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### **What's New in *The Islands of Tahiti***

The Islands of Tahiti , renowned for its breathtaking scenery and legendary hospitality, is currently closed to international travelers through April 30, 2021. For information about travel requirements please visit our website.

### **Hotel News**

#### **HILTON HOTELS & RESORTS**

##### **Hilton Tahiti to Open in 2021 in Papeete**

Hilton Tahiti is in a prime location for both leisure and corporate travellers. Situated on the waterfront and 2.2 miles from Faa'a International Airport, Hilton Tahiti, the gateway for all international arrivals to the territory. The hotel is also just 1.6 miles from Papeete Ferry Terminal.

Hilton Tahiti will offer 170 new guest rooms of 452 square ft, and 30 suites ranging in size from 840 square ft up to two spectacular Royal Suites, one of which is a grand 1,980 square ft. Guests will be able to unwind after a day in Papeete at the hotel's all-day dining restaurant, signature brasserie, Asian cuisine restaurant or relaxed terrace bar.

Hilton Tahiti will also have a casual market place for guests to stock up on supplies and snacks, as well as a spa with treatment rooms, a fitness centre, an executive floor and lounge, and the largest outdoor pool in French Polynesia spectacularly overlooking the Moorea Island. Hilton Tahiti will host events in 6,400 sq ft of flexible event space, which comprises a ballroom that can be partitioned into four sections.

##### **New Hilton Moorea Dive Center**

Located between the island's two large bays, the Hilton Moorea now houses the annex to the Nemoz Diving dive center, formerly TOP DIVE Moorea.

An excellent opportunity for experienced diving clients, or beginners, to discover the lagoons of Moorea directly from the hotel jetty with the team of Nicolas Buray, specialist in diving in *The Islands of Tahiti*.

Exploration dives in the ocean, beginner dives, and guided snorkeling sessions in the lagoon are some of the services offered by the center, open seven days a week.

##### **Hilton CleanStay**

In 2020, Hilton CleanStay was introduced, bringing an industry-defining standard of cleanliness and disinfection to hotels worldwide and to its three properties in The Islands of Tahiti: Hilton Moorea, Hilton Tahiti, and The Conrad Bora Bora Nui. Visit [newsroom.hilton.com](https://newsroom.hilton.com) for more information

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### **THE FOUR SEASONS RESORT BORA BORA**

#### **Four Seasons Resort Extended Stay Program**

The just-refreshed Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora, named Best for an Epic Stay in the World by AFAR, recently introduced its Extended Stay program.

Created to address the trend of extended stays (10 or more nights), the Extended Stay program provides an array of complimentary services and amenities, based on length of stay. Find more details on [their website](#).

Designed for privacy and space, the just-enhanced private island resort is located on a private *motu* (islet), accessible only by boat or helicopter. This unique private island setting is a natural barrier to crowds, as foot traffic and outside guests are not a concern. The 108 one and two-bedroom overwater bungalow suites and seven two and three-bedroom beachfront villa estates are all freestanding accommodations, with true indoor-outdoor living space, ideal for those looking for space and privacy, while each of the Resort's restaurants and bars offer open-air dining. The 22-hectare (54 acre) Resort offers guests ample space to spread out and enjoy their own slice of island paradise, surrounded by Bora Bora's famous turquoise lagoon and majestic Mount Otemanu, while an array of recreational pursuits on and under the water provide exceptional opportunities to make memories.

#### **Lead With Care by Four Seasons**

The Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora is proud to introduce Lead With Care, an enhanced global health and safety program which is being implemented at Four Seasons properties worldwide. Combining public health expertise with access to leading technologies and tools, Lead With Care establishes procedures that educate and empower employees to take care of guests and each other. The program will focus on enhancing cleanliness, guest comfort and safety and employee training. For detailed information about Lead With Care, please visit the link [here](#).

### **THE ST REGIS BORA BORA**

The St. Regis Bora Bora Resort has been awarded a Five Star rating by Forbes. The Five Star rating defines hotel properties as "outstanding, often iconic properties with virtually flawless service and amazing facilities." The resort has recently completed a villa refreshment with Paris-based designer Marc Hertrich & Nicolas Adnet, enhancing both the interiors and exteriors of the villas.

### **PEARL RESORTS OF TAHITI**

LE BORA BORA ■ LE NUKU HIVA ■ LE TAHAA ■ LE TAHITI ■ LE TIKEHAU

#### **Rebranded Properties**

Pearl Resorts of Tahiti is pleased to announce a full rebrand of their suite of hotels, with a few additional being added to the portfolio of the prestigious boutique hotel group, Relais & Châteaux.

