



## MOOREA INDEPENDENT TOURS & PHONE NUMBERS

### Attractions:

Only 40 miles around on a well paved road along the shore, this dramatic and lush island can easily be circled by car, scooter or on bicycle for the more physically inclined.

The Belvedere Lookout is probably one of the most spectacular lookout in the world. Located between Cook's and Oponohu Bay in the lush interior of the island, the Belvedere is a must for all visitors. Picture taking is best in the morning before 10 am when the sun is behind you. Access is easy ,either form Cook's or Oponohu Bay. There is a small sign on the road.

In the village of Afareaitu there is an access road the waterfall, which may be more or less dramatic depending on the recent rainfall. Access is possible with a 4 wheel drive only, and we recommend using one of the local 4x4 excursions.

You can go on a whale and dolphin watch departing daily with marine biologist Michael Poole.

The best ancient temple ( Marae) can be seen on the way up to the Belvedere. It is not a structure but flat coral slabs forming a sort of enclosure

*All beaches are public, but the best one is 1/4 of a mile down a dirt road off the main road between the Sofitel la Ora and the airport gas station*

For a truly spectacular Tahitian Show, the best anywhere in Polynesia, go to the Tiki Village where you will enjoy a memorable lagoon-side dinner and spectacular show. The owner, Olivier Briac has also made this unique Tahitian environment famous for his spectacular Royal Tahitian Weddings which have been a favorite of movie stars such as Dustin Hoffman as well as the international jet-set.

There is no town to speak-of on Moorea, but you will find a few areas along the road with clusters of shops selling miscellaneous goods, local crafts and colorful hand printed fabrics (pareos).

A few black pearl shops can be found on the island, but we recommend Island Fashion Black Pearls near Cook's Bay. It is run by Ron Hall, a friendly American expatriates who knows his stuff and offers a good selection of quality pearls at very competitive prices.

### **The Main Hotels:**

The two best hotels are the Beachcomber Parkroyal and the Sofitel la Ora. They are located at different ends of the islands. The Beachcomber is more upscale and intimate in its layout, with spacious bungalows sprinkled in the lovely tropical garden and along the lagoon.

The Sofitel la Ora is not as intimate, but is located on a beautiful - and popular - beach, with a selection of garden, beach or deluxe overwater bungalow. The hotel is in a more isolated area of Moorea. The Bali Hai is a popular classic, started 30 years ago. Needs a little revamping, but has a nice beach and friendly Polynesian atmosphere. Has the least expensive overwater bungalows in Moorea.

The Moorea Village is a good budget hotel, close to the more active part of the island, and is located on pretty beach. Has garden and beach bungalows only.

There are a few good restaurants sprinkled in different areas of the island.(see list below)

*Moorea's loveliest beaches are located between the Moorea Village and the Hotel Beachcomber, as well as near the Sofitel la Ora (between the airport and the boat terminal) .*

Every kind of water activities and excursions (shark/ray feeding) is being offered, as well as land based activities and sports (no golf, only in Tahiti).

Moorea is a must, if only for a day's visit, and is even better if you can heed her special call for a longer stay.

### **INTERNET :**

**For those of you who can't live without their e-mail or the Net, there is now a Cybercafe in Moorea! Chez Stephanie, Haapiti, Moorea. Email Address is: ms-quattrini@mail.pf**

