

Where is Bora Bora?

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Polynesian Triangle

Vertices include Hawaii, New Zealand and Easter Island.

Believed to be settled by the Polynesians.

Los Angeles
2875 miles
7 h 30



EQUATOR

- Bora Bora is part of French Polynesia
- Located Latitude 17S - Longitude 149W
- Capital of French Polynesia is Tahiti
- Tahiti is a 7.5 hour flight from LAX
- Time zone: Same as Hawaii UTC -10
- Currency: XFP (French Pacific Franc)
- Euros accepted. US dollars not so much
- Credit Cards OK, ATMs abundant

French Polynesia

- French Polynesia consists of 130 islands in five archipelagoes.
- Roughly the size of Europe!
- Tahiti & Bora Bora in leeward Society Islands

Marquesas Islands

Tuamotu Islands



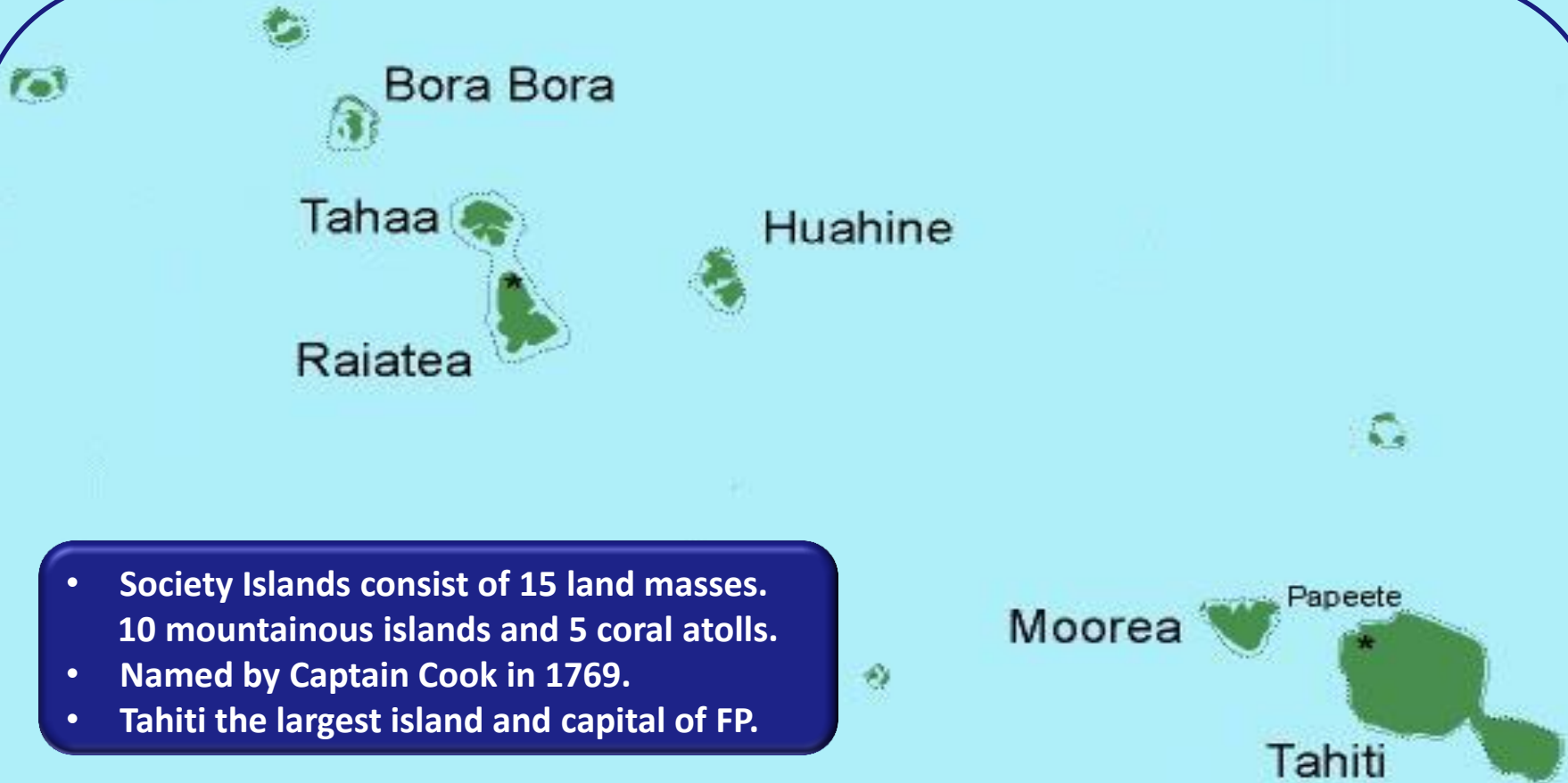
Gambiers Islands

Australs Islands

Society Islands

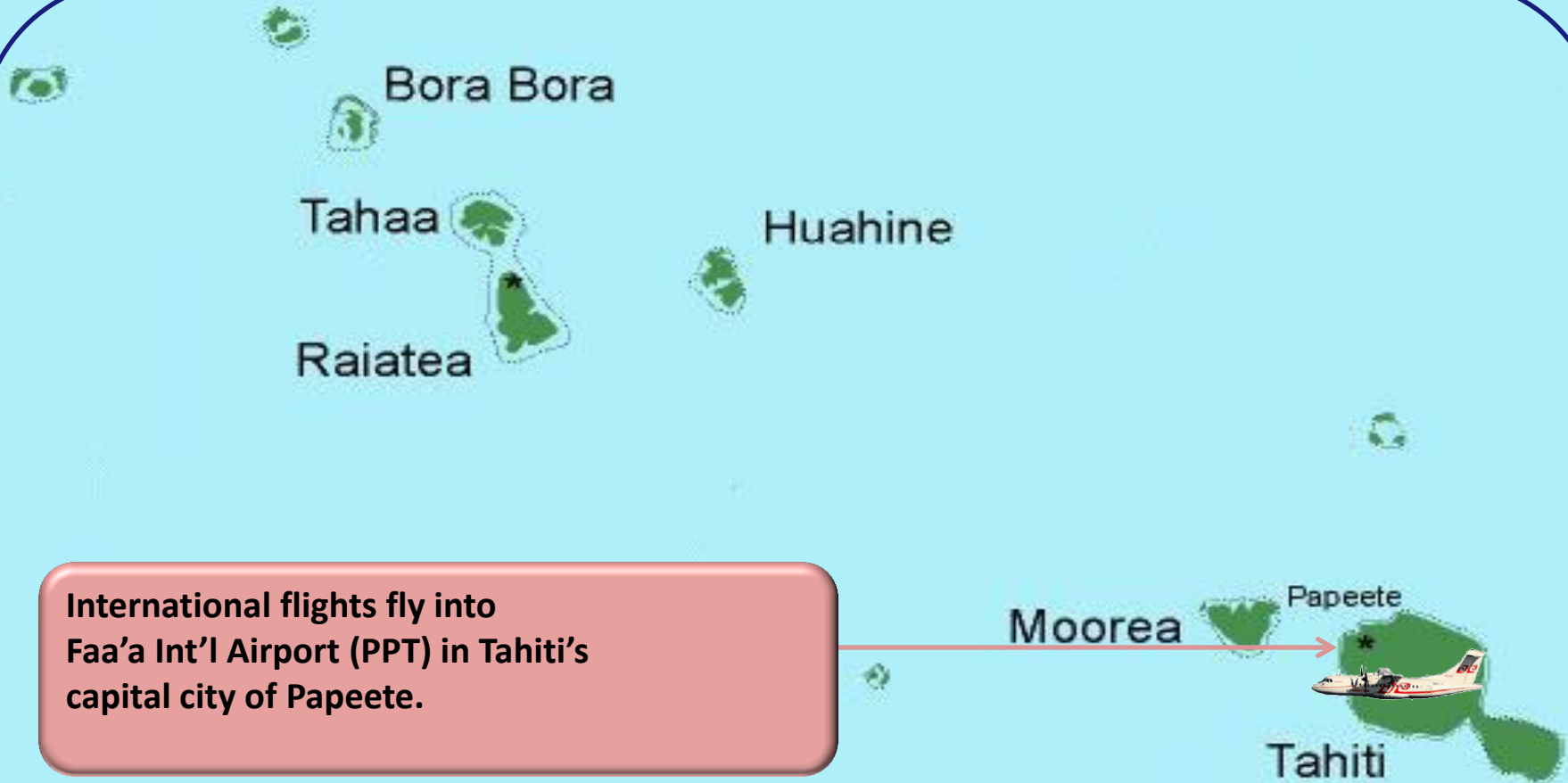
Bora Bora
Huahine
Moorea
Paiatea
Tahiti

Society Islands



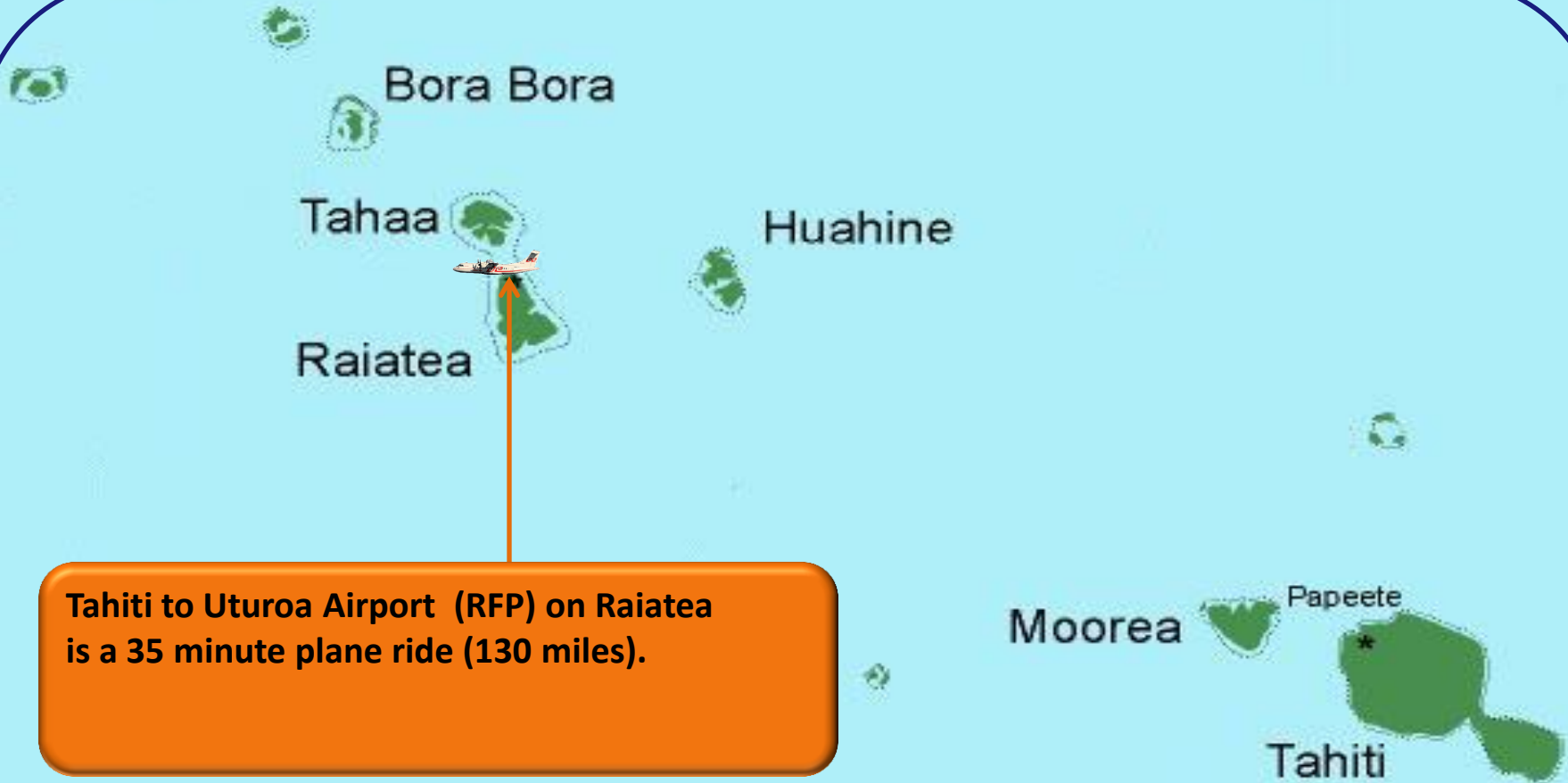
- Society Islands consist of 15 land masses. 10 mountainous islands and 5 coral atolls.
- Named by Captain Cook in 1769.
- Tahiti the largest island and capital of FP.

