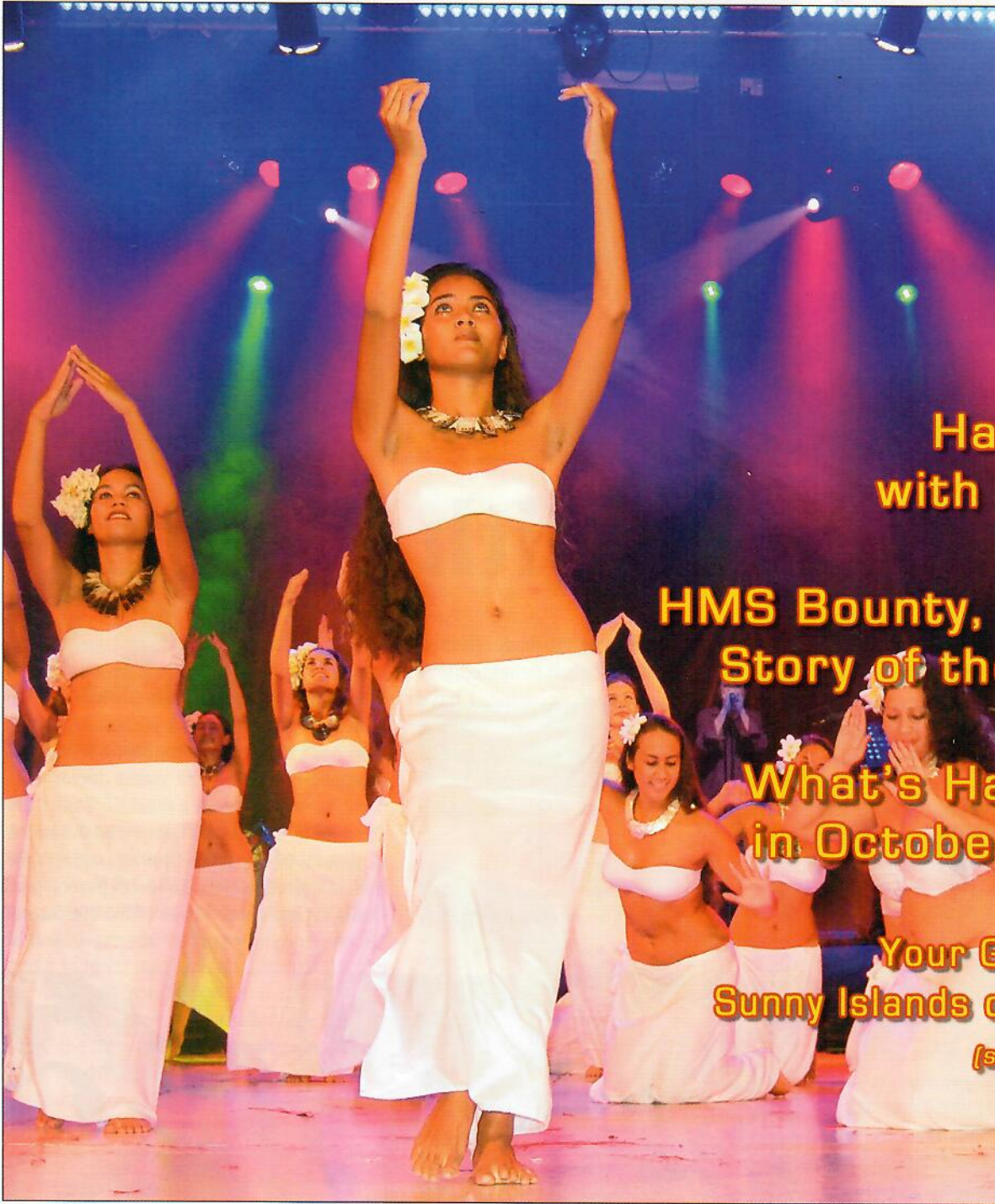


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**D**uring the 35 years that I have lived in French Polynesia, many times I have “played” as a tour guide in Tahiti. You cannot really call it working, because it is certainly one of the most pleasant jobs in the world. People come to Tahiti to have fun. Whether they come from the United States, Europe, South America, Japan or Australia, the tourist in Tahiti has the same goal in mind—to forget their normal routines and to just “un-lax and enjoy.” I love helping them to accomplish that goal.

But the national origin doesn't really make that much difference once the vacationer gets a sample of the very special atmosphere that prevails here in the South Seas. As soon as they are captured under the spell of “Polynesian Paralysis,” usually they let go and have a good time. The forms this enjoyment and the Polynesian Paralysis takes are varied, of course, according to the length of stay and the temperament of the individual or group.

For those who sail into Tahiti aboard the luxury passenger liners, their means of enjoyment are usually limited to a morning tour or a full-day circle island tour. Then



# Having Fun with Tourists

by Jan Prince

they go back on board and they're off to other ports-of-call. During their brief visits, however, the whole waterfront of Papeete becomes very lively and excited. As the big air-conditioned buses arrive to collect the passengers for their tours, there is an infectious air of gaiety that prevails among all of the tour guides and drivers. This is not put on for the occasion, but is genuinely felt by the people who work with the tourists. The tourists cannot help but get caught up in this ambiance, and a feeling of fun and discovery climbs aboard the buses with them.

