

Timeless

FRENCH POLYNESIA

SMALL
LUXURY
HOTELS
OF THE WORLD

VAHINE ISLAND
PRIVATE ISLAND RESORT & SPA

• Maeva e Vahine Island •

♦ maeva ♦ bienvenue ♦ welcome ♦

9 bungalows & 1 private villa

to find calm & serenity on Motu Tuuvahine, private islet of 25 acres located on the north-east of Tahaa, the island with sweet vanilla scents.

Sail through the lagoon of this tranquil island at the rhythm of traditional Tahitian life.

Discover this magical & timeless place inspired by Polynesian nature & born of love for Polynesia of Sandra & Bernard Isautier



a beautiful story

Vahine Island designed in simplicity and in perfect harmony with its environment favors calm; serenity and intimacy in the heart of a preserved nature. Bernard Isautier, founder of Vahine Island, from Reunion Island, was born from a family of entrepreneurs managing the first industrial-scale rum distillery still in operation. Bernard has a passion for international businesses and a successful career whether in Canada for the reorganisation of Polysar Energy & Chemical Corporation or for his last adventure managing PetroKazakhstan.

In 1989, a trip to French Polynesia gave rise to the idea of creating a serene & exclusive, yet chic & casual place to enjoy total relaxation. Whether it's CEOs looking for a peaceful break, honeymooners looking for romantic moments or travelers wishing to live like Robinson (with a modern twist) on his own island, everyone will find happiness. This place will be against the current of the international hotel industry far too impersonal and devastating, it will be a place built exclusively from local natural materials in the Polynesian style without omitting comfort, gourmet cuisine, delicate activities & attentions. A place where everyone will live at his own pace, will appreciate the Polynesian art of living & will find himself at his values and back to nature.

The site will give the project scope, finding a suitable 'motu' was not an easy task! Two years passed but in September 1991, Bernard acquired Motu Tuuvahine and construction began.

The name is obvious, the motu is called Tuuvahine, it will be Vahine Island. Vahine means woman in Tahitian. At the end of 1992, Vahine Island will open its doors.

A growing success, Bernard seeks help for the promotion & marketing of Vahine Island. He met Sandra at La Maison de Tahiti in Paris. Becoming his wife, Sandra will develop with Bernard Vahine Island, until their last project : La Villa Royale for an experience made of unforgettable moments with family or friends, a villa for a wedding, a seminar or a Polynesian holiday.

A place off the beaten track, a place steeped in tradition, simply out of time...



• escape with style •

Wisdom begins in wonder

Socrate



the awakening of the senses

Vahine island is an exclusive experience, a Robinson Crusoe getaway between luxury and simplicity. Nestled on a private island, the greenery of the coconut grove blends with the degraded topaz and azure clear waters. The underwater, astonishing beauty complete the show with a prodigious biodiversity. Discover your new means of travel, by canoe or kayak, take the measure of another time.

