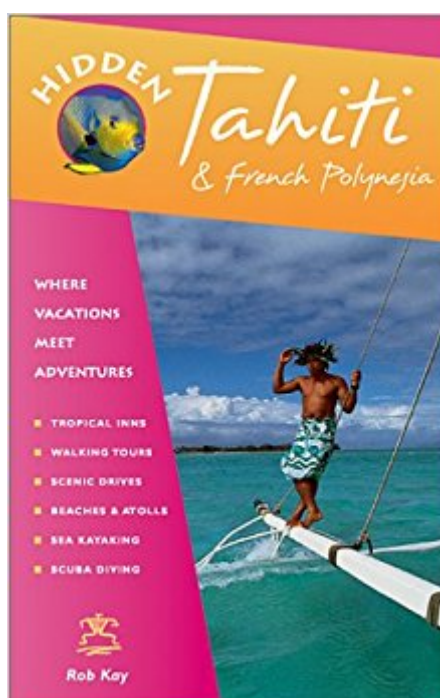


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Hidden Tahiti: Including Moorea, Bora Bora, And The Society, Austral, Gambier, Tuamotu And Marguejaj Islands



Synopsis

Including Mooreo, Bora Bora, and the Society, Austral, Gambler, Tuamotu and Marquesa Islands; Rob Kay is a successful travel writer who has lived, worked and traveled in Tahiti for more than 25 years. Rob has seen Tahiti grow up with tourism and knows its most popular beaches, most spectacular resorts and top attractions. He also knows that much of French Polynesia remains in an untouched state of tropical splendor. This guide is his invitation to discover both. Outdoor adventures above and below the water: 74 diving sites, 35 swimming spots, 21 snorkeling areas, 30 surfing breaks and 41 tropical hiking trails; Beaches: Over 3 dozen including 8 spectacular volcanic black-sand beaches; Lodging choices including 25 world-class resorts and over 150 local hotels and beach bungalows; Cultural attractions from ancient Polynesian temples and traditional tattoo parlors to the Gauguin Museum and black pearl shops; The Hidden Guides; Major sights; National and state parks; Off the beaten tourist track; Popular attractions; Beaches; Popular with locals but overlooked by travellers; Unique hotels; Adventure activities; Local restaurants; Unique to the destination; Shopping; Nightlife; Annual events and festivals

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Customer Reviews

We purchased this book before going on our 10 anniversary trip. It is full of great information and was very useful in planning our trip and while we were there.

I bought 4 books on the French polynesian islands and this was the best by far. I love his detail, his

points of interest and his enthusiasm. After reading this book I couldn't wait to go there! This will be the one book I bring with me, it has everything. Where to stay, where to eat (like what native fruit to try), customs, phrases in polynesian and french, and much more.

I just returned from a trip to Tahiti and Moorea and used this book. So my feedback is specifically for those two islands. I must say the book was very spotty in terms of the quality of recommendations and its comprehensiveness. First, many of the locations that were recommended (restaurants/sights) were hit or miss. Second, I was so frustrated with the book that I went to restaurants that were unlisted and found them to be 100 times better than the author's recommendations. Which raised serious questions, "why weren't these restaurants listed in the book?" Moorea has a very limited number of restaurants and thus no restaurant should be excluded (Note: The restaurant was not new and the owner said it had been around for many years - just in case you were wondering). In addition, the book is not well organized when you're trying to look for things. I suggest you find another book if you're headed to French Polynesia.

I bought a Tahiti guide book because I am going on my honeymoon and looking to read up on the islands that I will be visiting on that trip. This book did have some valuable information for me like good hiking trips and sights to see, tours and things of that nature, but the author's taste seems to be different from what mine would be when going on a honeymoon getaway. He never did claim it to be a honeymoon book, but Tahiti is a common destination for honeymooners so you would think that the book would include some of that type of information. When I think of my honeymoon, I don't think of staying in places that are off the beaten path in a foreign country, or in homes of families that take you in and you can stay in instead of a regular hotel (dangerous? I wouldn't do it in my own country). That may be up someone else's alley and if it is yours then this may be the book for you. I would think he were mentioning these places to stay to cover all bases for all types of budgets, but he puts them as "author favorites" and makes them seem as if they are the best on the island and it just seems a little crazy. This author is someone that this type of vacation appeals to. He focuses an awful lot on artifacts and history and those types of things to see in Tahiti, which is fine but a little excessive. He speaks of "well-heeled Americans with money to spend" with a hint of resentment when talking about the nice luxury resorts that are available to stay in or the nice restaurants. You can tell he is almost annoyed by all the tourism that has popped up, especially in Bora Bora. I would say skip this book and get the Open Road Tahiti & French Polynesia Guide, it is way better.

The excellent and detailed information helped me plan our stay on the Tahitian islands thoroughly. Especially the comments on the accomodation offerings were very valuable.

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