

Moorea, Opunohu Bay

QUICK FACTS

Population: 17 236 (2012)

Language: French, Tahitian

Scheduled Docking Location:

Ship is anchored in Opunohu Bay, 5 min. tender ride to Papetoai pier.

Currency: XPF

Banks / ATMs: *Petit Village*

Banque de Polynésie, open Tues–Fri from 07:45am–12:00 noon and 1:30pm–4:00pm. Saturday from 8:00am to 11:00am. (closed Sun & Monday). All major CC accepted. Cash: Best to have local currency (XPF). US \$ + € accepted but not everywhere.

Post Office: “OPT.” *Papetoai*.

Mon–Thurs 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and 1:30pm to 4pm. Fri 8:00 am to 12:00 noon & 1:30pm to 3:00pm. Sat 8 am to 10:00am. Closed on Sunday & Public Holidays.

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

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InterContinental Beachcomber +689 (40) 56-34-00.

Taxis: usually available in parking lot at the pier. Rate from pier to Le Petit Village is approx \$20 to \$25. Day 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 Le Petit Village, 10 to 15 min drive from Opunohu bay pier. Shops are usually open Mon–Fri all day from 8 am to 5 pm, 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

OPUNOHU 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 (Approx. 2 hours from/to Papetoai pier)

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

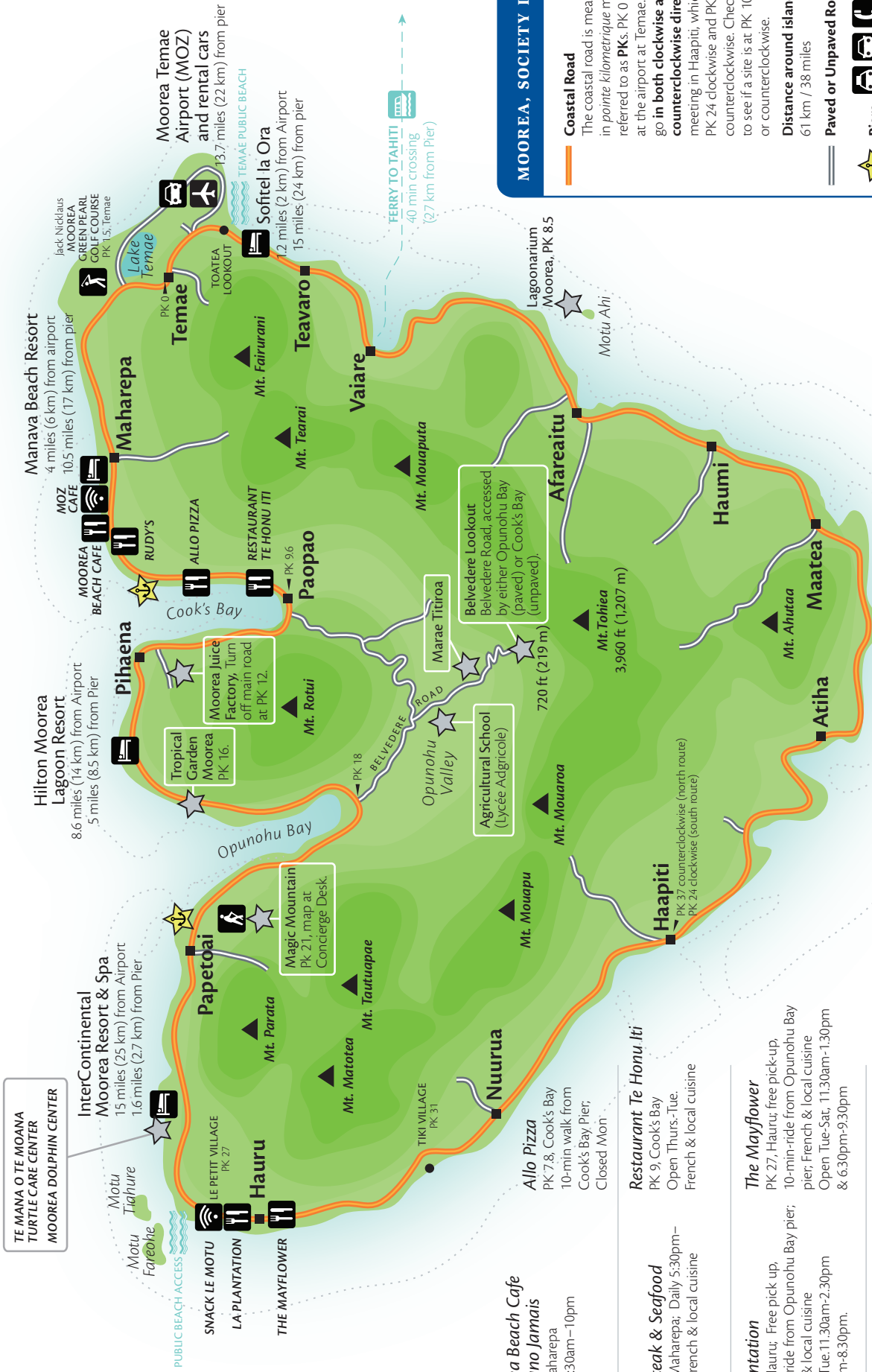
Head into the Opunohu Valley by turning off the main road onto the paved Belvedere Road. After two or three kilometers, on the right is the *Lycée Agricole d'Opunohu* where hundreds of acres of flowers, fruit trees, coffee, vanilla beans and vegetables are grown by high school students and staff. Here, students from all over French Polynesia can receive an agricultural education in crop and livestock farming, horticulture, the cultivation process, and landscape design. Tastings of their fruit products include fresh fruit juices and jams. *Mon–Fri 8am to 4:30pm, Sat 8am to Noon.*

