

TAHITI

As this is the 3rd time we have visited Tahiti, we have decided to spend the day on the neighbouring island of Moorea. A ferry operates between the town of Papeete, where we are docked, and the small village of Vaiare on Moorea.



As we near the small quay on Moorea, we can see the highest point on the island, Mount Mouaputa, with its hole near the

summit. According to legend the demigod Pai threw his spear at an enemy on distant, Raiatea. It pierced the mountain on Moorea which was in the flight path, before travelling onwards to kill the enemy on Raiatea.



Moorea is a sleepy little place, with just a few small shops, a marina, a bank and a Chinese owned supermarket. We spend some time walking around Vaiare, and are pleased to cool off in the air conditioned supermarket.



All too soon it is time to take the ferry back to Tahiti: if we do come to Moorea again we would hire a car to see a little more of the island.

Back in Papeete we have a drink and a meal in our favourite restaurant, where we are serenaded by Tahitian musicians. We leave Papeete at midnight on our way to the island of Raiatea, we expect to arrive there tomorrow morning at 7 am.