt Aorai (2,066 m) can be done without a guide. It has a marked track and shelter huts. It starts out at 600 m altitude (see the Belvedere), near the military training camp. Hikers should let the camp know they are on the track. The first part of the hike is the easiest as far as the Hamuta saddle from where you can get a beautiful panoramic view of the neighboring valleys and across to the first shelter at Fare mato at 1,400 m altitude. The second more difficult part follows the ridge going past the Devil's Rock and the second shelter at Fare ata. The view from the summit of Aorai takes in all the peaks of Tahiti and its deep valleys with hundreds of waterfalls as well as the slender silhouette of Moorea and the smaller smudges of Tetiaroa and Maiao in the ocean. What a sublime vision!

The lavatubes of Hitiaa (preferably visited with a guide) are accessed by four-wheel drive and then on foot. Situated on the rocky east coast, the lavatubes of volcanic origin are enclosed channels or eroded sections of a narrow gut or cave which have been penetrated by water sometimes giving rise to waterfalls.

The exploration of these underground galleries can be immensely fascinating, and such experiences are really sought after by spelunkers.



SHORT TRIPS

The Belvedere

This spot is 600 m high in the Pirae district and is the starting point for the hike to Mt Aorai. It is accessible by vehicular road from the Hamuta valley. There is a restaurant which is the starting point for the climb up Aorai. The panoramic view is of the neighboring Fautau valley and the port and city of Papeete with Moorea on the horizon.

The Taharaa saddle and its view information panel is in the Arue district on the north coast. The Taharaa saddle gives you the panorama of the coast as far around as Papeete with the mountainous shape of Moorea on the horizon which is a spectacular view at sunset. To the east there is a view of Matavai Bay and its little reef called the "Dolphin's Bench" which has a magnificent black sand beach and then ends at the famous Point Venus and its lighthouse. The name of the "Governor's Bench" was given to this place said to be the site from where a former governor of the colony would come and watch the sunsets.

Venus Point

Situated in the north on the edge of Matavai Bay, this place was the special scene of successive landings of European navigators starting in 1767 with Wallis, Bougainville and Cook. The latter gave the name Venus in memory of his scientific trip to observe the planet. The first Protestant missionaries settled here later on in 1797. From here visitors can see monuments commemorating these two great events as well as the only lighthouse on the island built in 1867 by people from Mangareva. From the large, beautiful, black sand beach of Matavai Bay, you can gaze on the wonderful foothills of Mount Orohena which is often wreathed in cloud and the highest point of the island at 2,241 meters, as well as the cliffs of the Tahara'a saddle.

The Taravao plateau

On the Tahiti Peninsula, this is another spectacular panoramic lookout point that is not to be missed. Your itinerary follows a country road shaded by majestic Eucalyptus trees alongside meadows where cows are peacefully grazing and beside fields of vegetables grown for the market. The slope up to the Taravao plateau, almost reminiscent of Normandy, ends in a lookout point where you get a sweeping view of the two bays on either side of the isthmus and the impressive bulk of Tahiti Nui.



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Mr. Hervé MARAETAATA
Tel: (689) 41.02.95 / Fax: (689) 41.02.95 / GSM: (689) 78.95.47
Hiking trips on Tahiti Nui and Tahiti Iti.
Minimum 4, maximum 8 people.
Hiking for groups of every level on Tahiti and Moorea interior and exterior paths with presentations of the cultural patrimony and explanations of the local fauna and flora (from half-day tours to several days tours).
Meals and tent included.



MR. ROMAIN FERRE

B.P. 1441 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
GSM: (689) 72.90.34
Full-day or half-day visits of the interior of Tahiti.
Minimum 1 person, maximum 6 persons.

POLYNESIAN ADVENTURE

Mr. Vincent DUBOUSQUET - B.P. 21183 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 43.25.95 / Fax: (689) 43.25.95 / GSM: (689) 77.24.37
polynesianadv@mail.pf / http://www.polynesianadventure.fr.st
Hiking trips for all levels, half-day, full-day or for 2 days in bivouac.
Visit "Mount Aorai" more over 2,000 m in height, the valleys and waterfalls, special discoveries (lavatubes or cliffs on the peninsula).
Minimum 2, maximum 30 people.
Private walk-on booking.

