

Islands in Time

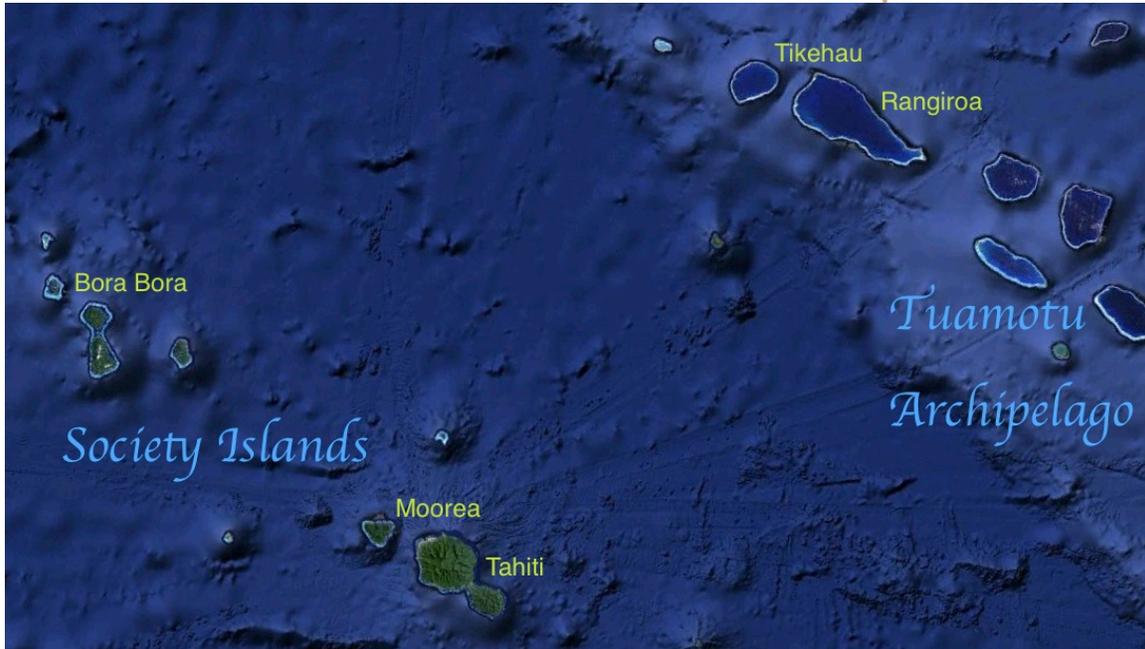
Moorea – Rangiroa

June 4 – June 13, 2014



Tahiti Expeditions is pleased to welcome Seacology to French Polynesia for the inauguration of the Kimo Campbell Dormitory at the Atitia Cultural Center. We are offering exclusive hotel and travel arrangements on Moorea and an extension trip to the atoll of Rangiroa.

On this trip you will get to spend time on two of the most amazing islands in the South Pacific. Moorea is arguably the most beautiful island in the world with its deep emerald green valleys, majestic mountainscape, and exquisite lagoon. After a short ferry ride from Tahiti across the Sea of the Moon you will have five nights here at the Moorea Pearl Resort. This will be plenty of time to enjoy the nature and culture of this island, hear about exciting scientific research going on here, and of course spend time with your local hosts at the Atitia Center. Then you will fly to Rangiroa, the largest of the 78 atolls that make up the Tuamotu Archipelago. This is essentially a huge barrier reef dotted with low islets, or *motu*, enclosing an immense azure blue lagoon. You will have four days at the Kia Ora Resort and Spa, ample time to explore this marine wonderland. For those of you who dive, Rangiroa is one of the world's great dive sites, with drift dives in the pass and dolphins, sharks, and manta rays just outside. For those of you that don't dive, snorkeling and excursions to remote islet shores will amaze you. The trajectory of this trip will take you in sequence through the three stages of oceanic island evolution from a young high volcanic island (Tahiti), to the older dramatically eroded ridges and broad lagoon of Moorea, and at last to an atoll where the volcanic island has eroded and subsided and all that is left are stunning coral islets and a massive lagoon.



Google Earth image.

Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1-2 (6/4-5) Moorea

Your flight will arrive in the early morning of June 4th, and you will take a taxi to the Tahiti Ferry dock, to catch the ferry to Moorea. On Moorea we will have transport ready for you to get you to the Pearl Resort. You will have this day and the next free to enjoy Moorea with lots of options for exploring the island and lagoon, including diving and snorkeling.

