



## Flash News – December 09<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



### **Hotel Le Méridien Bora Bora 5\* – Closure for maintenance!**

The hotel has decided to close its doors **from February 21 through March 30, 2016** inclusive, in order to conduct maintenance work. During this 5 week period, the main kitchen of the restaurant will be rebuilt, as will the pandanus roofs, in addition to other various maintenance works.

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



### **Two New Romantic Excursions on Bora Bora!**

#### **Romantic Experience Bora Bora - Full day (Motu Lunch included)**

Check out version 2.0 of the Experience Bora Bora excursion:

New boat – a beautiful outrigger canoe outfitted with small private lounges... unique! Polynesian guide, ukulele on the boat, cultural demonstrations on the motu (pareo, traditional dance, coco show and weaving), beer available and at the end of the tour, a glass of bubbly and a few small surprises awaiting you, to close out this beautiful day...

The stops have not changed, and the same goes for the stunning views of Mount Otemanu from the motu and individual tables shaded by a straw umbrella!



Specially designed for couples, this excursion is reserved for guests over 12 years old.

Excursions/Bora Bora Tropical Wonders range - Cancels & Replaces the Experience Bora Bora excursion for all new bookings.

### **Sunset Cruise & Romantic Dinner at St James - 4 hrs**

Instead of a simple boat or minibus transfer from your hotel to the gourmet restaurant St James, opt for a Sunset Cruise!

Comfortably seated aboard the same boat with private lounges, a glass bubbly in hand, you'll enjoy the gentle atmosphere to the sounds of ukulele, before arriving at the restaurant where you will be served a glass of Champagne followed by a delicious 3-course dinner concocted by the Chef.

Bora Bora Excursions/Gourmet Breaks range.



### **Non-Legal Weddings 2016 - first delivery!**

Still incomplete, the Weddings range is now available in your 2016 Rate Manual. Included there are hotel ceremonies and other specialized service providers, as well as the most frequently requested options. Don't hesitate to send us your special requests, anything (or almost ...) is possible! Regarding the missing suppliers, everyone agrees to honor all the 2015 ceremonies and rates until the 2016 range is released.

Note on the Legal Wedding on Moorea service:

Book the à la carte Photo and/or Video options for the ceremony or more, and receive the USB key housed in a lovely little natural wooden box made by a craftsman from Moorea. We love it!

## **FOCUS ON**

### **Chef Burlion in the kitchens of Sofitel in Polynesia!**

For fans of gourmet cuisine... Guillaume Burlion is in French Polynesia! The career of this Chef, with 2 Michelin Stars, Executive chef with 5 Stars/5 Diamonds in French cuisine, is impressive. Trained with the greats of the profession, Patrick Lenôtre, Paul Bocuse, Roger Vergé, and Joel Robuchon, he perfected his training during his travels to Switzerland, Japan, and the United States. Private Chef to François Mitterrand and Bill Clinton, cook for American stars in Los Angeles, he has finally decided to settle down for six months in our islands and try the Polynesian adventure with Sofitel hotels.

He has also just signed [the new menu at Restaurant Pure](#) at the Sofitel Moorea Ia Ora Beach Resort 4\*. All Sofitel hotels restaurants should soon benefit from Chief Burlion's expert advice and offer menus up to his reputation.



## **LATEST PRODUCT UPDATES AND NEWS**

**Our updated documents are available on request**



## Hotel Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora 5\* - Updates & Construction

Retroactive updates below on ALL INCLUSIVE categories available from April 1, 2016:

The guaranteed upgrade at check-in is no longer included in any category  
The following 2 services are now only included for guests staying in the Luxury Otemanu 3BR Beachfront Villa with Pool:

- Custom stocking of the private bar (including alcohol, extra for some premium alcohols)
  - 55,000 XPF (461 Euro) in Spa Credits per villa, for use during the stay
- Conversely, the Additional Person rates have dropped by about 23%.

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

### Spa under renovation

The hotel is conducting work to improve its Spa from November 30 to December 18, 2015 inclusive. During this period, all treatments are available and are provided in the Presidential Villa Otemanu from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- Two suites are reserved for couple's treatments
- Guests will have free access to the private beach, the pool and the jacuzzi at Villa Otemanu from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- The Fitness Center will be relocated to the Pahia room open 24/7. Yoga and fitness classes will be held at the Otemanu Pavilion at the scheduled times.



## 2016 Marquesas Packages – Excursions descriptions revised

Please note these changes in the organization of excursions included in our 2016 Marquesas Packages, without impact on the rates of the Packages.

On Hiva Oa,

- The *Taaoa Valley* excursion is reduced to approximately 2:30/3:00 hrs (versus a half day). This outing includes, in addition to Taaoa Valley, a quick visit of the village of Atuona, with a stop at Brel's and Gauguin's graves. Reminder! This excursion does not include the visit of the Espace Jacques Brel nor the Paul Gauguin Cultural Center.
- The full day *Discovering the Giant Tikis of Puamau* now includes a stop at the Smiling Tiki.
- The full day *Discovering the Northern Valleys of Hiva Oa*, until now combined 4x4 & ride, is becoming a moderate walk with some uneven terrain: 2 hours walking in the morning, followed by a picnic on the beach with swimming and returning by the same route.

On Nuku Hiva,

- The Full Day *Hike in the Valley of Hakau* ends with a swim in Hakatea bay instead of an "afternoon on the beach", since the remaining time is too short.
- During the excursion *In the Heart Of Taipivai Valley*, the Taipi waterfall is no longer accessible by foot, it can be seen only from the vehicle.





## Annual Holiday closures

Pension Maupiti Paradise will be closed for annual holiday from December 27, 2015 to January 4, 2016 inclusive, reopening January 5, 2016.  
No bookings are concerned by this closure.

Remaining at your service for any complementary information.

With kind regards,

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