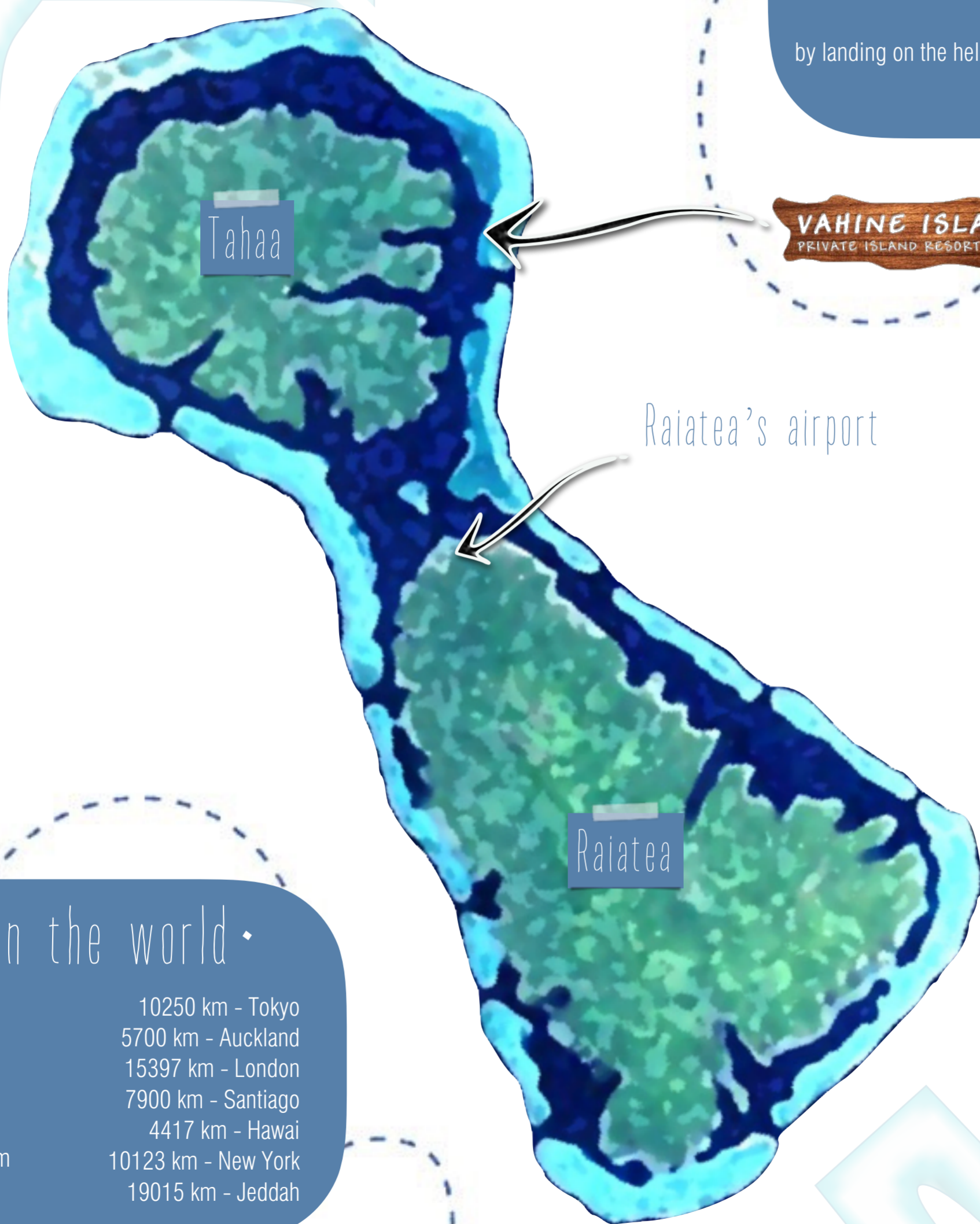
Vahine island, an enchanting paradise, so many invitations to escape and wonder. Polynesia welcomes you with various experiences at sea or on land, enjoy sumptuous and virgin landscapes and a warm & attentive population of overflowing hospitality with ancestral traditions with a creative craft, music and haunting dances.

Set off on a journey to the end of the world to rejuvenate yourself as a renewal to meet authentic, unexpected and sincere moments. A place where the senses are awakened in harmony, whether it is the exquisite scent of the Tiare flower, the delicate flavor of tropical fruits, the satiny sweetness of the Monoï, the elegant melody of an aparima (Tahitian dance) or the vivid shades of color of tropical flowers, Treat yourself to emotional moments. Break away from everyday life to experience an enchanting parenthesis between epicurean moments, water hikes and strolling, take the time to reconnect with the essentials.

**A place you will only pass through or a place you will return to...
for a moment out of time...**

• Visiting Vahine Island •

Whether you are landing at Raiatea Airport (served by Air Tahiti) & we arrange the transfer by boat or you prefer to land in front of the motu or enjoy a helicopter flight by landing on the heliport located in the hotel's coconut farm, we will be happy to arrange your arrival according to your preferences.