### **TOURIST OFFICE** (Comité du Tourisme)

Aéroport de Temae (Moorea Airport)- Tel./ Fax 56.29.09

Centre commercial Le Petit village Haapiti

### **FERRY BOAT SERVICE** from Papeete

Mon. to Fri., FAST ferries leave Papeete at: 7 am, 9 am, 12 pm, 4 pm, 5.25 pm

Sat: 7.10 am, 9.10am, 12.10pm, 2 pm, 4 pm

Sun: 7.25 am, 9.10 am, 3.30pm, 5 pm, 6.15 pm

### **AREMITI II:**

Boulevard Pomare PPT - Res. Tahiti Tel. 42.88.88

Res. Moorea - Tel. 56.31.10 - Fax 42.88.88

TAMAHINE MOOREA II / TAMARII MOOREA 8 H

Boulevard Pomare PPT - Res. Tahiti Tel. 43.76.50

Res. Moorea Tel. 56.30.16/Fax. 42.10.49

### **AROUND THE ISLAND TOUR BY TAXI**

From Moorea Airport -Tel. 56. 10.18

Ferry Terminal (Vaiare) - Tel. 56.33.10

### **CAR RENTALS**

EUROPCAR - Moorea Airport - Tel. 56.41.08

Haapiti - Tel. 56.34.00 / Fax. 56.35.05

Ferry Terminal - Tel. 56.28.64

Hotel Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal - Tel. 56.30.97

ALBERT RENT-A-CAR

Moorea Airport - Tel. 56.13.53/ Fax. 56.40.58

Pao Pao - Tel. 56.19.28

Maharepa Tel. 56.30.58 - Haapiti - Tel 56.33.75

PACIFICAR

Moorea Airport- Tel. 56.11.03 - Fax. 56.35.55

Ferry Terminal - Tel. 56.16.02

Haapiti - Tel. 56.23.03

AVIS RENT-A-CAR - Moorea Airport -Tel. 56.12.48

Ferry Terminal - Tel. 56.12.58

Hotel Bali Hal - Tel. 56.13.58

## **SIGHTSEEING TOURS**

ALBERT TRANSPORTS - Pao Pao - Tel. 56.13.53/ 56.19.28/ Fax 56.10.42

BENJAMIN TRANSPORTS - Moorea Airport

Tel. 56.11.69/56.26.50/ Fax. 56.28.96

## **MOOREA OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Moorea JeepSafari- \$45 Moorea Snorkeling- \$30 Moorea Tiki

Village Dinner Show- \$80 Moorea Shark Feeding- \$35 Moorea Sunset Cruise- \$25 Dolphin Quest- \$95

If your time on Moorea permits, you should plan to experience a Tahitian "tamaaraa" with food cooked in the traditional "hima" - a pit filled with heated volcanic stones. Dancers from one of the local villages will then entertain you with the songs and dances that have helped make Tahiti famous. This fun filled feast can be enjoyed several evenings during the week at the Tiki Village and Sunday at noon at both the Bali Hai and the Moorea Village.

The best way to become acquainted with Moorea is to take a "circle Island" tour. This type of tour takes about 4 hours and has visits through small villages and stops to photograph the spectacular views of Moorea's mountains, valleys, lagoons and bays. The highlights of this type of tour are the Opunohu Valley, the stone "marae" temples and archery platforms used by Polynesian royalty in pre-Christian days. Le Belvedere Lookout Point offers an unequalled panorama of Moorea's two bays, Opunohu and Cook. This tour is often combined, and can be arranged through your hotel reception desk, or directly by contacting the following private operators

## **TROPICAL AQUARIUM CENTRE**

Cook's Bay

Mr. Teva YRONDI

Tel (689) 56. 24. 00

Exceptional aquarium with rare tropical fish, visit a pearl farm outside the lagoon. Open Tuesday to Sunday, 9:30 am to 12:00 am., 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Closed Monday.

## **DOLPHIN QUEST**

Hotel Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal

Mrs. Cécile GASPARD

P.O. BOX 1021 Papetoai

Tel (689) 56. 38. 76

A rare opportunity to come face-to-face with a dolphin, under the guidance of Dolphin Quest marine mammal specialists, in pristine waters surroundings. Explore the wonder of the dolphin! You will meet the Moorea dolphins up close and personal in dockside training sessions and shallow water play. In a 30 minute-program/4 people minimum. Mornings: 9:00 am and 10:00 am Afternoons: 1:30 pm and 5:00 pm Discover dolphins while scuba diving with Bathy's Club dive center/5 people minimum (on Wednesdays and Saturdays, at 8:00 am) in a 45-minute program.

## **TIKI THEATER VILLAGE** Polynesian Cultural and Folkloric Center

P.K. 31 Haapiti

P.O. BOX 1016 Papetoai

Tel (689) 56. 18. 97

Closed on Monday

The Tiki Village is an original way to discover all about the arts and crafts activities of Polynesia in a typical traditional village by the lagoon. The Tiki Village is dedicated to nurturing and promoting traditional Tahitian culture, crafts, music and dance. The atmosphere is full of fun and will enchant all those who wish to discover and even participate in genuine island life. An outrigger canoe will take those who wish to go fishing in the lagoon, others can learn to weave crowns and baskets or paint their own pareu that they will take with them when they leave.

