

## Tour Operator Spotlight:

# Happy Vacations



For more than 30 years Happy Vacations has been helping agents plan their tropical vacations. Beginning with Hawai'i and continuing with the Caribbean, Fiji, the Cook Islands and Tahiti, Happy Vacations has established a reputation for excellence, honesty, good value and great service for travel agents. Maybe that is why we are consistently the number one recommendation of agents and are often requested by their customers. We pride ourselves on our destination knowledge and ability to deliver a vacation experience that meets and often exceeds the expectations of your clients.

Our highly regarded South Pacific staff has personally visited virtually every property featured in our 2002 brochure during the last twelve months. We believe this is of utmost importance in helping you and your client make the right decisions while planning their Tahitian vacation. Because there are so many unique properties from which to choose, it is important to know them, and because the members of our South Pacific staff have been there, they are able to provide the best knowledge of all. We invest this time in the South Pacific to be certain that we can provide

up to date information while offering the highest level of service and support at competitive prices.

Upon arrival in Tahiti, your clients are met by our local representative who provides them with documents and makes sure that their arrival and transfers go as planned. Our Tahiti office handles all of our local tours and ground arrangements to insure that your clients' Tahitian vacation will be a happy one. The staff is also available to assist them with additional or extraordinary requirements while vacationing in Tahiti.

Our 2002 Tahiti selections offer an expanded range of hotels and resorts that will meet the needs of a wide range of visitors. For bargain hunters, value-added packages are available for limited time periods. They offer great savings to outstanding resorts. If you prefer, our knowledgeable staff can help you design a custom itinerary with your client that suits their specific needs. We also have a wealth of information on our Web site. If you require additional information, please visit us at [www.happy-vacations.com](http://www.happy-vacations.com)

Whatever your clients may need from resort hotels to cruises, diving and beyond, our team is here to insure that they have a happy Tahitian vacation.

We look forward to assisting you and want to be the first to greet your clients with a warm 'Ia Orana.' To order a 2002 brochure, please email or call our 800 number, below.

See our current special offers enclosed!

Mauru'uru,  
The Happy Vacations Team

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Tahiti Beachcomber  
Inter-Continental

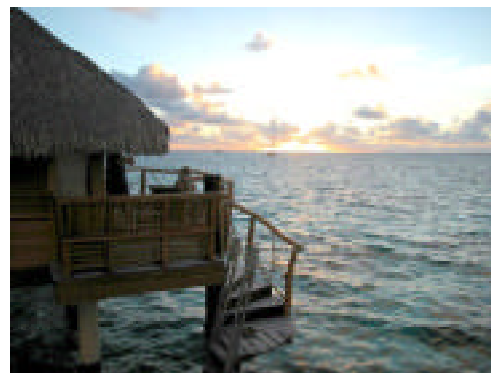
# The Tuamotus: Tahiti's Strand of Pearls™

## Part 3 - Manihi

About an hour and a half northeast of the Society Islands lies the atoll of Manihi, site of the very first pearl farm in French Polynesia. Paving the way for the other Tuamotu atolls, Manihi introduced a prosperous, world-renowned industry for Tahiti and Her Islands. Today, there are about 250 pearl farms throughout the Tuamotu Archipelago.

Manihi, with its translucent lagoons and abundant sea life, is known to its divers for an amazing diversity of fish from the pass to the reef wall. The napoleons swim past the perch, cod, and *meru* while the majestic manta rays dodge past the eagle rays.

With only 300 local inhabitants, one resort and two *pensions*, this atoll offers a life-style that the Robinson Crusoe in all of us dreams of. A quiet, relaxed, secluded location beckoning those in search of a tranquil, intimate vacation of a lifetime.



"Visiting the Tuamotu atolls is the closest experience to heaven on earth that one can have."

Photo/quote: Ellen Clark, Tiare Specialist at Value Vacations of San Francisco.

