Touristic Encounters:
Imaging Tahiti and Its Performing Arts

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Tahiti & Her Islands

Society Islands - Tuamotu Islands - Gambier Islands - Marquesas Islands - Austral Islands.
Welcome to Tahiti & Her Islands
Tahiti, Moorea, and Bora Bora are high and mystical islands with deep valleys perfumed by the tiare (Tahitian flower), short-lived jewels that one wears over the ear on verdant pathways. Rangiroa, Manihi, Fakarava, Tikehau—atolls at the end of the world, these “pearl islands” enclose in their jewelry-box lagoons the blue depths where black pearls grow and develop.

From the north to the south, from the fertile plains of the Australs to the sharp cliffs of the Marquesas, these fragrant paradises combine all the different landscapes created by generous Mother Nature. Secret or rebellious, savage but never hostile, their beaches, shaded by coconut trees, tell of the centuries of erosion
The Mountains

The high islands (Societies, Marquesas, Austral) offer numerous hiking possibilities, where you can discover vestigial panoramic views of the lagoons and bays, and where you can witness the immensity of the Pacific Ocean.

Hiking / Discovery

**TREKKING:**
Hike across the two valleys of Huahine or through the forests of Maupiti, you can discover the "International" (traditional marae). As you explore the imposing waterfalls of Marau in Moorea or discover the "bure apai" in the north of Huahine, you will stroll on winding pathways which open up to breathtaking panoramic views. Tahiti and its peninsulas, Tahiti Nui, offer innumerable excursion possibilities at all levels through mountains and valleys (i.e. ascending Mount Aorai, crossing Tahiti Nui (the big island), exploring the lavatubes, etc.).

**MOUNTAIN BIKING:**
You only need a regular bike to drive on the perimeter road (which is flat), but a mountain bike will be necessary to cross the interior of the islands. You can rent bikes at many hotels.

along white-sand beaches with a sumptuous sunset in the background, or you can go up the rivers amid the luxuriant flora of Huahine.

The Sea

Most of the islands have lagoons where you can participate in a large range of aquatic activities.

**SCUBA DIVING, AQUASCOPE, SUBMARINE, AND SEMISUBMERSIBLE ADVENTURES:**
Tahiti and Her Islands is one of the most beautiful destinations in the world for scuba diving. In the deep and intense blue water, you will encounter extraordinary species of marine life: mantas, rays, hammerhead sharks, lemon sharks, black-tip reef sharks, humpback whales, and schools of fish of all kinds. You will be awed by the dizzying descent of the coral walls and mysterious shipwrecks. All year round, you can access the enchanting marine world, which boasts 50-meter (65 ft) visibility.

**LAGOON EXCURSIONS:**
Discover the sea beds, picnic on a "motu" (islet), witness stingray and shark feeding exhibitions, or swim with dolphins.

**ROMANTIC CRUISES:**
Tour the lagoon on a sailboat or view the romantic sunset and enjoy a bubbly glass of champagne.

**SURFING, KITE SURFING:** Tahiti, Moorea, and Huahine are home to some of the most famous surf spots in the world. If you are a pro or novice, you will find your own favorite surfing spot.

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NUMBER OF TOURISTS:

By Sex:  | 2008  | 2007  | ... | 2004  | 2003  |
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Male     | 97,789 | 109,037 | 104,475 | 105,283 |
Female   | 98,707 | 109,204 | 103,769 | 103,456 |

By Age:  | 2008  | 2007  | ... | 2004  | 2003  |
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0 - 14   | 8,544 | 9,335 | ... | 8,715 | 8,306 |
15 - 24  | 2,971 | 14,827 | 15,683 | 15,791 |
25 - 34  | 59,308 | 68,329 | ... | 63,744 | 62,907 |
35 - 44  | 33,159 | 36,459 | 35,999 | 35,570 |
45 - 54  | 30,938 | 33,826 | 34,449 | 36,143 |
55 - 64  | 30,619 | 33,519 | 31,511 | 31,526 |
65 - 74  | 16,340 | 16,790 | 14,540 | 15,587 |
Over 75  | 4,622 | 5,156 | 4,311 | 4,669 |