## **EVENING TIKI THEATER VILLAGE SHOW**

Tahitian evening and show. Enjoy exciting, traditional Polynesian entertainment and feast on an excellent buffet of local island foods. Welcoming sounds of guitars and ukuleles await you. This is a fantastic show and is "a must" for anyone visiting Moorea. This show is much larger and more spectacular than the shows

found at the local hotels. The Nightly Polynesian dance shows are at 6:00 and 8:45

Transportation to and from your hotel is complimentary.

Dinner and Show cost per person: \$75

### **MARAE TITIROA**

In the Opunohu Valley, near Belvedere Lookout, are the remains of this ancient Polynesian temple or marae. Near the Marae Titiroa are the restored remains of archery platforms, the sacred sport of ancient Tahiti.

### **KELLUM STOP OPUNOHU**

Mrs. Marie KELLUM

Opunohu Bay

P.O. BOX 1173 Papetoai

Tel. (689) 56. 18. 52

While touring Moorea, keep an eye open for the Kellum stop. It is at Opunohu bay, at the base of Mount Rotui. Look for a large garden on the ocean side of the road. You will find a large variety of plants and flowers depending on the season, and a colonial style home dating back to the 1920' s. See the beauty of the site and the majesty of the surrounding peaks with Marie Kellum. Be transported back in time and envisage the life style of its earlier inhabitants. Open mornings only. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

### **MOOREA DISTILLERY AND FRUIT JUICE FACTORY**

Mr. Michel MICLAUX

Opunohu Bay

P.O. BOX 23 Maharepa - MOOREA

Tel.(689) 56.11. 33

Fax.(689) 56. 21. 52

Open every day. The tasting counter serves free samples of excellent juices, liqueurs and spirits.

Admission free.

### **OPUHI PLANTATION**

Mrs. & Mrs. Celia and Alex DUPRELL

P.O. BOX 368 Maharepa - MOOREA

Tel. (689) 56. 28. 94

Fax. (689) 56. 30. 07

Located in Pao Pao Valley, 10 minutes from circle island road. Small private botanical garden filled with "opuhi" (ginger) flowers, fruit trees, vanilla, ferns and other tropical plants. Admission free.

## **LAND TOURS**

### **RON'S TOUR**

Papetoai

Tel. (689) 56.35.80

4 wd in Moorea: Painapo safari adventure, min 4 pax, 4 hours. biking: Moorea mountain bike adventure, min 6 pax, 3 or 4 hours. hiking: Moorea, three coconut, minimum 8 pax, 3 or 4 hours. hiking: Moorea, Vaiare to Paopao, min 8 pax, 3 or 4 hours. hiking: Moorea, Moua Outa, min 8 pax, full day. island tours: Maiao, min 8 pax, full day. Ron's Tours Adventure:

### **ALBERT TRANSPORTS**

Mr. Rico HARING

P.O. BOX 77 Pao Pao

Tel. (689) 56. 13. 53 / 56. 19. 28

One 48-seat bus, one 32-seat bus, one 25-seat bus, one 28-seat bus, three 8-seat mini-buses, and three 4-wheel drive vehicles with seating capacity from 4 to 6.

Excursion to the Opunohu and Cook's Bays, with stop at the Belvedere Point (2 hours excursion); Guided circle island tour with stop at the Belvedere Point (3 hours excursion); Guided circle island tour with stop at the Belvedere

Point, the commercial center "Le Petite village" and for a swim at the hotel Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal (4 hours excursion); Mountain safari tour, visit the Mou' a Puta Mount and the pineapple plantations, stop at Opunohu distillery.

## **MOOREA TRANSPORTS**

Mr. Greg HARDY

P.O. BOX 104 Temae - MOOREA

Tel. (689) 56. 12. 86

Fax. (689) 56. 25. 52

Five 8-seat mini-bus, three 22-25-seat buses. Full-day guided excursion with stop at the main sites of interest, including Opunohu "marae" and the Belvedere panoramic Point. Half-day excursion Mountain safari-tour, stop at the Belvedere, Moorea distillery and fruit juice factory, and Afareaitu waterfalls.

## **BILLY TRANSPORTS**

Mr. Billy RUTA

P.K. 28, 3 Haapiti

Tel (689) 56. 12. 54

Two 45-seat buses.