TAHITI EVASION

Les Tipaniers Hotel
Mr. Eric LENOBLE - B.P. 1180 - 98729 Papetoai - Moorea
Tel: (689) 43.22.33./ 56.48.77 / Fax: (689) 43.22.33 / 56.48.77
GSM: Eric (689) 74.67.13 / Michel (689) 70.56.18
tahitievasion@mail.pf / www.tahitievasion.com
Hikes of 1 to 3 days to the interior of Tahiti, discovery of the Pari on the peninsula, Aorai, Orofero, etc....
Walking tours of 15 days up to 3 weeks featuring multiactivities, "5 Islands on Foot"/Minimum 2, maximum 12 people.
19 days for groups of 6 to 12 persons to discover: Tahiti / Moorea / Bora Bora.
15 days for groups of 6 to 12 persons to discover: Tahiti / Moorea / Tikehau.



TAHITI RANDO-TREK

Les Balcons de Punavai Nui, Punaauia
Mr. Fabien TETAZ - B.P. 60 320 - 98702 Faa'a - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 82.07.40 / Fax: (689) 82.07.40 / GSM: (689) 73.04.69
All level trekking: lavatubes, valleys and peaks of the island. Cultural discovery walk with historic presentation of the Fautaua valley, Polynesian legends and fruit tasting/Minimum 2, maximum 30 persons.

TERAPU RANDO

Wolher Building, Prince Hinoi Street, Studio 6
Mr. Reynald VALHO - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
GSM: (689) 26.60.32 / 73.96.31
Full-day visits of the interior of Tahiti, Moorea, Tahaa, Raiatea.
Minimum 6 persons, maximum 12 persons.



TIARE MATO

PK 17,2 Papenoo, mountainside
Mr. Guillaume DOR - B.P. 11 023 - 98709 Mahina - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 43.92.76 / Fax: (689) 43.92.76 / GSM: (689) 77.48.11
tiaremat@mail.pf
All level hiking on the peninsula and also in the interior of Tahiti Nui and Moorea.
Minimum 4, maximum 8 people.



Sport activities

Most activities are located around Papeete except for the Atimaono 18-hole golf course, which requires the space and setting worthy of this sport. Built on the prestigious site of a former plantation and rum factory, it still retains the nostalgic flavor of the grand colonial era even if the white house, built in 1865 by Mr. Stewart the plantation owner, has disappeared. There are more tennis courts than you may care to count now, mainly belonging to hotels. The main equestrian centres are to be found near the Pirae race course with riding lessons, steeple chasing and rides up into the nearby hills all on offer.



Golf

GOLF CLINIC

Near the Sofitel Maeva Beach Hotel
Mr. Christian & Mr. Pierrot SAVOIE - B.P. 1102 - 98702 Faa'a - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 86.66.27 / 86.37.28 / Fax: (689) 50.09.41
GSM: (689) 74.89.21 23.60.23
taurua@mail.pf
Beginner to advanced level on a 150 m long area.
Open from Tuesday to Friday, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and from 2:30 pm to 6:15 pm, the Saturday at 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.
Closed on Sundays, Mondays and legal holidays.

OLIVIER BREAUD INTERNATIONAL GOLF COURSE

Mr. Exalt HOPU - B.P. 12 017 - 98712 Papara - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 57.40.32 / (689) 57.43.41 / Res: (689) 57.20.72
Dir: (689) 57.20.78 / Fax: (689) 57.49.68 / Fax Res: (689) 57.20.72
skiptahiti@yahoo.com
The Atimaono golf links is an 18-hole course that is accessible to beginners and experienced players alike. Fairways and greens are enhanced by the extraordinary beauty of the site.
The 5,950 m long, par 72 Atimaono golf course has become one of the major attractions on Tahiti. As a French Federation accredited course, Atimaono is the host each year in July to many overseas players at the "Tahiti Open International" and is now part of the Australian PGA circuit.
The Club House is open every day from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.
Round trip transfers between hotels and the course are provided.



Equestrian activities

CLUB EQUESTRE DE TAHITI

Pirae Hippodrome
Mrs Véronique CLERCY - B.P. 444 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 42.70.41 / Fax: (689) 42.11.94 / GSM: (689) 77.18.25
Open from 6.00 am to 11.00 am and from 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm.
Closed on Mondays. Lessons with horses and ponies.