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- Le Tikehau by Pearl Resorts
- Le Tahiti by Pearl Resorts

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- Le Bora Bora by Pearl Resorts, Relais & Châteaux
- Le Taha'a by Pearl Resorts, Relais & Châteaux
- Le Nuku Hiva by Pearl Resorts, Relais & Châteaux

### **Le Bora Bora**

Le Bora Bora re-opened in 2020 as a Relais & Châteaux property. There will be a total of 78 overwater bungalows; the bungalows, newly-designed by Tahitian architect Pierre Jean Picard, will feature inlaid hammocks and authentic Tahitian decor. The hotel will also be launching the first solar-powered airport transfer vessel in The Islands of Tahiti.

### **THE CONRAD BORA BORA NUI Launched New Island Host Services**

Launched in December 2020, the Conrad Bora Bora Nui has launched its new butler service, Island Host, available in all villas and suites.

A personalized service that accompanies all the clients during their stay, to anticipate their needs and meet all their expectations! The entire team was trained at the Butler Academy in South Africa.

### **MANAVA RESORTS**

**Manava Suite Resort Tahiti ■ Manava Beach Resort & Spa - Moorea ■ Nukutepipi Private Island**

### **Manava Suite Resort Tahiti Appoints Jeremy Martin as Executive Chef**

Food loving residents on Tahiti as well as visitors to the economic, cultural and political centre of French Polynesia will welcome the news that Jeremy Martin was named the new Executive Chef at the 121-room, lagoon front Manava Suite Resort Tahiti. Martin spent the last three years as Executive Chef at the Tahiti Ia Ora Beach resort by Sofitel. In his new position, Martin will oversee cuisine at Manava Suite Resort Tahiti's signature restaurant, Vaitohi, the Taapuna and Punavai bars and the casual and welcoming lagoon front Taapuna restaurant, adjacent to the resort's waterfront infinity pool.

Jeremy Martin was born in France. He started his career in French gastronomic restaurants such as the two-star Michelin Hotel Ritz in Paris. In 2008, he moved to Saint Barthelemy to become Chef at the five-star Guanahani hotel. From 2008 to 2012 Martin has worked as a Chef in several restaurants in starred hotels in the West Indies: the five-star Relais & Château Eden Rock in Saint Barthelemy and the Hotel Cap Lagoon resort & Spa in Martinique. He also spent several years in Morocco as a Chef and restaurant consultant. Using his exposure to the cuisines of the world and his five-star experience, Martin says his menus at Manava will have French, Polynesian, Caribbean and Moroccan influences. Fresh, quality ingredients will be the core of his delicate and sophisticated cuisine.

### **Manava Beach Resort & Spa Moorea**

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Along with the re-opening of the Manava Beach Resort & Spa Moorea and the Manava Suite Resort Tahiti in July 2020, the properties have introduced the "Manava STAYSAFE" program to ensure health and protection measures are in place to protect staff and guests. The program adheres to a list of safety protocols including contactless payment and sanitizer in all common areas. Additionally the Manava Beach Resort & Spa Moorea has been purchased by South Pacific Management. SPM renovated and enhanced hotel facilities, as well as implemented an environmental and societal management system to obtain the Earthcheck-Silver certification. This designates the hotels in the forefront as industry leaders in sustainable tourism. Joining a select list of those that have won this prestigious certification from the International EarthCheck Company Standard with the exclusive EarthCheck™ science.

### **Le Mahana Huahine Hotel**

Le Mahana Huahine Hotel has made several changes to the property in 2020, including the renovation of the on-site restaurant and the addition of a pastry kitchen. The hotel features four newly-renovated bungalows with panoramic lagoon views and air conditioning.

### **Hotel Kia Ora Resort & Spa**

Hotel Kia Ora Resort & Spa in Rangiroa re-opened for business with a renovation of the Te Rairoa Restaurant, the main pool deck, and the main swimming pool. Nuku Hiva Pearl Lodge, located in the Marquesas Islands, is the third Relais & Châteaux property in *The Islands of Tahiti*, joining Bora Bora Pearl Beach Resort & Spa and Le Taha'a Island Resort & Spa.

### **ROYAL TAHITIEN**

The Royal Tahitien 2, located in Tahiti, has chosen to take advantage of this unprecedented period to renew its reception area and thus welcome its guests in a typically Polynesian style! The entire floor, the reception and the decoration as a whole have been revised to give a touch of luminosity in early 2021! For more information: [info@sme-groupe.es](mailto:info@sme-groupe.es)

## **Sailing & Cruise News**

### **PAUL GAUGUIN CRUISES**

#### **Paul Gauguin Cruises Unveils Renovated M/S Paul Gauguin**

Paul Gauguin Cruises, operator of the highest-rated and longest continually sailing luxury cruise ship in the South Pacific, the *m/s Paul Gauguin*, is pleased to announce a ship renovation, featuring luxurious enhancements, that took place during The Gauguin's drydock ending on March 9<sup>th</sup> in Singapore. The vision of the renovation was to enhance The Gauguin's elegant Polynesian signature with a chic and fresh style to enrich guests' experience sailing the islands of Tahiti, French Polynesia, Fiji and the South Pacific.