Half-day guided excursion with stops at the main points of interest, including Opunohu and Cook's bays, Opunohu "marae" and commercial center le "Petite Village" in Haapiti (departure at 9:00 am, return at 1:00 pm) Guided excursion to the Belvedere panoramic Point and to pineapple plantations, visit Opunohu "marae" temple and the two bays (departure at 9:00 am, return at 1:00 pm)

## **BENJAMIN TRANSPORTS**

Mr. Benjamin TERAIHAROA

Tel. (689) 56. 11. 69 / 56. 26. 50

Fax. (689) 56. 28. 96

Three 8-seat buses, one 48-seat bus, one 28-seat truck, one 25-seat bus, one 14-seat bus, one 4-seat private car.

Half-day excursion, including stops at the Belvedere and pineapple plantations. Visit the Opunohu Fruit Juice factory, the Opunohu "marae" temple, Opunohu and Cook's bays. Full-day excursion in a private air-conditioned car with stops at the Protestant Papetoai temple, the Belvedere, the "marae" and the Opunohu Bay. Guided circle island tour by private air-conditioned car with stops at the main sites.

## **MOUNTAIN SAFARI EXCURSIONS**

PAINAPO 4X4

Mr. Ronald SAGE

P.O. BOX 1097 Papetoai

Tel/Fax. (689) 56. 42. 43

Morning departures at 7:30 am and 11:30 am. Afternoon departures at 2:30 pm and 4:30 pm. Moorea Safari Tour operates exciting tours by Land Rover to explore Moorea's interior valleys with visit of Opunohu private territorial property and its many plantations: pineapple, vanilla, grapefruit. Stop at a "marae" temple, Afareaitu waterfall, fruit juice factory.

## **INNER ISLAND SAFARI TOURS**

Mr. & Mrs. Alex and Ghislaine ROOHAAMATAERII

Tel. (689) 56. 20. 09

Fax. (689) 56. 34. 43

Departure at 8:00am and 1:15p.m., return at 12:30pm and 5:30p.m. Half-day excursion. Air-conditioned Jeep tour through Moorea's majestic mountains, tropical valleys and waterfalls. Stop at the "marae" temple, pineapple, grapefruit and vanilla plantations.

## **TEFAARAHI ADVENTURE TOURS**

Mr. Derek GRELL

Tel. (689) 56. 41. 24 Fax. (689) 56. 31. 91

Mountain safari to petroglyphs and hiking / 3 hour excursion open-air safari 4x4 landrovers to the exclusive location of 1000 year old carvings depicting Polynesian gods and sacred images. View petroglyphs currently discovered while looking for others hidden for centuries. An exceptional educational adventure. Half-day mountain safari / 4 hours excursion Visit Moorea from the mountains to the sea, districts, bays, view points and waterfall, plus the exclusive Tefaraahi plantation and its petroglyphs. Moorea beach and mountain safari tour / 8 hours excursion A full-day safari to viewpoints, sacrificial temples, ancient petroglyphs and Rotui Distillery. A pause for lunch (not included), swim and just relax. The most complete island tour.

## **NAVE NAVE ADVENTURE TOURS**

Mr. Teva WILKES

Tel. / Fax. (689) 43. 43. 30

Half-day Moorea adventure tour by 4x4, with stops at following main points of interest: TeFaarahi plantation and petroglyphs, spectacular Opunohu valley, archeological sites, waterfalls, scenic spots and much more. Departure at 8:30 am and 1:30 pm. Guided private excursions upon request. Ideal for photographs and cameramen.

## **AIMEO SAFARI TOURS**

Club Bali-Hai, Cook' s bay

Mr. Heitapu HUNTER

Tel. (689) 56. 14. 11

Departure 9:00 am and 12:00 noon, return 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm Excursion at Pao Pao and Opunohu Valleys, Belvedere Point, Tetihiro' a "marae", Mou'a Puta Mount, pineapple factory.

## **LAGOON EXCURSIONS**

### **Hotel Bali Hai**

Mr. Hiro KELLEY

Tel (689) 56. 13. 59

Fax (689) 56. 19. 22

Shark feeding expedition on glass -bottom-boat (departure every day at 1:30 pm. (except Sunday)

Canoe excursion on lagoon, stop at a "motu" (Monday,Wednesday and Saturday at 9:30 am)

Outrigger speed canoe ride with stop at a "motu". snorkeling(Thursday at 9:30 am)

Grilled fish picnic on "motu", snorkeling (Tuesday and Friday at 9:30 am)

Catamaran cruise at sunset in Cook's Bay, happy hour (Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 4:30 pm)

### **MOANA LAGOON SAFARI**

Cook' s Bay

Mr. Albert HARING

Tel. (689) 56. 13. 53

Fax (689) 56. 10. 42 / 56. 40. 58

Maximum 32 people. Transfers from resort hotels or private lodgings to canoe anchored at Cook's Bay provided.

