

Iconic Cook’s Bay Hotel’s exceptional transformation

Moorea is an island blessed with jaw-dropping locations, but one of its very best is Cook’s Bay – a tranquil, deep water bay that sits beneath towering green peaks. Resting on these shores is Cook’s Bay Hotel and Suites. The property was originally built in 1985 under the Ibis brand, but in later years it struggled, before closing in 1998. However, in 2021 a renovation kicked off with the goal of bringing this iconic property back to life. In reality the ‘renovation’ was a total rebuild with only the original concrete structures and pool preserved.

The 2023 opening has revealed a transformation that is nothing short of exceptional. The property offers 38 suites, including 2 family suites, each equipped with a kitchenette and a spacious balcony to soak in the picturesque views – all detailed with stylish, modern design elements. The original restaurant has also been resurrected. Restaurant Le Cook’s sits on its own motu in the bay with access via a footbridge.

The panoramic views are stunning and the quality of food matches the scenery. Along with a whole host of other amenities, the revitalised Cook’s Bay Hotel and Suites is a superb addition to Moorea and will no doubt build a new legacy of its own.



Tahiti to host 2024 Olympic Surf Competition

Tahiti, a late bloomer in terms of surfing history, the famous surf spot of Teahupo’o only was widely discovered in the late 1990s. Now, this remarkable surf location is set to be unveiled to a global audience as Tahiti officially prepares to host the 2024 Olympic Games Surf Competition at Teahupo’o.

In a remarkable decision, the International Olympic Committee has decreed that one of the most popular events will occur on an island situated nearly 16,000 km from the Games’ central site in Paris!

Teahupo’o, often referred to as the ‘district at the end of the world’, is a small, serene village where the road on the island’s west coast concludes. A short stroll along the beach affords views of the internationally famous wave. The surf break and heavy, glassy waves offshore typically range from 6 to 10 feet and can surge as high as 24 feet!



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Westin Bora Bora Resort and Spa set for 2024 opening

Set to open in 2024, the refreshed Westin Bora Bora Resort and Spa is set to be a unique addition to the luxury accommodations available on this beautiful island. Nestled at the base of Mount Otemanu and reachable by boat or helicopter, the resort is currently undergoing major renovations, aiming to emerge as one of the finest luxury accommodations on Bora Bora.

Dining options at the resort promise to impress. The French Brasserie, where local cuisine meets French, is all set to deliver unique dining experiences for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The Beach Grill, perfect for enjoyable lunches and dinners, and the Bar, offering light fare accompanied by a comprehensive selection of beverages and cocktails, complete the culinary offerings.

Guests will have the privilege of visiting the popular Ecological and Turtle Sanctuary without leaving the property. The resort’s expansive lagoon is an ideal haven for divers and snorkelers eager to explore the reef and local marine life. For relaxation and rejuvenation, the Spa will provide a holistic wellness experience, while the bar is set to serve unforgettable sundowners to round off each day! We eagerly anticipate the final result!



Tahiti Tourisme update airport presence

A recent innovation for visitors to Tahiti is the opening of a revamped Tahiti Tourisme Centre located in the international hall of Tahiti Airport. This modern, user-friendly office, equipped with an information desk, is an upgrade from the previous desk positioned near the car rental counters.

Tahiti Tourisme serves a large number of international tourists, with prominent signage now directing those seeking assistance to this welcoming new hub, conveniently situated opposite the international arrivals gates.

High-quality support and guidance from the amicable Tahiti Tourisme team are now readily available from this easily accessible, contemporary reception area.



Ultimate relaxation at Raiatea Lodge

The island of Raiatea, conveniently accessible from Papeete and Moorea, is served by several daily 20-minute flights from both Papeete and Bora Bora. The island is well equipped with a handful of taxis and operates a public transit system that provides daily routes to the main towns.

A short distance from these towns, nestled on the west coast of the island, lies the Raiatea Lodge. This boutique hotel underwent a complete renovation in 2020 and now offers first-floor rooms that boast splendid views of the pool and the surrounding tropical gardens. Additional bungalows, nestled amidst these lush gardens, provide guests with a serene retreat.

The Lodge's cuisine is top-tier. The gourmet restaurant is renowned for its commitment to local products, featuring delicacies like mahi mahi, red tuna, lobster, and grouper fish, along with an impressive selection of red meat dishes.

The Lodge also offers a variety of engaging activities. Guests can go kayaking to Motu Miri Miri (White Sand Beach), cycle around the marinas and the village of Uturoa, or enjoy excellent snorkeling at the hotel pontoon. All these features make the Raiatea Lodge a superb destination for visitors to this spectacular island.

Private island magic: Motu Noa Noa

A remarkable experience awaits in the Leeward Islands, specifically on the private island of Motu Noa Noa. Just 1.5 kilometres from Raiatea and 40 minutes from Uturoa's airport, this 75-acre island features two stunning beaches and three exceptional bungalows designed by Alain Fleuret.

Each villa, fitting 2 guests, integrates the surrounding paradise into its design, creating an exclusive haven of bliss and rejuvenation. They boast amenities like mini-bars, wine cellars, Nespresso machines, Wi-Fi, decks, dining areas, air conditioning, and elaborate bathrooms.

The island's private chef curates a seasonal menu with locally sourced ingredients. Activities, inspired by the ocean and nature, range from scuba diving to kite surfing. Furthermore, Motu Noa Noa places significant emphasis on respecting Polynesian culture.

For a memorable dining experience, the chef can arrange a private dinner or picnic in a breath-taking location around the island. The island also offers cultural performances like Polynesian dance shows and private musical concerts.

Chef Wilfrid Kobylt, who honed his skills in London and Algiers, brings his international flavours to the island. Finally, Motu Noa Noa stands as an environmentally responsible, service-oriented, and a true piece of Pacific paradise.



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