



Set Sail and Stay in Seductive Tahiti

Mix competition with pleasure in a three-day sailing and cultural extravaganza in Tahiti's amazing Society Islands in the third annual Tahiti International Pearl Regatta from March 9-12.

Energetic yachties can pit their skills in challenging 25-35 nautical mile legs by day then soak up the charms of the world's most seductive islands by night in a culturally-inspired social program.

"Whether competing or just observing, the three-day regatta is guaranteed to provide that total Tahitian island getaway - at prices that compete with a Whitsunday Islands sailaway," said Tahiti Tourisme Australia Regional Director Jonica Paramor said.

"Not only are there sheltered lagoons, idyllic palm-lined beaches, towering volcanic cliffs and stunning scenery fanned by reliable trade winds, but Tahiti's islands are close enough together to provide convenient island-hopping programs."

Nineteen catamarans and mono-hulls have entered for this year's race, which will run from enticing Raiatea to the honeymoon hideaway of Bora Bora on day 1, onto the vanilla island of Taha'a on day 2, and ending on the garden island of Huahine on day 3, with cultural and social activities for sailors and observers at each stopover.

Take part in the Pearl Regatta from just \$2007 per person twin share, with a seven-day charter package from Paradise Adventures & Cruises. Included are return international and domestic airfares, two nights' at the Le Meridien Tahiti, ground transfers in Papeete and five-night bareboat charter of a fully equipped Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 43DS 4-cabin vessel, based on eight crew. Regatta entry fee, provisions and departure taxes are not included. Visit www.paradiseadventures.com.au/tahiti_pearl_regatta.htm for further information or call (02) 8799 2500 or email sales@paradiseadventures.com.au for full details and to book.

The Raiatea Yacht Club holds the Pearl Regatta each year with the assistance of Tahiti Tourisme. For more information visit www.tahitipearlregatta.org.pf and for bookings see your local travel agent.

For more information about Tahiti and her islands visit www.tahiti-tourisme.com.au

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