Visit two bays, stop at main points of interest. Snorkeling equipment provided. Enjoy a Tahitian picnic with drinks (departure 9:30am., return 3:30pm). Sunset cruises upon request.

### **MAHANA TOURS**

Hotel Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal

Mr. & Mrs. Moise and Fellie RUTA

Tel (689) 56. 20. 44 / 55. 19. 19 ext. 1138

Fax (689) 56. 38. 66

Half-day excursion to a "motu", snorkeling

Full-day excursion by outrigger speed canoe, visit Opunohu and Cook's Bays, picnic on a "motu", snorkeling, cultural activities.

Light fishing, taste raw or grilled fish (1 hour excursion)

Daily glass bottom boat ride (1 hour excursion)

Lagoon excursion, snorkeling, local fruits pause, cultural activities (2 hours excursion)

Sunset cruise (1 \* hour excursion)

### **MOOREA BOAT TOURS**

Hotel Moorea Beach Club

Mr. Heifara DUTERTRE

Tel./Fax. (689) 56. 28. 44

Visit the dolphins every Thursday and Sunday (departure 8:30 am and 11:00 a.m., return 9:00 am and 11:30 am)

Full-day excursion (departure 9:30 am, return 3:30 pm).

## **MOOREA VTT ADVENTURE**

Mr. Ronald SAGE

Tel. / Fax. (689) 56. 42. 43

Half-day excursion at Opunohu Valley, or at the Belvedere splendid panoramic Point. Visit the valley plantations.

## **HIKING**

### **LE COL DES TROIS COCOTIERS**

Mr. Ronald SAGE

Tel. / Fax. (689) 56. 42. 43

Half-day excursion through Opunohu Valley. Discover exceptional flora and Moorea's secret rivers.

## **HORSEBACK RIDING**

### **RUPE RUPE RANCH**

Mr. Christian DAUZOU

Tel. (689) 56. 26. 52

Cavaliers and horses take pleasure to go riding in Teavaro valley. Also exhilarating rides along the white sand beach are organized at times, including a lovely sunset promenade. Horses with saddles and guide(s). Daily departures at 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (1 hour \* excursion )

### **TIAHURA RANCH**

Mr. Terai MAIHI / Mrs. Carole BAYET

Tel. / Fax. (689) 56. 28. 55

Guided sunset excursion with stops for spectacular photography of Moorea mountains, lagoon and Maiao Island. Daily departures at 9:00 am. and 4:00 pm. (1 hour \* excursion)

## **PARASAILING**

### **U' UPA POLYNESIAN PARASAIL**

Mr. Moise RUTA / Mr. Beven OLYPHAN

Hotel Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal

Tel (689) 56. 20. 44 / 55. 19. 19 / ext. 1138

Fax. (689) 56. 38. 66

Soar 300 ft. high on a parasail, pulled by a 28 ft. boat. Or hydro-sled on an inflatable banana boat. Visit Opunohu and Cook's Bays. No experience required. Flying time: approx: 10 mn.

## **JET SKIS**

### **MAHANA WAVE RUNNER**

Hotel Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal

Mr. & Mrs. Moise and Fellie RUTA

Tel. (689) 56. 20. 44 / 55. 19.19 / ext. 1138

Fax. (689) 56. 38. 66

Waverunner excursions on the lagoon

Guided visit of Opunohu bay (30 mn. excursion.);

Guided visit of Opunohu and Pao Pao Bays, and of Haapiti lagoon (1 hour excursion)

### **MOOREA JET TOURS**

Hotel Sofitel la Ora Moorea

Mr. Hector KRAUSER

Tel. (689) 56. 12. 90 / 56. 19. 79

## **CATAMARRAN CHARTERS**

### **LAGOON SEAFARI MOOREA**

Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal

Tel (689) 56.19.19

## **DEEP SEA FISHING**

Hotel Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal

Mr. Christopher LILLEY

Tel. (689) 56.15. 08 / 42. 75. 42

Fax. (689) 45. 27. 58 / 41. 32. 97

Bertram Flying Bridge 31 ft. Maximum 6 people Half-day or full-day excursion, picnic and drinks included.