• Tahaa in the world •

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Paris - 15729 km | 10250 km - Tokyo |
| Doha - 17692 km | 5700 km - Auckland |
| Beijing - 11596 km | 15397 km - London |
| Mumbai - 15562 km | 7900 km - Santiago |
| Sydney - 6127 km | 4417 km - Hawaii |
| Los Angeles - 6633 km | 10123 km - New York |
| Moscow - 15740 km | 19015 km - Jeddah |

• Tahaa, genuine sweetness of life •

Travels make you modest.
We see better the tiny place
you occupy in the world.

Gustave Flaubert

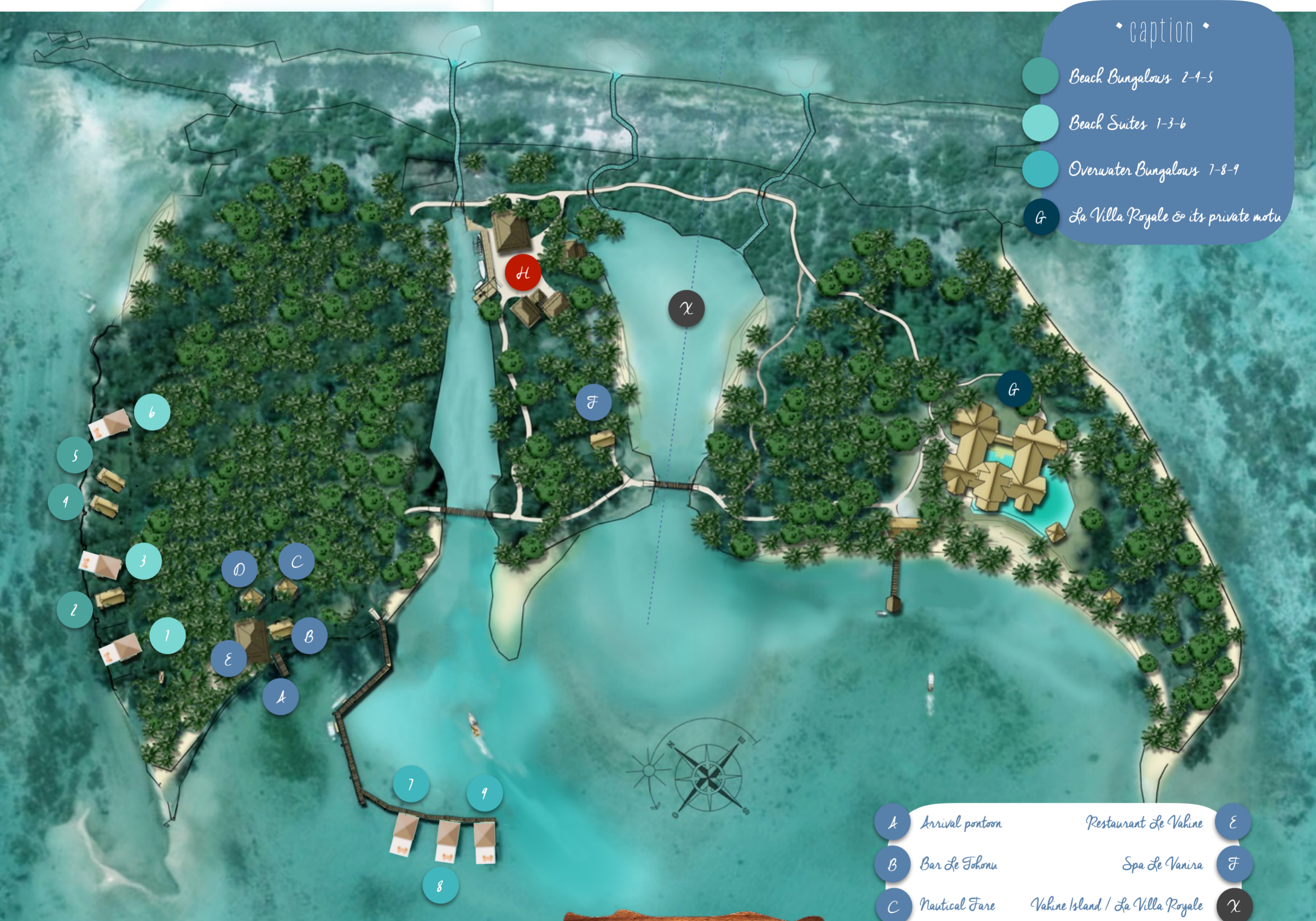


dive into the heart of Polynesia

As if time had stopped, Tahaa is full of discoveries. A secret and secluded island, one of the few in the Society's archipelago whose route does not make the complete tour and offers parts accessible only by boat... Ecrin of the precious orchid *Vanilla Tahitientis*, the only orchid to offer an edible fruit, Tahaa harvest 80% of the production of vanilla in Polynesia. Fertile land, flowers and fruits, vegetable, tropical