## Resort Accommodations

### Manihi Pearl Beach Resort



- 5 Standard Beach Bungalows
- 17 Superior Beach Bungalows
- 14 Overwater Bungalows
- 5 Premium Overwater Bungalows

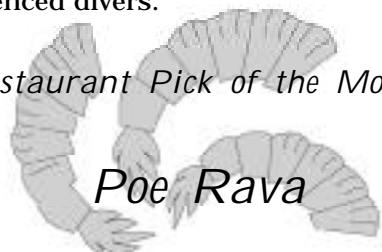
All bungalows have a safe, fan, sundeck, telephone, hairdryer, mini-bar, television and coffee/tea making facilities. Overwater bungalows also offer CD players!

The hotel also features one restaurant, one bar, two boutiques, a dive center and a wide range of excursions. Life in Manihi is centered around the sea with diverse activities including snorkeling, visiting a black pearl farm, outrigger canoe trips, lagoon and deep sea fishing, sunset cruises, picnics on a deserted *motu* and world-renowned scuba diving.

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*Restaurant Pick of the Month*



*Poe Rava*

*An incredible, savory French-Tahitian cuisine beautifully presented in an open air atmosphere. Save room for dessert, even though it may be difficult!*

*Located at the Pearl Beach Resort on Manihi.*

### Pensions and Small Hotels

#### **Chez Jeanne**

Motu Tangaraufara  
Mr. & Mrs. Huerta  
Ph. (689) 96 42 90  
Fx. (689) 96 42 91  
3 *fare* located on a private *motu*.

#### **Vaianui Perles**

Motu Marakorako  
Mr. & Mrs. Buniet  
Ph. (689) 86 42 89  
Fx. (689) 96 43 30  
1 bungalow and 6 rooms located on a private *motu*

# World of... DIVING

...& Adventure Vacations

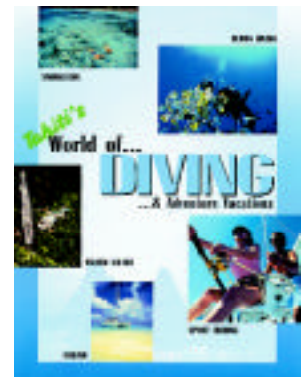
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World of Diving is a wholesale Dive Travel Company staffed by Scuba Divers who specialize in travel to any international destination. We work with the airlines, dive operators, resorts, and live-a-boards to offer you the best deals for all-inclusive dive packages (**VALUE DIVE-PAKS**). We have bulk airline contracts with some 20 airlines.

**We offer one-stop shopping and our guarantee of We Care promises as follows:**

- \*Knowledge                      our staff are professional divers
- \*Value                              negotiated best prices with our partners
- \*Safety                             your safety is our main concern
- \*Convenience                    one call or email books it all



Information provided by World of Diving & Adventure Vacations

## **SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2002 SPRING WORKSHOPS!!**

Invite other agents to register at: [www.GoToTahiti.com/workshop/](http://www.GoToTahiti.com/workshop/)

**Tuesday, May 7**

**Seattle, WA**  
Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport

**Atlanta, GA**  
Crowne Plaza Ravinia

**Wednesday, May 8**

**Berkeley, CA**  
Radisson Hotel Berkeley Marina

**Austin, TX**  
Hyatt Regency Austin

**Thursday, May 9**

**Phoenix/Mesa, AZ**  
Sheraton Phoenix East

**Denver/Aurora, CO**  
Radisson Hotel Denver Southeast

**Tuesday, May 14**

**Minneapolis/Bloomington, MN**  
Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport

**Ventura/Oxnard, CA**  
Radisson Hotel Oxnard

**Wednesday, May 15**

**Boston, MA**  
Swissotel Boston

**Laguna Hills, CA**  
Holiday Inn Irvine Spectrum

**Thursday, May 16**

**Long Island/Melville, NY**  
Huntington Hilton

**San Diego, CA**  
Holiday Inn Mission Valley Stadium

**Thursday, May 16**

**Manhattan, NY (ONLY evening workshop)**  
The New York Helmsley Hotel



# HEIVA 2002



We have received a limited supply of the Heiva 2002 brochures which includes the schedule. If you would like a supply of Heiva 2002 brochures, please request them by emailing your request to [tahitilax@earthlink.net](mailto:tahitilax@earthlink.net). The schedule is also available on our Web site, in the Events Section under *June* and *July*.  
[www.GoToTahiti.com/events](http://www.GoToTahiti.com/events)

