

Moorea, Cooks Bay

QUICK FACTS

Population: 17,236 (2012)

Language: French, Tahitian

Scheduled Docking Location:

Ship is anchored in Cooks Bay, 2-min. tender ride to the pier.

Currency: XPF

Banks / ATMs: Maharepa Village

Banque de Polynésie, open Tues–Fri from 07:45am to noon and 1:00pm to 4:30pm. Saturday from 7:30am to 11:45am. Closed Sunday and Monday. All major CC accepted. Cash: Best to have local currency (XPF). US \$ + € accepted but not everywhere.

Post Office: “OPT.” Maharepa PK 5.6.

Mon–Thurs 7:30am to noon and 1:30pm to 4pm. Friday 7:30am to noon and 1:30pm to 3:00pm. Sat 7:30am to 9:30am.

Car rental: Avis Pacificar Pier: +689 (40) 56-52-04, Airport and Vaiare Ferry Dock: +689 (40) 56-32-68, InterContinental Moorea Resort & Spa: +689 (40) 55-19-50.

Europcar Airport and Vaiare Ferry Dock: +689 (40) 56-28-64, InterContinental Beachcomber +689 (40) 56-34-00.

Taxis: Usually available in the parking lot at the pier. Day rate from pier to Maharepa Village is approx \$10 to \$15. Fares can double at night.

Local Transportation: Public buses are not recommended due to poor availability and unreliable service.

Shopping: Closest shopping area is in Maharepa Village, 15- to 20-min walk from Cook’s Bay pier. Shops are usually open Mon–Fri from 8am to 4pm, Sat from 8:30am to noon. Closed Sun.

Port Agent Contact:

Office: (689) 40865132
Mobile: (689) 87292502

Ship Emergency Number:

001 954 885 5780
001 954 885 5776

In case of any emergency while ashore, please contact the above number(s).

POINTS OF INTEREST

COOK’S BAY

Moorea Juice Factory • Pihaena, turn off main road at PK 12

A factory and distillery, the Jus de Fruits de Moorea produces pineapple, grapefruit, and papaya juices using local fruit, as well as more than a dozen other juices available for tastings. Sample their brandies and liquors made with coconut, ginger, and vanilla, and bring back beverages, tea, honey, and chocolates from their shop. *Free • Mon–Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm, Sat 8:30am to 12:30pm.*

Tropical Garden Moorea • Northeast edge of Opunohu Bay

After touring the exotic flora of the garden and vanilla greenhouse, enjoy a smoothie or sorbet in this garden with exceptional views of Opunohu Bay. Tastings include jams made on site from fruit produced at the farm, and are for sale along with other produce from Polynesia. *Everyday 8am to 6pm.*

Hike Magic Mountain — Map available at the Travel Concierge Desk.

This loop-hike can be steep, but the pay-off of 360-degree views of the island’s blue waters and dramatic mountain peaks is worth the trip.

OPUNOHU VALLEY

Agricultural School • At PK 18 at the base of Opunohu Bay, turn up Belvedere Road

Head into the Opunohu Valley by turning off the main road onto the paved Belvedere Road. About one to two miles (two to three km) down the road, you’ll reach the *Lycée Agricole d’Opunohu*, on the right. Here, students from all over French Polynesia can receive an agricultural education in crop and livestock farming, horticulture, the cultivation process, and landscape design. The school grounds feature hundreds of acres of flowers, fruit trees, coffee, vanilla beans, and vegetables grown by high school students and staff. Tastings of their fruit products include fresh fruit juices and jams. *Mon–Fri 8:45am to 4pm, Sat 8:45am to noon.*

Belvedere Lookout • end of Belvedere Road

Slightly over a half mile (one km) past the Agricultural School and just off the road is **Marae Titiroa**, an archaeological and sacred site. Continue a hundred yards or so farther along the road and look for two stone archery platforms amongst the Marae Afareaitu, where nobles practiced archery for sport and competition rather than warfare. From here, the winding road steepens and climbs slightly over another half mile (kilometer) to the **Belvedere Lookout**. At 720 feet (219 meters), this is Moorea’s highest point accessible by car. Take in the breathtaking views of both Opunohu and Cook’s bays, Mt. Rotui, and the surrounding green mountains and valleys. *The lookout can be accessed by leaving the main road at either Opunohu Bay (paved) or Cook’s Bay (unpaved).*

Moorea Dolphin Center & Turtle Care Center • InterContinental Moorea Resort & Spa

For more than 20 years, the InterContinental Moorea Resort & Spa has hosted the Moorea Dolphin Center, a unique facility offering interactive, educational programs about marine mammals, supervised by professional animal trainers. In 2004, the hotel also allocated part of its private lagoon to a Turtle Care Center, dedicated to the protection of endangered turtles. Both facilities are administered by Te Mana o Te Moana, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation and awareness of French Polynesia’s marine environment. www.moorea.intercontinental.com/moorea-dolphin-center • www.moorea.intercontinental.com/turtle-care-center