L'AMOUR DE LA NATURE A CHEVAL

PK 2,5 Taravao, Tahiti iti
Mrs Rosa CASTANET - B.P. 52 662 - 98719 Taravao - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 43.50.79 / Fax: (689) 43.50.79 / GSM: (689) 73.84.43
The ranch is located on the heights of the "Taravao Rauvau plateau" and is open only by reservation. Activities include: Horseback riding, lessons or training during the school holidays, one-hour rides to lookout points with magnificent views.
A picnic is included for the day, half-day and moonlight rides.

L'EPERON DE PIRAE

Pirae Hippodrome
Mr Raphaël MEREL - B.P. 52 217 - 98716 Pirae - Tahiti
GSM: (689) 71.20.10
Open from Tuesday to Saturday at 7.00 am to 12.00 am and from 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Sunday from 7.00 am to 12.00 am. Closed on Mondays.



Go carts

MAEVA KARTING

PK 18 Papenoo Valley
Mr. Arnaud LAPIE - B.P. 111 052 - 98709 Mahina - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 82.87.36 / Fax: (689) 82.87.36 / GSM: (689) 73.40.10./ 78.26.00
maevakarting@mail.pf
Go-kart rentals for children from 7 years old to adults, timing on computer and personalized contests. 2 separate circuits, one for children and the other for adults. Seminars, company and group days organized on request.
For catering, reception and other complementary services, please enquire.
Open every day (school breaks, weekend and legal holidays included) except Mondays and Tuesdays.



Nautical activities center



ARUE SAILING SCHOOL

PK 4 Arue
Mr. Henri CORNETTE DE SAINT CYR - B.P. 14 235 - 98701 Arue - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 42.23.54 / Fax: (689) 43.13.00
evatahiti@mail.pf
Optimist, hobie-cat and windsurfing lessons.

ARUE YACHT CLUB

PK 4 Arue
Mr. Michel ALCON - B.P. 1456 - 98701 Arue - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 42.78.03 / Fax: (689) 42.37.07
yctahiti@mail.pf
Scuba-diving with "Scuba Tek Tahiti", introductory and advanced sailing lessons on "Beneteau class 8" yachts, competitions at all levels.

INTERCONTINENTAL RESORT & SPA - TAHITI'S NAUTICAL ACTIVITIES CENTER

Mr. Didier DAUBEZE & Mr. Nicolas ANGUE
B.P. 6014 - 98702 Faa'a - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 53.34.96 / Fax: (689) 53.34.96
info@aquatica-dive.com / aquatica@mail.pf / www.aquatica-dive.com
Scuba-diving with "Aquatica Dive Center", PADI 5* center.
Nitrox and recycler dives, snorkelling, apnea, meet the dolphins and whales, feed the fish, sunset catamaran cruises, deep sea fishing, jet ski, quad, water skiing, kayak rentals, aquagym lessons.

LE MERIDIEN HOTEL - TAHITI'S NAUTICAL ACTIVITIES CENTER

Marina Taina, Punaauia
Mr. Joshua ROUGER & Mr. Nicolas CASTEL
B.P. 13029 - 98717 Moana Nui - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 42.49.29 / Fax: (689) 48.04.04 / GSM: (689) 77.65.68
info@dive-tahiti.com / www.dive-tahiti.com
Scuba-diving with "Eleuthera Plongée", excursion to the discovery of the dolphins every day as well as whale watching from August to October, guided tour with flippers, mask and snorkel, safari lagoon. Free: swimming pool with a white sand bottom, equipped beach (deck chairs, mattresses, beach umbrellas...), flippers, masks and snorkels, kayaks, canoes, aquagym and yoga lessons, petanque, table tennis, beach-volley, tennis courts.

TAHITI NAUTIC CENTER

PK 56 Taravao, Phaeton Bay
Mr. Phil FAURE - B.P. 7305 - 98719 Taravao - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 54.76.16 / Fax: (689) 57.05.07
tnc@mail.pf / http://www.tahitinauticcenter.pf
Half-day or full-day hire of 12 to 24 ft motor boats (pontoon boat) for 8 passengers, kayaks and pedal-boats, sailing dinghys.