flowers and flowers appear over the seasons. The lagoon also reveals its treasures, conducive to the cultivation of the mysterious black pearl of Tahiti, admire the steps of the grafting in one of the pearl farms of the island. The ancestral know-how is passed down from generation to generation to offer traditional crafts inspired by nature.

A pleasant island to enjoy an authentic sweetness of life and reconnect with traditions & culture...





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- Beach Bungalows 2-4-5
- Beach Suites 1-3-6
- Overwater Bungalows 7-8-9
- G La Villa Royale & its private motu

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| ● A Arrival pontoon | ● E Restaurant Le Vahine |
| ● B Bar Le Fohou | ● F Spa Le Vanira |
| ● C Nautical Fare | ● X Vahine Island / La Villa Royale |
| ● D Reception & Boutique Vahine Exclusive | ● H Private |

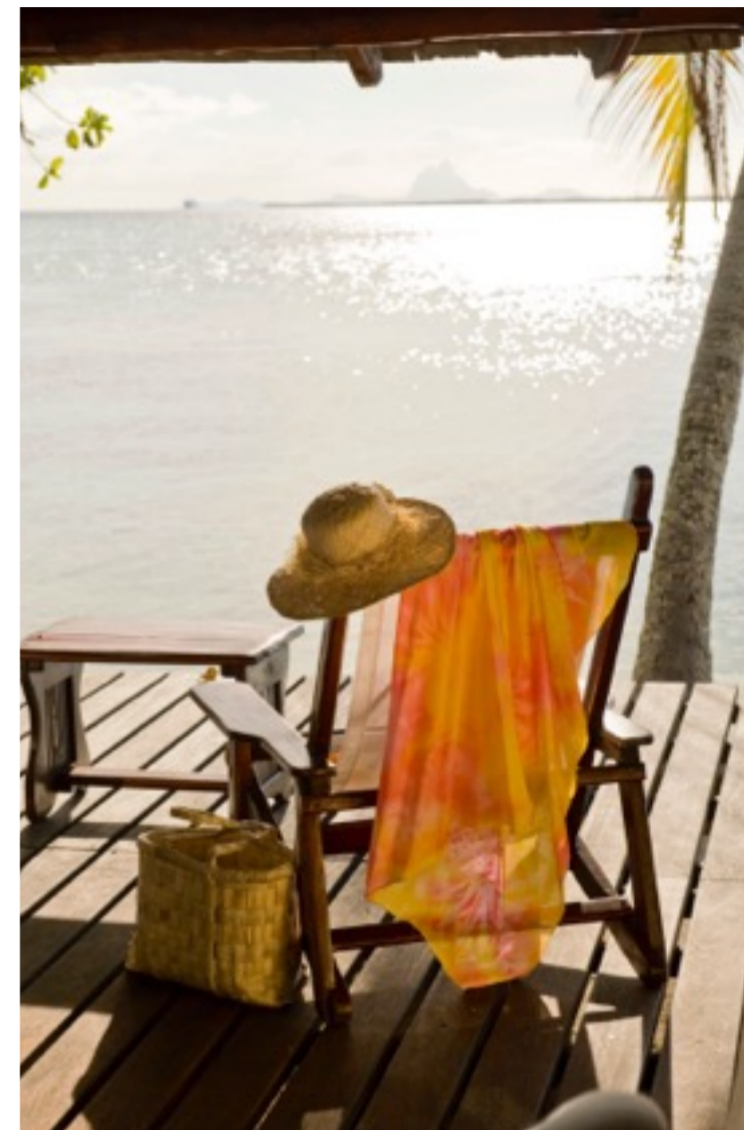
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• Beach Bungalow •

