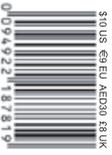


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Clockwise from top: The one-bedroom villas at The Brando are set on soft, white sand with individual 10-sqm plunge pools; the striking spa at the resort features a special suite for couples to enjoy Polynesian-inspired treatments in absolute privacy; villa bathrooms reflect the at-one-with-nature style of the resort and the *savoir-vivre* of Polynesia; it's a tough decision, choosing between your private plunge pool, the aquamarine lagoon or the resort's beachfront infinity pool for an afternoon dip

# SOUTH SEA SOLITUDE

WHEN MARLON BRANDO FILMED *MUTINY on the Bounty* in French Polynesia in the 1960s, he didn't just fall in love with his co-star Tarita Teripia – he fell in with the island of Tetiaroa, the favoured retreat of Tahitian royalty. Today, the Hollywood actor's legacy is the ultra-luxurious eco-resort, The Brando, the gold standard when it comes to paradise-island escapism. And the best part is, you can now have the entire island – all 35 villas, facilities and staff – at your disposal with an all-inclusive takeover package.

Styled with an “ethnic-chic” aesthetic, all villas have private swimming pools, roofs of woven pandanus leaves, waxed parquet floors and heavenly outdoor bathrooms with stand-

alone tubs. After splashing about, kayaking or paddle boarding in the lagoon, pedalling about on bicycles and going on a guided nature walk with naturalists, you can stroll barefoot to the beach bar or Les Mutines restaurant where the menu was developed by Michelin-starred chef Guy Martin of Le Grand Véfour in Paris. There's also the many delights of Varua, the resort spa offering Polynesian-inspired treatments at Motu Onetahi – the exact same place the Tahitian royals used to have their beauty rituals.

Best of all, you and your family (or closest pals) can spoil yourselves knowing you are spoiling very little else: The late actor's passion for the island's heritage and the environment has lived

on. Brando was adamant Tetiaroa would remain “forever a place that reminds Tahitians of what they are and what they were centuries ago”, and the resort strives to be 100 percent eco-friendly. Cold seawater is piped from the ocean depths and converted into energy for air conditioning, there are numerous environmental programmes to preserve local flora and fauna, while even the backup generator runs on coconut oil. Guilt-free, glorious solitude doesn't come cheap, but who can put a price on responsible luxury?

*The Brando's rates for an all-inclusive buyout is priced from €123,000 (US\$138,365) per night plus taxes for a minimum three-night stay; [www.thebrando.com](http://www.thebrando.com)*