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NOMADE YACHTING *by* BORA BORA CRUISES

Mehiti Degage



"I dreamed of a stylish new cruise, completely different, intimate, nomadic, where the refined design and sleek lines of a yacht embrace the genuine warmth and welcome of our culture, where my guests voyage to the very heart of our islands to share an unique experience that stimulates the senses in a rich, vital, and fragrant manner.

The realization of my dreams is just the beginning of yours..."

Mehiti Degage. Armateur & Créateur

One Woman's Ambition

Profoundly attached to her country, Tahiti Nui, Mehiti Degage has given herself to her personal ambition to enable the discovery of her country in a manner more authentic and realistic. A daughter of these islands, proud of her surroundings, instilled of a specific philosophy, observant with a worldly open mind and gifted of a very keen sense of style. Mehiti gave birth to Bora Bora Cruises – as the result of a tireless devotion, an endless mountain of research and a desire to never compromise. A perfectionist, she is continually on the look out for new 'itineraries', stimulating ideas, novel experiences and other special details, in order to in turn offer these to her guests, her invitees, her friends.

A Sense of Family

Purely Polynesian, Bora Bora Cruises is an independent family-styled company, where the priority is quality. A talented team, united and passionate, matches a perfect knowledge of the islands of Tahiti with an open-minded and multi-cultural spirit. All motivated by the same passion: nourish the appetite of the very well-traveled and experience hungry. It is undoubtedly due to the desire to continuously exceed on behalf of their guests that motivates this dynamic company to ensure that each voyage is unique, rare.... and genuine.

This entrepreneurial team took on a challenge: to imagine a new cruise niche, innovating a concept of 'nomad yachting' characterized with refinement and freedom. A new style of voyage, original, off-the-beaten track, without fixed schedules, constraints, where the traveler lives within their own rhythm and dependent on their mood: breakfast, for example, is served at any morning hour even late on one of the private decks. The activities and events are generally flexible and the tenders that offer transport to different sites are 'on call'... The absence of rigid rules does not, by any stretch of the imagination, mean that the operation is disorganized – on the contrary, at Bora Bora Cruises – everything, every detail, is thought out and planned...



Homage to Origins

Loyal to the legends of the great Polynesian navigators that populated these islands and the European seafarers that created the mythic south seas image, Bora Bora Cruises has rediscovered this veritable 'spirit of voyage': an up-close relationship with these islands from the sea in a marvelous and spontaneous manner, distant from the itineraries and stereotypes of classic cruises. The opportunity to enter the very heart of these protected islands, close to everyday life. To participate in demonstrations of crafts, tattooing, song and dance, cooking lessons, baking in a traditional Tahitian oven, Polynesian marriage ceremonies...

The two private yachts of Bora Bora Cruises – Tu Moana & Ti’a Moana – are elegant and distinguished, presenting a svelte profile. To the visitor already impressed by the imposing presence of the vessels, they divulge, little by little the multiple facets of their conception: here a deck for sunbathing, there another for lazing upon with a cocktail, a little further a lounge to lie back on and dream in front of the landscape that is so near... The Tu Moana and the Ti’a Moana are set-up to allow travelers to share their experiences in a convivial atmosphere, to enjoy a feeling of well-being, together with the delicious impression of being alone on board a private yacht. Each yacht is 69 m long and offers, on five decks, different private lounges, two external Jacuzzis, a fitness suite, and an ‘à la carte’ massage service. A nice cozy library presents a number of Polynesian art and culture books awaiting those seeking enrichment and calm.

Cosmopolitan in style, these yachts combine a number of elements. Constructed in Australia using the combined talents of Austal Ships and Oceanfast Yachts, Tu Moana and Ti'a Moana are unique. Each Yacht has its own personality, its own tone – dark woods or light woods – both are incorporated into a contemporary design that successfully marries Polynesian art, an audacious alliance from the Swedish design studio of Tillberg Design and the inspiration given by Mehiti. Starck and Kenzo cohabitate in harmony with pieces especially commissioned by local artists, creating an ambiance that is both novel, and surprisingly attractive. The tiniest of alcoves, the smallest of corners, each shelters gracious statues, majestic carved tikis, all in contrast to the 'art gallery' of clichéd black and white photographs that grace the passageways to the guestrooms adding simple shades of emotion.