• at a glance •

3 Beach Bungalows
50sqm | 538sqf | 2 persons
King size bed or twin bed on request
Air-conditioning | Ceiling fans
Bathroom with double sink | Shower | Separate toilet
Terrace overlooking the lagoon
Private access to the lagoon
Wifi internet | Telephone | Television
with movies & music selection (on request, USB)
Coffee & tea amenities
Safe | Mini-bar



Under coconut trees shade

The decoration is inspired by the Polynesian tradition. The effort to build from natural materials & present on the island creates a warm & respectful composition, harmoniously combining shells, driftwood, Tahitian pearls & local wood. Internet, air conditioning, safe & mini-bar blend into the interior for your comfort. Whether for a romantic sunset, reading on the hammock or simply contemplating Bora Bora, the terrace offers moments of relaxation according to your preferences. Take advantage of the private access to the beach to discover the surrounding coral gardens & explore this protected wildlife.

A cocoon placed on the edge of the lagoon in the shade of coconut trees for a relaxing stay...



• Beach Suite •



• at a glance •

3 Beach Suites
115sqm | 1237psqf | 2 persons
King size
Lounge area
Air conditioning | 2 Ceiling fans
Bathroom with double sink | Shower | Separate toilet
2 Terraces one overlooking the lagoon
& one on the coconut grove side
Private access to the lagoon
Wifi internet | Telephone | Television
with movies & music selection (on request, USB)
Coffee & tea amenities
Safe | Mini-bar

a well deserved break

The suites with their lounge area & the second terrace overlooking the coconut grove echo perfectly the harmony & warmth of the island. The interior space is comfortable & blends with the outside thanks to wide openings. Each of the bungalows has been designed as a real rest bubble for peaceful dreams.

Inviting contemplation & bliss, the terrace offers a unique view of the lagoon & ocean as well as the surrounding motu & Bora Bora as a backdrop.