If the sun is shining that day, then Tahiti presents her most beautiful face for the visitors to appreciate. However, it has been my experience that people enjoy themselves more if they can get a little wet during their tour. It awakens the spirit of adventure and gives them a little special something to remember once they are dry again and safely back in their staterooms or hotel rooms.

I was escorting a big group of people around Point Venus once, when a sudden rainstorm caught us far from the bus. A few of the tourists ran to the shelter of the hand-craft shops or tried to find a tree that could serve as an umbrella. Everyone got thoroughly drenched by the continuous rain, and the women finally gave up any thoughts of keeping their pretty hairstyles intact.

They just ran back to the bus, climbed aboard, dripped and laughed delightedly. A memorable incident had occurred. I have observed the sheer joy on the faces of those tourists who got soaked at the Blowhole of Arahoho, because they didn't listen to warnings about where to stand. And when it really blew, the spout of water sprayed up over the road and onto the happy viewers.

Even though they were sticky the rest of the day from the salt water, the people felt exhilarated.

New Yorkers who come to Tahiti during the midst of their winter back home are the ones who have the most trouble leaving. Especially if the visitor is a young single man who has tasted other delights of Polynesia. I especially remember a young doctor from New York who spent a week in Tahiti. By the time he left he had conquered the hearts of several of Papeete's prettiest vahines, he had acquired a wardrobe of pareos and shells, he had danced in all of the discos, and he was making plans to buy the island of

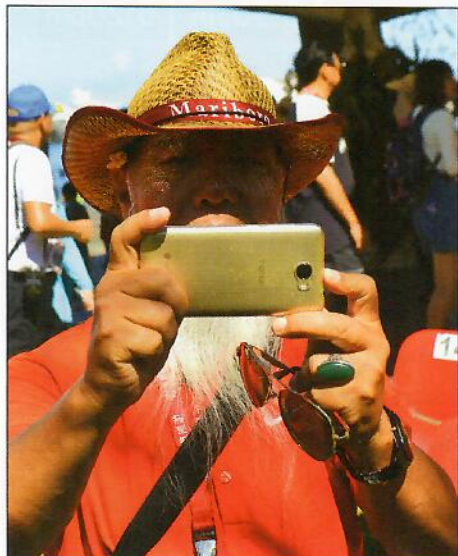




Huahine, no matter what the current owners thought. He was like a kid in a candy store.

Another New Yorker who came with a big group, a young single man, found that he just couldn't bring himself to board his plane when it came time to go. Long after everyone else was seated and strapped in, he stood outside on the tarmac, gazing longingly at the paradise he had to leave. Finally, he was almost forced to climb the steps and board the plane. The last thing you could see before the door closed was him waving his arms in farewell to all of Tahiti.

Few people have come back with such exciting stories to tell as the tale told by two women whom I met several years ago. Both of these ladies were well into their 70s. They were staying at the Sofitel Maeva Beach (today closed). One day they wanted to go to



the end of the line. Only then did the tourists discover that he would not be returning to the city until the following morning. They did not even have time to ponder what to do next, however, because some of the passengers rounded up a brother-in-law with a car, and the two jubilant tourists were driven back to town.

With all of the memories I harbor of the happy tourist, I guess the one I remember

best is the look of pure contentment I saw on the face of a man who was sitting in the sunshine at the Bali Hai in Moorea. As he sipped his drink and stared at the fabulous view of Cook's Bay, he epitomized all that a tourist should feel...

If the travel agents all around the world could have seen this man's look of satisfaction, they would know that their work is well rewarded.

town and hopped aboard le truck in front of their hotel. They noticed that the truck was filled with happy and laughing Tahitians who were wearing flowers and passing around bottles of Hinano beer (drinking aboard le truck is no longer allowed either). There were little squealing pigs (now taboo on public transportation) and other purchases that these people had just bought in the Papeete public marché to take home. For this le truck was heading out to the "districts," remote villages on the far side of the island.

By the time the two ladies learned where they were headed, they felt it was too late to do anything about it, so they decided to just see what would happen. So they began to take their turns sipping beer from the bottles of Hinano that were passed around.

When the guitar playing began, the ladies joined in the singing as best they could, clapping their hands in rhythm to the Tahitian tunes. After an hour or so of riding on le truck, the driver announced that it was




