



## MOOREA, FRENCH POLYNESIA

A gorgeous island with over-the-water bungalows and breath-taking nature. With plenty of beaches, it takes about an hour to drive the island's 60km ring road at the speed limit, though most tourist sites are to the north of the island. Home to the deliciously sweet Queen Tahiti pineapple

### KEY INFO

**Currency:** CFP (1 USD = 0.0091 CFP)      **Languages:** French, Tahitian  
**Population:** 17,700 (304,000 French Polynesia) **Drive on the:** Right  
**Emergency #:** 15 (medical), 17 (police), 18 (fire) **Pharmacy:** Pharmacie Haapiti Moorea   
**Drinking water:** Tap water is **not** drinkable      **Protection:** Bug Spray & SPF 30+  
**Time Zone:** GMT-10      **Wi-Fi:** Not commonly available (Rent a [Tahiti Wi-Fi Box](#))  
**ID Requirements:** Photo ID      **Post Office:** Moorea-Maiao, French Polynesia 

### PORT LOCATION

Ships tender ashore in Mo'orea, with tender piers in both Cooks Bay (at the mid-north of the island) and Opunohu Bay (at the north-west). Both locations have souvenir markets nearby and local tour guides


**Getting Around:** Public transport isn't hugely frequent in Mo'orea, with about 5 trips per day between Hauru Point (beach on NW shore) and Vaiare (beach and ferry terminal on E shore). A more reliable way to get around is to rent a car or bike, or take a taxi

 [www.cocorider.com](http://www.cocorider.com) for beach-ready scooter rentals

**Taxis:** Taxis can get you anywhere, but are expensive (from 1500 CFP for a 5-min drive)

**Tourist Bus:** There is no Hop-On Hop-Off Bus in Moorea

**Port Facilities:** None

**Port Address:** Tender Dock, Papeto'ai, Moorea-Maiao, French Polynesia 

### BEACHES IN MO'OREA


**North Coast:** The closest beach to the tender drop-off is **Ta'ahiamanu Beach**, between the two Bays.

**East Coast:** Following the ring road clockwise to the E, **Teavaro Beach** and **Temae Beach** present good spots for snorkeling, swimming, and sunbathing. Just south of the airport, Temae Beach is arguably the best beach on the island, with a wonderfully swimmable lagoon leading out to the reef.

**West Coast:** To the W, make for **Hauru Point** (for snorkeling) or **Painapo Beach** mid-way down the W coast for relaxing sunbathing.

**South Coast:** For surfing, the waves at **Haapiti** at the SW of Mo'orea are the best on the island.

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## OTHER IDEAS IN MOOREA

**Manutea Tahiti – Rotui Fruit Juice Factory & Distillery:** Producing several juices and alcoholic drinks, this is a popular tourist stop and included in many tours of the island. At the W tip of Cook’s Bay.

9a-5p (Mon-Sat) | \$ unknown | [Location Link](#)

📍 [www.rhum-manutea.com](http://www.rhum-manutea.com)

**Te Fare Natura:** A self-dubbed eco-museum, this space-age fanned structure is home to an aquarium and museum detailing Moorea’s flora, fauna, geology and culture. Right at the furthest inland reaches of Opunoho Bay. 9a-4p (Wed-Sun) | \$ unknown | [Location Link](#)

📍 [www.farenatura.org](http://www.farenatura.org)

**Play a round of golf:** Tee off at the 18-hole **Green Pearl Golf Course**, in Tema’e (NE Moorea). There’s a golf shop and club house restaurant onsite too. 7:30a-4p | \$ | [Location Link](#)

📍 [www.greenpearl.golf](http://www.greenpearl.golf)

**Mountain Adventures:** In addition to several mountainous hiking trails, you can tackle the high ropes course at **Tiki Parc Moorea**, high in the Opunohu Valley. The longest zipline is 200m long. For the most adventurous, take on the Tiki Aito course. 9a-2p | from CFP3600 | [Location Link](#)

📍 [www.tikiparcmoorea.com](http://www.tikiparcmoorea.com)

**Breathtaking Hikes:** There are so many options for getting out in nature in Moorea. The most popular hike on the island is the **Three Coconut Trees Pass** – though it’s easy to get lost on your own. The route takes about 3-hours and only one of the coconut trees remains (the others blew down in a cyclone).

Sticking with trios, the **Three Pines Pass** is another well-loved trail, starting at the Belvedere Viewpoint trailhead.

If you really want to test your limits, you can hike the two peaks of **Mt Mouaputa** (830m) and **Mt Rotui** (899m) Both mountains are steep and will take between 6-9 hours to complete. Engaging the services of a local guide is highly recommended.

And, if walking sounds like a lot of hard work, perhaps horse-riding is the best way to explore Moorea. Horse-riding tours venture through the Opunohu Valley, through pineapple plantations and forests.

## WHERE TO EAT

**Snack Mahana:** On the NW point of Opunohu Bay, this lagoon-front casual restaurant serves up delicious grilled fish and fresh tuna sashimi. Sit in the shade of trees and umbrellas with views directly out over the water. 11a-2p (Tue-Sat) | [Location Link](#)

📍 [www.facebook.com/snackmahana](https://www.facebook.com/snackmahana)

**Fare La Canadienne:** A Canadian-inspired burger and crepe restaurant, with plenty of maple syrup. At the NE point of the island, close to Tema’e and the airport. 11a-1:30p, 6p-8p (Wed-Sun) | [Location Link](#)

📍 [www.farelacanadienne.com](http://www.farelacanadienne.com)

**A L’Heure du Sud:** Nothing fancy – just an absolutely stuffed-full fish or steak baguette, dripping with BBQ sauce. Inexpensive with shaded outdoor seating on the NW corner of the island.

11a-3:30p (Thu-Tue) | [Location Link](#)

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