#### **Large Environmental Upgrades in line with Paul Gauguin Cruises' Values**

Minimizing the impact on the environment is one of the highest priorities of the company. In 2019, Paul Gauguin Cruises took two major measures in this field. The line completely eliminated the use of heavy

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fuel oil by using a much cleaner fuel (LS MGO – Low-Sulphur Marine Gas Oil) and also committed to offsetting 150 percent of its carbon emissions. The Gauguin’s most recent environmental upgrades follow this path and include water treatment and consumption optimization along with energy-saving initiatives.

### **An Empowering Experience Dedicated to Guests’ Highest Expectations**

The Gauguin is outfitted with a look designed by Studio Jean-Philippe Nuel that evokes South Seas elegance and the storied islands that the iconic ship sails. The refurbishment enhances the historical interior of the vessel made of warm and dark woodworks and strengthens the local identity. The fresh palette incorporates lagoon shades, a wide range of green and natural tones, warm color touches, organic patterns and woven textiles. Exotic panoramas and traditional artwork transports guests into the local environment. All The Gauguin’s staterooms and suites, as well as the public spaces, were renovated: Le Grand Salon, three restaurants, Piano Bar, La Palette Lounge, Spa and Salon, Boutique, Pool Deck, and Reception area.

### **Ongoing Onboard Upgrades**

To accompany The Gauguin’s renovation, amenities were enhanced for a full guest experience. Guests will be able to enjoy complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi and a virtual museum of over 150 paintings of artist Paul Gauguin during their voyage. These new enhancements will provide guests of The Gauguin an even more luxurious, all-inclusive experience, which encompasses dining in all three of the ship’s restaurants and 24-hour room service; complimentary beverages including select wines, beer, and spirits; and onboard gratuities for room stewards and dining staff.

### **The Gauguin’s Polynesian Signature**

Paul Gauguin Cruises was created to provide enjoyable, meaningful, and authentic experiences with the communities, cultures, and natural wonders that make Tahiti, French Polynesia, and the South Pacific so alluring. Every detail of The Gauguin’s renovations reflect her home including the ship’s décor, artwork, special Polynesian dishes in the restaurants, enrichment programming, and cultural activities aboard led by *Les Gauguines* and *Les Gauguins*, the ship’s troupe of Tahitian ambassadors and entertainers.

### **Paul Gauguin Announced 2022 Voyages in Tahiti**

Paul Gauguin Cruises ([www.pgcruises.com](http://www.pgcruises.com)), operator of the highest-rated and longest continually sailing luxury cruise ship in the South Pacific, the m/s Paul Gauguin, announces its new 2022 schedule featuring Tahiti, French Polynesia, Fiji, and South Pacific itineraries.

The Gauguin will be showcasing its most sought-after itineraries in 2022: the 7-night Tahiti & the Society Islands, 10-night Society Islands & Tuamotus, 11-night Cook Islands & Society Islands, and 14-night Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands.

To launch its 2022 voyages, Paul Gauguin Cruises is offering savings of 30% off standard cruise fares on all voyages, plus included airfare from Los Angeles.

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The health protocols developed by Paul Gauguin Cruises and PONANT exceeds international regulations. The Sail with Confidence booking policy is an extra effort to ensure travelers feel confident booking a well-deserved cruise vacation now without worry should they need to cancel.

For rates or more information on Paul Gauguin Cruises, please contact a TravelProfessional, call 800-848-6172, or visit [their website](#)

### **DREAM YACHT CHARTER**

Dream Yacht Charter is pleased to announce, for 2021, the arrival of 7 new boats in its bareboat charter fleet in Polynesia (Bali 4.1, Bali 4.3, Bali 4.5 and the new Bali 5.4) as well as the arrival of two new luxurious ones. Lagoon 620 catamarans dedicated to cabin cruises and crewed cruises.

More information: [francois@dreamyachtcharter.com](mailto:francois@dreamyachtcharter.com)

### **EXCELLENCE YACHT TAHITI**

Excellence Yacht Tahiti is a new charter company in French Polynesia that will offer cruises from Tahiti or from any other island upon request. Currently, it is composed of a Polynesian team with a lot of experience to be able to respond to your needs and the *Aurelia*, a luxurious Bali 4.5 catamaran - with 3 cabins and all the options.