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## **SHARK FEEDING**

This is an amazing adventure that you will never forget and one excursion you should not miss during your stay in French Polynesia. Just about every hotel and cruise ship offers these tours. Many of the Lagoons Tours (listed in this section) have Shark Feeding excursions as well. The three hour excursions cost about \$50 per person and leave daily in the morning from most of the hotels.

## **DIVING**

SCUBA dives on Moorea are easy and safe. The water is clear with hardly any currents. Moorea attracts about 25 000 divers a year because of its easy diving, turquoise waters and special treats like feeding large lemon sharks and swimming alongside friendly Napoleon Fish of impressive size.

### **M.U.S.T.**

Tel (689) 56.17.32

Languages spoken: French, English, German, Spanish.

35 sets of SCUBAPRO and SPIRO diving gear - 2 boats (17 and 21 divers).

Introductory diving course.

Exploratory dives.

Issuers of FFESSM, CMAS diplomas.

### **BATHY'S CLUB**

Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal - (689) 56.19.19

Introductory diving course. Exploratory dives. Issuers of FFESSM, CMAS, PADI diplomas.

Private dive.

Photo. Video. Aquacom.

Underwater scooters.

### **SCUBAPITI**

Hotel Les Tipaniers - (689) 56.20.38

Languages spoken: French, English, German, Spanish.

10 sets of SPIRO and SCUBAPRO diving gear - 1 boat (10 divers).

Introductory diving course. Exploratory dives. Issuers of FFESSM, CMAS, PADI diplomas.

## **Siteseeing Tours**

Tiki Theatre Village: Papetoai - (689) 56.18.97

A unique open air theater. Nightly Polynesian dance shows at 6:00 and 8:45. Tahitian weddings. Tiki

Moorea Island Tour - Reservations required.

Moorea's Juice Factory and Distillery - (689) 56.11.33

A modern factory which transforms local agricultural products in juice. Open until 3pm M-Th and 2pm Fri.

What to do on Moorea Tours - (689) 56.12.90

Circle island, speed canoe, motu picnic, sunset cruise, snorkeling

Ron's Tours Adventure: Papetoai - (689) 56.35.80

### **Dolphin Quest**

Dolphin Quest: Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal - (689) 56.19.19

Swim with the dolphins. 30 minutes programs where you can come face to face with a dolphin.

Reservations recommended.

### **Horseback Riding**

Rupe Rupe Rach: Teavaro - (689) 56.26.52  
Beginners and expert riders accomodated.

### **Helicopter Rides**

HeliPacific: Tahiti - (689) 85.68.00  
Helicopter tours around Moorea and Bora Bora, Tahiti, and Raiatea.

### **Safari 4X4 Tours**

Ron's Tours Adventure: Papetoai - (689) 56.35.80  
Inner Island Safari Tours: Maharepa - (689) 56.20.09  
Inner island photo tour and waterfall tours offered.

### **Lagoon Excursions**

What to do on Moorea Tours - (689) 56.12.90  
Moorea Mahana Lagoon Activities: Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal - (689) 56.19.19  
Glass bottom boat rides, sunset cruise, lobster dinner cruise  
Aquascope: Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal - (689) 56.12.90  
View the lagoon from a unique perspective...in the hull of a glass encased half submarine.

### **Catamarran Charters**

Lagoon Seafari Moorea: Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal - (689) 56.19.19

### **Parasailing**

Polynesian Parasail: Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal/Club Med - (689) 56.19.19

### **Deep Sea Fishing**

Tea Nui Charters: Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal - (689) 56.19.19  
Full or half day. They will arrange shared rides.

### **Scuba Diving**

Bathy's Club: Moorea Beachcomber Parkroyal - (689) 56.19.19  
Daily charters, CMAS and PADI instruction, video, shark feeding.  
Moorea Underwater Scuba Diving Tahiti - (689) 56.17.32  
Scubapiti Moorea: Hotel Les Tipaniers - (689) 56.20.38

### **Wave Runner Rental**

Moorea Jet Tours: Sofitel Ia Ora - (689) 56.22.87  
Guided 1/2 and 1 hour excursions and 2-3 hour circle island tours.

### **Car Rental**

Pacificar Moorea: Vaiare - (689) 56.16.02  
Europcar: Several locations - (689)56.34.00

Take a crash course in the culture and geology of Moorea by signing up for one of the many guided tours offered on the island, which can be organized through your hotel's activities desk. You'll be astounded by Moorea's fertile plantations and gorgeous vistas, not to mention its friendly people.

