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Destination French Polynesia



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Sunsets on the French Polynesian island Moorea are stunning. Here, you won't find big cities or large museums, so the best thing about this quiet destination is relaxing and being swept away by its charming scenery.

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Heart-shaped Moorea is the perfect setting for a relaxing, romantic rendezvous

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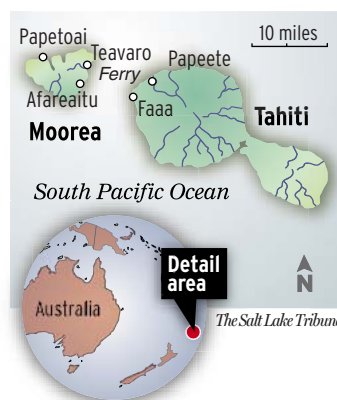
MOOREA, French Polynesia — Vacation destinations always offer something that makes them distinct.

Travel to New York, for example, and you can expect little quiet time in the sea of museums, Broadway shows and hundreds of shops. Paris offers the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre. Go to Africa and see the country's many wild animals. Visit the island of Moorea and plan to relax.

The quiet, heart-shaped island is not as well-known as French Polyne-

Moorea Island

Below are the islands Moorea and Tahiti. They are surrounded by the South Pacific Ocean.



sian neighbors such as Bora Bora and Tahiti. And for honeymooners looking to escape to an island paradise, that might be its charm.

Don't expect to find big cities or large museums on Moorea, which is in the Society Islands of the South Pacific, roughly 12 miles west of Tahiti. With only 14,000 permanent residents, Moorea is the kind of place where relaxing on a white sand beach, a bit of snorkeling and a fresh seafood dinner at an intimate French restaurant are the norm.

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In Moorea, you can relax on the beach and do a bit of snorkeling during the day, then enjoy a fresh seafood dinner at an intimate French restaurant in the evening.