



AUTHENTIC TAHITI EXPLORER 7 Nights / 8 Days



Tahiti is the largest island in French Polynesia and home to the capital Papeete and its' international airport. It's the busy urban hub of the country and has a distinct French-Polynesian charm, colourful markets and warm tropical ambience.

Wander the Municipal Market which offers local farm products, handicrafts, souvenirs and a variety of local fish and food products. Cathedrale Notre-Dame, though small, is impressive with its' stained-glass windows and colonial architecture. Visit the Robert WAN Pearl Museum and galleries that feature stunning and unique Tahitian art pieces.

Above the city, majestic peaks loom and the mountainous interior is adorned with mystical valleys, clear-water rivers and impressive waterfalls. A circle-island tour shows you the highlights including waterfalls, local marae, black sand beaches, Mara'a Grotto and scenic viewpoints. An exciting 4WD tour crossing from the east coast to the west coast, immerses you in the wild side.

The island of **Tahiti Nui** is roughly shaped round with a smaller peninsula known as **Tahiti Iti**, attached to the mainland by the Taravao isthmus. An epic tour of Tahiti Iti, also known as 'little Tahiti', offers a wild un-commercialised Polynesian experience featuring dramatic cliffs, lush rainforests and famous surf breaks. Coral reefs protect much of the coast and lagoons are filled with abundant sea life and corals.

An exploration of Tahiti Nui and Tahiti Iti immerses you in Polynesian culture; dramatic unspoilt landscapes and rich sea treasures.

Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival in Tahiti

Arrive Tahiti Airport. After collecting your luggage, pick up your rental car and drive to your accommodation in Puna'auia (11 km, 15 minute drive).

Your guesthouse is set in tropical gardens and ideally located opposite a beautiful white-sand beach. Your spacious studio with kitchen corner features air-conditioning, ceiling fans, fridge, TV, safe and free WiFi.

Swimming and snorkelling in the lagoon, relaxing beside the guesthouse swimming pool and many other activities will fill your days. There are plenty of snack restaurants in the area and the main centre of Papeete is a 25-minute drive away.



Day 2 – Tahiti island tour

Spend the day exploring the island.

You can visit the Vaipahi Water Gardens, the Three Waterfalls of Tiarei, the Arahoho Blowhole in Papenoo and Teahupo'o Beach.

For lunch, we recommend stopping at **La Plage de Maui**, a seafront restaurant combining authenticity with Polynesian flavours. Lunch is not included.

Back in Punaauia, enjoy dinner at a restaurant, located on the beachfront just a few minutes from your accommodation. Dinner is not included.

Day 3 – Discovery and snorkelling

Morning – Visit the Museum of Tahiti and Her Islands

Discover the history and ancestral traditions of Polynesia at this must-see museum.

Lunch at your leisure. Try local specialities at a typical snack bar near the marina. Lunch is not included.

Afternoon – Four-hour snorkelling excursion

Swim alongside turtles, explore fascinating shipwrecks with mask, snorkel and fins, and enjoy unlimited snacks and drinks between sessions in the crystal-clear lagoon. This dazzling experience will introduce you to the many marine species found throughout the fenua.



Evening – Marquesan dinner and dance show

End the day on a high note with a feast inspired by the flavours of the Marquesas Islands, accompanied by a captivating Polynesian dance performance at a local hotel.

A wonderful day combining culture, marine adventures and living traditions!



Day 4 – 4WD safari

Experience a unique 4WD safari through the iconic Papenoo Valley, combining lush scenery with a rich cultural heritage.

Lunch will be served at the Relais de la Maroto. You will then continue towards the tunnel connecting the trail to Tahiti's west coast. Emerging into the spectacular Mataiea Valley, enjoy breathtaking views over Lake Vaihiria, known for its legendary blue-eyed eels, before returning to the starting point along the coastal road.

This is a complete immersion in Tahiti's geology, culture and heavenly landscapes.



Day 5 – Immersive experience with AOA

Enjoy a unique adventure (7 – 8 hours) on an immersive hike (2 hours max) organised by **AOA Polynesian Forests**. This off-the-beaten-track activity takes you through a protected 300-hectare estate, where you will discover the local flora and fauna. While exploring Tahiti's authentic



endemic forest, you will observe the different bird species that inhabit it. The walk ends with a refreshing swim in the valley river—a delightful sensory interlude.

During the day, you will also help plant endemic trees and plants along the trail. To support the AOA Polynesian Forests initiative, you may choose to sponsor an endemic plant and follow the growth of your plant or tree through the association.

An educational, environmentally focused and truly exceptional experience.

Day 6 – Hiking and relaxation at PK18 Beach

Morning – Vaitavere hike in Punaauia

Not far from your guesthouse is the free Vaitavere hiking trail, a favourite spot among local residents. Parking is available near the valley cemetery, where you will already enjoy an incredible view of Tahiti's sister island, Moorea.

The trail offers sweeping 180-degree views over Tahiti's west coast and Moorea. Allow approximately four hours to complete the hike. Bring suitable footwear, plenty of motivation and get ready to enjoy some truly breathtaking scenery.

GPS coordinates: **17°36'51.6"S, 149°35'35.5"W**

Afternoon – PK18 public beach

After your morning adventure, head to the public beach at PK18, renowned for its white sand and crystal-clear lagoon to relax at one of Tahiti's most iconic beaches.

The **Tano Maitai** snack bar offers local flavours, street-food style. Don't forget your mask and snorkel so you can explore the lagoon's rich underwater world.

Day 7 – Tahiti Iti boat excursion

Early morning drive to Teahupo'o Marina to depart on an unforgettable adventure experiencing the wild beauty of Tahiti Iti!

Nicknamed "**Jurassic**" because of its spectacular volcanic scenery, this unspoilt peninsula transports you into a movie-like setting of towering cliffs, majestic waterfalls and endless tropical vegetation.

From Teahupo'o Marina, board a boat for an exclusive and intimate experience. Feel the





thrill of seeing the legendary Teahupo'o wave, swim in crystal-clear turquoise waters, and explore caves and secluded beaches. Enjoy a delicious meal overlooking the Fenua Ino motu, weather permitting, and keep your eyes open for dolphins and sea turtles.

Day 8 – Night and departure

Arrangements end after breakfast. Return your rental car to Papeete Airport before you check in for your flight home.

COST 2026/27 : PER PERSON in New Zealand \$s based on low season rates November to March
Share twin/double from NZ\$4,169

COST INCLUDES:

- Traditional flower lei welcome at the airport
- 7 nights at a Pension (local guesthouse) in an air-conditioned studio with kitchenette
- Continental breakfast daily
- Snorkelling excursion 4 hours with equipment provided + fruit and soft drinks
- Marquesan dinner & dance show
- 4WD drive safari with lunch included
- Conservation walk with AOA Polynesian Forests
- Car rental (Group A automatic, unlimited kms) for the entire stay
- Connectivity package with our partner Vini, including 60 minutes of local calls and 40 GB of mobile data
- An eco-contribution donated to our partner OCEANIA to support whale and dolphin conservation



Studio with double and a single bed plus kitchenette

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