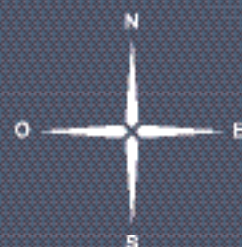


FAKARAVA

- 1 Le Maitai Dream Fakarava
- 1 Tetamanu Village
- 2 Pension Paparara
- Vahitu Dream
- Tokorua Village
- 3 Pension Havaiki Fakarava Pearl Guest House

0 10 km
0 8 miles



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Fakarava

SOCIETY ISLANDS - TUAMOTU ISLANDS - GAMBIE ISLANDS - MARQUESAS ISLANDS - AUSTRAL ISLANDS



The dream island

Second largest atoll after Rangiroa and ancient capital of the Tuamotu Archipelago, Fakarava is filled with numerous unexplored "motus" (islets) awaiting new

adventurers to discover those pink sand beaches shaded by rows of coconut trees and crystal-clear waters. Protected by the UNESCO charts, Fakarava is proud of its biosphere and rare crustaceans such as squills or sea cicadas. Visitors will be delighted to discover life on a pearl farm (over and underwater), especially in the village of Tetamanu where the oldest Catholic church in Polynesia reminds us of a past when the whole village moved from place to place harvesting coprah.

Selling tips

A protected atoll that is part of a UNESCO classified biosphere reserve: particularly rare fauna and flora testify to the richness of this ecosystem and are a source of great delight for divers.

The "Mecca" of diving: the northern pass of Garuae is the largest in French Polynesia (800 meters wide) and is excellent for experiencing the open sea in a drift dive and the coral formations of exceptional quality.

The visitor highlights of the atoll include: pearl-farm visits; the old village of Tetamanu has one of the first Catholic churches built of coral and dates back to 1874.

A private guesthouse on an amazing site in harmony with the sea and this enchanting atoll. One of the 5 family homestays will offer you an unforgettably authentic experience. Guaranteed to take you to another world.

Daily flights (1h10 min) and a regular shipping service (5 days via other islands in the Tuamotu).

Health: an infirmary.

Banks: there is no bank or ATM on the atoll. It is preferable to bring cash.



Other Polynesian name: Hava'i or Havaiki, Farea - **Name given by discoverers:** Wittgenstein - **Location:** 450 km northeast of Tahiti
Surface: 1121 km² (lagoon) - **Population:** 699 - **Resources:** copra, mother-of-pearl, pearls



Small hotels and family pensions

(Other islands)

‡ = some
 ♪ = free
 ♪ = available
 \$ = charge

	TAKAPOTO VILLAGE	CHEZ LOUISE	TOKU KAIGA	MATAIVA VILLAGE	PENSION SUPER MATAIVA COOL	REKAREKA VILLAGE	TIARE PAETAHI	COCO PERLE	POERANGI VILLAGE	TEANUANUA BEACH PEARLS	CHEZ BIANCA & BENOIT	CHEZ JOJO	TARA ETU KURA
Free airport transfers	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪			
LOCATION													
Seaside	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪			♪
Mountainside											♪	♪	
CAPACITY													
Bungalows - Fare	2	1	2	6	4	8		6	3	9	5	2	1
Apartments/Studios													
Beach cabin													
Deluxe Bungalows													
Rooms				2			4				3	1	
Dormitory beds			4										
Camping area			♪	♪									
COMMON FACILITIES													
Swimming pool													
Restaurant/Snack		♪		♪				♪	♪	♪		♪	
Guest table													
Bar								♪		♪			
Shop													
Breakfast													
EP			♪	♪	♪		HAO	AHE	TAKAROA	IMAKEMO	MANGAREVA		
MAP	♪	ANAA	♪	♪	♪	KAUKURA	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪
AP			♪	♪	♪								
Laundry													
Wash house/Washing machine					♪					\$		\$	
Equipped kitchen			♪		♪	♪	♪		♪	♪		♪	
Dining room	♪	♪	♪		♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪
Internet access								♪				\$	
Phone point					\$			♪				♪	
TV					♪					♪		♪	
Bathroom		♪		‡		♪	♪	‡		♪	‡	‡	‡
Hot water							♪	‡			♪	♪	♪
ROOM/BUNGALOWS FACILITIES													
Air-conditioning													
Ceiling fan													
Fan		♪	♪		♪		♪	♪	♪				
Mosquito net		♪	♪	‡			♪	‡		♪	♪	♪	
Fridge/Mini bar			♪								‡		♪
Microwave													
TV											‡	♪	♪
Private bathroom	♪	♪	♪	‡	♪			‡	♪		‡	♪	♪
Hot water								‡			♪	♪	♪
Household linen	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪	♪		♪	♪	♪	♪
Equipped kitchen			♪	‡					‡				
Dining room			♪					‡					
EQUIPMENT AND ACTIVITIES													
Bicycle	♪		♪		\$			♪		\$		♪	
Kayak or canoe or pedal boat	♪					♪		♪	♪	♪		♪	
Pontoon			♪					♪					
Beach access	♪	♪					♪			♪		♪	
Flippers, mask, snorkel				♪	♪					\$			