### **Bus Excursions**

Mingle with other tourists while a bus or mini-bus shuttles you across scenic Moorea. These comprehensive bus tours stop at such renowned landmarks as the Afareiatu waterfall, the Mou'a Puta Mount pineapple plantations, the Pihaena distillery, Opunohu and Cook's Bays, as well as other local sites.

### **Drive Tours, Mountain Safari Excursions**

One of the best ways to uncover the mysteries of Moorea is to take a drive tour. In the air-conditioned comfort of a four-wheel drive vehicle, you can enjoy the island's fauna, flora, historic landmarks and archeological sites.

For a real adventure, sign up for a mountain 4-wheel drive (or Jeep) safari and witness the island's hills, homes, plantations, valleys and waterfalls.

With its densely-vegetated peaks, deep valleys, translucent lagoons and historic sites, Moorea is an especially good place to enjoy land activities such as hiking and horseback riding. Most activities can be arranged by hotels.

### **Hiking Tours**

Lace up your walking shoes and explore Moorea's tropical, mountainous terrain. Guided hikes provide visitors with an aerobically-sound way of discovering the island. Tour the rainforest at Le Col des Trois Cocotiers (Pass of the Three

Coconut Trees), Vaiare, Paopao, Afareaitu Waterfall and majestic Mount Rotui.

### **Horseback Excursion**

Many of Moorea's natural wonders can be enjoyed on horseback. Ride through the magnificent Teavaro Valley, or take a guided excursion along the island's white sand beaches. Visitors can even snap pictures of Moorea's incredible vistas.

Enveloped by a lagoon and rimmed by the expansive blue sea, Moorea is an aquatic paradise. All the more reason for you to explore the many water activities available on the island.

Paddle an outrigger canoe, charter a sailboat or embark on a deep-sea fishing expedition. If you've got the time, we've got the activity. Most activities can be arranged by hotels.

### **Deep Sea Fishing**

Witness the undersea wonders of Moorea with a deep-sea fishing expedition. Half- and full-day excursions are available, as well as trolling off-shore

Moorea. Picnic and drinks are often included in expedition deals.

### **Lagoon Excursions**

The opalescent lagoons surrounding Moorea are perfect for jet-skiing, scuba diving, snorkeling, swimming, water skiing and windsurfing. Visitors can hand-feed fish from a glass-bottom boat, or ride an outrigger canoe or catamaran.

*Moorea Lagoon Beach, Temae Beach & Village Faimano*

*These three beaches offer exquisite vistas, plenty of swaying palms, gentle surf and prime swimming and snorkeling. Need we say more?*

### **Parasailing**

Moorea has always provided visitors with a natural high, but parasailing lets you soar to literal new heights. Pulled by a 28 ft. boat, you can ascend as high as 300 feet over Moorea's glistening lagoon.

### **Sailboat**

Charter a boat and sail the translucent bays and lagoons around Moorea. Visitors can swim or snorkel in the island's protected waters. Outer island charters and sunset cruises are also available.

### **Scuba Diving**

Some of the finest diving in the world can be found at Moorea--year round. The abundant flora and fauna include reef sharks, moray eels, huge Napoleon wrasses and triggerfish. And with more than 20 dive sites from which to choose, divers of any experience level can find a perfect spot.

### **Snorkeling**

Because of the lack of strong currents, the waters off Moorea are superb for both experienced and beginning snorkelers. The most popular underwater activities here are fish and shark feeding.

### **Submarine Excursions**

Indulge your inner explorer and take in a Moorean submarine excursion. Plunge as low as 200 feet deep and marvel at the island's undersea flora and fauna.

### **Tropical Aquarium Center**

This highly-rated aquarium features a rainbow-assortment of tropical fish. Guests can also visit a pearl farm along the lagoon.

## **NIGHTLIFE**

Unlike its hard-partying big brother Papeete, Moorea eases into nighttime like a cavalier might ease into his smoking jacket. Indeed, once the sun sinks in Moorea, the atmosphere becomes laid back and relaxed. In place of celebrational frolic, Moorea night life centers around cultural and social activities. Visitors can take in a dance performance at the Tiki Theatre Village, enjoy the weekend cabaret at Club Med, or savor a sunset repast at the hotel Les Tipaniers. The Bali Hai and Cook's Bay Resort hotels host island-night dance shows. However you choose to spend your nights in Moorea, you can always count on the island's friendly, sociable locals.

