

Moorea, Society Islands, French Polynesia

A heart-shaped volcanic island wrapped in electric-blue lagoon, just 17 km from Tahiti — where jagged basalt peaks overlook twin bays, rays glide beneath your snorkel, and a single mountain road connects it all.

 Tender port (no pier)  Typical call: 7–9 hrs  CFP Franc (XPF)  French / Tahitian

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender into Cook's Bay

Walk to center: ~10 min to Maharepa village

Best For: Snorkeling · Scenic drives

Don't Miss: Belvedere Lookout & lagoon rays

 Getting around:  Taxi  \$13–\$40 USD ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Lagoon Snorkeling with Rays & Reef Sharks** — The most popular Moorea experience: wade or snorkel in shallow lagoon water alongside blacktip reef sharks and schools of stingrays in their natural...
- **Belvedere Lookout (Belvédère)** — Drive or ride up to the Belvedere viewpoint — also called Magic Mountain — for a panoramic sweep over both Cook's Bay and Opunohu Bay with Mount...
- **ATV / 4x4 Mountain Tour** — Tear up mountain trails through pineapple plantations, jungle valleys, and viewpoints in a 4x4 or on an ATV.
- **Tiki Village Cultural Center** — A re-created traditional Polynesian village on the lagoon edge near Haapiti, demonstrating tattooing, weaving, dance, and outrigger canoe building.
- **Temae Beach** — Moorea's best public white-sand beach, on the northeast shore near the airport.

BEST WALKS

- **Cook's Bay Waterfront Stroll** ~2 km · 45 min · easy — From the tender dock, walk the flat coastal road along Cook's Bay past small shops, the Moorea Handicraft Center, and waterfront snack bars.
- **Opunohu Valley Overlook Trail** ~1 km · 30 min · easy–moderate — A short walk from the Belvedere parking area along a viewpoint path gives unobstructed views over Opunohu Bay and the valley's vanilla plantations and marae...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain		
Apr	81°	77°	20d		
Jun	79°	75°	15d		
Aug	78°	73°	13d		
Sep	78°	74°	13d		
Oct	79°	74°	16d		

