

# GUIDE DU VISITEUR

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## VISITOR'S GUIDE

LES ÎLES TUAMOTU-GAMBIER - TUAMOTU-GAMBIER ISLANDS



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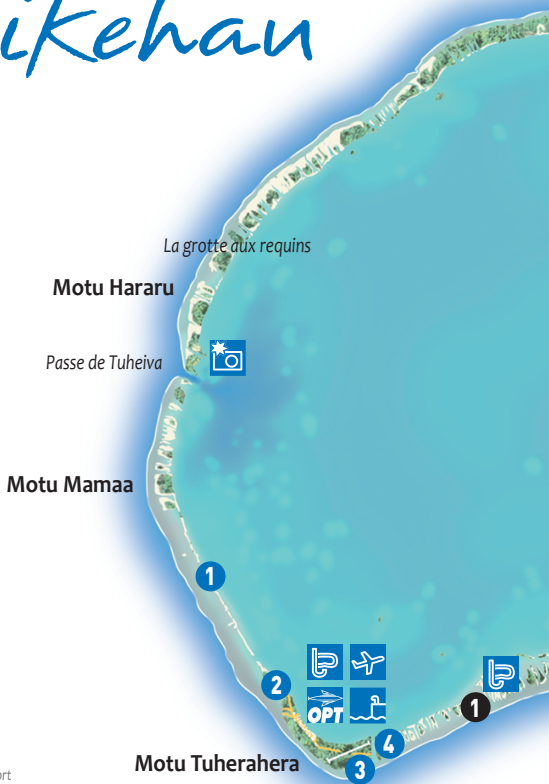








## Maeva, welcome to Tikehau

Located about 350 km northwest of Tahiti and only 15 km west of Rangiroa, Tikehau is a delicate coral ring 26 km in diameter. South of the atoll, near the airfield, Tūherahera is the only village, where the majority of the 500 inhabitants of the island live. With its long and wide street lined with pretty houses, trees and flowers, this a Tuamotu atoll is surprisingly lush! All around the Curaçao colored Blue Lagoon, the coral reef opens up to the ocean through the small Tūheiava pass, which offers extraordinary diving sites.

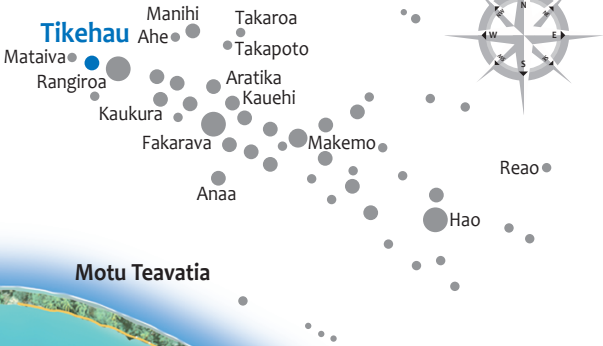
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# Tikehau

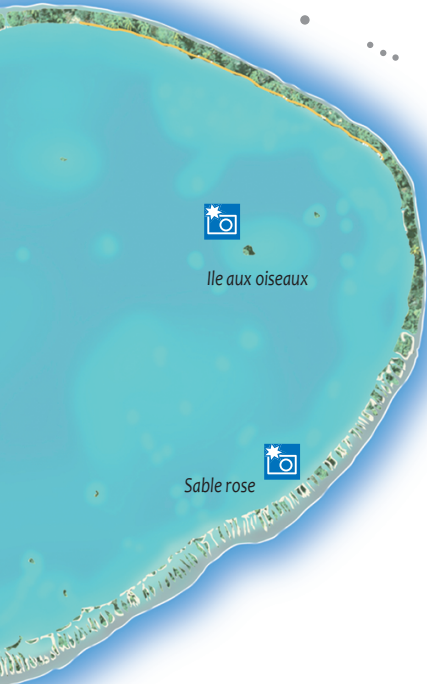


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**Motu Teavatia**



**Motu Ohini**

# What to see

on the island of Tikehau?

## Tūherahera

The only village on the atoll where most of the inhabitants live. Live, is charming with its hibiscus and bougainvillea frees. The pearl farm located near the village lets you discover the unique colors that the Tikehau lagoon gives to its pearls.



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## The Feo Beach – Tikehau Cliff

A natural curiosity 1.5 km from the village, south of motu Tūherahera, on the ocean side, is easily accessible on a rented bicycle or by foot. The feo, born from coral, form small cliffs with jagged edges.

## Hina's Bell – Te-oe-ā-Hina

1.6 km from the village of Tūherahera, on the south side of the atoll, at the western tip of Motu Tūherahera in an area made up of coral blocks three meters high, stands a coral appendix called "Hina's Bell" "Te-oe-ā-Hina". An old story says that its sound when you brought in the waves that filled a small, usually dried, basin in which the goddess Hina used to bathe.

## Tūheiava Pass

Here is the domaine of fish parks, "natural stock" where people come and help themselves to food. It is an ingenious trap system, where fish pushed by the tide or the current, are rushed into the funnel-shaped maze, and are unable to come out. All there is to do is dive to get them! A trip to the Lagoonarium, built nearby, lets you admire the diversity of marine life (rays, sharks, napoleon fishes, etc.) in total safety. Between December and February, the waves in the pass are ideal for surfing.



