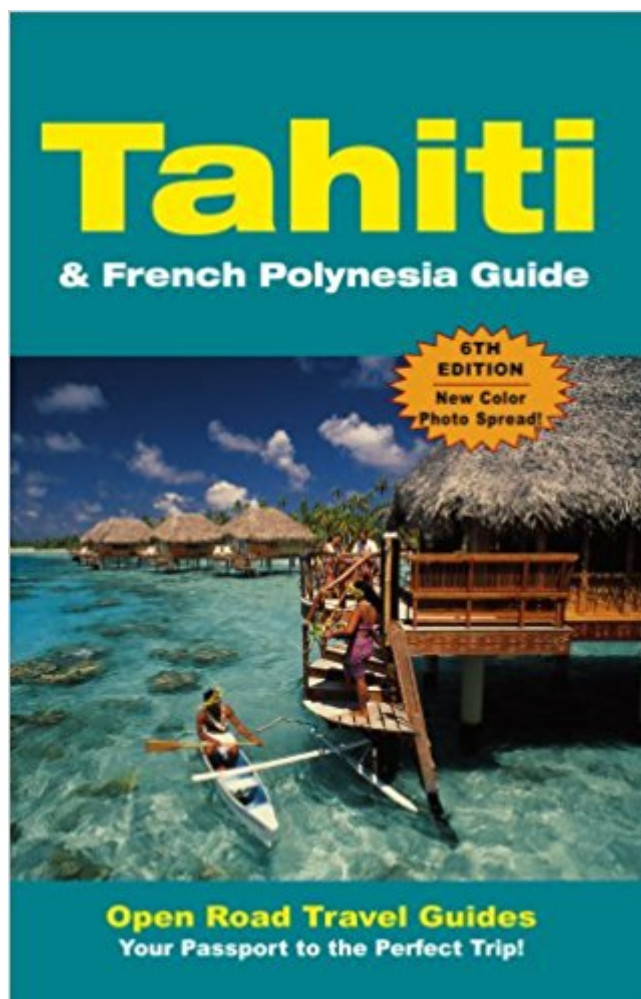


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# Tahiti & French Polynesia Guide



## Synopsis

This is our best-selling classic guide to the island paradise of Tahiti and the major islands of French Polynesia. Open Road's bestselling travel guide is fully updated with new hotels, restaurants, cruises, and activities. Readers will find all new maps, plus a beautiful new full-color photo insert, in addition to complete coverage of Tahiti, Moorea, Bora Bora, Huahine, Tetiaroa, and more. Find out which cruise option is best, where the great scuba diving is, whale and dolphin watching, where to go for the tastiest Tahitian feasts, unique places to stay, and much more!

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## Customer Reviews

Jan Prince has lived in French Polynesia for nearly 40 years and has written on Tahiti for Fodor's, Time Magazine, the LA Times, and many other outlets. She is referred to internationally as "Tahiti's foremost travel expert" and our guidebook to Tahiti is called "the bible of Tahitian travel."

My wife and I thought we could figure out our honeymoon plans with the aid of this book, just like a Maui travel guide did. However, at this level of expense we opted to go with an agent who has been to all the islands to provide a custom package based on our needs. It took 2-3 months planning. Had to pay a little extra, but it was worth it since you either go to these islands on your honeymoon or 30th anniversary. The guide was a great source once we determined what islands and hotels to book.

I have no idea why this book has 4 1/2 stars -- it should have 5 stars! Jan Prince has written the most comprehensive, easy to read, best organized guide to French Polynesia that anyone could ever find! She lives there, for cryin' out loud, has spent SO much time updating the 3rd edition to make everything current and accurate, and has the most accurate reviews of any of the guides on the market! She is the best of the best of the travel guides! (And I already own all the other ones...) I've been traveling to Tahiti for ten years now, and wouldn't THINK of ever going without Jan Prince's latest version in my carryon! No matter how much you might THINK you might know before you get there, from travel agents or from the stuff the tour company sends you or from message boards, Jan's guide is the ULTIMATE life-saving info when you get there! She has saved our butts a thousand times in a pinch in finding transports, hotels, excursions, before we go and while there! She truly helps folks plan before they get there, and is helpful after you arrive... She is a true gem! No other guide comes close! Don't leave home without it, folks!

Excellent

I read them all and saved me a lot of \$\$\$\$ from actually going to Tahiti. I don't want to go to Tahiti due to the expense anymore ; ) Thank you!!!

Bought this book while planning a 3 week cruise in the South Pacific for next year. Had stumbled on several mentions of the book while reading reviews and Q&A on the TripAdvisor site. It got glowing mention but I did not want to pay \$20 or up for it since we had already purchased another book on the area. Found deals on that appeared to good to be true but decided to chance it since we were only taking about \$5 including the shipping. We are very pleased with the copy we received. It was in good condition and allowed us to return the library version. My wife is busy using it to research excursions we can take from the ship with local tour operators as a way to reduce the price of the cruise. This book will save us a lot of money on the excursions on top of the savings we have already realized by purchasing from ...

Great guide, Jan has the insight that I haven't read before. She has been everywhere in the French Poly. I would like more advice on where to stay, rather than just hotel descriptions... I still cannot decide! Will bring this book along with us on our trip.

We just got back from Moorea and Bora Bora and we used the advice in this book quite a bit on our trip. It is very up-to-date and accurate, and we enjoyed reading some of the history and insights in the book.

I found the guide to be completely useless once I arrived in the French Polynesia. A lot has changed since it's originally writing pre rescission. Meaning at least a third of tourist businesses have pulled out altogether. Many of the attractions are closed or marked incorrectly on the map. None of the numbers for cab drivers worked on Moorea. Places were marked incorrectly on the maps. I also talked to a person who used to run a hostel on Huahine about my frustration with the book. She pointed out that the author hasn't actually visited any of the places in many years. She just calls the establishments to get updates. Which explains the differences considering one of the places she gushes about is half abandoned all together. Luckily I was able to come across a Lonely Planet guide so I was able to sort some things out and make my own maps as well.

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