



# AIR TAHITI NUI COMMENCES NEW NON-STOP SERVICE FROM SEATTLE TO TAHITI WITH INAUGURAL FLIGHT

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**Air Tahiti Nui announces the debut of its first non-stop service connecting Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) and Papeete, Tahiti (PPT) with its inaugural flight and arrival to SEA Airport. In a new partnership with Alaska Airlines, Air Tahiti Nui becomes the first and only carrier offering direct flights connecting the South Pacific and the Pacific Northwest. Air Tahiti Nui will be operating the new service twice weekly using the 787-9 Dreamliner.**

"Our new route provides a chance for North American travelers to discover the beauty of the 118 Islands of Tahiti, including Tahiti, Bora Bora, Moorea and Rangiroa, which serve as the background to the many wonders to discover, landscapes to explore, and memories to create," said Michel Monvoisin, CEO of Air Tahiti Nui. "In addition to our long-established route from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), this new gateway to The Islands of Tahiti brings the heart of the South Pacific to more travelers in North America and strengthens Air Tahiti Nui's position as the leading carrier of French Polynesia."

Route	Days	Depart	Arrival	Flight Number
Seattle to Tahiti	Wednesday, Sunday	12:30 p.m.	7:05 p.m.	TN51
Tahiti to Seattle	Tuesday, Saturday	9:35 p.m.	10:00 a.m. (+1)	TN52

"We're thrilled to welcome Air Tahiti Nui as the newest international airline to launch service to SEA," said Port of Seattle Commissioner Toshiko Hasegawa. "As only the second U.S. destination for Air Tahiti Nui, we look forward to being a new gateway for travelers seeking to luxuriate in the tropical paradise of Tahiti."

The codeshare partnership between Air Tahiti Nui and Alaska Airlines allows passengers to travel via Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) to and from almost 100 cities in North America. Alaska Airlines and Air Tahiti Nui offer flexible and convenient access between many major cities such as Vancouver, Boston, Chicago, Miami, New York City, and The Islands of Tahiti.

"Just as the weather begins to turn in the Pacific Northwest, our guests can now chase the warm sun all the way to Tahiti with a convenient nonstop flight from Seattle on Air Tahiti Nui," said Nat Pieper, senior vice president of fleet, finance and alliances at Alaska Airlines. "Air Tahiti Nui is a terrific new global airline partner for us, further connecting the West Coast to the South Pacific with world-class service and amenities on their Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner planes. With so much beauty, Tahiti is truly an aspirational destination."

The two airlines will combine their frequent flyer programs, allowing their passengers to earn and redeem miles on all flights operated through the codeshare. Alaska Airlines' customers will be able to earn or use their Mileage Plan miles when traveling with Air Tahiti Nui and Air Tahiti Nui's customers will be able to use their Club Tiare miles in Alaska Airlines' network.

To provide its passengers with the best travel experience, Air Tahiti Nui commits to the highest quality of service and safety standards. The Polynesian airline is internationally recognized and has been awarded for the fourth consecutive year the following prestigious titles:

- "Best Airline in the South Pacific," Global Traveler GT Tested Awards
- "APEX 5 Star Major Airline," APEX Official Airline Ratings

Air Tahiti Nui's 787-9 Tahitian Dreamliners were also awarded "Best Airline Design – Oceania Region" in the 2021 DesignAir Awards.

"We are honored to welcome Air Tahiti Nui and their Tahitian Dreamliners to Seattle," said Christy Reese, vice president of Commercial Sales – Asia Pacific, The Boeing Company. "As an all-Boeing operator, we are proud of our long-standing partnership with Air Tahiti Nui. This route launch is a momentous occasion and we are proud that the superior fuel efficiency, flexibility and range of Air Tahiti's fleet of 787s contributed to connecting this new and unique city pair."

The warmth and authenticity of the Polynesian welcome are expressed in the smiles of the Air Tahiti Nui crew and the comfort of the cabins, echoing the beautiful turquoise hues of the lagoon, and transporting the passengers to Tahiti from the moment they step onboard.

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