WATER SKI CLUB OF TAHITI

PK 7,5 Punaauia, site du Bel Air
Mr. Patrick PLUVIAUD - B.P. 50 136 - 98717 Moana Nui - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 45.39.36 / (689) 85.02.22 / Fax: (689) 41.26.09
GSM: (689) 77.22.62 / (689) 77.43.09
nono.pluviaud@mail.pf / www.tahitiskiclub.com / www.tahitiwakeboard.com
Member of the French Federation of Water Skiing.
Introductory and advanced water-skiing lessons, wakeboard, monoski, barefoot, towed buoys, floating pontoon for sunbathing.
Timetable opening: from Tuesday to Friday: 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm (the morning by appointment). Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.
Reserved slot on request.



Marinas

MARINA TAINA

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TAHITI NAUTIC CENTER MARINA

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Lagoon excursions and excursions in the passes

TAHITI ITI TOURS & SURF

PK 10,1 Vairao, seaside
Mr. Georges RIOU - B.P. 8359 - 98719 Taravao - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 57.97.39 / Fax: (689) 57.97.39 / GSM: (689) 78.27.99
riou@mail.pf / www.tahitiititourandsurf.pf
Nautical activities around the peninsula: motorized boat tour (hourly, half-day or full-day), water-skiing, wake boarding, deep sea fishing, transfers to the surf spots or to the hiking points,...



Around the island (by sea)

SEA MANA YACHTING SPIRIT

See page 105.





Deep sea recreational fishing

The world renowned Tahitian International Billfish Tournament coordinates all deep sea fishing competitions in Tahiti and her Islands. In particular, every two years the "T.I.B.T" organizes an international deep-sea recreational fishing contest that attracts all the great names in this strenuous sporting field.

AHAVINI

Taina Marina, Punaauia
Mr. Jean TELLIER - B.P. 1620 - 98717 Moana Nui - Tahiti
Fax: (689) 43.81.41 / GSM: (689) 77.13.06
"Bertram Sportfisherman" de 31". Maximum capacity: 4 passengers.

HAURA CLUB DE TAHITI

Taina Marina, Punaauia
Mr. Georges POROI - B.P. 4503 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 42.37.14 / Fax: (689) 42.04.09 / GSM: (689) 77.09.29
pat.four@mail.pf
The Tahitian "Haura Club" has a number of boats equipped for deep-sea fishing.

HEREMANA

Taina Marina, Punaauia
Mr. Eric MALMEZAC - B.P. 470 - 98717 Moana Nui - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 50.48.00 / (689) 41.02.25 / Fax: (689) 50.48.01 / (689) 45.27.58
emalmezac@satnui.pf
c/o GIE Tahiti Sporting & Adventure
47 ft "Davis" deluxe, air-conditioned motorboat.
Maximum capacity: 8 passengers.

NAPUKA

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PACIFIC PEARL CHARTER

PK 9 Punaauia, Taina Marina
Mr. Guillaume LOUIS - B.P. 11 105 - 98717 Moana Nui - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 41.02.25 / Fax: (689) 45.27.58 / GSM: (689) 77.82.25
marina@mail.pf
The "Tohitika" is a "Trawler Alexander custom" of 58 ft, 3 cabins, double equipped kitchen, air conditioned, desalinator, 14 ft zodiac with 25 hp engine. Maximum capacity: 10 passengers.

TAHITIAN INTERNATIONAL BILLFISH ASSOCIATION

Taina Marina Club House, Punaauia
Mr. Alban ELLACOTT - B.P. 21659 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 42.37.14 / 54. 41.54 / Fax: (689) 43.28.45
tibt@mail.pf / tiba@mail.pf

TAHITIAN LEISURE CRUISE

Punaruu industrial Zone, PBC Building, voie E, Punaauia
Mrs Kathy ANTOINE - B.P. 380 573 - 98718 Tamanu Punaauia - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 54.40.78 / Fax: (689) 54.40.87
"kaimana" Cabo 35"/Maximum 7 passengers + max 3 crew members.

