

Sable de Tahaa: the white gold that illuminates graves

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Without him, the graves wouldn't be so beautiful. Here, all the families use the white sand to give them a

boost. This sand is most often extracted from the lagoon of Tahaa. A white gold that illuminates cemeteries.

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A few days before All Saints' Day, it's the ballet of barges transporting white sand on the lagoon of Tahaa.

Arrived at the quay, men then unload the precious cargo on the quay. This sand is intended to cover the graves of cemeteries, primarily in Raiatea, but also in Tahaa and Tahiti.



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Two mining companies are based on the Sacred Island and one on the Vanilla Island.

"4 days before All Saints' Day, we bring sand to the Uturoa cemetery, and from there, we fill bags which are transported to the graves" , explains Moerani Amaru, manager of an extraction company. The bags are sold for 1000 cfp each.



Families buy them in order to embellish the graves of their loved ones, in addition to decorating them with flowers on the occasion of All Saints' Day.

So much clarity, so many colors brighten up the cemeteries that come to life for a weekend.



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