For centuries, Moorea has been a source of ancient artifacts. On this unique island, the historic and the contemporary blend in rapturous harmony.

### **Chez Pauline**

Old Polynesian charm blends with quaint European style at this curious guesthouse. Chez Pauline is a great place to purchase souvenirs and relics, including grinding stones, prehistoric stone tikis and wooden artifacts culled from around Moorea's

### **Afareaitu Village.**

#### **Haapiti Village**

Seemingly oblivious to the ravages of modernization, this rural community is notable for its wooden homes, hibiscus bushes and modest churches. A leisurely village that affords visitors a glimpse of the old Moorea.

#### **Kellum Garden Stop**

This historic homestead was built in 1925 by an American family, and has since become a curious piece of Moorean history. Located at the base of Mount Rotui, the farmhouse-style Kellum Stop is notable for its variety of plants and flowers, not to mention its largely unspoiled, "old world" charm.

#### **Le Belvedere Lookout Point**

Perhaps Moorea's most spectacular scenic overlook, Belvedere Lookout Point provided the setting for the film saga, "Return of the Bounty," featuring Mel Gibson and Anthony Hopkins. As the locals will tell you, the Point offers an awe-inspiring panoramic view of the Opunohu Valley. From your perch on the crater's ridge, you will enjoy a superlative vista of the Cook and Opunohu bays.

#### **Marae Nuurau**

Situated in rural Varari, the Polynesian temple known as Marae Nuurau features gorgeous walls made of coral.

#### **Opuhi Plantation**

Plant enthusiasts will surely want to visit this botanical garden/plantation. Owner Alex Du Prel grows a vast assortment of exotic crops, including breadfruit, ginger, mango and vanilla. Trivia fans, take note: Du Prel formerly managed Marlon Brando's property on Tetiaroa.

#### **Paopao & Opunohu Valleys**

No visit to Moorea would be complete without stops at these adjoined sites. The Opunohu Valley has yielded many ancient remnants over the years, most notably the stone "marae" temples and archery platforms, which were used by Polynesian royalty in pre-Christian days (archery was a sacred sport in ancient Tahiti). Start your excursion by hiking through the Paopao Valley, and conclude your journey in

#### **Opunohu Bay.**

#### **Papetoai Village**

History buffs will want to make a stop at the historic octagonal church located in the northern coastal village of Papetoai. Established by the London Missionary Society in 1822, the church is the oldest European building in use in the South Pacific.

#### **Tiki Theatre Village**

Unlike many of Moorea's authentic historical sites, Tiki Village is actually a recreation of a pre-colonial Tahitian village. A massive tiki-like sculpture greets visitors at the entrance. The Tiki Theatre Village dance troupe performs four times weekly, and their kinetic shows must be seen to be believed.

## **TAXIS, PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION, CAR RENTALS**

Moorea has many quick and convenient ways to get around. The island offers a variety of public and personal transportation choices to fit every schedule.

### **Catamaran**

For a relaxing and memorable experience, take a catamaran from Moorea to the neighboring island of Tahiti. With comfortable seating inside and offering spectacular views on deck, catamarans are a good way to mix with the natives while enjoying the island's calm, clear waters.

Though the crossing takes less than half an hour, you may see dolphins and flying fish leaping alongside your vessel.

### **Aircraft & Helicopter**

Moorea has many charter flights offering aerial tours of the island, as well as trips to neighboring isles.

Guests can catch a connection to Bora Bora, Huahine, Manihi, Raiatea and Rangiroa, or take a helicopter to nearby Papeete.

### **Le Truck**

The popular "Le Truck" transports passengers between the ferry dock in Vaiare and various hotels or private lodgings. Destinations are posted atop each bus, and Le Trucks can usually be flagged down on any road.

### **Taxi**

Travelers needing to make a quick trip can catch one of the many expedient taxicabs serving Moorea.

Personalized Transportation (Car & Cycle Rentals)

Enjoy Moorea at your own pace by renting a car, motor scooter or motorcycle. The island has many world-renowned rental car agencies including Avis, Europcar and Pacifcar. Call family-owned Albert's Rentals for scooters and cycles.

Open cars called "Mokes" are also a fun way to get around the island, and can be rented wherever cars are available.