## Air Tahiti Nui

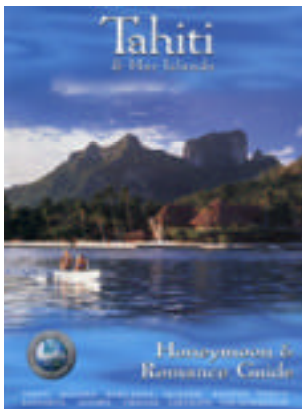
On March 13, 2002 the French minister of transports gave Air Tahiti Nui landing rights in Paris for five years. The civil aviation officials agreed to the landing rights in Paris when Air Lib announced that they would cease operation to Papeete at the end of March. Air Tahiti Nui's first flight to Paris will depart Papeete on May 5, 2002 for Los Angeles and then Los Angeles to Paris will depart on May 6, 2002.

**By July 1, 2002, Air Tahiti Nui will have daily flights - Los Angeles/ Papeete/Los Angeles**

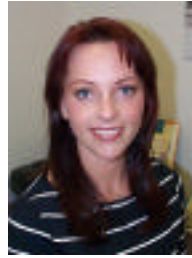
## 2002 Honeymoon Guide

*Designed much like the Vacation Guide, the 2002 Honeymoon Guide is comprised of 20 beautiful, full color pages including destination information, travel tips, and frequently asked questions. The guide features advertisements by hoteliers, tour operators and cruise lines. Also available are the 2002 Tahiti bags.*

*To request a supply, please email us at [tahitilax@earthlink.net](mailto:tahitilax@earthlink.net)*



## Maeva Melika!



Meet the newest member of our team, **Melika Davis**. As the **Customer Support Coordinator**, her main responsibilities will include fulfillment and the *Tiare program*.

## Consumer Confidence Index Surges in March

The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index, after a small dip in February, surged in March. The Index climbed to 110.2 (1985=100), up from 95.0 in February. Both key barometers increased. The Present Situation Index rose from 96.4 to 111.5. The Expectations Index increased from 94.0 to 109.3. The Consumer Confidence Survey is based on a representative sample of 5,000 U.S. households. The monthly survey is conducted for The Conference Board by NFO WorldGroup, a member of The Interpublic Group of Companies. "Consumers' confidence has been bolstered by the improvement in business and labor market conditions," says Lynn Franco, Director of The Conference Board's Consumer Research Center. "The latest gains are striking. The jump in the Present Situation Index is the largest gain experienced in 25 years, while the Expectations Index has not risen this sharply in nearly a decade. This new boom in confidence should translate into increased consumer spending and stronger economic growth ahead."

- Consumers' appraisal of current conditions improved significantly in March. Those rating business conditions as "good" increased from 17.6 to 20.7 percent. Consumers rating current business conditions as "bad" dropped from 22.8 percent to 18.1 percent. Consumers reporting jobs were "plentiful" rose from 18.2 percent to 20.6 percent. Those claiming jobs were "hard to get" fell from 22.6 percent to 20.8 percent.

- Consumers' expectations for the next six months are also more upbeat. Those expecting an improvement in business conditions increased from 22.3 percent to 25.0 percent. Those anticipating conditions to worsen declined from 11.1 percent to 6.3 percent.

- The employment outlook has also brightened. Some 20.6 percent of all consumers expect more jobs to become available over the next six months, up from 18.3 percent last month. Those expecting fewer jobs fell from 19.5 percent to 13.6 percent. About 22 percent expect their incomes to increase, up from 20.5 percent in February.