*Aurelia* is a 13.5 meter long Bali 4.5 catamaran, has a master suite to port with a large shower room and 2 beautiful cabins to starboard, as well as a forward cabin for the crew. The catamaran is fully air-conditioned and equipped with a large 615L fridge / freezer, an ice machine, and also a dishwasher and washing machine, all the comforts for a pleasant stay on the water. Contact: [Cruise@excellenceyachttahiti.com](mailto:Cruise@excellenceyachttahiti.com)

### **ELYT YACHT CHARTER**

Launching in Summer 2021, *Honutea* by ELYT Yacht Charter is the first of its kind! Inspired by Polynesian canoes, this eco-friendly, electrically powered catamaran blends naturally into the turquoise décor of the most beautiful lagoon in the world. Travelers will have an unsurpassed experience, living on the water with complete privacy and without navigation limitations. Spacious living spaces "like at home" spread out on two bridges for a total living space of almost 392 ft<sup>2</sup>. Located on the Bora Bora lagoon and mainly at the anchorage, the catamaran offers 4 cabins, 2 bathrooms, 1 living-dining room with an equipped kitchen and an upper deck that offers a 360° panoramic view of the lagoon. Find more [information](#).

### **MITI CHARTER**

Miti Charter offers private charters to the Leeward Islands. From 2 to 10 people, the experience can be customized to your group with the boat that best suits your needs: catamaran or monohull, up to 55 feet. Itineraries can be designed from between 4 to 12 days.

An excellent choice for scuba diving excursions with onboard dive master (with an impressive

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8,000 logged dives). Captain is provided on all sailings, and additional staff and services are available: skipper and hostess, full board included, or with skipper only (provisions are brought and prepared by guests).

### **M/Y LATITUDE SUPERYACHT**

Explorer charter yacht M/Y Latitude has returned to *The Islands of Tahiti* after an extensive 24-month refit, electing to make Papeete its home port in *The Islands of Tahiti*. M/Y Latitude is one of a few superyachts available year-round in French Polynesia, and she is the perfect way to discover the islands. This German-built (Expedition Boat), 1977 ft former ice breaker support vessel converted into a luxury explorer yacht can accommodate 12 guests in 6 cabins, as well as 16 crew. Don't be fooled by its charming "vintage" silhouette – M/Y Latitude has been fully refurbished and offers all the comforts of modern yachting: jacuzzi, sauna, helicopter/tender deck, fitness equipment, water toys from paddleboards, surfboards and kayaks, scuba equipment, jet ski and waverunner, to a 63 ft sports fishing boat and all the fishing equipment you can dream of, and a 25 ft tender powered by 450hp outboards. (*Efoils and nitrox equipment are available*)

### **TAHITI YACHT CHARTER**

Tahiti Yacht Charter is adding one Lagoon 630 MY, two Lagoon 46 catamarans, and four Lagoon 40 catamarans to its fleet in 2020. The catamarans vary by size, capacity, and amenities, offering between two and five double guest cabins per boat.

### **VARIETY CRUISES**

Variety Cruises is launching year-round cruises in *The Islands of Tahiti* beginning December 2020 – November 2021. Various itineraries including a 7-night cruise in the Society Islands, as well as 10-night and 11-night cruises in the Society and Tuamotu Islands. The M/S Panorama II is the perfect small ship to explore these idyllic islands, accessing easily the islands crystal clear lagoons through passes and taking just 30 to 49 passengers close to shore. The programs feature optional excursions in most islands visited, many of which will allow guests to discover the historical and cultural heritage of French Polynesia and its unique underwater life and treasures.

### **About Tahiti Tourisme North America**

Tahiti Tourisme North America (TTNA) is the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for the country of French Polynesia, more commonly known as *The Islands of Tahiti*. As the DMO for *The Islands of Tahiti*, TTNA oversees all marketing, advertising, public relations, promotions, events and travel advisor programs in North America. TTNA works regularly with airline, cruise line, hotel, resort, tour operator, travel advisor and consortia partners from prospective business development to product launch and marketing initiatives.

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### **About *The Islands of Tahiti***

Located in the South Pacific, *The Islands of Tahiti* are just eight hours by air from California. Surrounded by pristine, crystal clear blue waters, the 118 islands and atolls offer natural beauty, authentic island culture, and unique French Polynesian style. Located in the South Pacific, *The Islands of Tahiti* are just eight hours by air from California, on the same side of the International Date Line as North America, and are in the same time zone as Hawaii. *The Islands of Tahiti* are world-renowned for their white-sand beaches, stunning turquoise lagoons and varied landscapes ranging from coral atolls to volcanic mountain peaks. Each island offers a variety of accommodation experiences from luxurious resorts with overwater villas, to family guesthouses, to sailing via private charter or scheduled cruise. Privacy comes naturally in *The Islands of Tahiti* and offers visitors the space to relax and reconnect and to be Embraced By Mana. Mana is the life force and spirit that connects all things in *The Islands of Tahiti*.