Day 3-4 (6/6-7) Moorea

On Day 3 board members will have the Seacology board meeting at the UCB Gump Research Station and on Day 4 there will be the Inauguration of the Kimo Campbell Dormitory. Activities on these two days will be planned in advance by Seacology, the Atitia Center, and Gump Station staff.

Day 5 (6/8) Moorea

This is another free day to explore Moorea.

Day 6 (6/9) Rangiroa

This morning you will ferry back to Tahiti and catch a transfer to the airport for a 10:20am flight to Rangiroa. You will have a transfer to the hotel and the rest of the day to explore the island or take an optional snorkeling or dive trip.

Day 7-9 (6/10-12) Rangiroa

These days you are free to relax at this wonderful resort or get out and explore the island. We can recommend dive shops for those who want to SCUBA dive, and arrange island excursions for those that want to explore remote islets, snorkel, or go bonefishing.

Day 10 (6/13) Rangiroa

Today you will check out of the hotel and catch a 5:45pm flight back to Tahiti for your late night departure back to the US.

Hotels

Moorea Pearl Resort

The Moorea Pearl Resort is located on the north shore of Moorea on the site of the legendary Bali Hai Hotel. It is part of a local hotel chain that is well known for its Tahitian hospitality and its respect for the environment. You can see the website for the hotel here - <http://www.spmhotels.com/resort/moorea>



Kia Ora Resort and Spa

The Kia Ora is the premier 5-star resort in the Tuamotu Archipelago, and features top-notch comfort and service in this remote and spectacular destination. You can see the website for the hotel here – <http://www.hotelkiaora.com>





Trip Cost & Important Trip Details

COST:

252,000 French Pacific Francs (XPF) per person for double occupancy

427,000 XPF for single occupancy

(For reference, as of 6/23/13 \$1=91XFP, these prices would be the equivalent of \$2,769 and \$4,692)

Tahiti Expedition is contributing 5% of the purchase price to Seacology

COST INCLUDES:

- All accommodations: Garden Room at Moorea Pearl Resort, and Beach Bungalow at Kia Ora Resort (possibility to upgrade for additional cost)
- American Breakfast each day
- Round trip ferry between Tahiti and Moorea
- Round trip flights between Tahiti and Rangiroa
- Land transfers on Moorea and Rangiroa and from the dock to the airport on Tahiti.
- Opening reception of the Kimo Campbell Dormitory at the Atitia Cultural Center on Moorea.

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

International airfare, meals other than those specified, initial transfer from Tahiti Airport to ferry terminal, beverages, sporting equipment or facilities, optional tipping or gratuities, additional hotel nights that may be necessitated by airline schedule changes or other factors, travel insurance, and other expenses of a personal nature (liquor, laundry, etc.).

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION FEES

Deposit

- At time of reservation 50,000 XFP per person
- 60 days prior to departure Balance

Cancellation Fees

31 days or more prior to departure there is a 50,000 XFP per person cancellation fee

30 days or less prior to departure 100% of cost

ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE

For those arriving on the suggested international flight the trip leader will meet the group flight at the airport on Day 1. At the end of the trip you will be transferred to the airport in Papeete for departure on group flights. A group air schedule will be included in your confirmation packet.

CLIMATE

In tropical Polynesia, the days are usually very sunny, and water and air temperatures remain around 80 degrees—perfect for swimming! The evenings cool off a little, but remain very comfortable.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Once you have signed up on the trip, we will send you a pre-departure packet that includes a suggested packing list, relevant health, safety, and medical information, required travel documents, background information, and a reading list.



Questions or Additional Arrangements

Tahiti Expeditions will be happy to answer any questions you have about the trip. We can also advise, organize, and book any additional travel arrangements, upgrades, or excursions in French Polynesia. If you are interested in visiting other islands or any particular tours or activities, just let us know.

To Book the Trip

Contact us at frank@tahitiexpeditions.com

When you are ready to book we will send you a link to make a secure credit card payment online or you can pay by bank transfer.

About Tahiti Expeditions

Tahiti Expeditions has been providing discerning travelers with high quality tours and expeditions throughout French Polynesia since 2007. Our carefully crafted itineraries focus on the natural and cultural world of these magnificent islands, and our professional guides provide informative discussions on a variety of topics. TE partners with the Atitia Cultural Center to create authentic cultural experiences for our guests and to support their ongoing activities in cultural and biological conservation.

As a part of our interest in the environment and culture of these islands we are happy to donate 5% of this trip cost to Seacology to support their efforts in French Polynesia and elsewhere.

Please visit our website at www.tahitiexpeditions.com

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Google Earth Image of South shore of Rangiroa Atoll