

Polynesian Pleasures

Feast your senses on the sights, smells, and sensations that await.



Clockwise from top:
Moorea's beautiful
beaches; Fresh
coconut; Traditional
Polynesian music.



Skydiving Moorea

Jump out of the plane in midair to see the emerald island of Moorea surrounded by every shade of blue. You have no sensation of falling; it's more like the island is slowly rising to greet you as you free-fall for about 40 seconds, your instructor attached securely to your back. As your instructor pulls the parachute, enjoy a few glorious minutes floating through the warm Polynesian air admiring the watercolor images below before you land.

A Feast of Culture

The sound of a ukulele greets your arrival at the village, and you smell the aroma of slow-roasted pork, poi and other delicacies that have been cooking in an *umu* since noon. Your hosts show you how to open a coconut, the many ways to tie a sarong and other traditional skills. Afterward, a performance retells island legends with elaborate costumes, music, frenetic drum beats, dancing and fire twirling.

Cruise Polynesia's Remote Islands

Tour the island's capital in Papeete before boarding your small ship to transport you farther into the far-flung islands of Polynesia. Visit the sparsely populated Tuamotu islands and dive into the water below, snorkeling among the vast coral reef system. Spend three days exploring the Marquesas Islands by Zodiac, where you will be greeted by dancers and drummers adorned in leis.

Your Virtuoso travel advisor can arrange these exceptional experiences and more.