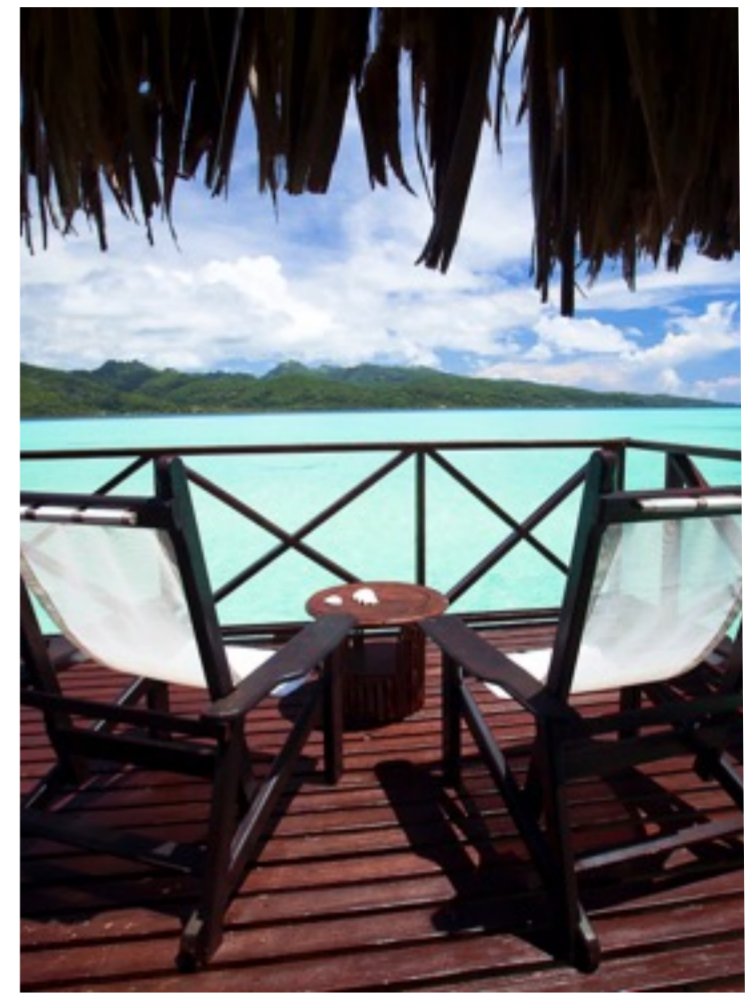
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Perfect harmony between beauty, simplicity & elegance, enjoy a well-deserved break...

• Overwater Bungalow •

• at a glance •

3 Overwater bungalows
70sqm | 753sqf | 2 persons
King size bed or twin bed on request
Seating area with glass lounge table
Air conditioning | 2 Ceiling fans
Bathroom with double sink | Shower | Separate toilet
Terrace with access to the lagoon & views of Tahaa
Deck shower
Wifi internet | Telephone | Television
with movies & music selection (on request, USB)
Coffee & tea amenities
Safe | Mini-bar



Lulled by the waves

A unique moment between sky and sea, in the heart of a breathtaking nature of beauty, the overwater bungalows offer colorful ends of day and remarkable starry evenings. True havens of peace, favouring traditional wood and materials, the bungalows offer warmth and subtle reflections inviting relaxation. The architecture and decoration combine ethnic character with modernity. Observe the beauty of the lagoon thanks to the glass coffee table.

Become one with the nature, a life over the water at your own pace...



• La Villa Royale •



• at a glance •

2 Master Suites & 4 Suites, all with a mezzanine
1177sqm | 12669sqf | 24 persons
Private island, connected to Vahine Island by a bridge
King size bed or twin bed on request
Mezzanine in each suite with two extra beds
Air conditioning & ceiling fans in the Suites
Bathroom with double sink, bath & shower
Separate toilets
Terraces with views of the lagoon or the ocean
Wifi internet, telephone & television
Coffe & tea amenities | Safe | Mini-bar
Dining room | Lounges | Infinity pool | Media room
Furnished kitchen



Robinson of modern times

Nestled between the coconut grove and the beach, the villa dominates the lagoon and contemplates the ocean. Imagined and designed especially for you as a Royal Tahitian palace, this villa is open to nature. Enter and discover the interior patio with the living area, bar, living room and dining room come together to form a unique whole. Go upstairs to discover the suites and offices for the comfort of a family, a seminar or a retreat. The pool intertwines in the living space bringing water to the center of the building, the walls and bay windows open to admire the lagoon but also the ocean and its waves that break on the reef.

Designed from local materials, wood, pandanus roof, shells and beads, the villa houses works of Polynesian art. This Royal palace will welcome you in a comfort worthy of the greatest dignitaries: gym, multimedia room and an equipped kitchen where our Chef will prepare dishes more succulent than each other. From wedding to executive committee meetings to a yoga retreat, the villa is functional, flexible and designed to accommodate different events and travel reasons.

Majestic and timeless, the Royal Villa will magnify each of your events and offer your guests unique memories...



Foodies & gourmands, let's eat!