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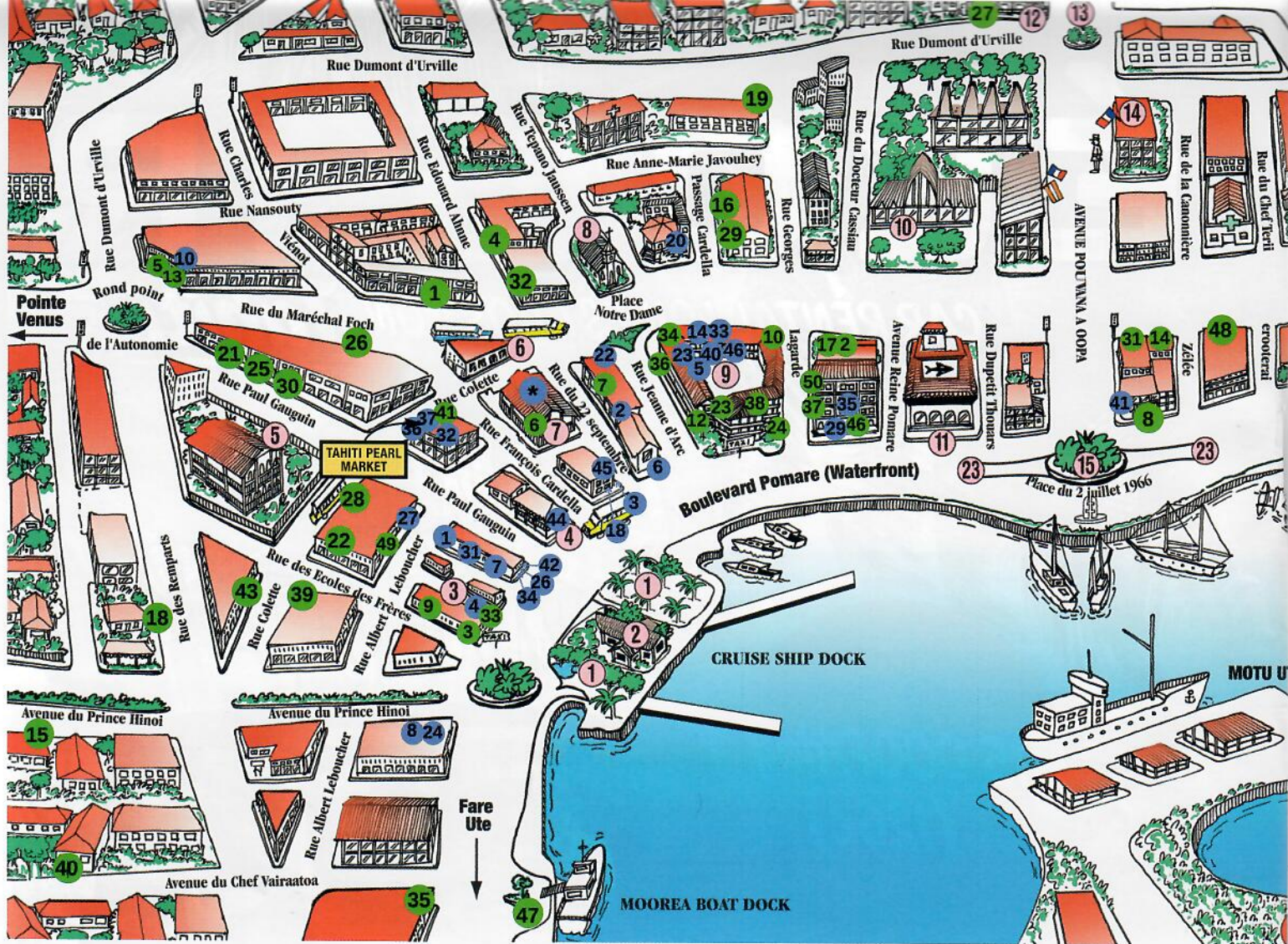
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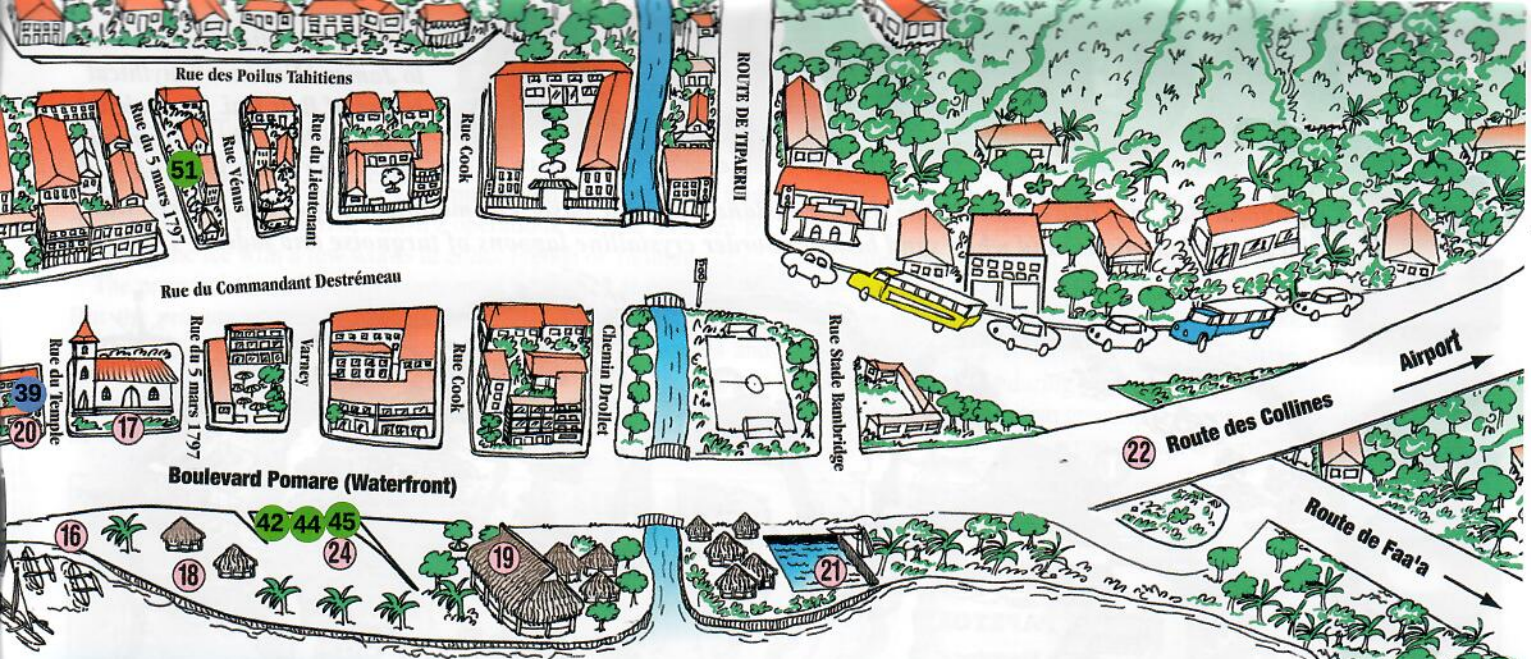
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| ④ East Coast "Truck" Terminal                 | ⑯ Outrigger Canoe Beach                         |
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| ⑧ Notre Dame Cathedral                        | ⑳ Pearl Museum                                  |
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# DISCOVER MOOREA