The information above can be subject to changes.

The other islands in the Tuamotu

Takapoto

Atoll of rare pearls

Discovered simultaneously by Maire and Schouten, Takapoto embodies the dream of paradise. Named also "short chin", this wild and idyllic atoll has no channel which explains its very preserved environment.

The 10 miles long lagoon is the home of the Pinctada Margaritifera, Tahitian cultured pearl. In Okukina, you may eat sea urchins or giant clams with lime after a visit to the fish parks. Highly visited for research purposes, archaeologists are often combing her shores. So far, about 20 "maraes" and over 200 sites have been numbered and are of great interest to travellers. From the main village of Fakatopatere, laying between the lagoon and the ocean, one can see those typical Polynesian "fare" (houses) built on stilts, whose owner's hospitality is legendary.



Small hotels and family pensions

TAKAPOTO VILLAGE (PFA)

Fakatopatere

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No credit cards



Anaa

In the jade lagoon

Between sea and sky, the coral ring of Anaa is seen from far away by Polynesian seamen due to the green reflection of its lagoon in the clouds above the island.

This oval-shaped atoll is made of 11 "motus" (islets) around the turquoise lagoon with no pass and some emerging coral (feo) up to 9 feet high.

Peace and quietness are the main features of Anaa where everyone may snorkel or go spearfishing or even have a picnic under frangipani trees.

Home of the Pomare Royal Family in the 19th century, Anaa has acquired a solid reputation for the courage of its warriors who invaded other atolls as far away as Rangiroa.

Nowadays, the 639 inhabitants of Anaa live a traditional way of life in the small village of Tukahora, mainly fishing and coprah producing.



Small hotels and family pensions

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Tokerau

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Mataiva

Tropical aquarium

Located at the extreme northwest end of the Tuamotus, Mataiva is a small reticulated atoll covered with coconut trees and surrounded by islets such as motu Teaku, better known as the "bird motu", which shelters many different sea bird species. A natural tropical aquarium, Mataiva's round-shaped lagoon is made up of 70 bassins about 25 feet deep and nine channels that gave her her original name: "nine-eyes island".

The main village of Pahua is connected by a bridge over a shallow pass bordered by a few houses. The people, who live off of fishing and coprah production, often take travellers to the centre of the island (Mataiva Papa), rocky islet in the middle of the lagoon. Its legend, is similar to the one of Papiro marae where an enormous coral throne is said to embody King Tu's, a giant who watched over his pass and could cross the island in three steps to kill his enemies.

The "Turtle Rock", an old coral reef emerging from the lagoon, is a must for visitors willing to learn the secrets of ancient meteorology when passing clouds would announce the coming of turtles and therefore the beginning of the hunting season.



