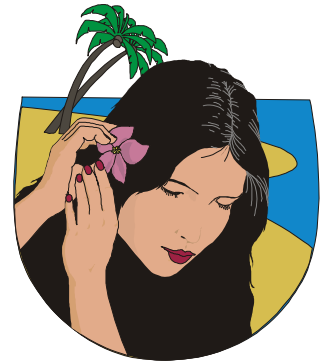


Tahiti 2009!



Our resort!



OUR FLIGHTS:

We are on **Air Tahiti Nui flight 001**. Air Tahiti Nui is out of the “**Bradley, International**” terminal. We are departing on **Friday, November 6th at 1:00 p.m. on Air Tahiti Nui**. Meet Ed Reder at the ticket counter. **DON'T FORGET YOUR PASSPORT!!**

11/6: We will arrive in Tahiti at 7:30 p.m. and will be taken by bus to our hotel, the Manava Suite Resort, for our one night on the island of Tahiti.

11/7: We'll enjoy a leisurely morning and a full buffet breakfast. Have your luggage downstairs in the lobby by 10:45 a.m. for our 11 a.m. departure to the ferry landing for our crossing over to Moorea.

We will have 2 meetings each day to keep our group together, at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Meet at the pool bar.

Please bring enough cash or travelers checks with you (ATM cards work well too) to sign up for these tours as most of them do not accept credit cards (scuba diving does).

TOURS!

Besides the following tours, when we see you we will talk about other things to do on Moorea including renting mopeds, which is really fun, horseback riding, going to [Tiki Village](#) in the evening for their cultural show featuring amazing fire dancing, going out on a [dolphins and whale eco tour](#) with Dr. Michael Poole, shopping for black pearls or just snorkeling right out in front of our resort. These are the main tours that we will need an advanced count of how many will be coming. We may be able to add people to these tours, but with such a large group coming on this trip we highly recommend signing up in advance. The way we will do that is have you visit our tours website where you will pay a deposit on the tour. This will be non-refundable should you decide to cancel. This way we have a fairly accurate headcount. All of our tours are discounted for our group, some as much as 20%!

4x4 INNER ISLAND SAFARI, Sunday and Tuesday: \$45. This is a must do. Check out the entire island and enjoy great views and exciting off-roading. We'll do this on two days so we don't have too many people in the places we will be visiting which would compromise the enjoyment level. Sunday's tour will not include the distillery since they will be closed, but you can do on your own on a moped and will give you more time at the other sites. I would

recommend signing up for Sunday if you're not a diver since we will also offer diving on Sunday.

Here is a great description of what we will see: The first leg of the tour takes you up to an overlook point on the rim of the crater of the ancient volcano which created Moorea. From here you can see the many colors of the island, the heart of the crater, as well as the coral reef surrounding Moorea. The next part of your journey will take you into Moorea's interior where you will visit a pineapple plantation, a vanilla plantation and a large plantation where a variety of tropical flowers and fruits are grown, such as Birds of Paradise, Porcelain flowers, Jojoba, Heliconia, Chinese grapefruit trees and Papaya trees. Further on up the valley, you'll see and learn a bit of the history of the "Marae", ancient Tahitian stone archeological sites. The road ends at the "Belvedere" scenic lookout, which offers fantastic views of both Cook's and Opunohu bays. While in the valley, the tour stops at the Opunohu School of Agriculture for tasting of fresh fruit juices and jams. Toilets are on site. Afterwards, during a visit to the Fruit Juice Factory, you can taste liqueurs and juices made from Moorea's tropical fruits. Alcohol content of the liqueurs is 10 - 40%. You'll also take a 30 minute hike up to a small, refreshing waterfall, and overlook the Roto Nui valley. A tropical fruit snack on the beach is included.

LIKI TIKI SNORKEL PICNIC WITH STING RAY & SHARK FEEDING, Monday - \$66 This is definitely a "must do" tour. I hope we get everyone on this because it'll be a wonderful time that you will always remember. Tour on the lagoon with shark and ray feeding. We'll visit a beautiful "motu" (coral islet) that is such a lovely place, you will not want to leave. Enjoy free drinks and Tahitian buffet in the peace of warm crystal waters and white sands.

[Website](#) click on "photos" at the bottom too!