Moorea has often been likened to James Michener's mythical island of Bali Hai. The volcanic peaks, reflected in the tranquil waters of Cook's Bay and

Opunohu Bay, rise like a shark's jaw from the island's basaltic base. The mountain slopes are covered with pineapple plantations, and white sand beaches border crystalline lagoons of turquoise and jade.



- A** Sofitel Moorea Ia Ora Beach Resort
- B** Pearl Beach
- C** Kaveka
- D** Club Bali Hai
- E** Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort
- F** Tipaniers Iti
- G** Intercontinental Resort & Spa Moorea
- I** Les Tipaniers
- J** L'Hibiscus
- K** Vai Moana

## SPECIAL EVENTS IN MOOREA

- ▶ **Moorea Pearl Resort** presents traditional Tahitian dance shows on Wednesday and Saturday evenings.
- ▶ **The InterContinental Moorea Resort & Spa** offers different Polynesian shows. On Monday enjoy Tahitian traditional meals cooked in an underground oven and enlivened by Polynesian dances. You can also choose to attend Wednesday's **Barbecue night** or opt for the Saturday 'World Tour' buffet.
- ▶ **Hilton Moorea Lagoon** presents a tropical Buffet and Polynesian dance show each Saturday night and a Barbecue Buffet and dance show each Wednesday evening.
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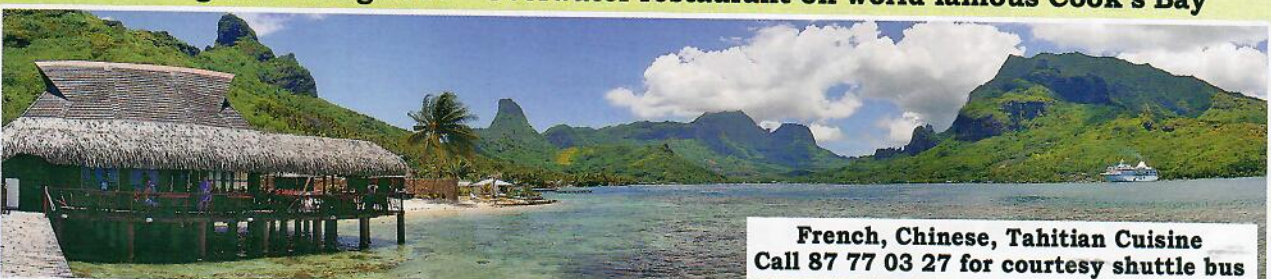
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# BREAK THE ICE

**F**rench and Tahitian are the official languages in French Polynesia. But the further away from Papeete you go, the more Tahitian and less French you'll hear spoken. Communication problems away from the hotels and other tourist industry operations may be avoided by breaking the ice with a few words in either French or Tahitian.

The pronunciation of French words must be studied at great length. But the pronunciation of Tahitian words is comparatively simple, particularly for English-speaking people. In Tahitian all vowels and consonants are pronounced as a separate syllable. There are no silent letters. There is always a vowel between two consonants and sometimes as many as two or three vowels will run together.

For example the name of Tahiti's airport is Tahiti-Faaa International Airport. In the word F-A-A-A, all three «a's» are pronounced. Every syllable ends in a vowel. Most words are accented on the next to last syllable.

Tahitian vowels are pronounced the same as in Latin:

**a**—ah, like in far

**o**—oh, like in go

**e**—ai, like in day

**u**—oo, like in lulu

The following are some French and Tahitian words and phrases you might try using during your visit.

The traditional Tahitian greeting is «ia orana». It is usually followed by «how are you?». In Tahitian, «eaha te huru?».