Society Islands



International flights fly into Faa'a Int'l Airport (PPT) in Tahiti's capital city of Papeete.

Society Islands



Tahiti to Uturoa Airport (RFP) on Raiatea is a 35 minute plane ride (130 miles).

Society Islands



For a 7-14 day charter
Raiatea, Taha'a, Bora Bora and Huahine
are the typical cruising grounds.



Airfare/Hotel



- **OAK – LAX: Southwest - \$200 p/p**
- **LAX – TAHITI: Air Tahiti - \$1650 p/p**
- **Hotel Sofitel Tahiti - \$200 per room**
- **TAHITI – RAIATEA: Air Tahiti - \$350 p/p**

Total Airfare/Hotel: \$2400 p/p



When To Go?

Sunrise 6:15 - Sunset 17:50 - 11:35 of day light - Short dusk

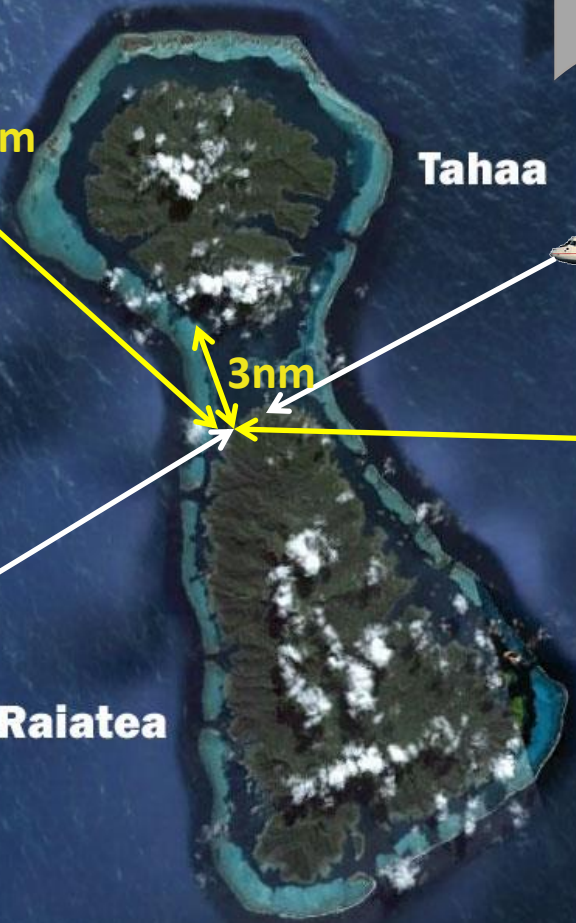
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AVG Low (F)	72	72	72	72	70	69	68	68	69	70	71	72
RAIN (Inches)	13.2	11.5	6.5	6.8	4.9	3.2	2.6	1.9	2.3	3.4	6.5	11.9

Cruising Grounds



Bora Bora

25nm



Tahaa

3nm

27nm



Huahine

Feb -Apr E 15-20 kts
May-Oct SE 15-20 kts
Nov-Jan NE 15-20 kts



Raiatea

Chartering

- Charter Companies
- Skipper Qualifications
- Cruising Guides/Charts

- Provisioning
- Anchoring & Mooring
- Boat Costs
- Navigation
- To Bring Or Not To Bring

- Moorings, Sunsail and Tahiti Yacht Charter co-located on Raiatea.



Moorings and Sunsail

- Share building & employees.
- 27 boat fleet. Clean and well run.
- Limited mono hulls < 41'.
- Charts & cruising guides provided
- Cell phones provided
- Inverters provided
- 1.5 hour chart briefing
- Charter company will pilot your boat into marina when you return.

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Sailing Resume

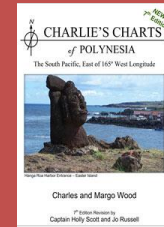


- **Skippering history (days/miles)**
- **Yacht history (types/size)**
- **Sailing history (lakes/coastal/offshore)**
- **Sailing experience (mooring/anchoring/docking/navigation/dinghy)**
- **Racing experience**
- **Sailing accreditations /level (US SAILING, ASA)**
- **1st mate information**

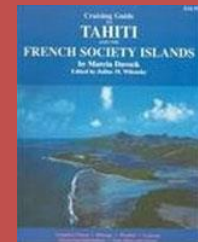
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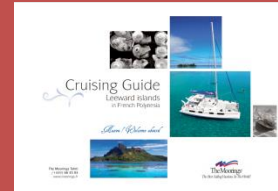
Charlie's Charts of
Polynesia \$33



Cruising Guide to Tahiti
and the French Society
Islands by Marcia
Davock \$170



Moorings Cruising Guide
Leeward islands in French
Polynesia – Online - Free



Charts - Buy or included with
Moorings/Sunsail Charter
Chart: 83392 – Four Islands
Chart: 83397 – Bora Bora



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Self provisioning – go to market when you arrive (pre-order?)

Full provisioning – All meals & snacks for everyday of your charter.

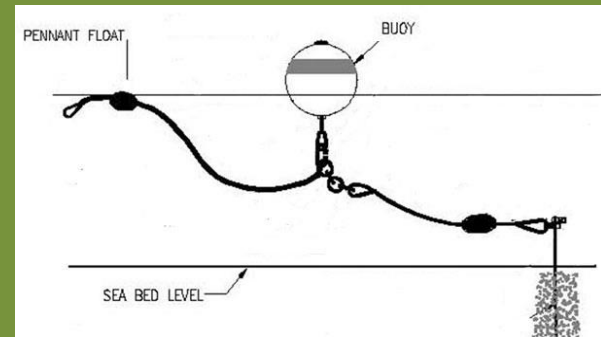
Split provisioning – same as above but with fewer dinners.

With full and split provisioning you get to choose foods from a large list.

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Mooring balls usually associated with a business. Free with purchase.



Anchoring – sandy bottom. Typically in 10' – 30'. Good holding.

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2 people on 41' Mono (3/2)

10 days – High season

Split provisions (no booze)

First night on boat _____ .

\$7740 (+ insurance & 5% discount)

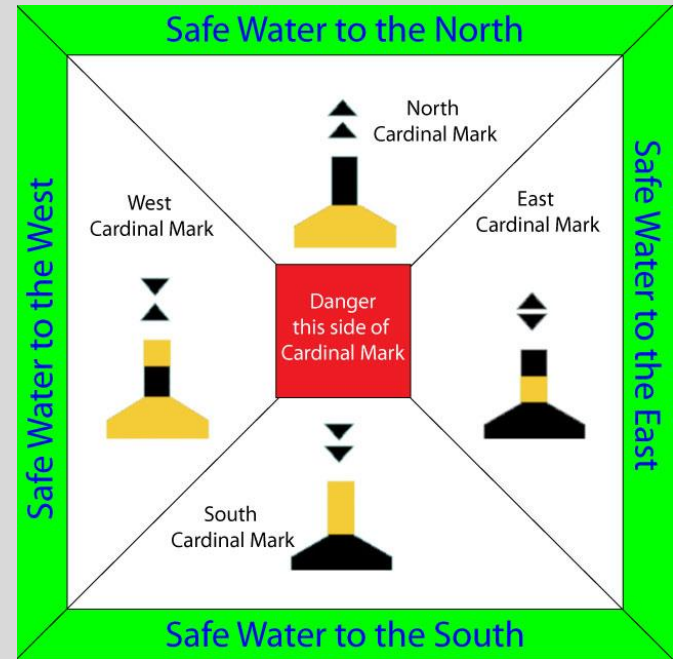


4 people on 38' Catamaran (4/2)

\$10710 (+ insurance & 5% discount)

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Green right return!



West Cardinal



Keep green to the sea



Keep red to the island



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DON'T BRING

- PFD's (children sizes?)
- Snorkel Gear
- Too many clothes

BRING

- Handheld VHF
- Handheld GPS – anchor watch
- Flashlights (can't have enough)
- Dry bags
- Bungee cords
- Zip lock freezer bags
- Garbage bags
- Butane Lighter
- Light jacket
- Underwater camera
- Boat flag or burgee

Raiatea & Taha'a



Raiatea & Taha'a

- 130 miles from Tahiti.
- Share a common sailable lagoon 90' deep.
- Limited number of passes through the barrier reef.



Raiatea

The Sacred Island

Uturoa airport



One mile from Apooiti Marina



Raiatea

The Sacred Island

Uturoa is the only large town on Raiatea. Three miles from charter base. Three supermarkets and many restaurants.



Raiatea

The Sacred Island

- Very few beaches.
- Eight passes through the barrier reef. Three are closed to charterers.
- Passes clearly marked on charts. Many have range markers.



Raiatea

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Faaroa River



Raiatea

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Garden/Farm Tour



Raiatea

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Motus (small coral islands) abound on the barrier reefs.