Gastronomy is the art of
using food to create
happiness

Theodore Zeldin



a colourful gastronomy

Vahine Island serves Polynesian-inspired cuisine, healthy, fresh & gourmet cuisine. Local products are preferred. Our Chef offers creative cuisine inspired by his travels and experiences around the world. It combines local products with international recipes offering original flavours.

The restaurant welcomes you indoors and outdoors, enjoy the view of the lagoon and the island of Tahaa.
The gradient of blues will add his magical during your tasting.

Savour Polynesian classics such as the must-have Tahitian raw fish with coconut milk or Tahaa vanilla crème brûlée.

Like a setting, Le Vahine welcomes you on an epicurean journey to delight your taste buds...

Restaurant : Le Vahine
Breakfast | 7.30am-9.30am
Lunch | Noon-1.30pm
Dinner | 7pm-10pm
(last order at 8pm)

Bar : Le Tohonu
11am-10pm



◆ genuine discoveries

◆ Tahaa vanilla ◆

Tahaa is best known for its vanilla.

It is on this island that nearly 80% of Polynesian vanilla is produced, which is why it is known as the Vanilla island.

The inhabitants of the island have a know-how that is transmitted over generations.

Vanilla is a parasitic orchid

that grows on shrubs through which it grows.

The vanilla farmers fertilize the flowers one by one, it is a delicate & necessary gesture.

The culture of vanilla is a delicate art to discover...



sustainable activities

Between idleness and free diving in the coral garden, each experience is an invitation to contemplation or discovery. Enjoy a permanent change of scenery during your stay on the motu.

Escape to discover the wonders and riches of Tahaa, the pearl farm, the rum and vanilla orchards will welcome you for a moment of sharing and tasting with a passionate guide.

Prefer the sea? Go fishing in a canoe and enjoy your catch for lunch. In need of dynamism, a jet ski tour will satisfy you by following the shades of blue and emeralds of the lagoon. Beginner or experienced diver, enjoy a moment of relaxation under the water to discover the marine fauna.

Breathe in the fresh air of Tahaa valleys & appreciate what nature has to offer as you hike through the heart of nature.

Enjoy the sports & cultural activities of the motu, 2 holes of golf, beach volleyball, badminton, ping-pong, canoes, kayak, kites & board games; tie your pareo for a quiet time & discovery.

Out of time enjoy authentic moments & unique off the beaten track gateways...



• peace & relaxation •

• ancestral knowledge •

The Polynesian “Taurumi” massage is part of traditional medicine.

It is known to calm newborns & babies & to accompany the healing provided by the Tahu’a, the healers. Passed down from generation to generation, the “Taurumi” follows the energy lines of the body & includes pressure on the body with hands & elbows.

This very relaxing massage restores the bonds between body & mind.



a time for you

Because well-being is essential to Vahine Island, you can enjoy a relaxing moment at the Vanira Spa. Featuring a treatment bungalow with a hot tub, Vanira Spa offers panoramic views of the inner lagoon. The emerald of the lagoon blends with the green vegetation, these soothing colors bring calm and serenity to the place.

During your treatment enjoy a true journey of the senses, the subtle aroma of the Monoi scented with Tiare flowers invites you to escape. Discover the coconut pulp scrub of our coconut plant for a silky and soft skin. Let yourself be lulled by the song of the waves and the sound of the wind in the palm trees.

The treatments are inspired by local products, the coconut in pulp or oil nourishes the skins dried by the sun and the baths, the aloe vera will turn into an ally to soothe the skins too exposed to the sun.

Time seems to be suspended. A moment out of time.



• back to the essential, true happiness •

Marriage : that I call the will of two to create the one who is more than those who created it.

Friedrich Nietzsche



Home of countless traditions

Like a robinsonade nestled on the sand of a deserted beach, Vahine Island is a paradise bathed in azure, nestled in the hollow of a coconut grove and surrounded by tropical vegetation. This site facing the ocean or the lagoon is an unusual and unforgettable destination, the perfect place to celebrate a moment at two, whether it is an intimate renewal of vows in front of the majestic waves of the ocean or a traditional ceremony with dancers and singers, the motu offers several possibilities.

