

## Nukutepipi, the newly opened private atoll

The private atoll of Nukutepipi in French Polynesia is now open after years of careful exploration and construction. Nukutepipi is part of Sunset Luxury Villas, a portfolio of private properties by Guy Laliberté, founder of Cirque du Soleil, the One Drop Foundation and Lune Rouge. The island can now welcome up to 52 guests in its accommodation which includes a main villa, two junior villas and 13 beach bungalows. The island has an array of sports facilities on offer including tennis, volleyball, fare yoga, a gym and water activities. In addition there's a spa, a games room and a cinema. Located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, less than 1,000 km from Tahiti; there are more than 15 varieties of birds on the atoll. Laliberté says Nukutepipi is a place of rest, inspiration and discovery for the senses.

"Appreciating and preserving local flora and fauna is the essence of this seaside resort project, as is the desire to pay tribute to the Polynesian cultural traditions to which the island belongs."



## New Dreamliners take to the skies

Kiwi travellers can now enjoy Air Tahiti Nui's new 'All Tahitian Dreamliner' fleet that General Manager Pacific, Daniel Eggenberger calls the "most modern fleet in the world." With the new Tahitian Dreamliner comes new livery and a design that captures the spirit of French Polynesia. New crew uniforms feature the bright colours cherished by famed painter Paul Gauguin – these have been added to the Purotu and Marmarau dresses, that are favoured by Polynesian women.

Bright and exotic hues of red, yellow, blue and even rose motifs that were hallmarks of the painter – these have been worked into the design, making it a real representation of French Polynesia. Air Tahiti Nui fly three-times a week from Auckland to Papeete with additional codeshare flights taking total capacity to five-times a week.

## Whale talks at Hilton Moorea

If you're holidaying in Moorea, one of the best places to watch the humpback whales is the overwater lookout platform at Hilton Moorea. Whale season runs from July to November and during these months, the resort offers their guests weekly talks with OCEANIA, a local organisation that strives to protect the whales' marine habitat. This is an amazing opportunity for any marine mammal lovers keen on learning more about these magnificent creatures. Talks take place every Wednesday from 5pm until sunset.



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## Rum lovers rejoice at The Manava Beach Resort & Spa

Visitors to The Manava Beach Resort & Spa in Moorea can now discover rum flavours from South America, the Caribbean and French Polynesia at the newly opened Matiehani Rum Bar. The bar offers 18 tasting rums, an array of rum-based cocktails and a tapas menu to complement the tasting. Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, Matiehani offers an intimate and relaxed location for a date, or a night out with friends.



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