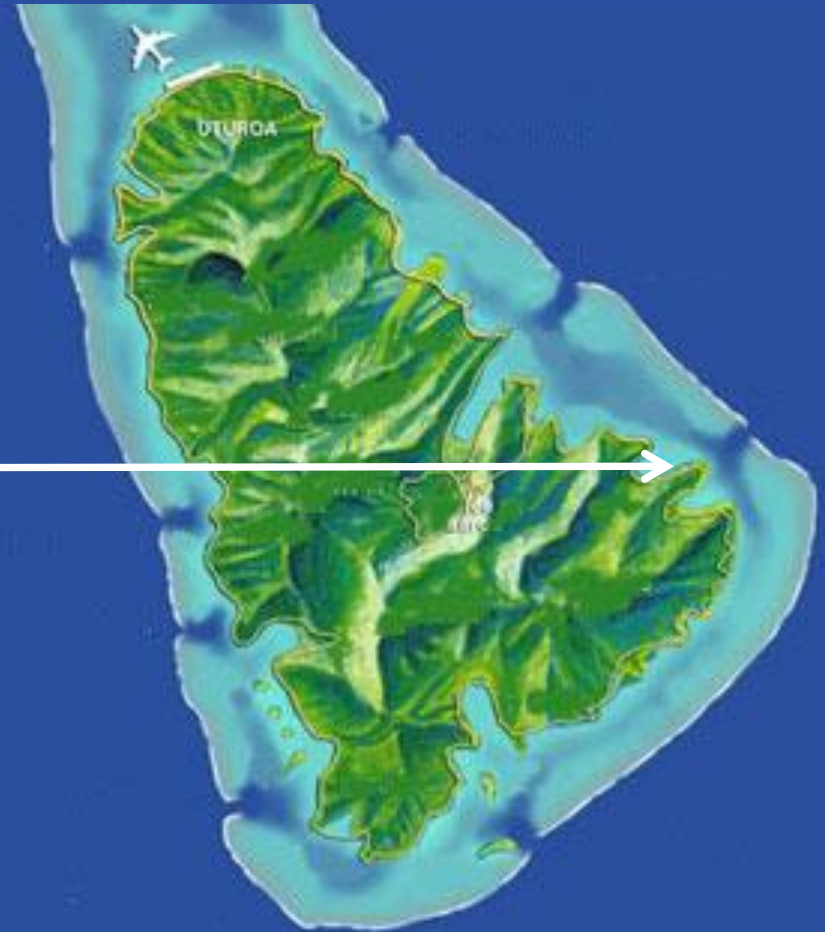
Raiatea

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Marae (temple) Taputapuatea



Rafted at nearby concrete dock.



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SCUBA

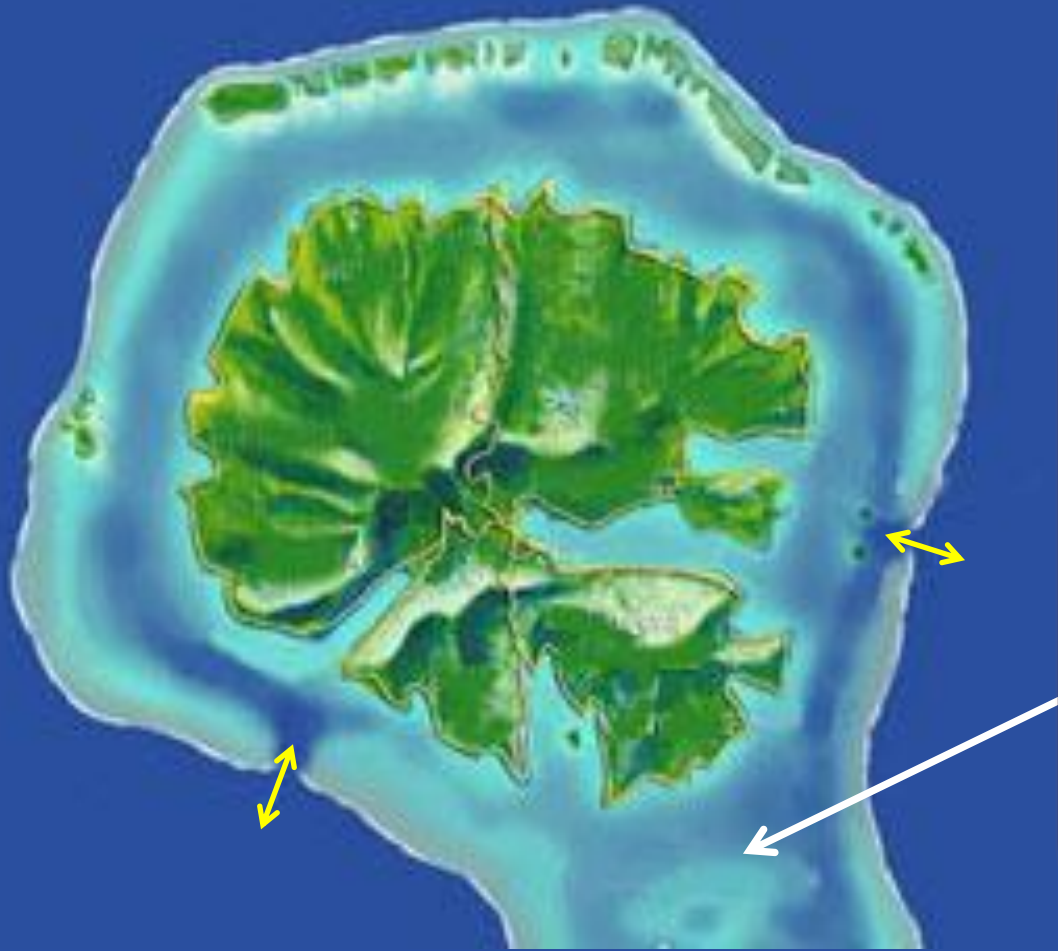


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Taha'a

The Vanilla Island



Quiet island. Only 4500 people.
Eight tiny villages.
Two barrier reef passes.
Vanilla, Pearl & Palm Tree Farms.
Entire lagoon excellent sailing!

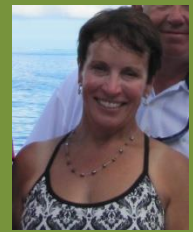


Taha'a

The Vanilla Island



Champon Pearl Farm



\$800
Mooring ball



Taha'a

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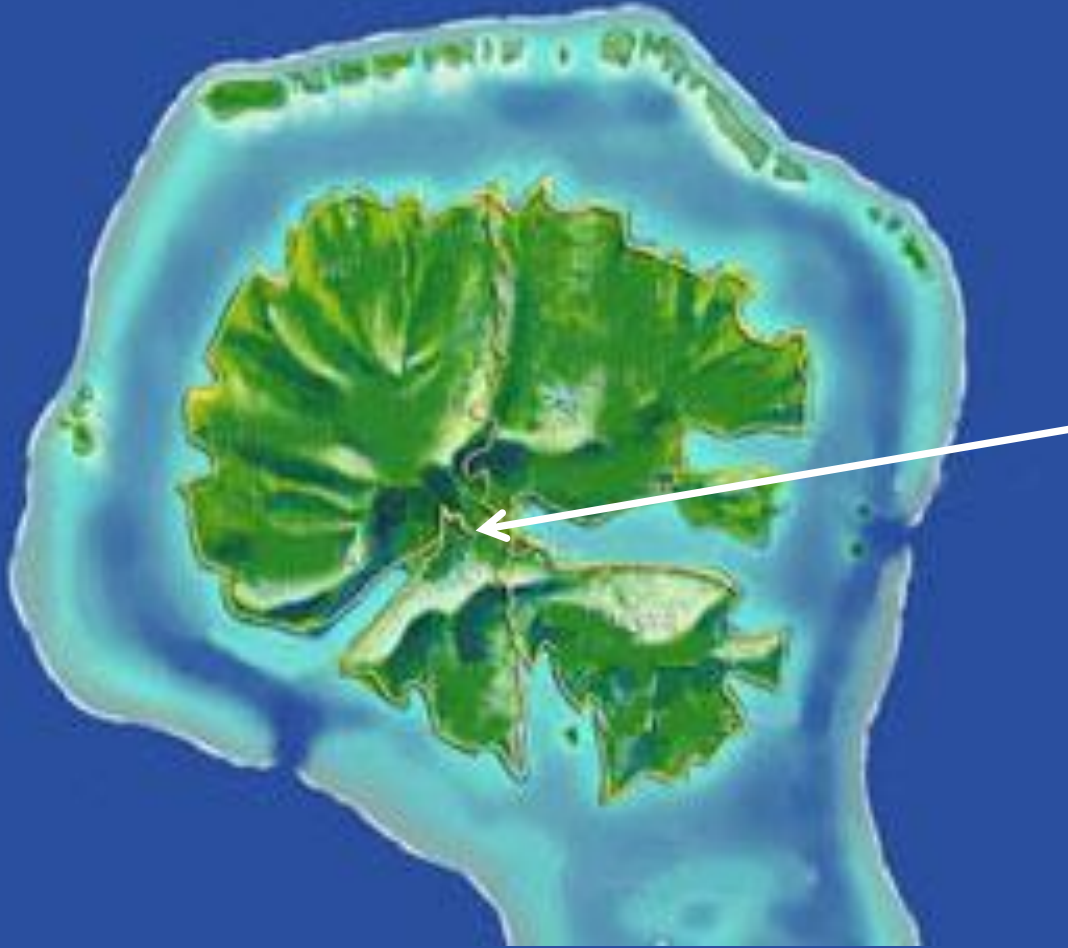
Sophie's Boutique

Free water/Tiny dock

A photograph of a small, rustic wooden building with a thatched roof, identified as Sophie's Boutique. A person in a pink shirt and white shorts stands on the wooden steps leading to the entrance. The building is surrounded by lush greenery and tropical plants. The entire scene is set against a teal background.