TOOHI II

PK 11,3 Punaauia
Mr. and Mrs Willy & Pascale MAUFAY - B.P. 977 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 50.11.00 / Fax: (689) 50.11.01 / GSM: (689) 70.45.14 / 72.12.55
toohicharter@mail.pf / www.toohicharter.atahiti.com
"Arcoa 900" motor boat of 30 ft with 2x135 HP diesel engines
Maximum 4 passengers.
Fishing area: Tahiti, Moorea and Tetiaroa.

VAIMITI TOURS

See page 225.



Surfing / Fly surfing

Surfing, which is an ancient Polynesian sport, still retains its unsullied reputation. Tahiti is one of the main centers for international competitions, vying with the best spots anywhere in the world. The great waves and tubes at Teahupoo on

the peninsula have thrilled the best surfers on the planet. The less bold may content themselves with the surf at Papara or the Taapuna pass on the west coast from May to November or go to Papenoo on the east coast from November to March.

TURA'I MATAARE SURF SCHOOL

PK 18,3 Paea, mountainside
Mr. Olivier NAPIAS - B.P. 4232 - 98711 Paea - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 41.91.37 / Fax: (689) 41.91.37 / GSM: (689) 77.27.69
surfschool@mail.pf / www.tahitisurefschool.info
Initiation, improvement and discovery training.
Board and bodyboard rental.
For further information, please contact the school director.

MOANAREVA

Venus Point, Mahina
Mr. Gérald FOURNIER - B.P. 110 402 - 98709 Mahina - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 42.45.28 / Fax: (689) 42.45.28 / GSM: (689) 72.11.72
courrier@moanareva.com / moanareva@mail.pf / www.moanareva.com
Initiation and improvement school. Program based on 8 sessions.
Equipment rental (please inquire at the school for more information).



Scuba diving

See pages 30-31.
Tahiti offers a variety of underwater sights, relatively unknown but spectacular and diversified (wrecks, caves, vertiginous depths) as well as very beautiful coral gardens. Diving conditions are often easy and suitable for beginners. Tahiti is also the place for passing grades with CMAS or PADI schools. The peninsula (south of Tahiti) displays the wild spirit of sea and land. Definitely a place to discover. Season for turtles, dolphins, napoleons, sharks and humpback whales from July to October.

AQUATICA DIVE CENTER

InterContinental Resort Tahiti
Mr. Didier DAUBEZE & Mr. Nicolas ANGUE
B.P. 6014 - 98702 Faa'a - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 53.34.96 / Fax: (689) 53.34.96 / GSM: (689) 73.20.79
aquatica@mail.pf / www.aquatica-dive.com

ELEUTHERA PLONGEE

Taina Marina, Punuaaia
Mr. Joshua ROUGER & Mr. Nicolas CASTEL
B.P. 13 029 - 98717 Moana Nui - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 42.49.29 / Fax: (689) 48.04.04 / GSM: (689) 77.65.68
info@dive-tahiti.com / www.dive-tahiti.com ./ www.eleuthera.pf

FLUID

Taina Marina, Punuaaia
Mr. Yannis SAINT-PE - B.P. 111 030 - 98709 Mahina - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 85.41.46 / Fax: (689) 85.41.46 / GSM: (689) 70.83.75
fluid@mail.pf

ITI DIVING INTERNATIONAL

PK 6,5 Toahotu
Mr. Gilles JUGEL - B.P. 7540 - 98719 Taravao - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 57.77.93 / Fax: (689) 57.77.93 / GSM: (689) 78.77.93
itidiving@mail.pf / www.itidiving.pf

SCUBA TEK TAHITI

PK 4 Yacht Club of Tahiti
Mr. Arnaud DEMIER - B.P. 1456 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 42.23.55 / Fax: (689) 42.23.55 / GSM: (689) 74.32.10
scubatek@mail.pf / www.chez.com/scubatek

TAHITI PLONGEE

PK 7,5 Punaauia, seaside
Mr. Henri POULIQUEN - B.P. 2192 - 98717 Moana Nui - Tahiti
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GSM: (689) 77.21.67 / 77.16.49
plongee.tahiti@mail.pf / www.tahitiplongee.pf

TOP DIVE TAHITI

Sheraton Hotel Tahiti
Mr. Frank CHASBOEUF- B.P. 43287 - 98714 Papeete - Tahiti
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Relaxation center

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LE SPA

Radisson Plaza Resort Tahiti
Mrs Alexandra FOURMONT - B.P. 14 170 - 98701 Arue - Tahiti
Tel: (689) 48.88.21 / Fax: (689) 48.88.89
afourmont@radisson.com / www.radisson.com/aruefrp

MANDARA SPA

Sheraton Hotel Tahiti
Mr. Hippo LIPKIN - B.P. 416 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
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www.mandarasp.com



Eating out & night life

On Tahiti, nearly every type of dining out is possible and visitors really have more than enough to choose from.