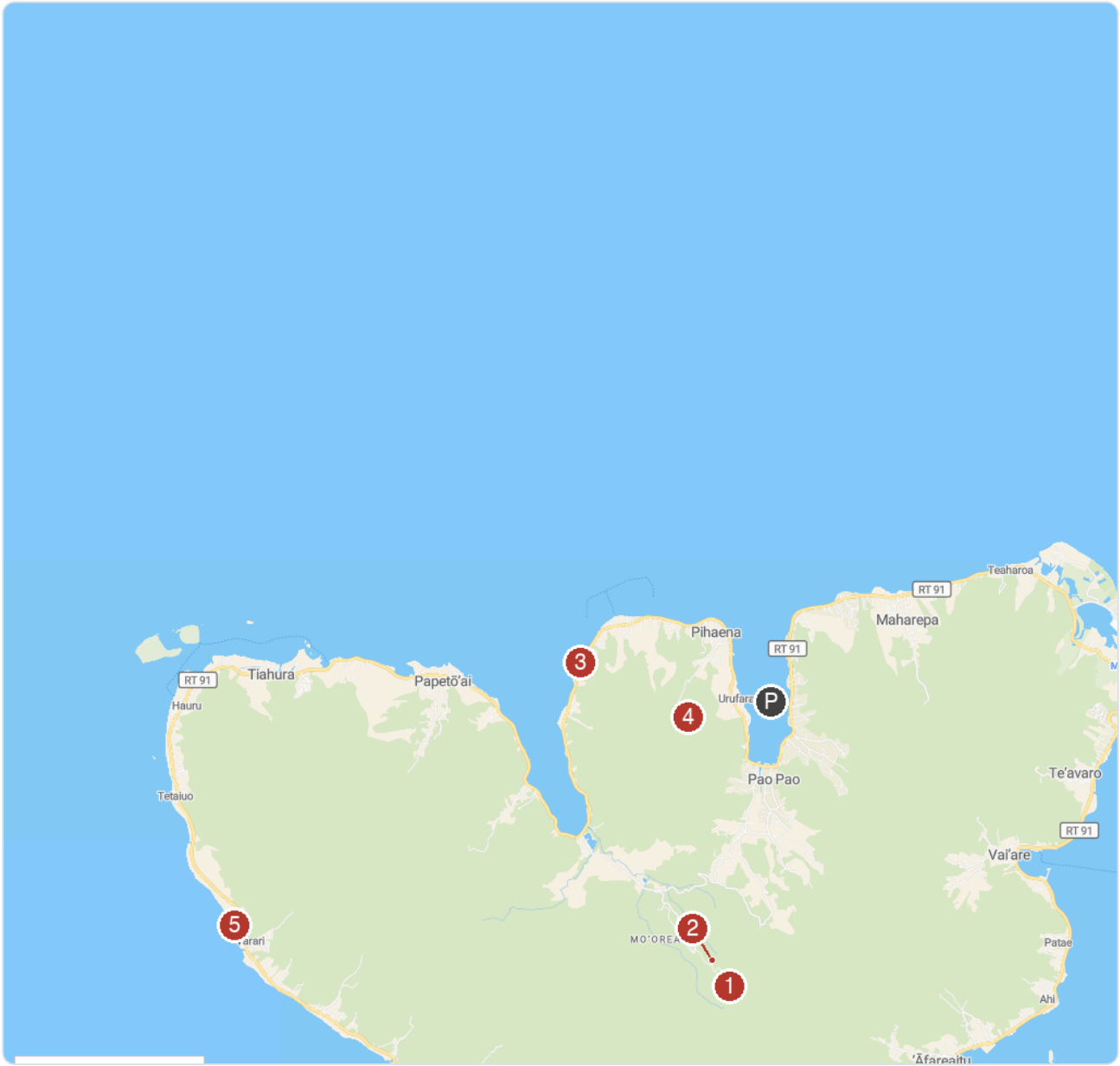
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender lines build fast. Independent travelers should head to the tender dock early in the morning. If the ship issues tickets, collect yours as soon as possible.
- Rent a car or scooter at the dock. Rental agencies meet tenders; the RN1 coastal road is easy to navigate and lets you hit Belvedere, Temae Beach, and the pineapple farm in one day.
- Bring cash in XPF. The CFP franc is the local currency. Some vendors accept euros or USD but at poor rates. ATMs exist in Maharepa but can run out on busy ship days.
- Book lagoon snorkeling early. Ray and reef shark encounters sell out quickly from the ship. Independent operators at the dock offer the same tours, sometimes cheaper.
- Pack a light rain layer. Moorea's peaks generate sudden showers. It usually passes in minutes, but mountain tours can get wet — quick-dry clothes beat a soaked t-shirt.
- Eat the pineapple. Moorea's Tahitian pineapples are famously sweet and low in acid — grab a fresh-cut bag at any roadside stand or the Manutea farm. One of the best things you'll taste on the ship day.

Moorea, Society Islands, French Polynesia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Belvedere Lookout Iconic hillside overlook with the classic postcard view down over both Cook's Bay and Opunohu Bay.

3 Ta'ahiamanu Beach White-sand public beach with calm, shallow turquoise lagoon waters popular for swimming and snorkeling.

5 Tiki Theatre Village Reconstructed traditional Polynesian village on Cook's Bay showcasing pre-European Tahitian architecture and crafts.

2 Marae Titiroa (Opunohu Valley) Restored pre-European Polynesian stone temple complex set among mape (Tahitian chestnut) forest in the Opunohu Valley.

4 Rotui Mountain Sacred 899m volcanic peak separating Cook's Bay and Opunohu Bay, the island's most recognizable landmark.

P Cruise port / terminal