Taha'a

The Vanilla Island

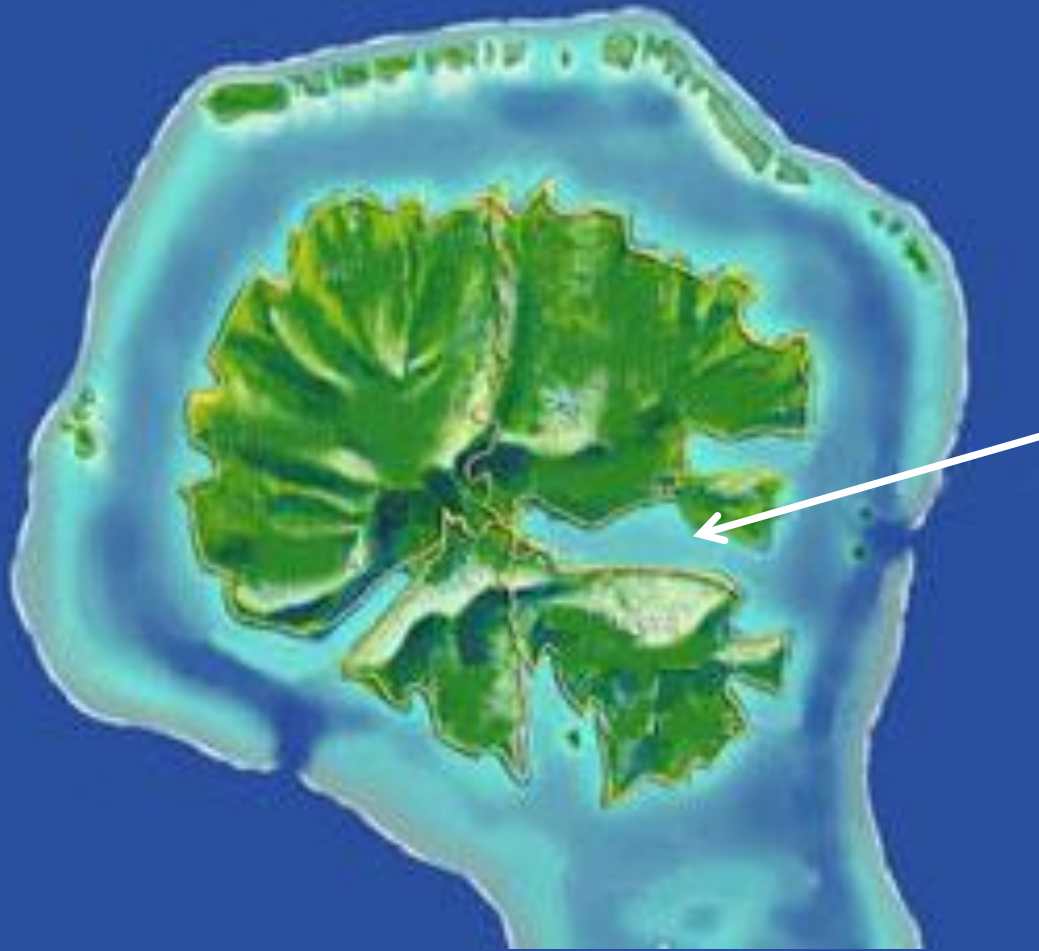


Vanilla Farm Tour



Taha'a

The Vanilla Island



L'Hisbiscus YC/Restaurant/Hotel

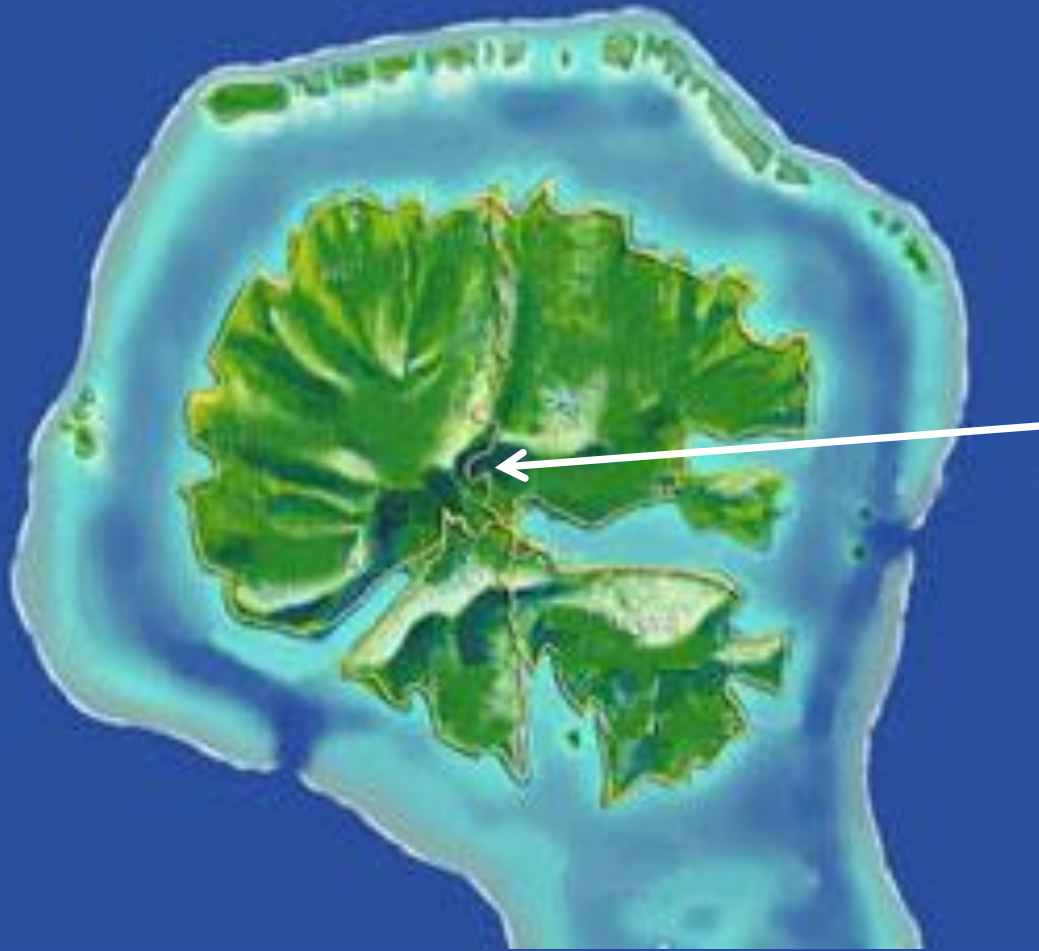


Foundation for protection of the Sea Turtles



Taha'a

The Vanilla Island



Jeep Tour



Taha'a

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Le Taha'a Island Resort & Spa -
where Bill Gates vacations!



Bora Bora easy to spot 😊



Taha'a

The Vanilla Island



Bora Bora

The Pearl Of The South Seas



Bora Bora

The Pearl Of The South Seas

Mt. Pahia 2168', Mt. Otemanu 2385'.

5,400 people, 20 miles shoreline rd.

Roads and airport built by in WWII
by US Army.

Only substantial town is Vaitape.

No sewerage in lagoon.

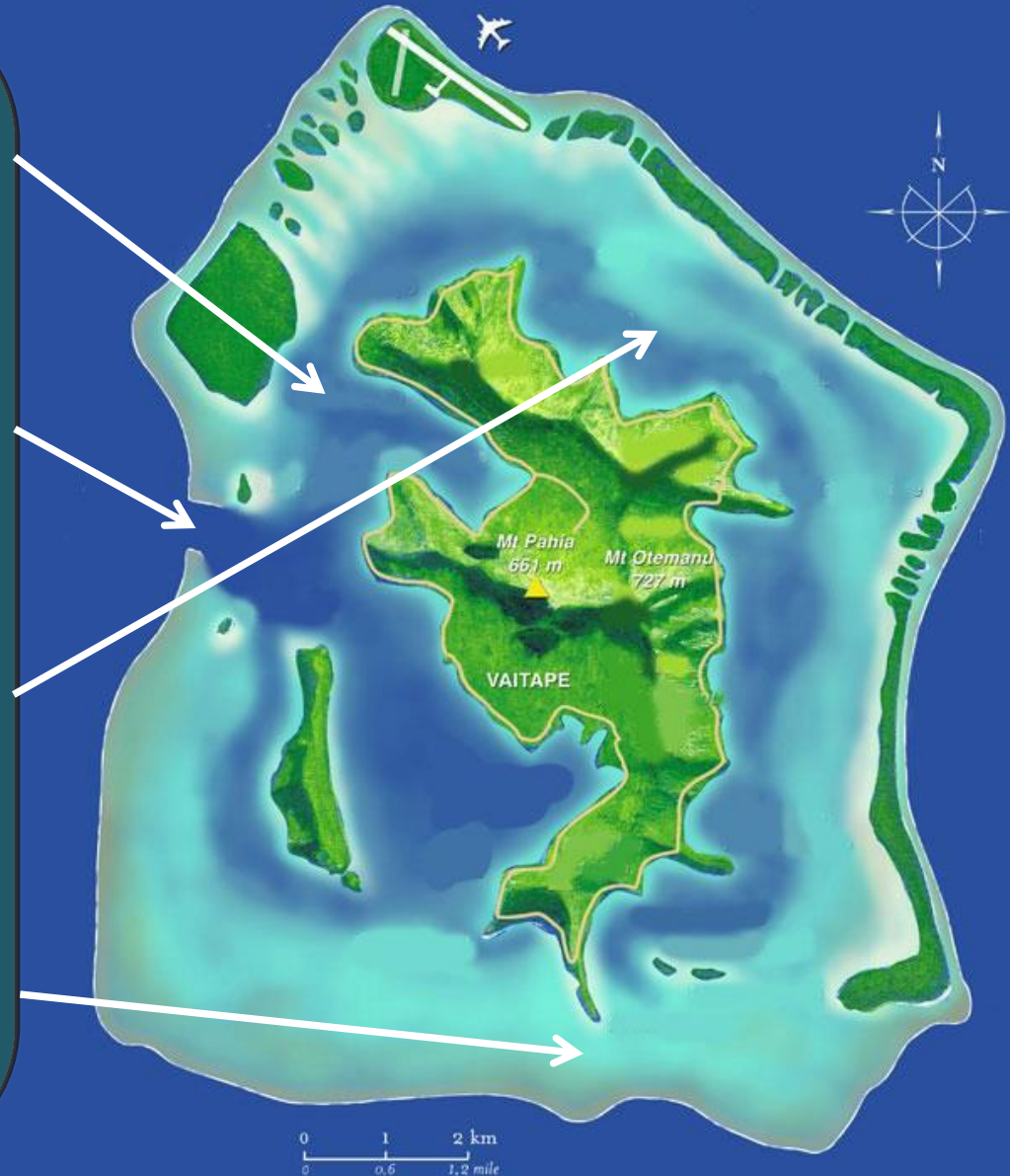
Few cemeteries. Mausoleums on
family property.



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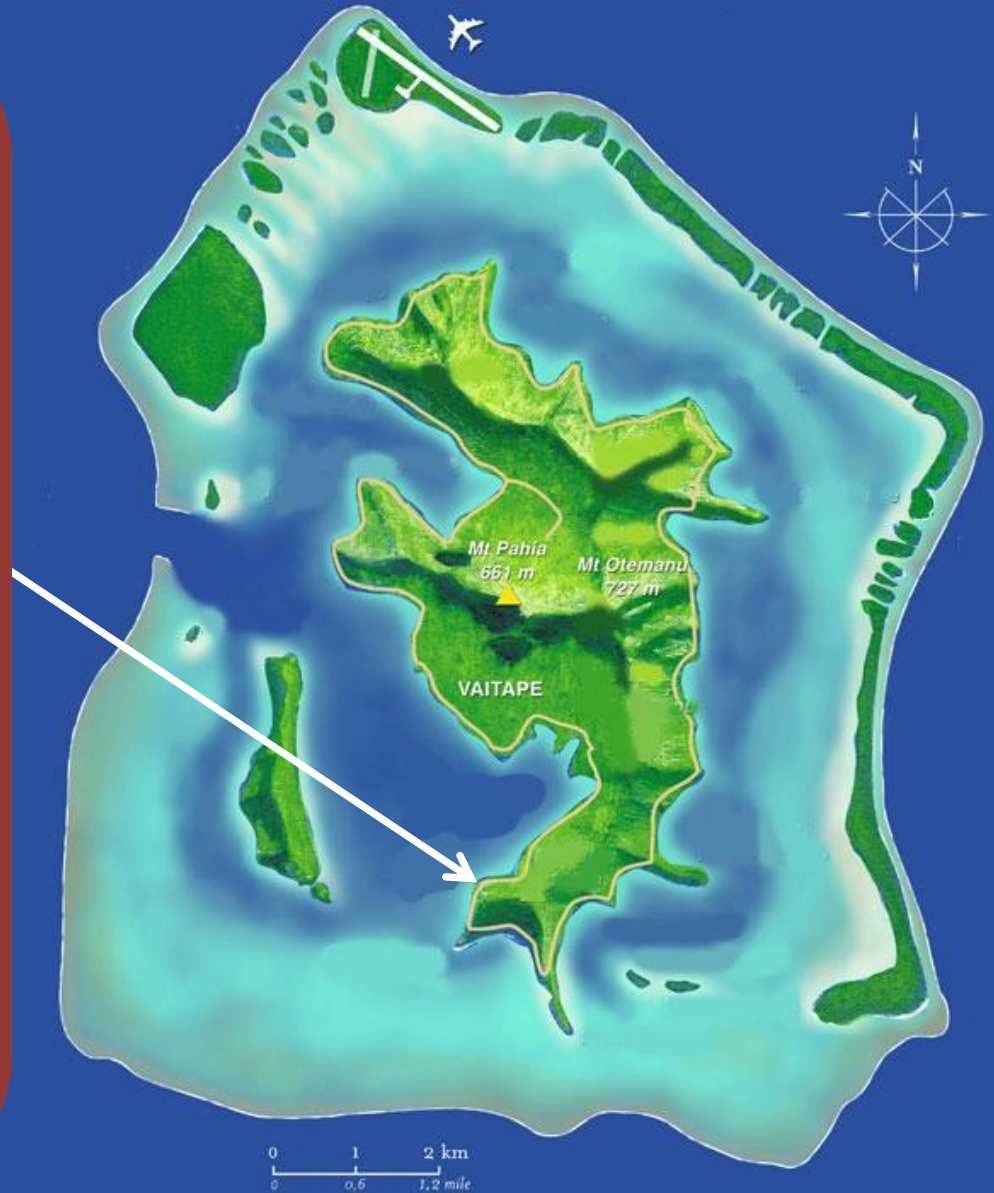
- North & West lagoons deep and sailable.
- One pass through barrier reef.
- East lagoon shallow. Must motor.
- South lagoon impassable.



