

Ports & Excursions



Raiatea, French Polynesia

Considered the second largest island in French Polynesia, Raiatea is situated approximately 120 miles northwest of Tahiti. For the Polynesian "Maohi," ancestor of today's Tahitian, Raiatea was known as "Sacred Havai'i" and was the center of royalty, religion, culture and history. The principal village is Uturoa, with a population of over 10,000. This bustling port town features a colorful market and arts and crafts shops along the waterfront. Raiatea is currently undergoing a renaissance, with special attention being given to preserve the island's rich culture and heritage.

Raiatea's importance as both a religious and historical center for all of Polynesia is complemented by a wealth of archaeological sites, tropical scenery and reef fringed lagoons.

Points of Interest

1 Polynesian Marae

Raiatea is the most sacred of the Polynesian islands and formerly the religious center of French Polynesia. It has many archaeological ruins called maraes, its most important is Taputapuatea.

2 Lagoon Activities

Raiatea and Tahaa share a protected lagoon enclosed by a single barrier reef that boasts world-class scuba diving, along with snorkeling, swimming, jetskiing, kiteboarding and more.

3 Aquatic Adventures

Raiatea and Tahaa are idyllic destinations for all kinds of water excursions, from sport and deep-sea fishing to shark and ray feedings, to sailing, kayaking and lagoon cruises. Even a motu picnic.

4 Tahaa

Located between Bora Bora and Huahine in the Society Islands, the islands of Tahaa and neighboring Raiatea are enclosed by the same coral reef, and may once have been a single island.

5 Black Pearl Farm

To the Polynesians, the black pearl is a symbol of purity, and the Polynesian islands are the world's leading exporter of fine black pearls with several pearl farms based on Raiatea and Tahaa.

6 Vanilla Plantation

Admiral Hamelin introduced the first vanilla plants to Polynesia in 1848 and efficient cultures emerged in 1880. Today Tahaa, the "Vanilla Island," produces over 70% of French Polynesia's vanilla.

7 4WD Excursion

Discover the sacred Mt. Temehani Plateau. Explore the interior of the only island in Polynesia with a navigable river, the Faaroa, on a 4WD safari. Traverse its canyons, trails and waterfalls.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours



Most Popular

Island Drive, Pearl Farm & Tainuu Marae RFP-105 | Raiatea, French Polynesia

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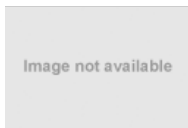
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Enjoy a scenic drive around Raiatea with various stops on this half-day excursion. Visit Tainuu Marae, one of the island's ancient temples, as well as one of the island's local pearl farms. Then, travel to vantage points with incredible views of an ancient volcanic crater and Mt. Toomaru, Raiatea's highest mountain.



Tahaa - Pearl Farm & Vanilla Plantation RFP-200 | Raiatea, French Polynesia

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Visit Raiatea's sister island of Tahaa and see its main sights on this half-day excursion. Much less visited than Bora Bora and less populated than its sister island of Raiatea, Tahaa is one of the most beautiful islands in French Polynesia. Visit one of the vanilla plantations which dot the island and tour a black pearl farm with time for shopping afterwards.



Tahaa Pearl Farm & Mahaea Motu Beach RFP-340 | Raiatea, French Polynesia

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from \$99.95

Take a catamaran ride to Tahaa on this half-day excursion. Tour a black pearl farm and observe how oysters are prepped for pearl cultivation. Then enjoy free time to sunbathe, swim and snorkel on the deserted beach of Mahaea Motu.



Tahaa Pearl Farm & Mahaea Motu Beach (Guided in French) RFP-341 | Raiatea, French Polynesia

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Conducted in French - take a catamaran ride to Tahaa on this half-day excursion. Tour a black pearl farm and observe how oysters are prepped for pearl cultivation. Then enjoy free time to sunbathe and swim on the deserted beach of Mahaea Motu.

Activities & Adventures



Off the Beaten Path

Faaroa Crater, Faaroa River & Taputapuatea Marae
RFP-500 | Raiatea, French Polynesia | Group Size: 8

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Take a 4WD safari that visits Faaroa Crater, the Faaroa River and sacred Taputapuatea Marae. You will also tour a vanilla plantation where you'll enjoy a snack of fresh islands fruits and juices on this half-day excursion.



Anapa Pearl Farm Reef House & Snorkel
RFP-790 | Raiatea, French Polynesia

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Tour the Anapa Pearl Farm Reef House situated over the lagoon, and then, don snorkel and mask for a swim amongst the oyster beds. You'll have time to shop for black pearls afterwards. Fresh fruit, juice, and local beer are included on this excursion.



Tahaa Coral Gardens Drift Snorkel
RFP-795 | Raiatea, French Polynesia

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Join a drift snorkel excursion for experienced snorkelers. From an isolated motu off Tahaa, let the current carry you through a channel in the reef to your waiting boat. Afterwards, enjoy free time in the lagoon or on the motu. Fresh fruits and juices are included on this half-day excursion.



Raiatea Lagoon Sunset Cruise
RFP-860 | Raiatea, French Polynesia

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from \$99.95

Take a sunset cruise across the lagoon with stunning views of Raiatea's mountains, past Mt. Toomaru, the island's highest peak, and through Miri Miri Pass, as the sun sinks into the Pacific.