

SOCIETY ISLANDS



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The Society Islands Archipelago (composed of the Windward Islands and the Leeward Islands) is a group of high, tropical islands surrounded by lagoons. The main island of Tahiti is the largest of the Polynesian islands with Papeete as its administrative capital. Tahiti boasts two splendid volcanic masses: the larger one, crowned with clouds, rises up more than 2,000 meters to the summit of Mount Orohena in the heart of Tahiti Nui. The smaller one, Mount Mairenui, tops out at 1,300 meters right in the center of Tahiti Iiti. Both islands, connected by the Taravao Isthmus, evoke emerald comets in the turquoise haloes of their narrow lagoons.

The Society Archipelago includes the island of Moorea, only separated from Tahiti by a 17-kilometer-wide deep channel, with

her volcanic peaks that reflect in the tranquil waters of her lagoon; Huahine, the magical and savage island, located 175 km to the northwest of Tahiti; so secretive with her deeply-rooted traditions; Raiatea and Taha'a, sacred islands blessed with fertile valleys, share the same lagoon and offer particularly favorable navigational conditions; the famous island of Bora Bora, overlooking the unreal beauty of her waters abounding with marine life, her coconut grove islets fringed with white sand and coral gardens.

And of course, Maupiti, the heart island, coiled up in the middle of a jade lagoon.