Bora Bora

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Bora Bora Yacht Club
Mooring balls



Bora Bora

The Pearl Of The South Seas

Mai Kai Marina & Yacht Club.
Beautiful restaurant. Mooring balls.
Gas station next door. Dingy dock.



Bora Bora

The Pearl Of The South Seas

Bloody Mary's Restaurant
Mooring balls, dinghy dock



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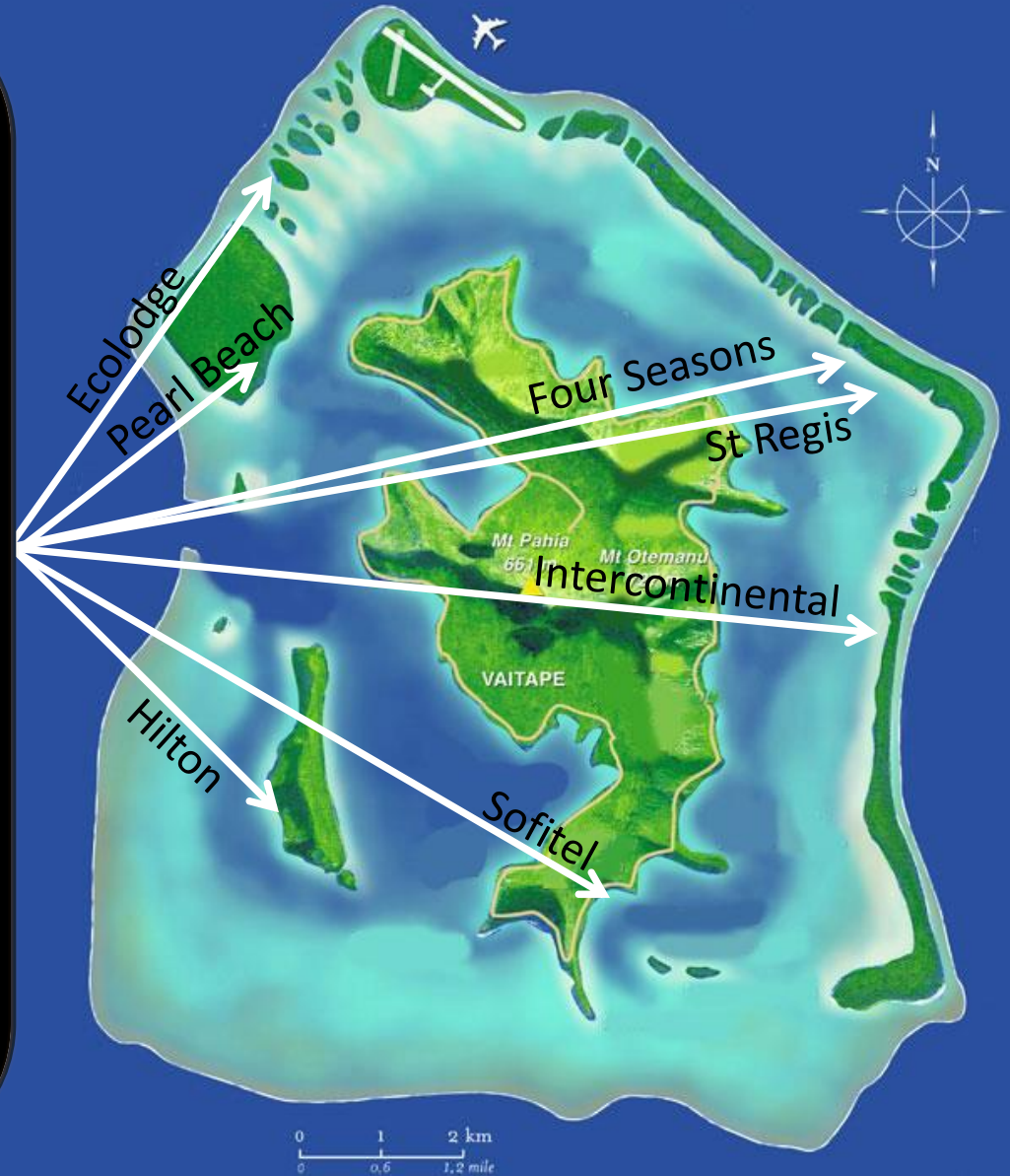
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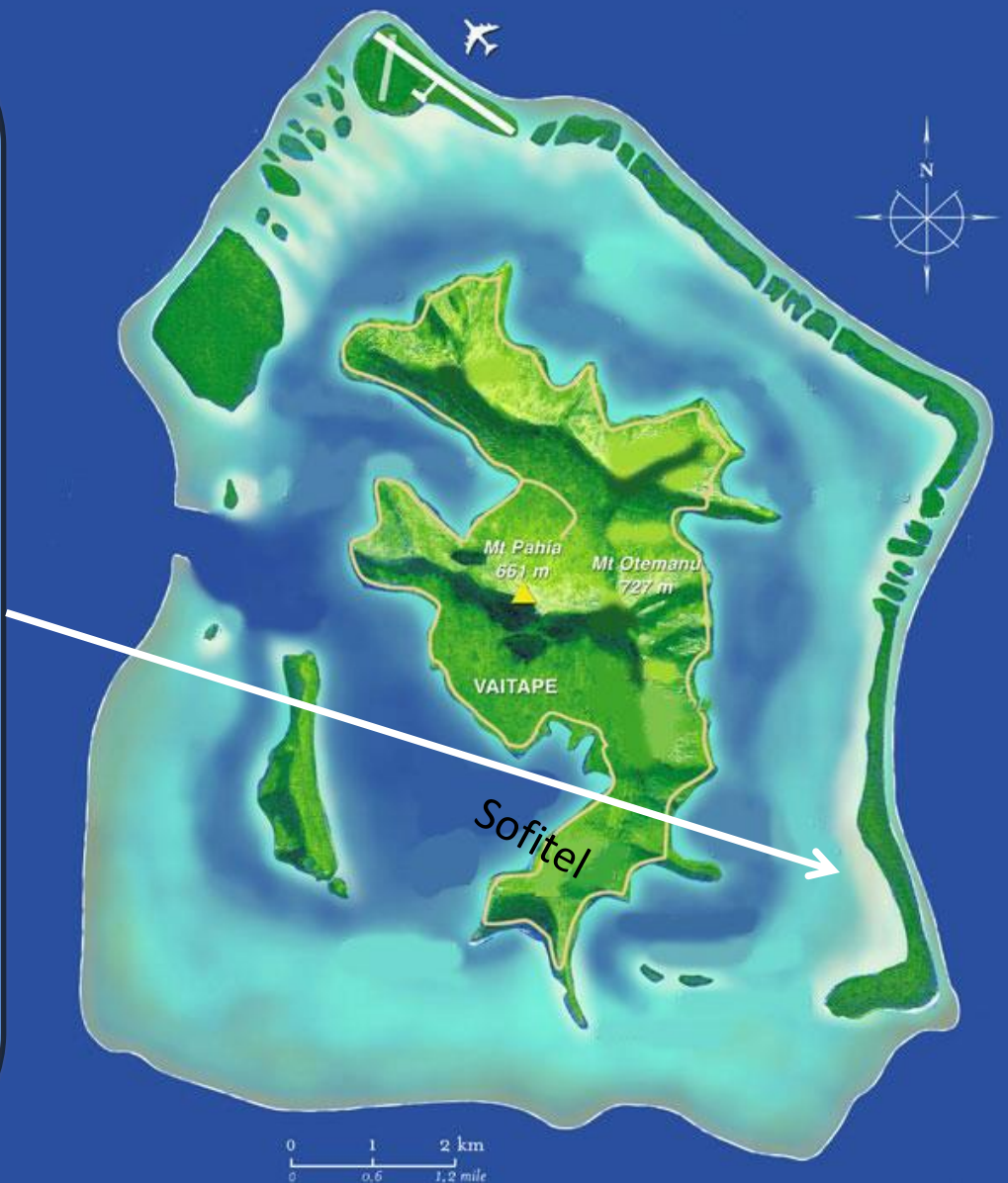
The Pearl Of The South Seas

Lagoonarium – fenced in natural lagoon where you can swim with turtles, sharks, rays and open ocean fish.



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Hauhine

The Savage Island



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Two very quiet islands attached by a bridge. 20 miles of road. Pop. 5000.

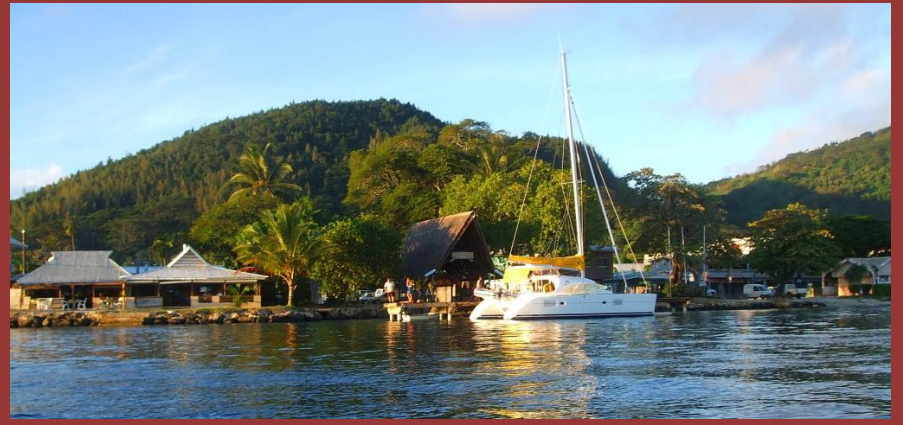


Hauhine

The Savage Island



Fare only town on island.



Hauhine

The Savage Island



Over 280 Ancient Maraes (Temples)



Hauhine

The Savage Island



Three usable passes through barrier reef (ORANGE). Two closed (YELLOW). Restricted areas (RED).

No moorings or anchoring in Maroe Bay

Look south from Fare to see Pregnant Lady laying down mountain range.



Hauhine

The Savage Island



Hawaiki Nui Va'a - 6 person canoe race.
Every Nov: 3 days, 78 miles, 100 canoes.
Huahine/Raiatea /Taha'a /Bora Bora.