Belvedere Lookout • end of Belvedere Road

Past the Agricultural School one kilometer further and just off the road, is **Marae Titiroa**, an archeological and sacred site. Continue a hundred yards or so further along the road and look for two stone archery platforms amongst the Marae Afareaitu. The nobles' archery was for sport and competition rather than warfare. From here, the winding road steepens and climbs another 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



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Coastal Road

The coastal road is measured in *pointe kilométrique* markers, referred to as **PKs**. PK 0 starts at the airport at Temae. Markers go in **both clockwise and counterclockwise directions**, meeting in Haapiti, which is PK 24 clockwise and PK 37 counterclockwise. Check a map to see if a site is at PK 10 clockwise or counterclockwise.

Distance around island road:
61 km / 38 miles

Paved or Unpaved Road



Piers

Cook's Bay: Ship is anchored, 2-min tender ride to wooden pontoon pier area. *Opunohu Bay*: Ship is anchored, 7-min tender ride to concrete pier in Papetoai Village.

Points of Interest

TE MANA O TE MOANA
TURTLE CARE CENTER
MOOREA DOLPHIN CENTER

InterContinental
Moorea Resort & Spa
15 miles (25 km) from Airport
1.6 miles (2.7 km) from Pier

Hilton Moorea
Lagoon Resort
8.6 miles (14 km) from Airport
5 miles (8.5 km) from Pier

Manava Beach Resort
4 miles (6 km) from airport
10.5 miles (17 km) from pier

Moorea Juice
Factory, Turn
off main road
at PK 12.

Belvedere Lookout
Belvedere Road, accessed
by either Opunohu Bay
(paved) or Cook's Bay
(unpaved).

Allo Pizza
PK 7.8, Cook's Bay
10-min walk from
Cook's Bay Pier;
Closed Mon.

Restaurant Te Honu.iti
PK 9, Cook's Bay
Open Thurs.-Tue.
French & local cuisine

The Mayflower
PK 27, Hauru; free pick-up.
10-min-ride from Opunohu Bay
pier; French & local cuisine
Open Tue-Sat, 11:30am-1:30pm
& 6:30pm-9:30pm

Moz Cafe
PK 5.5, near Maharepa; Free WiFi;

Snack Le Motu
PK 27, le Petit Village
11am to 2pm, Free WiFi, 15-min ride from Opunohu Bay pier

**Moorea Beach Cafe
by Bruno Jarnais**
PK 6, Maharepa
Daily 11:30am-10pm

La Plantation
PK 27, Hauru; Free pick up.
10-min-ride from Opunohu Bay pier;
French & local cuisine
Closed Tue, 11:30am-2:30pm
& 5:30pm-8:30pm.

Moorea *Paul Gauguin* CRUISES