Tahiti & French Polynesia: A Travel Survival Kit

Robert F. Kay

The Amateur Traveler talks to David Stanley, author of the Moon Handbook for Tahiti, about Tahiti and French Polynesia. Learn places to stay from $12 a night to $1000, where to get a great meal for less, how to navigate the islands, a wonderful cruise to the Marquesas Islands, safari tours, beaches, reef sharks and more. News. Related Posts. The Island of Moorea – French Polynesia – Photo. Travel to the Marquesas Islands – Episode 218. Travel to the Cook Islands – Episode 238. Travel to Vanuatu – Episode 366. by Chris Christensen. Chris Christensen is the creator of the Amateur Traveler blog and podcast, and a co-host for This Week in Travel podcast. +Chris Christensen | @chris2x | facebook. One Response to “Travel to Tahiti and French Polynesia – Episode 119”.

For French Polynesia, shoulder season is April through June and September through November. During this time, you’ll be able to snag cheaper flights, hotels, tours and packages. 6. Choose Lesser-Known Islands. Traveling to Bora Bora, Tahiti and Moorea will typically be more expensive than the other islands as they are the most touristy. Keep in mind there are other islands with much to offer visitors that are less frequented and less expensive. 7. Opt For An Island Hopping Flight Ticket. If you’ll be traveling to a number of islands on your trip, opt for Air Tahiti’s flight hopping passes. Affordable accommodation Glossy brochures focus on ultra-swish resorts, but French Polynesia actually has a pretty wide range of accommodation options. You can keep lodging costs down by staying in small guesthouses and pensions (homestays) that are sprinkled around the islands. They are nothing glam or ostentatious, just modest operations that blend perfectly into the tropical surroundings. Choosing the best-value islands As much as Paris does not represent France, Bora Bora, Tahiti and Moorea (the beloved islands of tour operators), do not sum up French Polynesia. There are about 30 islands (scattered in five archipelagos) that have tourist facilities, which means that you have plenty of choice.