Moorea

Sister Island of Tahiti



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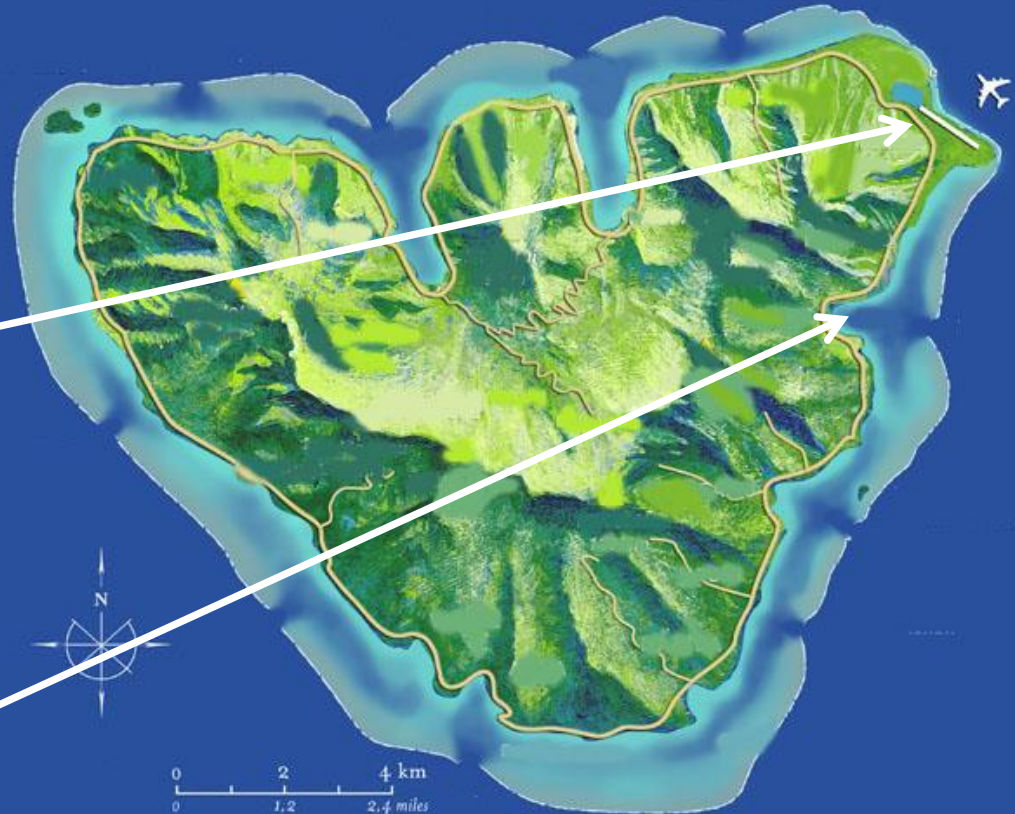
Sister Island of Tahiti

- Moorea is 10 miles northwest of Tahiti.

- 10 minute flight via Air Tahiti.
\$100 r/t



- 30-60 minutes ferry ride to Vaiare. \$20-\$30 r/t



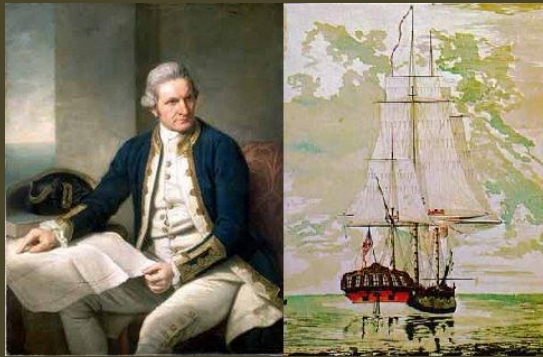
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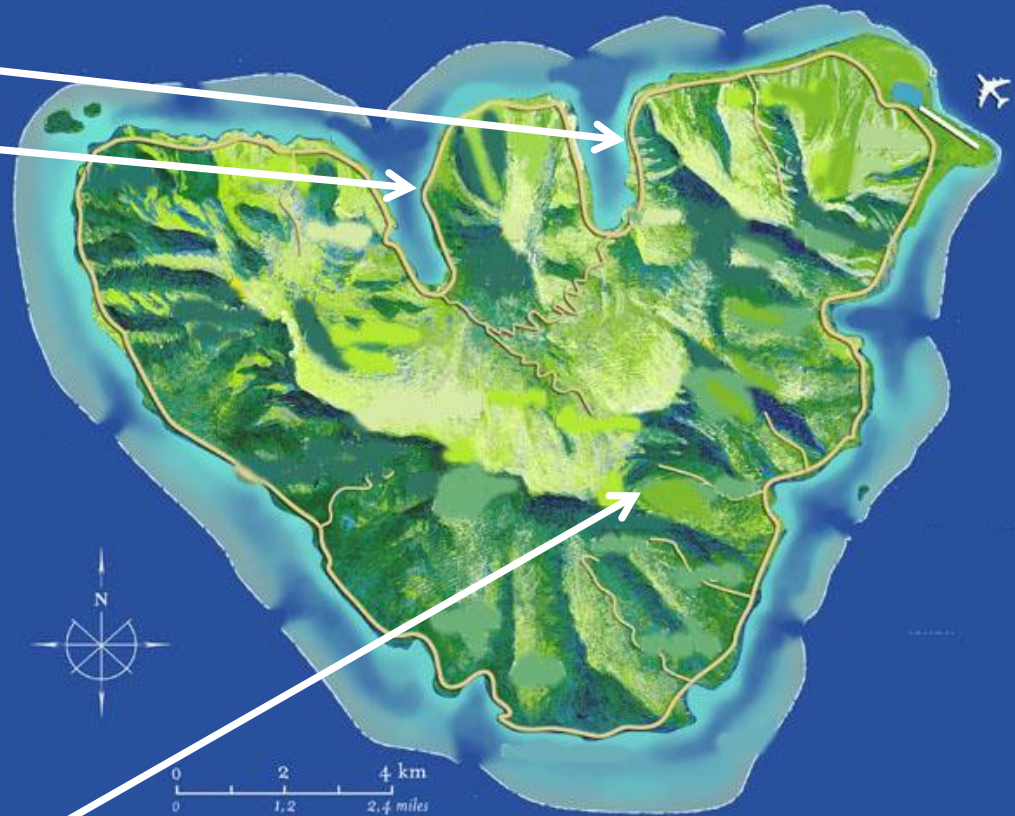
Population: 12,000

Cooks Bay (9/30/1777)

Opunohu Bay



Tallest peak: Mt Tohiewa 3960'



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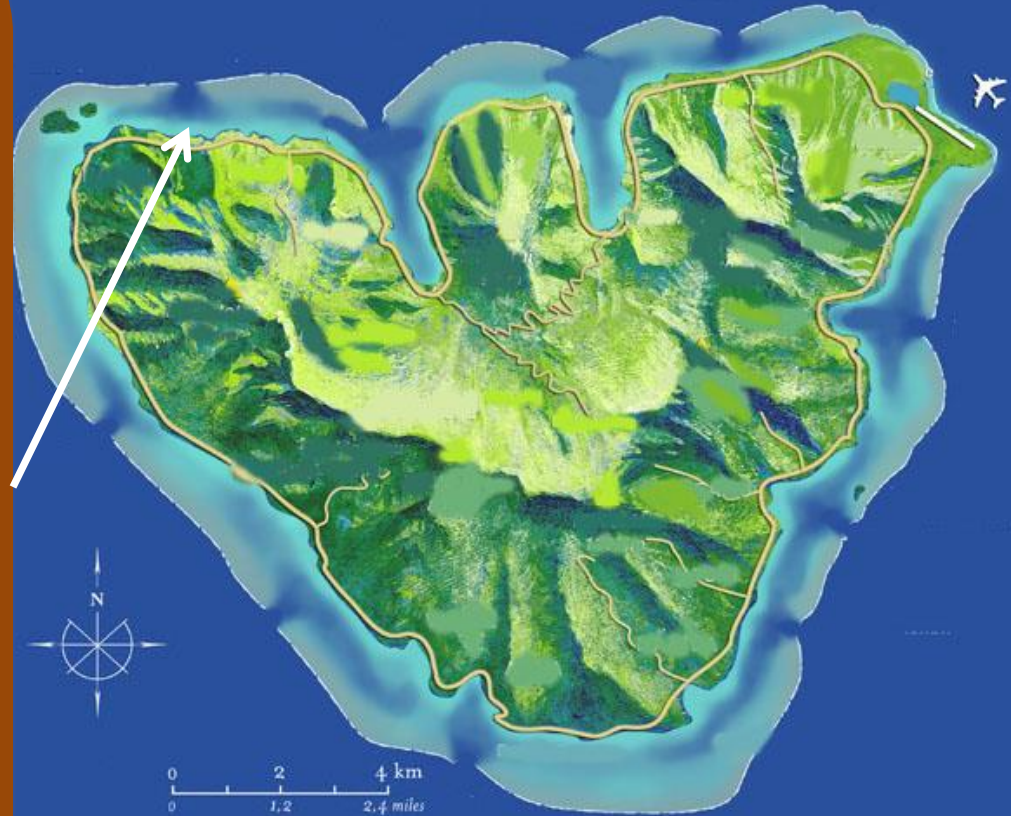
Jet Ski Tours



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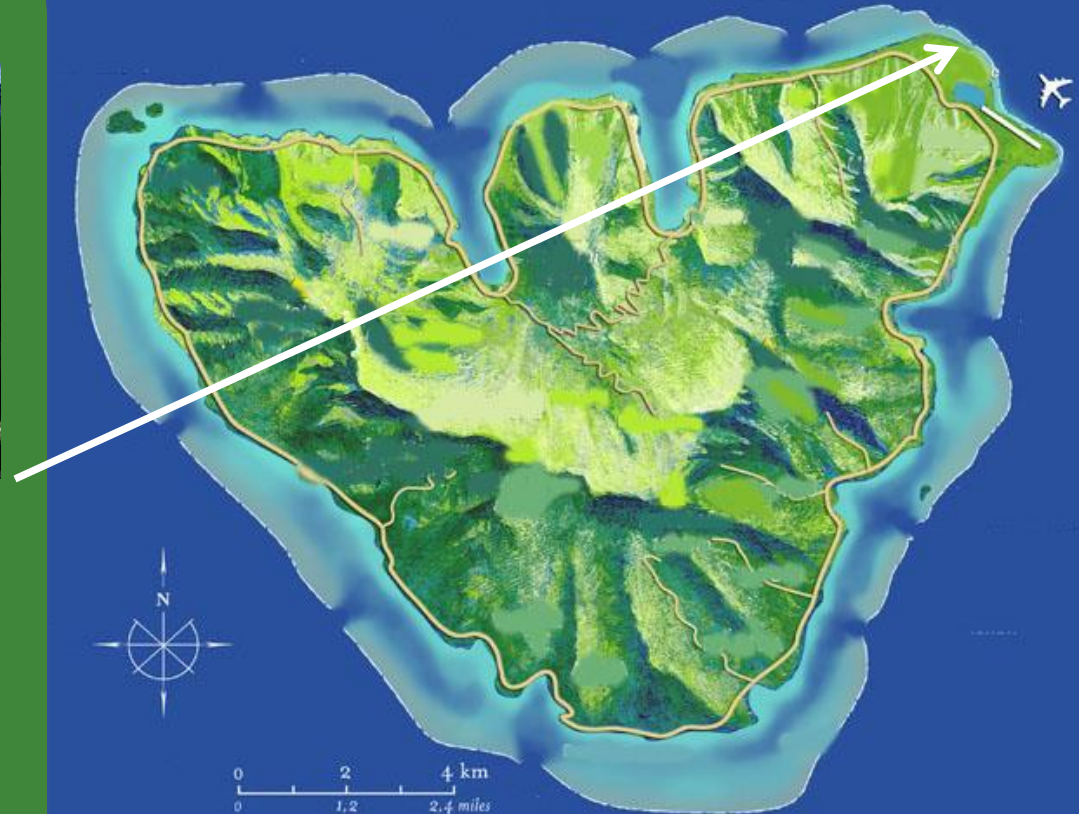
ATV Tours