ENGLISH	FRENCH	TAHITIAN
<b>A</b> Afternoon	après-midi	avatea
Airplane	avion	manureva
American	américain	marite
Angry	fâché	riri
Ask	demander	ani
Asleep	endormi	ta'oto
<b>B</b> Bad	mauvais	ino
Bachelor	célibataire	haaipoipo-ore
Baggage	bagages	ota'a
Bank	banque	fare moni
Barber	barbier	ta'ata pa'oti rourou
Beach	plage	tahatai
Beauty	beauté	nehe nehe
Bed	lit	ro'i
Beer	bière	pia
Boat	bateau	pahi
Book	livre	buka
Bosom	sein	titi
Bread	pain	faraoa
Breadfruit	fruit de l'arbre à pain	uru
Breakfast	petit déjeuner	tafe poipoi
British	britannique	beretane
Butter	beurre	pata
<b>C</b> Candy	bonbon	mona mona
Car	voiture	pereoo
Cash	espèces	moni
Cat	chat	mimi
Church	église	fare pure
Cigarette	cigarette	avaava
Clothes	habit	aahu
Coconut	noix de coco	ha'ari—opaa
Coffee	café	taofe
Cold	froid	to'eto'e
<b>D</b> Dance	danse	ori
Darling	chéri	ta'u here
Daughter	filles	tamahine
Day	jour	aô
Dear	cher	iti
Dentist	dentiste	taote niho
Depart	partir	reva
Dessert	dessert	faraoa monamona
Dinner	repas	amura'a—avatea
Doctor	médecin	taote
Dog	chien	uri
Drink	boisson	inu
<b>E</b> Eat	manger	amu
Egg	oeuf	huero moa
Electricity	électricité	uira
English	Anglais	Beretane
Everybody	tout le monde	te taatoa raa
Eye	oeil	mata
<b>F</b> Face	visage	mata
Family	famille	fetii
Farewell	adieu	parahi
Father	père	metua tane—papa
Fire	feu	i'a
Flashlite	lampe de poche	mori pata
Flower	fleur	tiare
Food	nourriture	maa
Friend	ami	hoa
<b>G</b> Gentleman	monsieur	tane
Girl	filles	poti'i
Glass	verre	hapaina
Goodbye	au-revoir	parahi oe
Good evening	bonsoir	ia orana oe i teie po
Good morning	bonjour	ia orana oe
<b>H</b> Head	tête	upo'o
Heart	coeur	mafatuaau
Happy	heureux	oaoa
Hospital	hôpital	fare ma'i
How are you?	Comment allez-vous?	eaha te huru ?
How much?	combien ?	eefa ?
Husband	mari	tane faaipoipo
<b>I</b> Island	île	motu
I'm hungry	j'ai faim	ua poi a vau
I'm thirsty	j'ai soif	ua poiha vau
<b>K</b> Kiss	baiser	apa, hoi
<b>L</b> Lady	dame	vahine
Liquor	liqueur	ava
Love	amour	here
Lunch	déjeuner	tama'aa
<b>M</b> Man	homme	tane
Medicine	médicament	râau
Midnight	minuit	tuiraa—pô
Milk	lait	û
Money	argent	moni
Morning	matin	po'i po'i
Mountain	montagne	mou'a
<b>N</b> Naked	nu	tahaa, ahu—ore
Name	nom	i'oa
Never	jamais	eita roa
Noon	midi	avatea
Now	maintenant	i tei nei
<b>P</b> Passport	passport	buka ratere
Police	police	muto'i
Post office	bureau de poste	fare rata
<b>R</b> Rest room	toilettes	fare haumiti
Room	chambre	piha
<b>S</b> Sick	malade	mai
Sugar	sucre	tihota
Swim	nager	âu
Store	boutique	fare toa
<b>T</b> Teaspoon	petite cuillère	punu taipu
Thank you	merci	mauruuru
<b>U</b> Understand	comprendre	ta a papu
<b>W</b> Water	eau	pape
Welcome	bienvenue	maeva
Wife	épouse	ava
Wine	vin	uaina
<b>Y</b> Yes	oui	e, oia

## THESE QUESTIONS YOU FREQUENTLY ASK OR NEED TO ASK OR WANT TO ASK:

Where are the restrooms?

Où sont les toilettes ?

*Tei hea te fare haumiti ?*

Where do you find salted snacks?

Où trouve-t-on des biscuits salés ?

*Tei hea te mau amumaura'a  
no te tapiri i te inura'a ?*

Do you accept American dollars here?

Acceptez-vous les dollars américains ici ?

*E fa'ari'i anei outou i te moni marite ?*

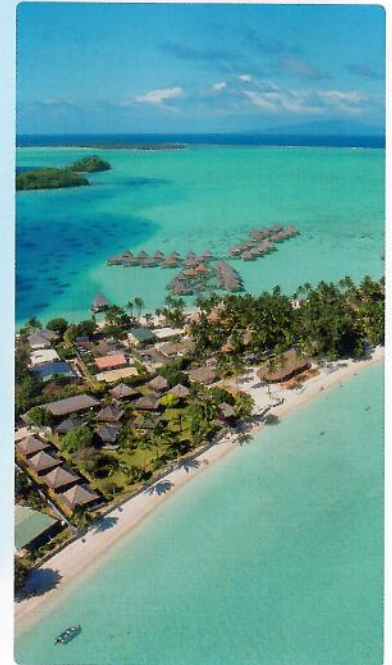


# DISCOVER BORA BORA

Bora Bora is Polynesia's most famous and glamorous isle. Her lagoon is world-famous for its beauty. The main island rises from the center of a multi-colored lagoon, surrounded by of-shore motu islets inside a protective necklace of coral



- A** BB Pearl Beach Resort
- C** Hilton Bora Bora Nui Resort
- D** Tahiti Pearl Market
- F** Hotel Matira
- G** Intercontinental Le Moana Resort
- H** Maitai Polynesia
- J** Sofitel Bora Bora Motu
- K** Sofitel Bora Bora Marara
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## SPECIAL EVENTS IN BORA BORA

