



## Kon Tiki Hotel embraces Tahitian vibe

Conveniently located a few minutes walk from the ferry terminal in downtown Papeete, the newly opened Kon Tiki Hotel is an enchanting oasis highlighting all that is quintessentially Tahitian. The hotel features a range of rooms and apartments mixing the authentic culture of Tahiti and modern design.

The hotel has also one of the very few rooftop bars in the capital, providing panoramic views of Tahiti and its sister island Moorea. As a stopover point, it's perfect. Travellers can enjoy their first couple of days at Kon Tiki Tahiti before venturing out and exploring other islands such as Raiatea, Moorea or Bora Bora. It's also perfectly located for cruise travellers who need a convenient spot to enjoy Papeete before and after their cruise trip.

## Air Tahiti Nui off to a flying start for 2023

Air Tahiti Nui is off to a flying start with honours and an additional seasonal service for New Zealand and Australian travellers. The airline flew into 2023 with a recent Global Traveller award naming it 'Best Airline in the South Pacific 2022' for the fifth consecutive year.

In 2023 New Zealand and Australian travellers can enjoy more of Air Tahiti Nui's award-winning service and inflight excellence with the airline offering three weekly flights between Auckland and Papeete throughout the entire Northern Summer schedule. The airline has favourable departure times from Auckland that ensure a late evening arrival meaning a good night's sleep in your accommodation and a fresh start to your first morning in Tahiti.

If you are travelling further, the arrival time is planned for an easy connection to flights to Los Angeles. Air Tahiti Nui has partner airlines - American Airlines and Alaska Airlines that provide further options for on-travel to and in the United States. Air Tahiti Nui operates an all-Tahitian Dreamliner fleet of Boeing 787-9 aircraft enabling travellers to experience the magic of Tahiti and her Islands from the moment they step aboard.



## The Brando creates a new vegan menu

Boutique luxury resort, The Brando, has unveiled a new menu carefully created for vegan guests. Executive Chef Pierre Lecorne and Polynesian Chef Hereiti Seaman worked together to integrate these vegan alternatives across various menus. At the Nami Teppanyaki, for example, the menu will include vegetable tempura, vegetarian spring rolls with taro, mushrooms and pota, and Japanese pasta with green tea. The vegan menu is available at Les Mutinés fine dining restaurant, the Beachcomber Café, and for in-room dining.

In other resort news, The Brando is nearing its goal of becoming fully carbon-neutral and self-sustainable. The villas are part of a pioneering scientific experiment involving a complex seawater air-conditioning system, all powered by solar energy.



## Maitai Express Tahiti set for mid-year opening

Owned by the same hotel group as the InterContinental resorts in French Polynesia, the luxury cruise ship Paul Gauguin and The Brando, Maitai Express Tahiti is a new Papeete property set for a June opening.

Located a 3-minute walk from the ferry terminal and market in Papeete, the Maitai Express Tahiti will have 56 rooms and 8 suites spread over five floors.

This is another great spot to stay at before heading out exploring the waters of The Islands of Tahiti on a cruise. This is the fourth Maitai Hotel in the destination, adding to the properties operating in Huahine, Bora Bora and Rangiroa.

## Niu Beach Hotel Moorea set for December opening

Niu Beach Hotel Moorea will be a welcome addition to accommodation options on the island, with a planned opening for December this year.

The brand-new beachfront property will be situated in the idyllic Haapiti area on the eastern coast of Moorea. The hotel will boast one of the most stunning beaches on the island, complete with a lagoon of infinite blue shades and swaying coconut trees. Bliss!

Guests can expect 16 bungalows of supreme comfort, each equipped with a terrace that can accommodate up to 6 people. All units will come with a kitchenette, allowing guests to create their own schedules and meals. And while the hotel will feature a restaurant, it will only serve breakfast. We look forward to the opening.



## Bloody Mary plans new Bora Bora hotel

If you've been to Bora Bora, you've likely visited the popular Bloody Mary restaurant, which is often visited by some of the most famous celebrities from Hollywood. With its thatched roof, Polynesian décor and sand-covered floor, you can kick off your shoes and truly feel like you're on Tahiti-time.

There's something for everyone at your table, choose something from the grill, daily caught seafood or vegan options. Whether you're stopping by for lunch, dinner or just drinks, make sure to keep your eyes open for any famous faces.

Those who love to visit this restaurant while in Bora Bora will be thrilled to know that the restaurant is planning on opening a hotel this year. While the details of what the hotel will look like are yet to be announced, it is sure to be tiki-fabulous!



# ELYT floating luxury villa to launch 2023

Looking for a totally unique experience? ELYT Charter Tahiti will provide the perfect option. Their floating houseboat features a four-bedroom presidential suite with a 360-degree rooftop lounge that allows guests to take in all the stunning beauty of Tahiti. It will be able to accommodate up to eight guests with its 120 square metres large area across two levels and is decked out with four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a fully-equipped kitchen, a dining area and a rooftop with breathtaking views surrounding the boat at all angles.

The floating villa, which is launching in the first quarter of 2023 is the first of its kind in the region and was designed with the environment of Tahiti in mind, as it has been inspired by 'ancient Polynesian voyaging canoes' and is eco-friendly by running on solar power. The absence of a diesel engine makes it silent, and also helps to keep coral and other marine life calm and comfortable. It has its own water treatment facility to reuse water and only has a thermal generator for emergencies. It was also designed and built in a local shipyard, which ensures that the carbon footprint is next to nil.




# Hilton Tahiti provides the perfect Papeete base

Travellers looking for a place to unwind after their Auckland-Papeete flight will love the Hilton Tahiti. Overlooking the majestic peaks of sister island Moorea, the resort was built on the bones of what's believed to be the island's first resort, dating from the 60s. (It's handy too - just a 10-minute drive from the airport).

The hotel opened in 2021 and is the perfect base for those wanting to explore the main island. The resort has a semi-open-air lobby with Polynesian artwork thoughtfully scattered through the property and the largest swimming pool on the island, which includes a swim-up bar, poolside cabanas and plenty of spots where you take in the beautiful ocean vistas and legendary sunsets.







Food on Tahiti is always a highlight. At Hilton Tahiti, there are four eateries, a pool-facing brasserie with classic French cuisine, a sushi bar with a wide range of sake and Japanese whisky, an over-water restaurant perfect for lunch and breakfast and a pool-side bar with tapas-style snacks.



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