# Les Activités Activities

La richesse de Tikehau réside dans son immense lagon turquoise, l'un des plus poissonneux de Polynésie. Régulièrement, les pêcheurs de l'atoll envoient poissons perroquets, rougets et autres délices du lagon vers le marché de Papeetë. Les plages de sable fin blanc ou rose encore vierges, le décor enchanteur et la quiétude de Tūherahera ainsi que des motu, où résident des colonies d'oiseaux, les fonds multicolores et foisonnants du lagon font de Tikehau une destination paradisiaque.

*Tikehau's asset is its immense turquoise lagoon, where fishes abound. Regularly, the atoll's fishermen ship parrotfish, mullets and other lagoon delicassies to the market of Papeete. The pristine white or pink sandy beaches, the enchanting and quiet décor of Tūherahera and of the motu, home to colonies of birds, colorful and abundant depths of the lagoon of Tikehau make it a heavenly destination.*

## Plonger à Tikehau

Plusieurs sites sont exploités pour la plongée et notamment la passe de Tūheiava, accessible à tous. Au travers des nombreuses cavités et sillons, vous partirez à la découverte d'une vie sous-marine riche et variée. Toute la faune récifale est représentée : requins, murènes, barracudas et thons fréquentent assidûment les lieux. Impressionnant, le « trou aux requins » est un tombant qui commence à 20 m mais le fameux trou est situé à 55 m.

Cette exploration n'est accessible qu'aux plongeurs les plus expérimentés et titulaires au minimum d'un niveau 3.

### **Diving in Tikehau**

Several sites are used for diving and in particular the Tūheiava pass, which is accessible to all. Through the many cavities and grooves, you will discover a rich and diversified marine life. All the reef life is represented: reef sharks, moray eels, barracudas and tunas regularly frequent the area. The most impressive site is the "Shark Hole", a drop that begins at 20 m, but the famous hole is located 55 m deep. This exploration is limited to the most experienced divers holding at least a level 3 certificate.

## ACTIVITÉS NAUTIQUES / NAUTICAL ACTIVITIES

### **Centre de plongée sous-marine / Scuba diving center**

#### **TIKEHAU BLUE NUI**

Hôtel Tikehau Pearl Beach Resort, Motu Tuherahera  
Tel. : (689) 96.23.00 / GSM : (689) 28.27.07

### **Excursions sur le lagon & dans les passes Nautical lagoon & Pass excursions**

#### **HOTU EXCURSIONS**

C/o Pension Hotu  
Tel. : (689) 96.22.89 / GSM : (689) 76.75.17

### **Jet Ski / Jet-Ski**

#### **MAMA JET**

C/o Hôtel Tikehau Pearl Beach Resort  
Tel. : (689) 96.22.89 / GSM : (689) 76.75.17

### **Centre de relaxation et Spa / Relaxation center and Spa**

#### **MANEA SPA**

Hôtel Tikehau Pearl Beach Resort  
Tel. : (689) 96.23.00

# Shopping

Deux épiceries et une boulangerie au village.

## **Que ramener de Tikehau ?**

Des perles, de l'artisanat (colliers de coquillages, etc.).

# Shopping

There are two grocery stores and a bakery in the village.

## **What to bring from Tikehau?**

Pearls, arts and crafts (shell necklaces, etc.).



**Classement de la petite hôtellerie familiale**

**Family hotels classification**

- CHO : .....Chambre d'hôtes / *Bed & Breakfast*
- PFA : .....Pension de famille / *Family-run guest houses*
- FHO : .....Fare d'hôtes / *Holiday family homes*
- PHF : .....Petit hôtel familial / *Family hotels*
- MDT : .....Meublé de tourisme / *Furnished accommodation*
- DOR : .....Dortoir / *Dormitory*
- CAM : .....Gîte camping / *Campground*
- \* : .....Etablissements classés / *Classified family hotels*

# Informations pratiques

# Practical Information

**Office du tourisme / Tourist office**

COMITÉ DU TOURISME DE TIKEHAU - TENIU-HITI

Tuherahera

Tel. : (689) 96.22.37

**LES TRANSPORTS / TRANSPORTATION**

**Aéroport - Les vols réguliers**  
*Airport - Regular flights*

ESCALE AIR TAHITI

Tel. : Agence - Agency (689) 96.23.02

Escale - Stop over (689) 96.22.66

**Les vols charters / Charter flights**

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**Dessertes maritimes Îles Tuamotu-Gambier**  
*Tuamotu-Gambier Islands boat service*

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**Bureau de poste / Post office**

AGENCE OPT DE TUHERAHERA

Tel. : (689) 96.22.22

**LES NUMÉROS D'URGENCE / IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

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**LES NUMEROS UTILES / USEFUL NUMBERS**

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**Santé et urgence / Health and emergencies**

POSTE DE SECOURS DE TIKEHAU

Tel. : (689) 96.22.97