- ▶ The **InterContinental Bora Bora Le Moana Resort** serves a lavish theme dinner every Tuesday and Saturday featuring traditional Polynesian dance shows in the hotel's patio. Tuesday's international buffet proposes European, Tahitian and Asian dishes while Saturday's Surf and Turf buffet displays a variety of Pacific Ocean seafood along with grilled meats and exotic fruits.
- ▶ **Le Méridien Bora Bora** presents a Pacific buffet and dance show each Tuesday and a Barbecue buffet and Polynesian dance show on Friday. A different buffet as well as "a la carte" dining are available nightly.
- ▶ **Bora Bora Pearl Beach Resort** presents a Polynesian buffet and dance show each Monday, and a Seafood buffet on Friday, with a Polynesian dance show.
- ▶ The **Maitai Polynesia Bora Bora** features a Polynesian buffet and traditional dance show on Saturday evening in the Haere Mai restaurant (during the high season only)



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**Information:** Tahiti New Generation Company, Mobile: 87.70.41.42 sarah.roopinia@gmail.com - www.tahitifestivalgraffiti.com

## • Reva i Eimeo Nui (5th Edition) - Saturday October 27, 2019

Moorea island special tour in local transportation "Le truck" in 'ukulele strolling atmosphere visiting sites with a lunch of traditional food "Maa Tahiti". **Information:** Tahiti Tourisme, Phone: 40.50.40.30 - info@TahitiTourisme.pf - www.TahitiTourisme.pf

## • The Pumkin Fair - Tahiti, October 18 & 19, 2019 (2nd edition)

Papeete city celebrates the pumpkin used by population and few workshops show its uses. **Information:** Tahiti - Papeete, Phone: 40.41.58.04 - Email: info@villedepapeete.pf - www.ville-papeete.pf/

## • Bounty International Festival - Tahiti, end of October 2019

The HMS Bounty arrived at Tahiti on October 26, 1788, to pick up breadfruit plants to Great Britain Kingdom. Then, Bounty organization celebrates that story with workshops talking about sailing boats and books, items on exhibits, samplings food to taste and conferences.

**Information:** Thérèse Huber: 87.72.56.28 - Email: therese.rattinasamy@gmail.com - www.bounty-tahiti.net

## • Hawaiki Nui Va'a - Polynesian Canoe Race (Huahine, Raiatea, Tahaa, Bora Bora) - October 28 to November 1st, 2019

In the Leeward Islands, Va'a (outrigger-canoe) practice is the pre-eminent traditional Polynesian sport. Over 100 canoes will link the islands of Huahine, Raiatea, Taha'a and Bora Bora. The finish line is expected to be set at Point Matira beach, Bora Bora.

**Information:** Hawaiki Nui Va'a Committee, Phone: 87.78.79.23 Email: fvtutu@gmail.com - www.hawaikinuvaa

## • Himene Rau - October 26 - Tahiti

Here is the 4th edition of this event highlighting Polyphonic traditional songs of Polynesia. Last year the Australs islands were in the limelight and had gathered more than 300 singers, a most impressive choir that had thrilled all the spectators. All the tarava (traditional songs) will be represented, up to those we most ignored, those of the Marquesas and the Tuamotu. The concert will be preceded as usual by hands-on workshops led by the groups themselves to learn more about the songs, and to learn the common song that everyone will sing at the end of the evening.

**Information:** Cultural Office - Te Fare Tauhiti Nui - Phone: 40.54.45.44, communication@maisondelaculture.pf - www.heiva.pf

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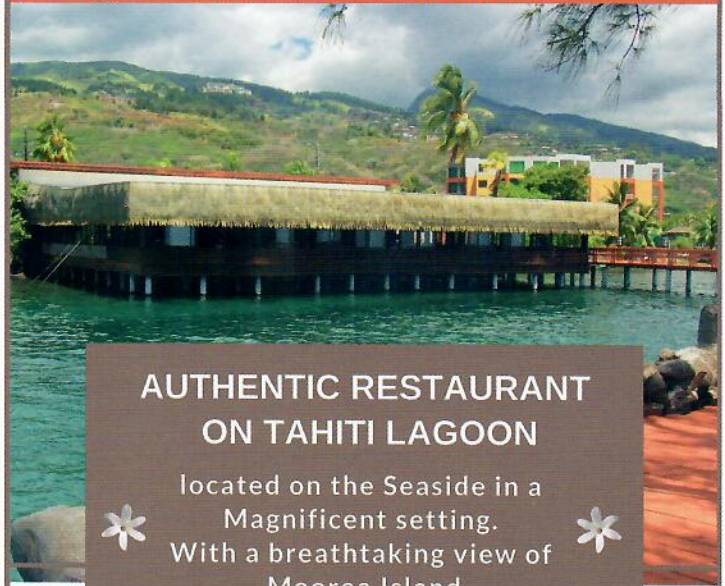
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Everyone who has any interest in South Seas romance and history has read the book, "Mutiny on the Bounty" by Charles Nordhoff and James Norman Hall, and they have certainly seen at least one version of the popular motion pictures based on the world's most famous mutiny. The HMS Bounty was a British ship that first arrived in Tahiti on October 26, 1788, under the command of Captain William Bligh. His mission was to collect a cargo of breadfruit saplings, which were to be transported to Jamaica where the breadfruit would serve as food for slaves working on the plantations there.

## HMS Bounty, the true story of the mutiny

After sailing 27,000 miles over ten months, the Bounty's crew spent a sybaritic idyll on Tahiti, where they reveled in the subtropical climate, lush surroundings, and overwhelming warmth and hospitality of the Tahitians. Many of the English men found Tahitian companions, and first mate Fletcher Christian in love with a lovely Tahitian vahine named Maimiti.