Small hotels and family pensions

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Kaukura

Fishermen's atoll

Discovered in 1722 by Dutch Navigator Roggeveen who also discovered Easter Island, Kaukura is the southern Palliser island. This magic oval shaped atoll is surrounded by a coral reef with a single channel on its east coast, Faape pass, and is made of 65 islets gathered in five groups of land dropped into a crystal-clear shallow lagoon.

The main village, Raitahiti on the big northeast motu and close to a small airfield hosts most of the population under its coconut trees. Most people live on fishing or from the numerous fish parks and sell their production in the Papeete market. Tourism in pensions is an additional activity for inhabitants who are always willing to take visitors to a pearl farm by boat or tell the story of God Tutonu whose stone statue reminds everyone of those mythical times of ancient villages.



Small hotels and family pensions

REKAREKA VILLAGE (PHF)

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Hao

The island of the harp

Discovered by Quiros in 1606, Hao, also named "the island of the arc" or "island of the harp" because of its configuration, has the shape of a crown placed on one of the largest Polynesian lagoons. Open to the ocean through the Kaki pass, the atoll area is about 40 square miles... An underwater world that will show divers its unknown wealth. Mussels, starfish, urchins and crustaceans are a small part of the coral reef population, where deep water fish mingle with smaller species in a fairytale mineral site.

The atoll is made of numerous "motu" (islets), hosting pearl farms and holiday homes shaded by coconut trees and pandanus. Otepa, the main village on the northern islet is located 2 miles away from the airport and displays some marvellous, scented gardens.



Small hotels and family pensions

TIARE PAETAHI (PFA)

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Ahe

On the route of the navigators

Located between Rangiroa and Manihi, the Ahe atoll is slowly being discovered by visitors searching for authenticity.

Up to date with technology, today Ahe has claimed its place among the leaders in the pearl farming industry. Direct from the lagoon, the pearls of Ahe draw their strength from their tints and exceptional reflections. Scattered all around the atoll, pearl farms are open for guided visits complete with grafting demonstrations.

The 70-meter-deep lagoon opens up to the ocean at only one pass, Tiareroa. All around this pass or along the numerous coral drop-offs, you can observe diverse species of sharks, rays, turtles, napoleon fish, groupers, barracudas, etc. In the 70's, the navigator, Bernard Moitessier, stayed there to become integrated into the peaceful Paumotu way of life. During the trade wind season, Ahe becomes a mythical stopping point for sailboats coming from the Marquesas.

Preserved by the local population careful about protecting their natural surroundings, the Motu Manu (bird island) shelters a simplistic forest, populated by a large variety of sea birds.

The Ahe atoll is a great stopover point off the beaten paths of tourists and just perfect for nature lovers.



Small hotels and family pensions

COCO PERLE (PFA)

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Takaroa

And its pearl farms

"I have approached formal perfection there", said French navigator Bernard Moitessier seized by the beauty of this oblong atoll, the furthest north of the Tuamotu archipelago with Manihi.

Large producer of fine quality pearls, Takaroa's shallow lagoon is favorable for black pearl farming. Surrounded by "motu" (islets), the population works daily in the coprah plantations or on pearl farms. A large Mormon temple was built in 1891 close to Teavaroa village, located about a mile from the airport, near the island's only pass. Life goes on in rhythm with the sun not far from the ancient Maraes which show the cultural past of the Maohi amidst miki-miki trees.



Small hotels and family pensions

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Makemo

Diving in the passes.

Home of Moeave, a legendary warrior of the Tuamotus, Makemo is the third largest island by length (13 miles).

Diving with the tropical reef fish, having a picnic on one of the "motus" or speedboating in the lagoon are some of the activities you can enjoy on this wonderful atoll whose two passes are known to be excellent diving sites by the diversity and richness of their underwater fauna.

Makemo is a good place to meet with the Paumutus, skilled fishermen, who might divulge to visitors some of the secrets of the mysterious coral buildings.



Small hotels and family pensions

TEANUANUA BEACH PEARLS (PFA)

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Scuba diving

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