The major hotels often have two types of dining service: a fast food service and a full service restaurant and organized evening programs with lavish buffets and dance shows performed by the best professional groups. Elsewhere, French cuisine vies with Chinese and its Cantonese specialties. Many pizzerias, snack bars and other fast food outlets in the city and the Taravao isthmus make up the full range of options for eating out.

Tetiaroa

SOCIETY ISLANDS - TUAMOTU ISLANDS - GAMBIER ISLANDS - MARQUESAS ISLANDS - AUSTRAL ISLANDS

The birds' island



Tiny coral ring, Tetiaroa gives a good idea of original eden with its white sand beaches and crystalline lagoon. It's not surprising that Marlon Brando, its owner since 1966, fell under its spell when shooting "Mutiny on the Bounty".

Unique atoll of the Windward Islands, Tetiaroa is a 4,5 mile diameter, closed world surrounded by 13 motus (islets) covered with coconut trees, and enclosed by coral reef. The lack of channels keeps the charm and preserved nature of this atoll intact.

Among this wonderful set of islets, Tahuna Iti, the birds' island, far from any human population, can be considered a natural reserve for sea birds. Frigates, sterns, phaetons (straw tails), brown gannets and other petrels favor this place for breeding purposes and can be observed by discreet visitors.

The legend tells that Tetiaroa ("who stands apart"), formerly called Tetuaroa ("the high sea") was once a hide-out for royal treasures.

Another original and typical Tahitian phenomenon is the "roulottes", a kind of mobile diner that sets up in the evening and stay open till late at night along the Papeete waterfront on the Place "Vaieete". These "roulottes", sometimes with tables and chairs, have simple rapid-service menus that include small Chinese dishes, pizzas or pancakes at reasonable prices.

Papeete by night

Papeete is often a swinging town after dark, and the side walk bars are usually very active even during the week. Some of the nightclubs close at midnight during the week and remain open until 4:00 am on the weekends. Others are open only on weekends. Interesting places to drink, dance and watch at the same time include: Le Tiffany's, le Paradise, le Club 106, le Bazik, le Piano Bar, le Manhattan, le Mana Rock, le Shark, le Kikiriri, le Saxo.



Shopping

Amongst the many temptations, the Tahitian pearl is the hardest one to resist. Whether set or unmounted in keshi, baroque, pear-shaped or perfectly round, the black pearl is the best reflection of the islands. The island's many stores give you a choice of style and a range of prices to suit every purse.

Pareus painted in bright colors and attractive patterns for use on the beaches of the lagoon found in every store are generally one of the first purchases. Handicraft items such as "umete" (food dishes) in Marquesan rosewood, give pleasure through their artistic or utilitarian appeal and make good presents or souvenirs whether they are carved in precious woods "tou", or woven craft items such as hats, or embroidery like the magnificent tifaifai. Not to forget the other items such as: shell necklaces, polished mother-of-pearl alone or set in jewelry, woven hand bags, decorated tapa cloth, sharks teeth or sword fish spikes, good quality vanilla, etc; the Polynesian style of tattooing is gaining ground and visitors are getting more atuned to it. A tortoise, once a sacred animal, tattooed on the shoulder or on the arm, has become a symbol to mark your stay in the islands. Last but not least, Papeete the capital, the French showcase of the Pacific, gives you the chance to buy all those French luxury goods in duty free stores.



In those days, the atoll was a summer residence for Ari'i (chief) of Arue, and most motus were then inhabited by people who took care of coconut trees and taro plantations.

Tetiaroa can be visited from Tahiti during a day-tour proposed by the following charter companies: Tahiti Cruise (private cruise only), l'Escapade, Jet France (see page 216).