



## Flash News – May 06<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Partners, Ia Orana !

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

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## THE NEWS



### **Heiva I Tahiti 2015 - Prices and Programs Available!**

We are pleased to announce that Heiva I Tahiti, the annual festival featuring traditional song and dance competitions, will run from July 2 to 18, 2015 on the Toata plaza in Papeete. The best teams have been preparing aggressively for three months now, to the sound of Toere and Pahu (Tahitian drums) in order to give a performance worthy of the famous festival. Including many of our staff!

The dates, detailed program, and pricing are now available, with the option of booking tickets through our services. This way, tickets purchased will be remitted to customers in the travel packet they receive upon arrival.

Note: the festival ticket office will not be open to the public until early June.

Please contact our Marketing department for sales documents, rates and terms.

## **NEW in Bora Bora – The Twizy Electric Car is Coming!**

Since April 27, 2015, our partner car rental agency in Bora Bora has been offering 100% solar electric vehicles to customers. Thus, 12 Renault Twizy 45 are waiting to be tested. Easy to drive, available to guests over 18, but not requiring a driver's license, they will be sure to charm you. Limited to 45km/h (fast enough for the island) and equipped with airbags, you can safely enjoy the Bora Bora scenery. Quiet and environmentally friendly, they will delight all eco-citizens. So if you're visiting Bora Bora, treat yourself and come and try them!

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## **FOCUS ON**



### **The Luxury Hotels of Moorea, the Sister Island – Chapter II**

After presenting the Small Hotels of Moorea last month, here's a report on its Luxury Hotels.

No earth-shattering changes this year. 4 Resorts, 4 identities, all well maintained, with pool, spa and free (or partially free) Internet, with breakfast buffet included in the room rate.

#### **Hotel Moorea Pearl Resort & Spa - 4 \***

With admittedly fewer amenities than its neighbors, this human-scale place, more Hotel than genuine "Resort" offers in return a popular Polynesian friendliness and a convenient location: adjacent to the typical Maharepa Shopping Center, guests can independently immerse themselves in island life.

In terms of changes & improvements, the pandanus in the common areas has given way to wood shingles. The former gourmet restaurant Matiehani, intimate due to its location, is slated to become a bar/lounge area in a few weeks. The Internet rate is coming down! Fully managed by the hotel, it is offered for 4.5 euros/day & free access at the main bar. Lastly, in the Garden Pool Bungalows, the edges of the private pools have been replaced.

Note: Turndown Service is only available in the overwater categories and for VIPs.



#### **Hotel InterContinental Moorea Resort & Spa - 4 \***

A departure point for many activities, this is the most complete Resort on the island, as well as the largest, with a maximum capacity of 480 guests.

A live band every night has been added to the two weekly Polynesian shows. In its wide range of activities, the hotel also offers free classes in Toere and/or Tahitian dance (1 hour - Wednesdays & Fridays).

The bungalows have swapped their beige/brown exteriors for younger white linen. The lobby and Fare Nui restaurant have also been given new furniture.

The vegetation bordering the patio-pool of the Garden Bungalows has grown out, thus giving guests more privacy. The sliding glass doors have been changed out in all categories.



#### **Hotel Sofitel Moorea Ia Ora Beach Resort - 4 \***

There is a good dynamic at this elegant hotel, young and Polynesian, which is reworking its entertainment and activities, including the introduction of the "Champagne Lounge" on Fridays and Saturdays at the end of the pontoon: Champagne tasting and tapas with lounge music in the background, and Bollinger Champagne in the place of honor, the only brand available by the glass (various other brands available by the bottle). Unique!, don't miss the Spa's "Nocturnal



Paradise Treatment" massage, available April through October, 6-8 p.m.: a special moment under the stars in Polynesia... And finally, in its desire to move upmarket, the Hotel has signed with the highly professional SV Photograph for all its photography services.

In terms of facilities, no significant recent changes.

### **Hotel Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort & Spa - 5\***

The only 5\* on the island, the Hilton also enjoys the best location: halfway between the two activities centers, all excursions pick up here and, thanks to a huge coral garden to be discovered by snorkeling, the hotel (particularly its overwater bungalows) is protected from passing boats.

In addition to its wide range of activities, keep in mind that it also offers 3 different dining locations in high season (international cuisine, tapas bar, and creperie on the pontoon). Polynesian Cultural activities are organized every day at 4:30 p.m. Apart from the refurbishment of some private pools in the garden categories, no further improvements or significant recent infrastructure change to be noted.



Download or ask your Marketing agent for the updated detailed Fact Sheets!



### **Ono'u 2015: An Open-Air Museum**

Of Tahitian origin, the festival's name "Ono'u" expresses the action of joining one color to another and therefore, by extension, the meeting of colors in Tahiti through the art of graffiti. This international event was a resounding success in its first edition in 2014, with a total of over 1500m<sup>2</sup> of surface painted day and night at the iconic site of Toata. The city of Papeete was also marked with a wave of graffiti, and today you can still admire the frescoes and some huge graffiti murals, blending contemporary street art & Polynesian culture.

This year, the organizers are doing it all over again, but this time in the form of a Battle! Thus 5 local artists and 25 international artists from the 4 corners of the world (USA, UK, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Germany, Australia, France, Malaysia, Spain, New Zealand, and Sweden) have been selected for the competition, which takes place May 5-9.

On the program:

- Simultaneous creation of giant murals
  - Lettering contest, on a 4m x 3m surface
  - Creating a mural on a set theme
  - Creating an artistic work on a 50m<sup>2</sup> wall location
- And many more surprises...

[Ono'u Tahiti Festival Graffiti 2015](#)



## **LATEST PRODUCT UPDATES AND NEWS**

**Our updated documents are available on request**



## Latest Updates to Note

Romantic Touches, Bora Bora - Four Seasons Resort Hotel Bora Bora:  
The "Romantic Floating Armchair" service is no longer available.

Excursion, Bora Bora - Parasailing:

Previously closed on Thursdays & Sundays, this activity is now available 7 days a week, including holidays.



## Raiatea, Pension Sunset Beach - Annual Closure Dates

The Raiatea Sunset Beach pension will be closed from December 10, 2015 to February 17, 2016 inclusive. Re-opening is scheduled for February 18, 2016.

The affected bookings are currently being processed; our booking agents will be in touch with you if applicable.

Reminder! Find all the closures and work updates for pensions, boutique lodges and hotels in your Annual Closure & Work Summary. Request the link from your Marketing Agent !



Remaining at your service for any complementary information.

With kind regards,

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