

## Added comfort at Te Vakaroa Villas

Te Vakaroa Villas is one of Rarotonga's premium boutique properties, and a recent revamp has made each guest's stay more comfortable and enjoyable. Upgrades include new beds and refreshed interiors, in keeping with the luxury offer.

The grounds have also been beautifully re-landscaped, enhancing the lush, tropical surroundings. The heated swimming pool area has also been upgraded, ensuring wonderful year-round swimming.

The six villas offer direct beach access and fully equipped kitchens. The three two-bedroom villas include a private ensuite and an extra powder room, while the one-bedroom villas feature either a four-poster bed or a king bed that can be split into two singles.

In addition to the exciting upgrades, guests can now enjoy a complimentary tropical breakfast delivered to their villa each morning. For other meals, guests have the option of room service from Sails Restaurant or dining by the pool. Sounds like bliss!



## Preserving paradise at Pacific Resort Aitutaki

The 5-star adults-only Pacific Resort, Aitutaki, has built a reputation as one of the South Pacific's leading properties. Surrounded by tranquil turquoise waters, the resort offers an exceptional visitor experience.

The resort is also committed to protecting the environment and has launched a project to restore and preserve the marine ecosystem. The goal is to replenish Aitutaki's coral reef, improve reef health, and have a positive impact on the natural ecosystem.

The project combines scientific research, guest involvement, and innovative techniques. Small branches of living coral are attached to blocks and submerged in the lagoon. Once established, they will be transplanted to existing coral beds, revitalising ecosystems and increasing resilience.

Richard and Isabella from Aitutaki Marine Research provide expertise and educate guests and staff about coral and marine life. Guests can also play their part, by contributing to coral planting and staying updated on progress through a register.



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## Pacific Resort Rarotonga opens new spa and salon

Deservedly recognised as one of Rarotonga's leading resorts, the Pacific Resort Rarotonga is situated alongside the outstanding Muri Beach. The Hotel features an impressive range of 64 rooms, suites, and villas. There are some excellent options ranging from beachfront to garden views, from three-bedroom to studio, all offering high-quality amenities.

And now, something new too! The Resort has recently opened the "Pacific Lounge", a new nail salon and massage room. The new facilities provide guests with a range of treatments to enhance their overall experience and leave them feeling rejuvenated and refreshed.

The nail salon features a modern and stylish environment providing guests with a unique and exclusive experience. The salon's team of professional technicians is skilled in a variety of nail services, including manicures, pedicures, gel nail treatments, and nail art.

The new massage room is designed to provide guests with the ultimate in relaxation and comfort. The room features soft lighting and tranquil music to help guests unwind and relax during their stay. The massage therapists are highly skilled and trained to offer guests a range of treatments, including deep tissue massage, Balinese massage, and aromatherapy massage.

The luxurious additions to the outstanding service offered by the Resort create even more reason to visit, stay, and enjoy the Pacific Resort, Rarotonga.



## Luxury meets art at Motu Beachfront Art Villas

Located on the shores of Titikaveka Lagoon, Motu Beachfront Art Villas in Rarotonga offers luxury villas that feature art from across the Pacific. This resort is owned by a unique family trust dedicated to supporting Pacific artists, education, and healthcare in the Cook Islands. Each delightful villa houses a private art collection, adding to the unique charm of the resort.

Motu Beachfront Art Villas is a serene resort exclusively for guests aged 18 and over. All villas are self-contained and secluded, nestled within lush tropical gardens. Each villa boasts decks with views of the private resort beach or the lagoon. From the Ariki Premium Beachfront Villas to the Manutai Beachfront Villas and the Onu Lagoon View Villas, all options come fully equipped with air conditioning, modern kitchenettes, Nespresso machines, Wi-Fi, refrigerators, and daily service, offering a luxurious experience in charming surroundings.

The resort's beach is largely protected from both easterly trade winds and westerly storms that can affect other areas. During high summer, guests can witness dazzling sunrises and sunsets beyond the reef, all against the stunning backdrop of lush, mountainous landscapes. Yes, this is bliss!