When the Bounty left their Tahiti anchorage at Point Venus on April 4, 1789, they carried a cargo of a thousand breadfruit saplings on board. On April 28 the crew, led by Christian, staged a mutiny against Captain Bligh, whom they accused of inhuman treatment. Bligh and 18 of his loyal sailors were set adrift in a 23-foot open boat near the islands of Tonga, whose inhabitants were unfriendly fierce warriors in those days. The mutineers threw the breadfruit overboard behind him and yelled, "There goes the Bounty bastard, breadfruit Bligh!"

Bligh and his men sailed 3,600 miles during the next seven weeks, finally reaching the island of Timor. They lost only one man during this miraculous voyage in a crowded open boat, but six others died after reaching the East Indies. The 11 survivors returned home by various vessels. The 25 men who remained on board the Bounty were divided into two parties: the 17 men who had taken an active part in the mutiny and 8 non-mutineers. Christian's first act as the new commander of the vessel

was to change course and steer for the island of Tubuai, about 300 miles south of Tahiti. Although the natives were hostile in Tubuai, Christian decided that it would be a safe place to settle after they had acquired hogs, goats and poultry from Tahiti.

The Bounty then sailed to Tahiti, anchoring in Matavai Bay on June 6 and sailed away again 10 days later, with pigs, goats, a bull and a cow, a few dogs and cats, and a number of fowls. On the return voyage to Tubuai the mutineers were accompanied by nine Tahitian men, eight women, and nine children, including some who hid on the ship until the Bounty was at sea. Chief Hitihihi was also on board.

Christian succeeded in landing his passengers and livestock safely on Tubuai without any immediate problems with the natives. The mutineers were building a fort on August 9 when an English merchant brig, the Mercury, approached Tubuai from the west. Night had fallen by the time the ship passed close to the island and the Bounty was not observed. Christian and his party left Tubuai for the last time on September 17, after 16 of his 24 men voted to return to Tahiti where they said they could get women without force. Only 8 of the men had elected to remain with Christian. Most of the livestock was rounded up and boarded, but during another bloody encounter with the Tubuai warriors, 66 natives were killed.



The Bounty reached Tahiti for the last time on the morning of September 23, and sailed away during the same night. The men who accompanied Fletcher Christian on this final voyage to look for a new island were: Edward Young, John Mills, William Brown, John Williams, Isaac Martin, Matthew Quintal, Will McCoy and Alexander Smith. Also on board were 12 Tahitian women and 7 Tahitian men.

Of the 46 men who sailed in the Bounty from England in December 1787, only 19 survived to live in England as free men. Of the 27 others, eight died of illness, one was killed by natives at Tofua, two were murdered in Tahiti, four were drowned and three were hanged. The hide-out of the nine Englishmen and the Polynesians who vanished on board the Bounty was not discovered until 18 years after Fletcher Christian and his party landed on the lonely island of Pitcairn in 1790 and burned the ship, stranding 28 people forever in a forced exile on

this lonely rock at the end of the world. When an American whaler discovered the island in 1808, murder and suicide had left eight of the nine mutineers dead.

The last surviving mutineer was John Adams, a Cockney orphan who had joined the Bounty under the pseudonym Alexander Smith. He reverted to his real name on Pitcairn and Adamstown, the capital, is named after him. In 1825 a British ship arrived and formally granted John Adams amnesty.

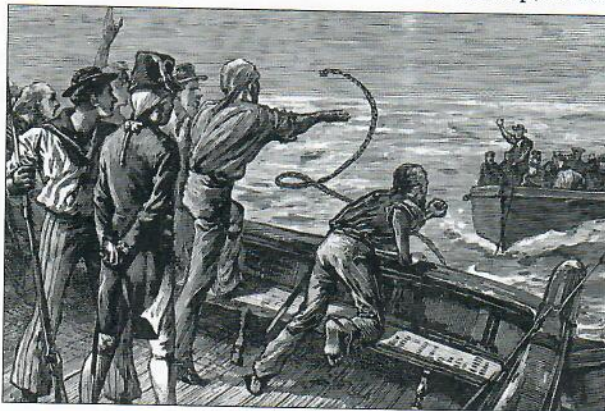
He died on March 5, 1829. In 1838, the Pitcairn Islands were incorporated into the British Empire.

In 1831 some of the half-English, half-Tahitian offspring of Pitcairn built a boat and returned to Tahiti. These young men and women were between the ages of 20 and 30 years. When they arrived in Tahiti they learned that there was a flu epidemic on the island at that time and they had no resistance to this disease. In just a few weeks this small group of Pitcairners, who had hoped to return to their island, was entirely decimated. They were all buried in the cemetery of Arue, under the protection of the royal family Pomare.

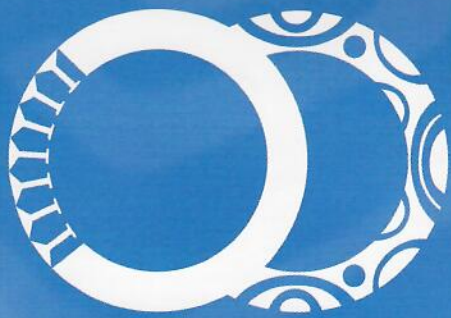
By 1855 the population of Pitcairn had grown to nearly 200 people, and the tiny island, only 88 acres of flat land, could no longer sustain its people. As a result, Queen Victoria bequeathed them Norfolk Island, a former penal colony more than 3,700 miles to the west.