SCUBA DIVING:

Our dive shop can take 15 divers at one time but there is another dive company which we have used many times before out of the Moorea Beachcomber who will provide complimentary pick-up. Our suggestion is to split the divers up a bit so we don't have too many people on a particular dive and also matching up people who are experienced, seasoned divers with those who seldom dive (which will shorten the dive time). So, for those who are experienced, we are suggesting [Bathy's](#) at Moorea Beachcomber Hotel. It's a nice resort to visit too with the dolphin show. They will provide the pick-up for a group of 7 divers. When you visit our website to sign up for our tours you will be able to express an interest in which dive shop you'd like to use. Both dive shops will be giving us a group rate of 5500 cfp (about \$60) for a one tank dive

DOLPHIN EXPERIENCE:

We will be setting up reservations for the Dolphin Experience program. You can do a short program with 15 minutes in the water with the dolphins or 30 minutes with the dolphins. There are two parts: one educational and one interactive with 30 minutes of education and 30 minutes in the water with the dolphin. For both, trainers will tell you all you've ever wanted to know about Atlantic bottlenose dolphins: anatomy, behaviour, and habits. Their impressive jumps and flips are fascinating to observe. Dolphins are great acrobats and water ballet dancers. These mischievous and teasing mammals like to play tricks on their visitors... but all is soon forgotten... time for a (wet) kiss! This dolphin encounter combines elements of hands-on contact, education, fun, laughter and adventure.

We can take 15 people with people split into 6 person groups. We've been given a 20% discount with the shorter program, called Meet and Greet, going for 8.800 CFP (about \$96) instead of 11.000 CFP per person. The 30 minute program, Dolphin Experience, is 13.920 (about \$153) CFP (20% of discount) instead of 17.400 CFP per person. For each program, pictures are taken by a photographer at an extra cost. [Website](#)

11/14: Return: We are returning to Papeete, Tahiti on the 14th via a ferry at 3:20. Since our flight is not until 12 a.m. we have arranged to have our luggage kept in storage and we will spend some time in Papeete to enjoy some shopping and dinner. We will be transported to the airport at 8:30 p.m. We arrive back in LAX on Saturday the 15th at 10 a.m.

FOR THOSE EXTENDING TO BORA BORA:

11/14: 12:00 p.m. Depart to airport for our 1:30 p.m. flight to Bora Bora. Rest of day to relax.

6:00 p.m. Divers meeting at our lobby with our dive operators. Come and sign up for our dive on Friday and maybe more dives!

11/15: Snorkel/ Shark Feed Tour: Read info below. Let's get the whole group together for this one!

11/16: Scuba Diving or Jet Skiing. This day will be set aside for a scuba dive. If you're not a diver there is a Jet Skiing Tour that we're going to work on a special discount on.

11/17: 4x4 Safari: See Bora Bora on this complete tour including the top of the hills where you'll get the most amazing view! We've got today booked for our group.

11/18: Free day to enjoy other tours you may have missed. More diving or just some shopping.

11/19, 5 p.m. We depart our hotel to the airport to make our 6:05 p.m. flight back to Papeete. So you've got all day to tour, play and relax in paradise! Our flight leaves at 2:00 a.m.

Departure Flight info: TN 2 G 21NOV PPTLAX HK42 0045 1055

We arrive back in LAX at 10:00 am on 11/20.

TOUR INFO IN BORA BORA:

Shark and Sting Ray Feeding Snorkel

MATIRA TOURS

Original sharkfeeder loane Tinorua wants to take you on a wonderful tour of the Bora bora lagoon. Excursions include: touring the beautiful lagoon of Bora Bora with a shark and ray feeding experience, exploring the coral sea, and multiple snorkeling and swimming stops. We'll also stop on a motu and experience the tranquility and beauty of a classic white Polynesian sandy beach.

COST: \$55 (reg \$75).



SCUBA DIVING

We are going with the largest and best equipped dive operator in Bora Bora AND we are getting a nice group rate too with a 20% savings off their regular rates. Web page:

www.boradive.com

From there website: Our diving center is well known for the friendly atmosphere and our knowledge regarding the diving and fauna and have 11 years on Bora Bora and we are a PADI dive center. We offer quality services with brand new diving equipment and very personal services.

On Bora Bora we will see Black tip, White tip sharks, Grey Sharks, Lemon Sharks and have some chance to enjoy Hammerhead sharks, Tiger sharks, Whale sharks...and of course the famous Manta rays.