## One Foot Island makes World's Best List

The Cook Islands Tourism Board has announced that One Foot Island, located in the stunning Aitutaki lagoon, has been awarded the title of the 5th best beach in the world on The World's 50 Best Beaches 2023, presented by Banana Boat.

This ranking agency compiles the opinions of over 750 of the world's most influential travel influencers, travel journalists, and travel agencies.

Known as Tapuaetai in the local Rarotongan language, One Foot Island is the most popular tourist cruise destination in the Aitutaki Lagoon. Positioned in the southeast corner of the lagoon, the island boasts white sands and mesmerising turquoise waters.

There are licensed operators available to transport visitors to One Foot Island. Certain Aitutaki accommodations have their own boats for carrying tourists to One Foot Island, and others offer a tour desk that can organise a highly worthwhile excursion to the globally ranked beach at One Foot Island!



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## Privacy and Peace at Sea Change Villas

Sometimes a holiday is all about removing yourself from the real world, to a place where total privacy in peaceful surroundings simply soothes the soul. Multi-award winning Sea Change Villas, nestled on its own secluded white sandy beach on Rarotonga, is just such a place.

This luxury property is situated along the stunning beachfront of the Titikaveka lagoon, allowing guests to enjoy the breathtaking ocean views and direct access to the beach.

Sea Change offers fifteen spacious and beautifully appointed villas, ranging from one to three bedrooms. Each villa is designed with modern furnishings, stylish décor, and a private outdoor area including a pool where guests can enjoy a refreshing dip and soak up the sun. Each of the villas has been thoughtfully designed to afford full and complete privacy. The fabulous Polynesian setting and superior guest service is perfect for those looking for that rejuvenating getaway or celebrating a special moment in their lives.

The stunning Beachfront Villas, welcoming guests 16 years and older, are just steps down to the beach and offer uninterrupted panoramic views of the tropical lagoon from both living and sleeping areas. The Lagoon View Villas are set amongst lush gardens and enjoy views to the lagoon.

The two and three bedroom Lagoon View Executive Villas cater to guests 12 years and older and have the added luxury of their own games room. These spacious villas are perfect for couples or friends travelling together or a teenage family, offering a real “home away from home” with plenty of room to relax and enjoy.

Enjoy lazing by your own private swimming pool, watch the surf crash on the outer reef kayak, snorkel in the lagoon, or get out and experience the island's many activities and tours – the Sea Change experience is all about doing as much or as little as you please.

Each of the villas includes a fully equipped kitchen, satellite TV, wireless internet, king bed, air conditioning and spacious bathroom with a shower designed for two. Also available onsite for guests use are kayaks, stand up paddle boards, bicycles, snorkeling equipment, BBQ and laundry facilities.

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## Demand triggers extra weekly flight on Jetstar's Sydney-Rarotonga route

In response to the growing interest surrounding the upcoming direct flights from Australia to Rarotonga, the largest island in the Cook Islands, Jetstar is introducing a third weekly return service during peak travel periods.

Between July to October and December to January, travellers will now have these additional scheduling options to choose from.

Starting 29 June 2023, these direct flights will be flown by Jetstar's newest addition to their fleet, the Airbus A321neo LR. Not only does this model offer quieter, more fuel-efficient travel than the existing A320 fleet, it also boasts broader seating, expanded overhead storage, and seat-back USB chargers and device holders, i.e. more comfort and more convenience for Cook Islands bound travellers.

With the introduction of the third weekly return flight, Jetstar is projected to carry up to 60,000 passengers each year between the two locations. The airline is excited to forge this new link between Australia and the Cook Islands, with the launch of its inaugural service due about now.

Jetstar Group CEO, Stephanie Tully, is thrilled about offering budget-friendly fares to the stunning locale of Rarotonga, affording Australians the chance to trade winter chills for tropical island warmth.

