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Tahiti Nui Travel is pleased to bring you in this week’s newsletter the latest updates from the Tourism Industry.

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Thumbing its nose at the city life of Papeete, the island of Moorea welcomes you with its white sand beaches, coconut palms, and shimmering green reliefs. Located just a few kilometers from Tahiti, the island can be reached either by plane with Air Tahiti (10 min. flight) or by boat with the ferry companies Terevau or Aremiti (30 min. crossing). Visitors with their sea legs will prefer the latter transportation method, since it offers a magnificent view of the breathtaking mountains upon arrival at the dock at Vaiare. Photographers, stand at the bow! The eye of Mount Mouaputa - "Pierced Mountain" in the Tahitian language - watches over you from 830 meters high...

First approach to the Polynesian island life, this well-connected, dynamic island offers a range of lodging options and a wide variety of activities for passing visitors...

Our Small Hotels selection includes 3 hotels, 2 boutique lodges, 3 pensions with dining, 2 bed & breakfasts, and 3 furnished bungalows for rent, with catering available for the latter two categories.

Check out the latest photos of these places on your Dropbox link.

Hotels

The three hotels make regular improvements, keeping up a good level of quality and services.

The 2* Hotel **HIBISCUS** is a safe bet in the island's tourist landscape. Spacious and quiet grounds, nearby conveniences, bar-restaurant facing the lagoon and the sunset, a lovely tree-lined beach and pool are a delight for couples and families looking for privacy and rest. 3 lodging options, all with kitchenette: air-conditioned



room, colorful traditional bungalow with a genuine pandanus roof (all recently redone) or the superior comfort bungalow facing the lagoon. Latest enhancement to date: the old gravel road through the property to the restaurant has been replaced with a new, safer concrete driveway.

A stone's throw from there, the 2* Hotel **Les TIPANIERES**, well known on the island, offers travelers a livelier atmosphere, with its bar-restaurant facing the lagoon, popular on weekends, the adjoining public beach, the kite surfing spot out front, and its water sports and scuba diving center. Genuine pandanus-roofed bungalows with or without kitchenette, spacious and well-equipped, all recently re-decorated in light colors interspersed with Polynesian designs, bringing a touch of freshness and modernity overall. This is a reliable, consistent product for active visitors.



Another alternative is the Hotel **KAVEKA** in the beautiful Cook's bay. This charming little family property has undergone a profound facelift in recent years! It now offers completely renovated bungalows, all air conditioned, with solar water heaters, covered patios, king size beds, safes, TVs, and nice bathrooms with large showers. As for the setting, its Moorea Stone walls (very popular in the Society Islands for their character) blend in perfectly with this striking landscape. From the small side beach, the huge floating dock, or the all brand new descent ramps built, the translucent water invites the curious to discover a nice spot for snorkeling. Lastly, a new addition to the restaurant over part of the floating dock, covered and glassed, offers an ideal space for groups.

A small, friendly hotel that deserves to be highlighted.

Boutique Lodges

No major changes to be noted regarding Boutique Lodges.



At the **FENUA MATA'IO'A**, Eileen still rules with a velvet hand over this little world composed of 5 suites worthy of a 4* standard (with turn down service !), offering guests a very personal service and complete privacy. The atmosphere here is a savvy blend of genres and wavers between refinement, travel, and exoticism. Want to be pampered? This is the place to stay. Get your taste buds ready (house-made cuisine prepared with only fresh products, from cocktails to dessert) and enjoy the place.



As for the **GREEN LODGE**, it has been our Pensions & Boutique Lodges Top Sell on this island for 3 years now. Unlike the Fenua Mata'io'a, the Green Lodge is located next to the reef, along a wild beach reminiscent of the Tuamotus. Isabelle and Jean-Luc will welcome you in a Zen atmosphere where wood mixes with the Moorea stones, the vegetation to the blues of the Pacific Ocean and the pool. In the background, you can hear the waves breaking on the reef. Special, careful attention is paid to the little details both in the lodging and the meals. It has the makings of a very pleasant stay!