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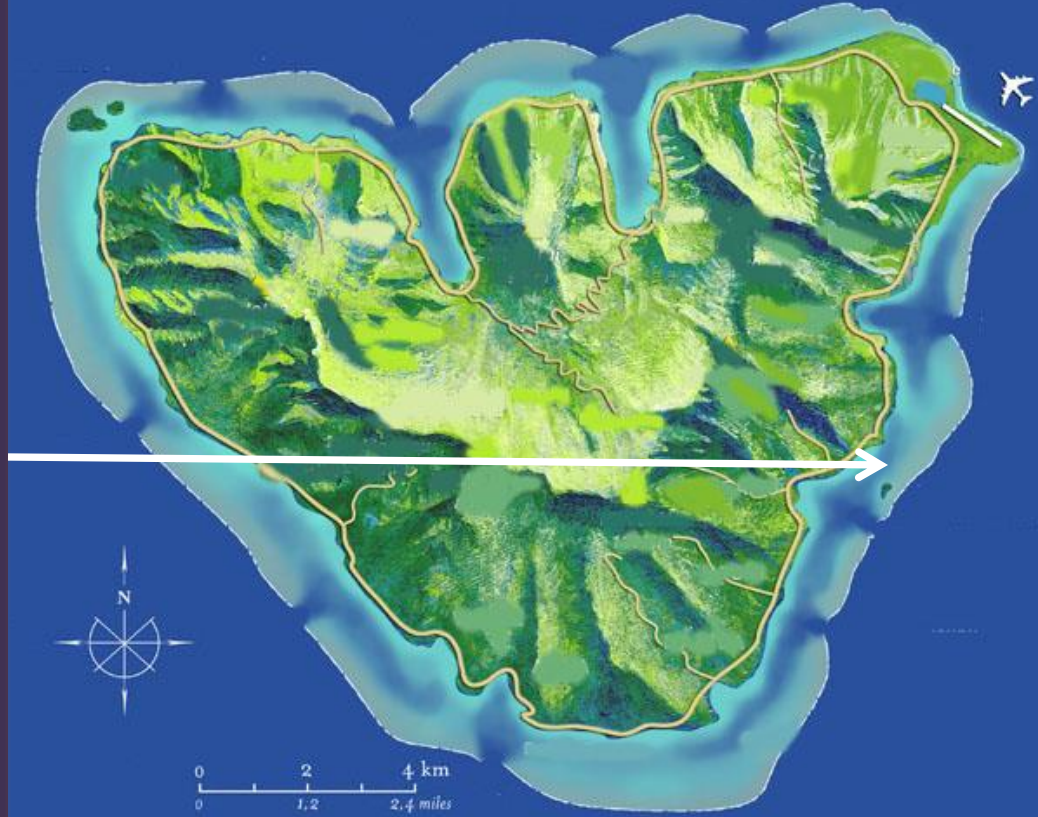
Moorea Green Pearl Golf Course.
18 holes - \$184 + \$50 club rental



Moorea

Sister Island of Tahiti

Lagoonarium



SUMMARY

COSTS: (2 persons)

10 day charter – 13 days total

\$ 7740 10 day charter, split provisions

\$ 4320 Airfare

\$ 200 Tahiti Hotel (1 night)

\$ 12,260 sub total

Meals ashore:

\$ 160 – 2 Lunches

\$ 300 – 2 Dinners

\$ 460 sub total

Misc.

\$ 40 refill water/dinghy gas

\$180 Land Tours

\$ 220 sub total

\$12,940 TOTAL

or

\$6470 p/p

or

\$500 p/p per day

SUMMARY

- Boat cost and groceries similar to BVI's
- Services (restaurants/tours) expensive
- Chartering – excellent service & quality of boats from Moorings & Sunsail
- Navigation - line of sight, well marked waterways, good charts provided
- Sailing - 2 open water sails (Bora Bora & Huahine). Good sailing in protected lagoons
 - Weather – 2 days with a couple of passing squalls.
- All islands beautiful
- Raiatea – Airport/Charter Base/Larger grocery stores/Restaurants
 - Taha'a – quiet/vanilla & pearl farms/few restaurants/lovely
- Bora Bora – many resorts but still relatively quiet. Loved the east lagoon.
 - Huahine – very quiet
- Moorea – most activities for tourists. Not in charter sailing grounds
- Best tropical charter I've sailed yet! Would definitely go back!

Woulda-Coulda-Shoulda

- Extend vacation
- Take side trip to Moorea – before or after charter
- Change route: Huahine-Taha'a-Bora Bora-Raiatea
 - hike and bike
 - SCUBA
 - Hear church choir sing
- Take more movies for this presentation 😊

Chartering in Bora Bora

Questions?





Information

Airline

- Air Tahiti – www.airtahitinui-usa.com

Charter Companies

- Moorings - www.moorings.com
- Sunsail - www.sunsail.com
- Tahia! Yacht Charter - www.tahitiyachtcharter.com

Charts & Cruising Guides

- On Line Chart Viewer - <http://www.charts.noaa.gov/NGAViewer/83392.shtml>
- Chart: 83392 – (Raiatea, Tahaa, Bora Bora, Huahine)
- Chart: 83397 – (Bora Bora)
- Moorings cruising guide - http://view.vcab.com/fs/00000320/00025054/00194981/_uploads/Tahiti%20Guide.pdf
- Sunsail cruising guide - <http://mymoorings.com/info/broguide/ssdestgde/raiatea.pdf>
- Charlie's Charts of Polynesia – www.charliescharts.com
- Cruising Guide to Tahiti and the French Society Islands by Marcia Davock - www.amazon.com

Tourism Websites

- Islands of Tahiti- www.tahiti-tourisme.com/
- Tahiti Guide - www.tahitiguide.com/

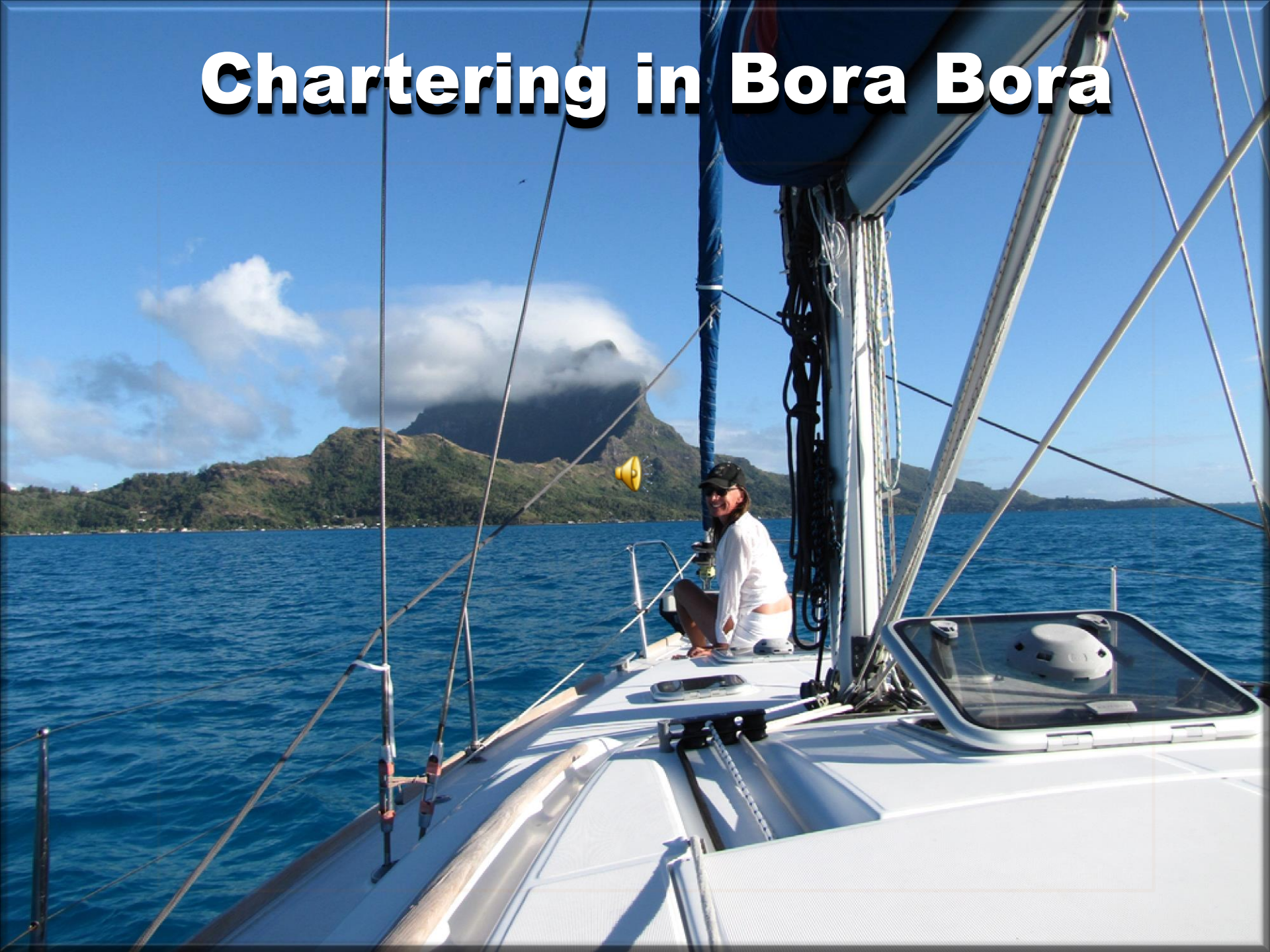
Taha'a

- Champon Pearl Farm - www.tahiti-pearl-online.com
- L'Hibiscus Hotel/YC - <http://www.hibiscustahaa.com/>

