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**INTERCONTINENTAL® RESORTS OF FRENCH POLYNESIA HONORED ON**

***CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER’S* 2018 READERS’ CHOICE AWARDS LIST OF**

 **“TOP RESORTS IN AUSTRALIA & THE SOUTH PACIFIC”**

   

**October 9, 2018** – *Condé Nast Traveler* today announced the results of its 31st annual Readers’ Choice Awards and the **InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa**, the **InterContinental Bora Bora Le Moana Resort**, the **InterContinental Moorea Resort & Spa**, and the **InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa** were recognized on the list of “Top Resorts in Australia & the South Pacific” for 2018.

“Thank you to the readers of *Condé Nast Traveler* for this prestigious honor,” said Philippe Brovelli, Vice President of Operations for the InterContinental Resorts of French Polynesia. “Every day, we look forward to providing our guests with exemplary, authentic, and enriching travel experiences that are environmentally sensitive, sustainable, and that celebrate Polynesian cultural heritage.”

Nearly half a million *Condé Nast Traveler* readers submitted a recording-breaking number of responses rating their travel experiences to provide a full snapshot of where and how we travel today.

The **InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa** is located on a virgin beach on Motu Piti Aau with breathtaking views of Bora Bora’s majestic Mount Otemanu. Known for its exemplary service to its guests, the resort features a number of unique attributes, including: luxurious overwater villas each with a split-level terrace and sundeck for easy access to the turquoise waters of the lagoon; two of the finest culinary experiences in French Polynesia at its restaurants Reef and Le Corail; and the first overwater wedding chapel with glass bottom floor in French Polynesia. Taking luxury to the next level, the resort recently debuted 10 overwater villas with private infinity pools along with four overwater Brando Suites which offer 3,400 sq. ft. of living space, uninterrupted 180-degree views of Mount Otemanu, and the largest overwater pools in French Polynesia. The resort’s Deep Ocean Spa by Algotherm is the very first spa to utilize the benefits of deep-sea water and minerals extracted from the Pacific Ocean in its signature spa treatments. And, the InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa’s romantic Secret Garden of Love offers couples the opportunity to symbolize their eternal devotion by sealing their love with a lock in Polynesian style in the resort’s botanical garden.

Adorned by white sand and turquoise water, the **InterContinental Bora Bora Le Moana Resort** features beach bungalows, lagoon overwater bungalows and a poevai overwater suite. The resort is located on the south side of the main island, at the famous Matira point, which is recognized as one of the most beautiful sites in French Polynesia. The resort offers French-inspired gourmet fare at Noa Noa, bi-weekly theme dinners, and Polynesian evenings that feature an international buffet accompanied by traditional Tahitian songs and performances. Vini Vini Bar and Restaurant presents refreshing island cuisine and tropical cocktails. Additionally, as a special Tahitian touch, guests can indulge in a romantic moonlight dinner on the beach or a private outrigger canoe-delivered breakfast within the privacy of their bungalow. The resort features an infinity pool and activities that include snorkeling, kayaking, paddle boarding, and outrigger canoeing in pristine lagoon waters.

The **InterContinental Moorea Resort & Spa** is situated on one of the most spectacular tropical islands of French Polynesia for a memorable South Seas vacation. The resort’s 18 hectares of lush gardens feature beautiful trees and flowers, more than 200 species of tropical plants and trees, along with 138 lanai rooms and garden, beach, and overwater bungalows. The resort brings Polynesian culture to life through dining experiences that offer stylish venues, inspired dishes, sophisticated cocktails, and thrilling traditional dance and fire-twirling shows. The resort’s Motu Iti Bar and the Beach Bar offer specialty cocktails and snacks. Two infinity pools, a fitness center, and tennis courts are also on property. The resort’s renowned Hélène Spa, was the first spa in French Polynesia. It is unique in design and was created to blend into its lush, tropical surroundings and provide a truly comfortable and relaxing setting for spa guests. Moorea Dolphin Center is located at the resort and offers educational programs for guests to learn about these amazing marine mammals and their ecosystem, while also providing a source of funding for the non-profit conservation organization *Te Mana O Te Moana*, whose headquarters is based on the resort property. In partnership with the Ministry of the Environment, the Turtle Care Center was established at the resort in an effort to protect sea turtles of French Polynesia.

The **InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa** has long been rated the top hotel on the island of Tahiti. It is located alongside the lagoon with a view of Tahiti’s sister island, Moorea. The resort features 246 guest rooms, including overwater lagoon and overwater motu bungalows. The resort features two restaurants, Le Lotus and Te Tiare, and three bars, the Tiki Bar, Lotus Swim-Up Bar and the Lobby Bar Terrace. Le Lotus Restaurant is a stunning overwater restaurant with a gourmet menu. Te Tiare, which overlooks one of the resort’s infinity pools with views of Moorea’s island peaks, offers an extensive menu along with theme nights featuring an expansive buffet of Polynesian specialties and new dance show at the “Soirée Merveilleuse” highlighting Huahine island’s sacred land and the story of *vahine* Hinarere by highly-acclaimed dance group Hei Tahiti. The resort’s Deep Nature Spa features signature treatments with a Tahitian flair. A highlight of the resort is its lagoonarium containing approximately 200 species of colorful, tropical fish along with the property’s two stunning freshwater infinity pools.

The *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers’ Choice Awards are the longest-running and most prestigious recognition of excellence in the travel industry and are commonly known as “the best of the best of travel.” The 2018 Readers' Choice Awards are published exclusively on *Condé Nast Traveler's* website at [www.cntraveler.com/rca](http://www.cntraveler.com/rca) and celebrated in the November issue on newsstands nationwide on October 16.

For information and rates for the InterContinental Resorts of French Polynesia, call 1-888 IC HOTELS (1-888-424-6835) or visit [InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa](http://www.thalasso.intercontinental.com), [InterContinental Bora Bora Le Moana Resort](http://lemoana.intercontinental.com/), [InterContinental Moorea Resort & Spa](http://www.moorea.intercontinental.com), and [InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa](http://tahiti.intercontinental.com/).

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**About InterContinental Resorts French Polynesia**

Owned and operated by Richard H. Bailey and his company, Pacific Beachcomber S.C., there are four InterContinental Resorts in French Polynesia: [InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa](http://www.thalasso.intercontinental.com), [InterContinental Bora Bora Le Moana Resort](http://lemoana.intercontinental.com/), [InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa](http://tahiti.intercontinental.com/), and [InterContinental Moorea Resort & Spa](http://www.moorea.intercontinental.com). Each of the resorts has completed multimillion dollar enhancements over the course of the last five years and is committed towards achieving environmental and social sustainability.

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