The diving center has facilities (toilets, shower...), shop (T-shirts, Hat, Polo, Shorts, Books...), welcome desk, classroom, video services... and it's open everyday from 8h00 to 12h00 and 1h15 to 5h00 PM.

6 speed boats (no toilet on board) and all of them have OXYGEN, First aid and VHF radio on board :

BC's: 60 Stabilizer jacket Scubapro and Beuchat form the size XS to the size XL

Wetsuits: 60 shorty from children size to XXL

Regulators: 60 scubapro with pressure gauge, octopus...

We are lucky, in Bora, to have some marvelous and easy dives.

Climate and water temperature: Temperature of the water 75 °F (June to August) to 86 °F (December to March) Visibility 90 (when the water is warmer) to 150 feet

Our hotel pick-up will be at 8:15 a.m. for the morning dive and 1:30 p.m. for an afternoon dive.

COST: \$59 for a 1-tank dive (reg \$70). 2-tank dives are \$115. 2nd dives will go down to \$55. Go to the tour sign up webpage to express an interest. You can pay when we arrive. I do also have more info on the dive sites along with a map if you're interested, let me know and I can email that info out to you.

4 X 4 Jeep Safari:

TUPUNA SAFARI 4X4'S comfortable Range Rover 4x4's will take you on a tour of Bora Bora you will never forget. Approximately 3 hours in length, our tours circle the entire island of Bora Bora and parts of the island you can only see from the back roads. Our professional guides are locals who know BoraBora well and will show you the island from a different perspective...



We take you to several viewpoints throughout the island showing you fantastic panoramic views of our famous Island!

The colors of the lagoon back dropped by Bora Bora's magnificent cliff walls will amaze you. You can easily see the nearby islands of Raiatea, Tahaa, and Tupai.

All our Guides are all locals. Many have lived on Bora Bora most of their lives. They are part of the culture of the island and are proud to share it with you on your tour.

All tours stop at the most interesting places on the island: **WORLD WAR 2 CANONS**, **ANCIENT MARAES, WHITE SAND BEACHES, FAMOUS HOTELS**, and more... You will learn the facts, history, and politics of Bora Bora including information on the archeological features, the American occupation during Word War II, and other cultural interests!

Our guides like to get a little crazy now and then... Depending on the mutual agreements of your particular group, you can get as crazy as you want in our rugged trucks! Our trucks don't have 4 wheel drive for just bad weather... we like to use them for what they were made for- 4 Wheelin! We cater to the most daring 4x4 enthusiast! Speak your mind. Tell us what you like and LETS GO 4 WHEELIN'!

<http://www.boraboraisland.com/todo/maevas/tupuna.html>

3 hour tour cost is \$65.00 US dollars/ per person. We're working on getting a group discount.

Here is a web site that you may want to visit to get pumped up - www.gomoorea.com.

MORE INFO ON MOOREA

Hotel Info: Pearl Resorts, Moorea. www.pearlresorts.com Check out the virtual tour of our resort and the photos! What a great place! Our hotel does have 110 in the bathroom.

WHAT TO BRING:

PASSPORT!!

Please pack light with just one bag. This trip requires us to take 60 people on a ferry and buses. You don't need to bring a lot of clothes on this trip.

- ATM card (works best for accessing cash) Be sure your code is only 4 digits long.
- Bring your frequent flyer card (or number) and ask for your miles upon check-in
- I like to have cash as well. I would recommend \$300-500.
- Comfortable shoes
- Bathing suit
- Camera
- Chargers for digital camera
- Travel alarm clock
- Suntan lotion
- A hat
- Medications
- Sunburn creams or remedies
- An adventurous spirit
- Earplugs (don't ask)

GENERAL INFO:

- There is a 2 hr time difference between Tahiti and us (i.e. noon in Moorea is 2 p.m. California)
- The water is safe to drink .
- English is spoken in the hotels and most of the natives speak it as well.
- The weather should be great for us. It will be a bit humid. Shorts, bathing suit and sarongs are acceptable around the hotels, pools and beaches. Although in the restaurants it seems they prefer shirts and slacks or nice shorts for the men and the women resort wear and dresses.
- Everybody takes credit cards and you will probably get the best rate on your purchases. If you want to see what the current exchange rate is, you can go to www.oanda.com and go to "convert". The money in Tahiti is CFP (Central Pacific Franc). There are plenty of banks and exchange places to change money once we're there. Please be prepared to use cash at our group dinners.

- For the most part, there is no tipping in Tahiti. Feel free to leave something small.