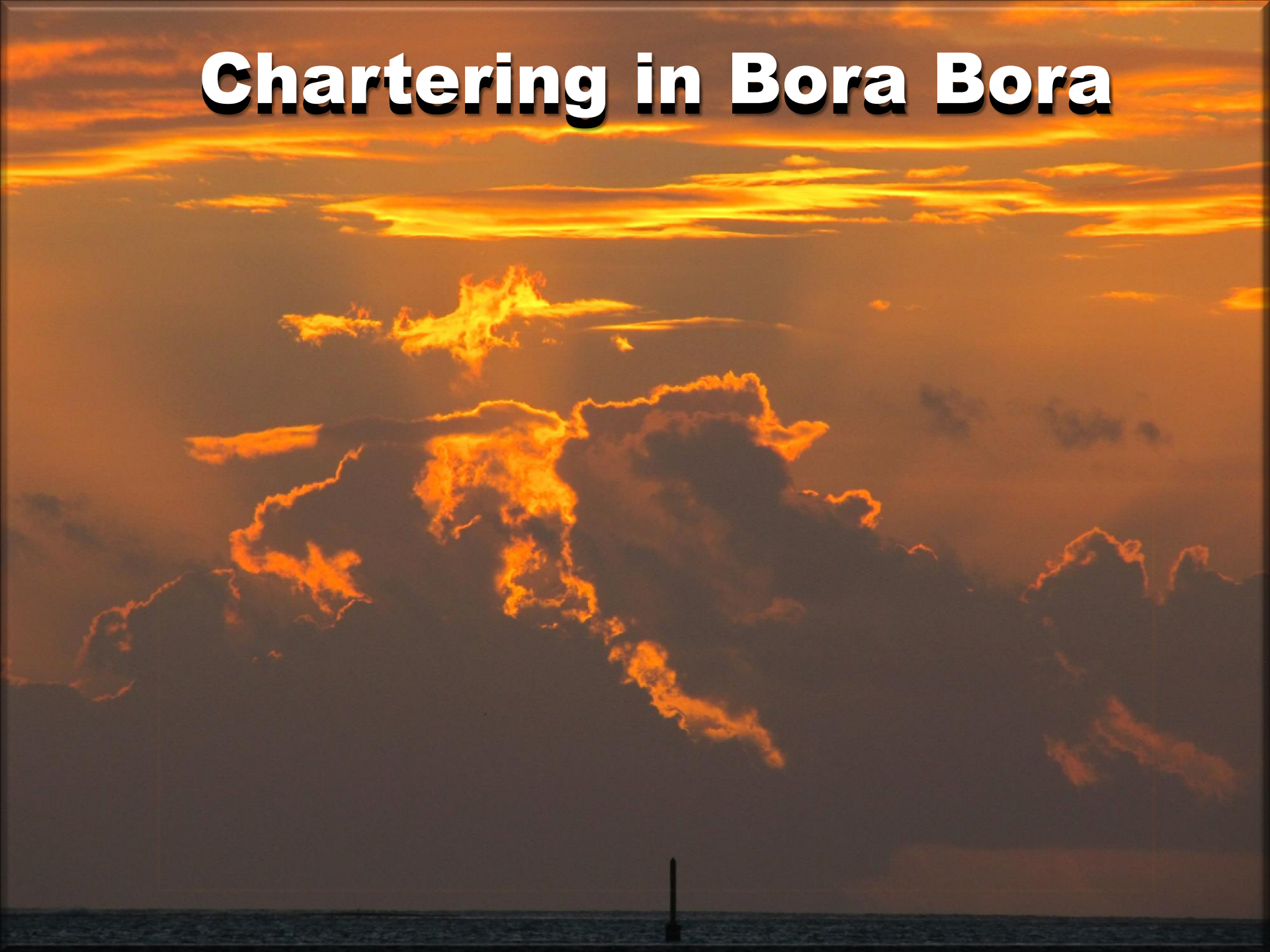
Bora Bora

- Bora Bora Yacht Club - www.boraborayachtclub.net/
- Mai Kai Marina - <http://www.maikaimarina.com/>
- Bloody Mary's - <http://bloodymarys.com/>
- Lagoonarium - <http://boraboraisland.com/lagoonarium/>

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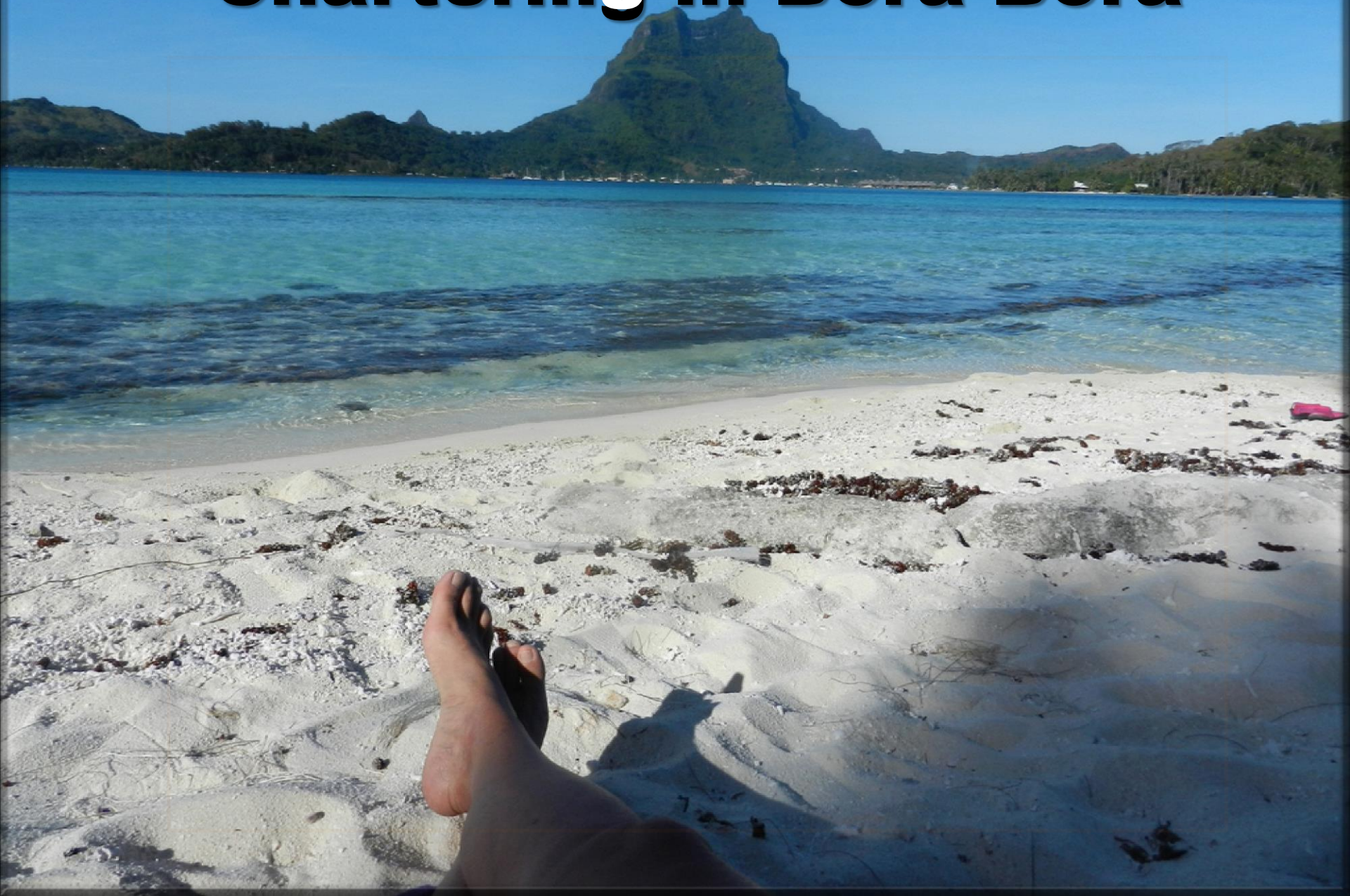
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Welcome-Maeva



The Moorings
Tahiti



Chartering in Bora Bora



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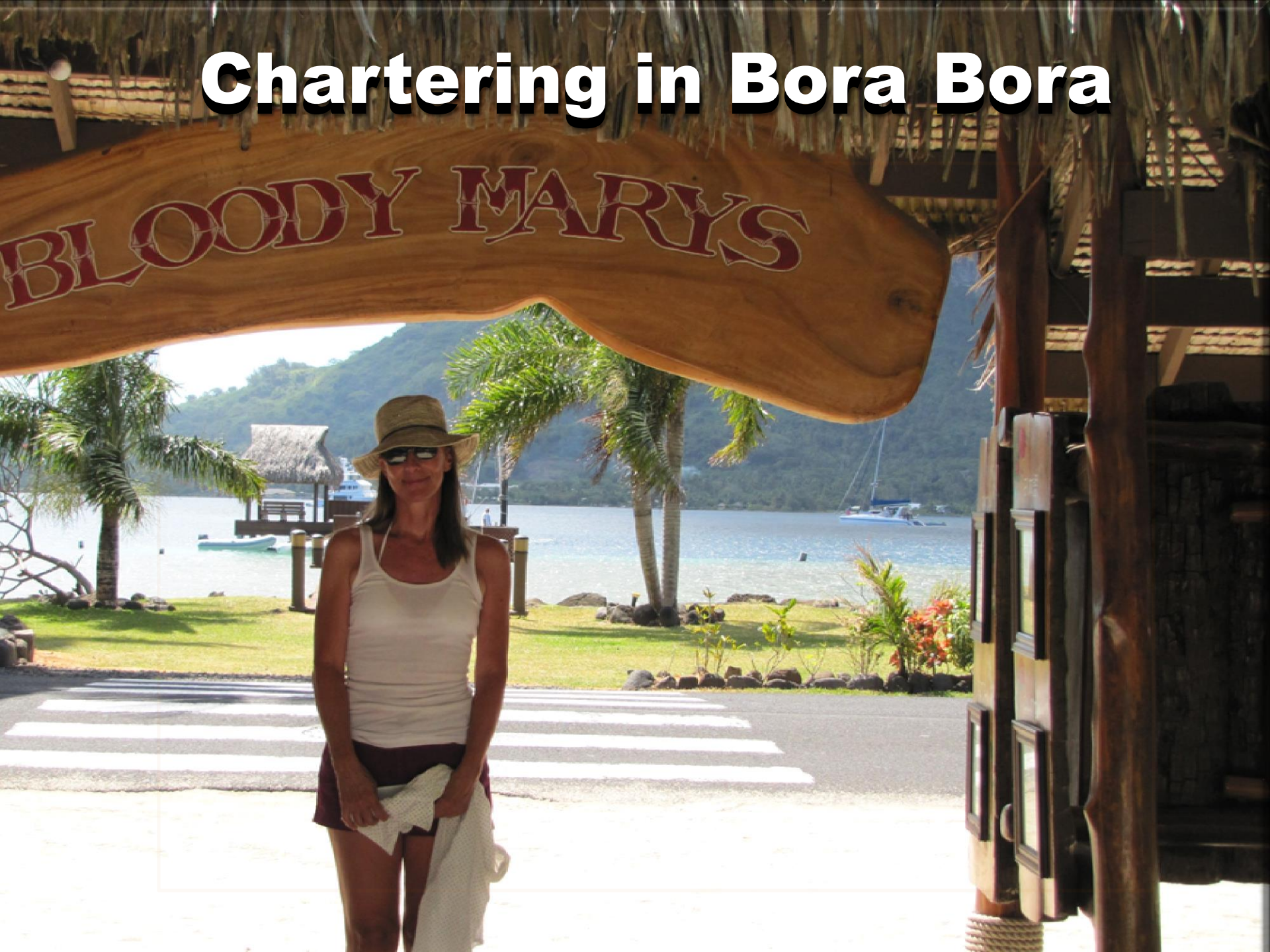


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BLOODY MARYS



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The Cast and Crew

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