A Tahitian priest (Tahu'a) in traditional dress unites the couple in Tahitian language. After a blessing with coconut water, the union is celebrated by wrapping you in a tifaifai (local bedspread) and you will receive a marriage certificate on tapa (bark).

To say yes to the town hall is possible*: Polynesia has adopted several laws allowing foreign nationals to marry in its islands. Whether as a couple or with family & friends, we will be delighted to witness this unique moment.

Sharing a unique moment, rich in emotions and having nature as witness of love in all its elegance...

*This is not possible for metropolitan residents (minimum stay of 3 months)



• building a company, differently •

The work always looks easy,
when work is a pleasure

Cardinal de Bernis



incentive or seminar ?

Where will your next Executive Committee seminar be held? Whether it is a meeting with your feet in the water, an incentive stay in an elegant setting or an original and exciting seminar, we will meet your needs and assist you in the organisation of a unique moment ensuring the success of your event.

La Villa Royale offers modern services & flexible spaces.

Organising work groups becomes a breeze, using the office, multimedia room, living room, dining room or terraces. Combining work with epicurean moments, at lunch time you can enjoy a light buffet. Gourmets will appreciate the 4-course gourmet dinner prepared by our Chef and his team.

Escape for a meeting !

• the gem of Vahine Island •

• maururu • merci • thank you •

Our team is waiting for you
& thank you for coming to stay in our property.
We will be happy to make you discover
the Polynesian culture & the fauna of the islet & lagoon.



Polynesian hospitality

Between presence and discretion, about thirty employees are enthusiastically working to make your stay an unforgettable memory.

Mainly inhabitants of Tahaa and Raiatea, they will assist you in the discovery of an authentic and singular Polynesia. Our team is dedicated and generous and will have at heart to offer you a welcome as at home with delicate attentions and enlightened initiatives.

Let them guide you & share their culture !

• at a glance •

• our facilities •

3 Beach Bungalows | 3 Beach Suites | 3 Overwater Bungalows
1 Villa Royale with 6 Suites on a private islet
1 Restaurant 'Le Vahine' | 1 Bar 'Le Tohonu'
1 Treatment room 'Le Vanira Spa'
1 Boutique Vahine Exclusive
2 golf holes | Beach-volley | Pétanque | Badminton
Nautical Fare | Cultural activities
Board games | Exchange library

Plan your stay

Nearest airport : Raiatea (RFP)
International airlines (Tahiti airport) :
Air Tahiti Nui | Air France | Air New Zealand | United Airlines | French Bee
Domestic airline : Air Tahiti

Heliport on the Motu

220volts electricity | French plugs | Adaptors & converters on request

Wifi internet in all public areas, in La Villa Royale & in all bungalows

Local currency : Pacific Francs (fixed rate with fixe Euro)
Visa | American Express | JCB | Carte locale

Family policy in Vahine Island
We welcome children from 10 years old
Children rate from 10 to 11 years old





◆ a timeless cocoon ◆

I still remember my first visit to Polynesia, the wet heat that grips you when you set foot in Tahiti & the sweet smell of Tiare flowers handed over at the airport.

Despite the late hour musicians & dancers were happy to welcome us to the rhythm of the Ukuleles. It is this smile & joy of life that I enjoy to find in each of my travels & that I wish to share with all my visitors.

Vahine Island was born out of the desire to create a place with a warm, friendly & authentic atmosphere where you will be pleased to come & discover these islands that I am so passionate about.

Preserving this fragile environment & developing a solidarity economy are among my priorities.

I wanted to invite you to a sanctuary of the senses, a place to meet & take time to live.

Go to the end of the world & feel at home on Vahine Island... out of time...

Bernard Tsautier



a magical island

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