

THE ISLANDS *of Tahiti*

Discover the ultimate dream vacation destination.

Ahh, Tahiti! For years you've dreamed about those mesmerizing pictures of idyllic overwater bungalows perched atop a turquoise lagoon, but experiencing it in person is an entirely new level of nirvana. It's an encounter that reaches deep into your soul and forever ranks as one of your top life experiences.

TAHITI

The starting point of your journey into French Polynesia is the island of Tahiti. Dine with the locals at the *roulettes* (gourmet food trucks that tempt and delight the palate), explore *Le Marché* (the public market) in search of local handicrafts or visit the Gauguin Museum for a little inspiration (the renowned master called these islands home in his later years). The pearl factories are irresistible with their selection of exquisite black pearls.

MOOREA

A 30-minute ferry ride or a 10-minute flight from Papeete lands you in Moorea with its wide, shallow lagoon that surrounds the island's vertical mountains. Ride a quad through the majestic mountain ranges, snap postcard-perfect images of Cook's Bay from Belvedere Lookout or swim with the dolphins. Offering a wide variety of activity options, this island indulges every taste.

BORA BORA

A 50-minute flight takes you to the picture-perfect turquoise lagoon of Bora Bora with the sky-piercing Mount Otemanu as a backdrop. The coral gardens play home to a vast variety of beautifully colored marine life. Indulge your sense of curiosity and adventure with an up-close encounter with sharks and stingrays (don't worry—they're safely monitored) for a memorable thrill.

Honeymooners and romantics from around the world have laid claim to this island with reports of it being more beautiful than words can adequately express.

You'll find no other beauty like the Islands of Tahiti, with more than 100 islands scattered over two million square miles. It's a visual, sensual feast in the colors of nature, from the brilliant sunsets to the array of tropical flowers. And while it feels a world away, it's just an easy eight-hour, non-stop flight from Los Angeles to Papeete (the capital).

So what are you waiting for? Dare to make your dream a reality with some well-grounded insights on these ethereal islands.





PAMPER YOURSELF ISLAND-STYLE AT THE SPA

Luxurious spa facilities abound at the resorts in Tahiti with treatments infused with indigenous products such as monoi oil and vanilla. Some spas even feature overwater therapy rooms with glass viewing panels strategically placed so you can watch an endless array of marine life swimming in the vibrant waters below—all from the relaxed comfort of a massage table. Looking for a permanent memento of your stay? Some spa resorts also feature local tattoo artists who skillfully create traditional Tahitian tattoos with modern equipment.

SAILING THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Having a hard time deciding which island is your dream come true? Explore several on a dreamy luxury cruise that traverses the small inlets and intimate passageways of French Polynesia. These carefree excursions include luxurious oceanview staterooms, all-onboard dining featuring gourmet cuisine and 24-hour room service, onboard entertainment and more. Whether you cruise aboard Windstar Cruises' *Wind Spirit*, a four-masted sailing yacht accommodating a maximum 148 guests, or Paul Gauguin Cruises' ms *Paul Gauguin*, a state-of-the-art steam ship with 166 staterooms, you're sure to enjoy seven nights of sheer bliss in these heavenly islands.

WHERE TO BEGIN

If all this sounds wonderful, but a little overwhelming—relax! Your AAA travel agent can work with the Tahiti travel experts at Pleasant Holidays. They've created customized vacations for 55 years and know these islands very well. Whether creating the ultimate five-star honeymoon experience or a family-friendly vacation, Pleasant Holidays and AAA Travel can provide exclusive offers that put these amazing islands within easy reach. Now that's a dream come true! ■

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