On May 3, 1856, the entire population of 194 people reluctantly abandoned Pitcairn. Within 18 months, however, 17 of the immigrants returned to Pitcairn, followed by another four families in 1864. Norfolk today has approximately 1,000 Bounty descendants.

Today only 48 people live on Pitcairn, an isolated island 1,350 miles southeast of Tahiti. The islanders speak a dialect that is a hybrid of Tahitian and eighteenth-century English.







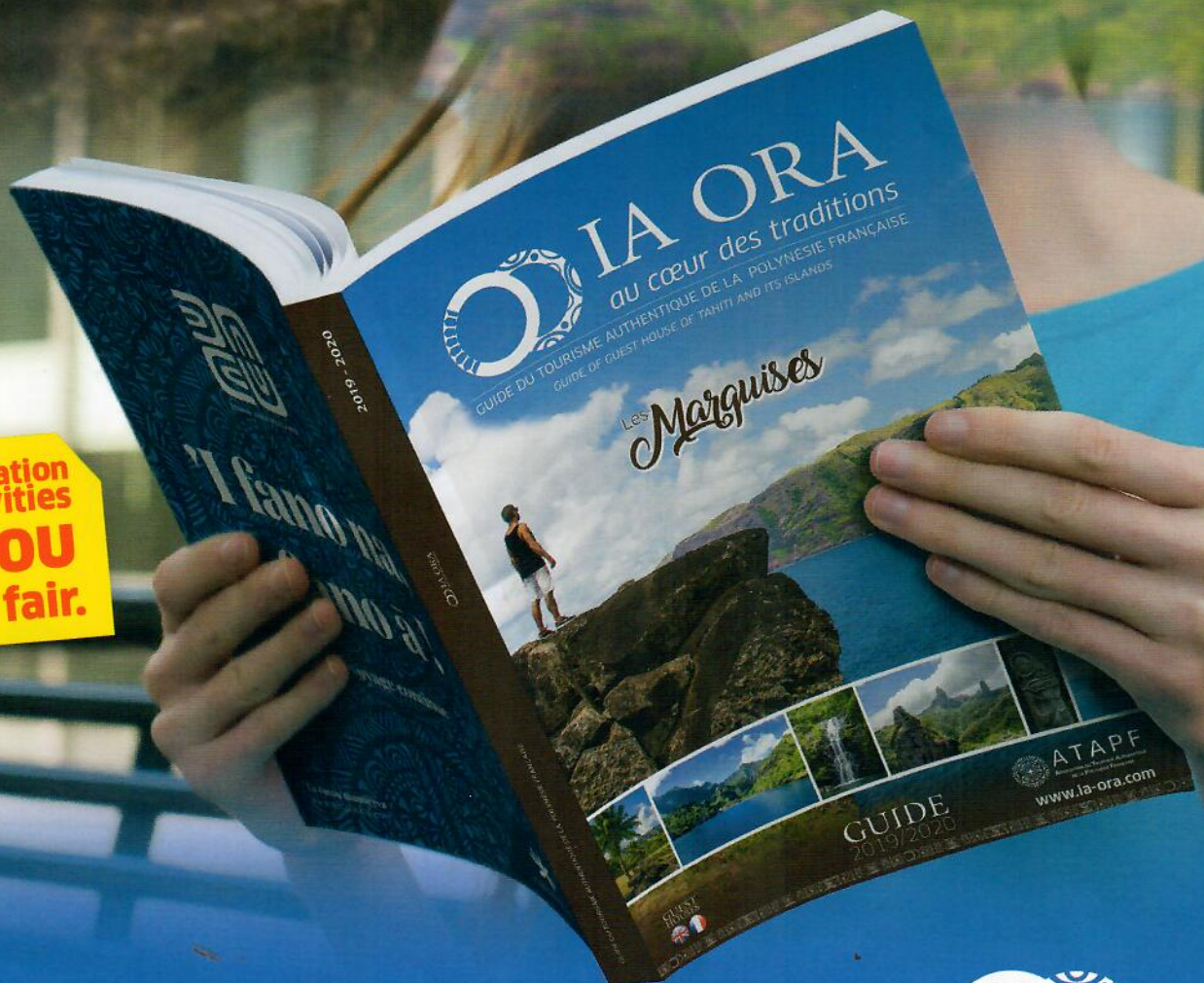
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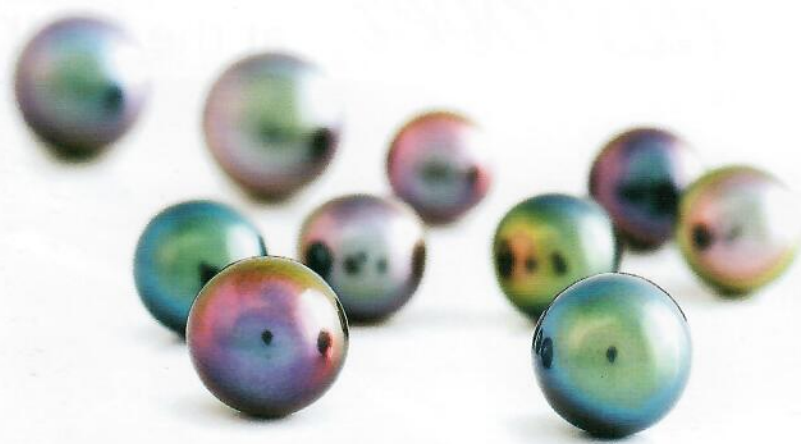
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