Ambiance & Comfort

As their Polynesian names signify, 'upright upon the seas', Tu Moana & Ti'a Moana assure the voyager total comfort. On board, these two yachts offer an uncommon intimacy – just thirty guestrooms, every one of them spacious, with large picture-windows. Here comfortable space meets hi-tech – flat screen LCD televisions, individual CD/DVD players, satellite accessed telephones and internet... This all contributes to create a cozy ambiance, refined, very chic, yet relaxed and informal, where the desire to go barefooted is rewarded with contact on soft carpets, rugs and precious woods.

Healthy Respect for the Environment

Bora Bora Cruises practice a respect for the environment which translates to an eco-tourism approach to these islands: cruising within the lagoon interiors, across calm crystal clear waters, the surrounding nature and wilderness is respected in a strict manner. Constructed with an innovative shallow draft to glide across the water, the utilization of cleaning products that fall within a strict category ensure that the two yachts leave no trace on the fragile eco-system or coral reefs during their passage. This new style of voyage is perfectly symbiotic with the Polynesian life style, with a people nourished by the sea and the earth, who in return hold both in very high esteem.



The Bora Bora Cruises guest is an avid seeker of new experiences with an accent on authenticity. Refinement, aesthetics, discretion, freedom, movement and passion are key values sought by a varied international clientele. Real people that appreciate gourmet food, a gentle mix of hedonistic pleasure blended with discovery and new experiences. Guests are taken in by the décor, the ambiance, the company, and the landscapes – key ingredients in a recipe that creates a carefree and chic mind-set. No rules and no schedules make for a voyage that is both apposite for the destination, and opposite to the regular cruise 'genre'.

The gourmet experience waiting aboard Tu Moana and Ti'a Moana is in itself reason enough to take the voyage. A variety of carefully designed culinary compositions that tempt the eye as well as the taste buds. This careful blend of the preeminent gourmet qualities of French cuisine infused with subtle Polynesian flavors culminates in an experience that is both original and memorable. Further depth to the dining experience is added through an eclectic wine choice that offers comfort and familiarity as well as a more adventurous range of recommended accompaniments.

Detail-focused, the crew is trained and experienced in the strict requirements of both hotel standards as well as private service aboard luxury yachts. Carefully selected and recruited by a specialized and renowned Monaco based agency, the crew is attentive to the smallest of guest requirements, efficient yet discrete, warm and open with a friendly disposition. Even on a small deserted islet, the service is efficient and lunch is presented on beautiful table settings resting on a crafted traditional cloth and decorated with local flowers. Every on-board moment is in complete detail, spontaneous, yet organized by a crew beyond comparison. Perhaps an improvised cocktail service in the lagoon, or any one of the special moments that delight the senses throughout the day right through until the evening, where a last gesture to please arrives in the guestroom – a delicate treat placed alongside a simple orchid will gently transition guests towards dreamtime.

A Unique Experience

The Bora Bora Cruises experience is, to say the least, varied. From Bora Bora to Huahine via Raiatea and Tahaa, the Leeward Islands bestow their charms upon guests in the course of a number of activities and events. Certain experiences are well and truly exclusive: a Champagne breakfast served to guests seated in the lagoon, a movie projected under the palms and stars on a tiny islet, a river kayak expedition to botanical gardens, a beach setting for a torch-lit barbecue dinner...snippets of a life that is not found elsewhere. Savor an island cocktail at sunset, chill out to a musical selection that enhances the ceiling of stars high above, relax in a Jacuzzi in the foreground somewhere between lagoon and sky... a plethora of special moments remain imprinted on memories and nestled in hearts for ever.

These yachts personify their creator, embracing the vision of her ideal. A reflection of innovative spirit, discretion, and cool refinement – throughout the conception of the fine lines, the ambiance, the décor.... in every detail of crew apparel, each objet d'art, every single plate... The traveler will never feel as a 'client', never a 'tourist', always a guest, an invitee, welcomed and respected. Mehiti has given luxury her soul, her heritage and the opportunity to be an exclusive extension of everyday life upon the most beautiful lagoons in the world.

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