This enhanced service from Jetstar allows Aussies to experience more of the Cook Islands' unique charm! And no doubt the wider Cook Islands travel industry will benefit from this lift in numbers.



If you prefer the best of beachfront luxury with all the extra space of a villa layout, Te Vakaroa Villas are the perfect choice.

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## Renovated Club Raro goes adults-only

Club Raro has recently undergone extensive renovations and, as of May 1, has become an exclusive adults-only resort. One of the key upgrades is the retiling of the entire outdoor area. The decking has been expanded from the end of the on-site restaurant, Jalapeños, right up to the oceanfront, enhancing alfresco dining experiences. The lobby has also received a makeover, with the fountain area making way for the revived Club Bar, which is now an ideal space for casual business meetings or relaxed coffee and drink sessions.

An added highlight is the newly refurbished Ocean Front Cabana. Perfect for small group celebrations, weddings, business meetings, or lunches, the Cabana comfortably seats up to 20 guests.

The resort's accommodations have also seen improvements. The 78 air-conditioned rooms have been given a refreshing touch, each equipped with fridges, complimentary toiletries, and furnished balconies, providing even more comfortable lodging for guests. The space outside the rooms has been expanded, allowing guests to enjoy more outdoor relaxation.

Known for its famous cocktails, Club Raro now offers these delights at the swim-up pool bar, the Sand Bar, or at the Club Bar in the lobby. The renovations have injected new life into the resort, making it an even more appealing destination for adults seeking a friendly, boutique experience with great food, great views, and a vibrant nightlife!



## Ocean Escape Resort and Spa: an adults-only haven

Looking for a laid-back adults-only retreat that offers all the space and convenience of a villa? The recently opened Ocean Escape Resort and Spa in Rarotonga ticks all the boxes. Sitting on a stunning stretch of coast, just a few minutes north of Muri Lagoon, this eco-friendly, adults-only haven (16+) is the perfect spot for romantic getaways. The resort boasts a unique saltwater-filled pool, surrounded by cabanas, hammocks and daybeds – think long, lazy days under the sun! Guests enjoy private beach access and, during the whale season, there's a very good chance of spotting these majestic creatures just offshore. Two different accommodation options are available. The Ocean-View Villas, spanning 53 sqm, come with a kitchen, deck, and views of the ocean and pool. The larger Ocean Front Villas, covering 76 sqm, offer similar amenities along with uninterrupted ocean views. The resort also has an in-house spa offering massage treatments, facials, pedicures and manicures - get ready to be pampered. The icing on the cake? A daily breakfast is included, with guests receiving a complimentary breakfast hamper for the duration of their stay, filled with fresh local produce and yummy bakery delights.



## Chef Nordt adds boutique accommodation to fusion cuisine

Hailing from the wine region of Landau, Germany, Chef Phillip Nordt is now very much a local after residing in Rarotonga for over 9 years. Well-known for his fusion of European and South Pacific flavours, Chef Nordt's culinary creations can be enjoyed at Manuia OTB On the Beach Bar and Restaurant. Sitting right on the sand along Rarotonga's south coast, this venue also offers stunning sunsets. In addition to his culinary endeavours, Chef Nordt has established Te Puka Estate, a boutique accommodation nestled among an avocado grove located a few minutes from the coastal road.

With its picturesque views of the Turangi Valley, the estate offers four individual boutique apartments during the off-season. Plus, it can be booked as a single large house, accommodating up to 20 guests. This makes Te Puka Estate an ideal destination for unwinding and spending quality time with family and friends.

## TE PUKA Estate Group Holiday's – Rarotonga

Tranquil and enchanting, Te Puka Estate sits amidst an avocado grove with views into the magnificent Turangi Valley and mountains beyond and only 5 mins from Muri Lagoon. Te Puka Estate sleeps 20+ people with extensive living space, 9 bedrooms plus day beds, 6 bathrooms, 4 lounges and a large saltwater pool, providing a refreshing and relaxing alternative to the sea.

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