

ECO- LUXE ESCAPES

The World's first Hotel to be **air-conditioned** by Its **deep-drawn seawater**

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The InterContinental Resort and Thalasso Spa in Bora Bora gives ecotourism a whole new dimension. This unique Tahitian Spa Resort is consistent with the Luxury brand of the InterContinental and yet built in with respect for the environment. It has broken tradition in Tourism in the Southern Hemisphere, with it's first ever "Thalasso-spa" and is also adhering to the "Green Globe 21" environment certification program. This revolutionary system is simplistic. Cold sea water is drawn in from the depths of the ocean and channeled into a cooling station, then travels around the entire establishment. Sea water then cools the fresh water, cooling the premises, creating "Heat exchange". Thus eliminating the use of potentially hazardous compounds that deplete the ozone layer and at the same time saving 90% on electric power consumed by air-conditioning!

The "InterContinental Resorts", in addition to their three other resorts in the islands, chose "Bora Bora" as "Centre Stage" for this "Unique Luxury Resort." This first class resort keeps with the tradition, with their villas that embody its surroundings of spruce wood with plaited panandus roofs, built on stilts between the ocean and the lagoon. They run along a beach, shaded by a coconut plantation and expand over the coral reefs, positioned in awe of the majestic "Mount Otemanu". A Tahitian wonderland, stamped with a purely "Ethno-chic style" and becoming a major drawing card in the choice for a honeymoon for today's Bride & Groom!

Exonerating the Spa Experience, this unique spa resort serves as a base for sea-water treatments! These waters are rich in active minerals, vitamins, due to volcanic activity in ancient times. Waters in depths of over 3,000 feet, holding marine active agents that mineralize and tone the body – the basis of "Thalasso-therapy". These properties of the "Deep Ocean" are setting a new standardization in "Marine Therapy" and "Marine Cosmetics" and is now what is know as "Algotherm". Your body treats can be enjoyed over looking the maritime flora and fauna in you your own private natural aquarium, with an overwater glass-floored bungalow. You may want to indulge in the Couples Polynesian exotic massage - "Hei Poa Monois" scented with blossoms of frangipani, Tiare (Tahiti's national flower) or vanilla.

This one and only resort, with all the traditional amenities in place, offers a great source of replenishment and yet gives tribute to the "Marine Universe". Many couples today are embracing the "Philosophy of Protecting the Environment" as they seek a luxury Honeymoon Experience! - Marsha Steeves, Honeymoon & Destination Wedding Specialist www.click-a-trip.com



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