Family Pensions with dining



The latest arrival, the **VILLAGE TEMANOHA** offers a unique natural experience in the heart of Caldera, on a huge park with fruit trees, such as grapefruit, banana, guava, orange, but also giant bamboo, aito ("iron tree"), etc... A mini holiday village where pleasant wood & stone chalets are built around the pool/jacuzzi/snack area, this exotic place will make a good change of scenery in a multi-island itinerary with mainly accommodations by the lagoon.

The island can always count on the **FARE VAIHERE**. The property, located at the entrance of the legendary Opunohu Bay, offers 4 pandanus-roofed (changed recently) wood bungalows arranged identically, with style, each one color coded, comfortable, and well maintained. The managers, Corinne & Philippe, from France,



live on site, prepare the meals themselves (she takes care of the main dishes, he the desserts) and dine with their guests: a tasty moment, but also one of sharing, greatly enjoyed going by the rave reviews online of the pension's food. The Polynesian staff are happy to take part in local demonstrations (coconut, pareo, weaving...), while Philippe, diving instructor, has his own boat and scuba diving equipment for you to discover the treasures of Moorea in small (or even very small!) groups.

There is no beach but a magnificent panorama, typical of the mountainous islands of Polynesia and a large pontoon leading to a protected snorkeling site. It is a nice place for those who wish to mingle with the locals and take full advantage the activities the island has to offer.



The budget-minded will find their match at the **MOTU ITI**, an old property offering simple, clean bungalows facing the lagoon, with a restaurant and access to the lagoon by a pontoon.

Bed & Breakfasts

Crush on the **RESIDENCE LINAREVA**! A real little holiday village by the lagoon! The entire property is clean, new, of quality, colorful, welcoming... in a large, verdant garden where you can enjoy the shade of a brand new fare pote'e (gazebo) overlooking the large, sandy beach. The huge zigzag dock hasn't moved, the dropoff it leads to is still full of life and the lemon sharks underneath unsurprisingly respond to the call of the aperitif! As for the old restaurant boat, sunk a little further out, it is gradually fading away to be replaced by a growing nursery of coral & tropical fish... A wide selection of bungalows with full kitchen, most air conditioned, with room for 2 to 4 adults. Scenery, tranquility, and comfort. Note that the 7 person Villa has not been renovated, and therefore provides a level of comfort below the rest of the property.



More traditional, the **FARE AUTE**, run by Polynesians and well-known to residents of Tahiti on getaway to the Sister island, offers bungalows either in the flower gardens on the property or at the edge of a beautiful beach, with a real full kitchen (down to the rice-cooker, an essential element in a kitchen of the Fenua - homeland) and a barbecue, for up to 10 persons. Immersion in the Polynesian lifestyle something that is becoming rarer on the so-called developed islands. With interesting rates, a car rental service is available on site.



Bungalow Rentals

At the **TE FARE MIHI**, you'll find houses with 2 rooms, air conditioning, in perfect condition, and very well equipped. In a quiet area, with parking, close to the activities on the island. What else to say?!... Don't miss the magnificent sunsets from the little beach!



The **FARE MITI**, meanwhile, is distinguished by its exceptional location, site of the former Moorea Village for connoisseurs, with a large beach of pristine white sand, a turquoise lagoon, the motus in the background, in short, a postcard come to life! While older, the bungalows are spacious, however, and typically Polynesian and well designed, with genuine pandanus roofs. A delivery service featuring food and fresh bread is available. To recommend without moderation, to globetrotting couples and families for a "sea" experience.

For a "Sea and Mountain" experience, we recommend that you combine the Village Temanoha with the Fare Miti, run by the same managers. During their stay, guests can take advantage of courtesy day transfers between the Fare Miti and the Village Temanoha and thus use the facilities at each pension.

To close this chapter, **Les Tipaniers Iti** in Opunohu Bay, an outbuilding of Hotel Les Tipaniers, offers the same structure bungalows as the latter at a low price: well equipped and spacious. No beach, but a nice view of the bay from the deck



overlooking the lagoon, with a little grocery store next door. A rental car is highly recommended.

To be continued... the 4* and 5* Resorts and the activities on the island.



Remaining at your service for any complementary information.

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