

Bora Bora Overwater Bungalow Guide

Late May 2026 (Memorial Day Week) - 4 Nights

Trip Summary: - **Dates:** Late May 2026 (around May 21-25 or May 25-29) -

Duration: 4 nights accommodation, 6 days total (including travel) - **Season:** High season (dry season runs May-October) - **Weather:** Ideal conditions - less rain, warm temperatures

Quick Comparison Chart

Rank	Resort	Star Rating	Starting Price/Night	Best For	Pool Bungalows	Mt. Otemanu View
1	Four Seasons	5-star	\$1,800-\$2,500	Privacy, families	Yes	Yes
2	St. Regis	5-star	\$2,200-\$3,600+	Largest villas, butler	Yes	Yes
3	Conrad	5-star	\$1,600-\$2,500	Sunsets, unique design	Yes	Partial
4	InterContinental Thalasso	5-star	\$1,200-\$2,000	Spa, eco-luxury	Yes	Yes
5	The Westin (NEW 2024)	5-star	\$1,000-\$1,800	Best value, newest	Yes (62 units)	Yes
6	Le Bora Bora by Pearl	4-star	\$1,245-\$1,800	Relais & Chateaux	Yes	Yes
7	InterContinental Le Moana	4-star	\$750-\$1,500	Beach access, value	No	Yes
8	Sofitel Private Island	5-star	~\$800-\$1,200	Adults-only, intimate	No	Limited
9	Maitai Polynesia	3-star	\$250-\$500	Budget travelers	No	No
10	Royal Bora Bora	3-star	~\$300-\$600	Budget, local vibe	No	Limited

Flight Information (Los Angeles to Bora Bora)

Route: LAX → Papeete, Tahiti (PPT) → Bora Bora (BOB) - **Carrier:** Air Tahiti Nui (primary) + Air Tahiti (domestic) - **LAX to Tahiti:** ~8 hours nonstop - **Tahiti to Bora Bora:** ~50 minutes

Estimated Costs (May 2026): | Class | Round-Trip Price | |---|-----| |
Economy | \$900-\$1,200/person | | Business | \$6,449+/person |

Package Deals: Air Tahiti Nui packages from **\$4,199/person** (Apr 1-May 31, 2026) include flights + 4 nights overwater at Maitai

Top 10 Resorts - Full Details

1. Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora

Rating: 4.8/5 TripAdvisor | Top 1% Worldwide

Location: Private island on northeast side of Bora Bora

Overwater Accommodations:

Room Type	Size	Features	Est. Price/Night
Overwater Bungalow Suite	1,070 sq ft	Glass floor, lagoon access	\$1,800-\$2,200
Otemanu OW Suite w/Plunge Pool	1,500+ sq ft	Private pool, Mt. views	\$2,500-\$3,500
Beachfront Villa Estate	3,200 sq ft	Max 6 guests	\$4,000+

Key Amenities: - Glass floor panels throughout - Private plunge pools (select rooms) - Direct lagoon access via deck ladder - Lagoon sanctuary with marine animals - Free guided snorkeling tours - Infinity pool, tennis court - Bungalows spaced far apart for maximum privacy

Unique Features: - Most private overwater bungalows (furthest apart) - Private motu sunset dinner (\$1,000/couple) - Marine biologist-led tours - Tahitian cooking classes

Best Rooms to Request: - Otemanu View Overwater Bungalow Suite with Plunge Pool - Bungalows facing Mt. Otemanu

May 2026 Notes: High season pricing applies. Book 6+ months in advance.

Booking: fourseasons.com/borabora

2. The St. Regis Bora Bora Resort

Rating: 4.8/5 TripAdvisor | 2024 Travel Weekly "Best Resort Worldwide"

Location: Private motu, 44 acres with only 90 villas

Overwater Accommodations:

Room Type	Size	Features	Est. Price/Night
Overwater Superior Villa	1,550 sq ft	Butler service, glass floors	\$2,200-\$2,500
Overwater Deluxe Otemanu Villa	1,550 sq ft	Premium Mt. views	\$2,500-\$3,000
Two-Bedroom Overwater Villa	2,400+ sq ft	Whirlpool, plunge pool	\$4,000-\$5,500
Royal Estate Villa	13,000 sq ft	Private chef, sauna, Jacuzzi	\$7,500+

Key Amenities: - **Largest overwater villas in the South Pacific** - 24-hour dedicated butler service (all villas) - Glass viewing panels throughout - Private bicycles for each villa - Lagoonarium for marine experiences - Lagoon Restaurant by Jean-Georges (#1 restaurant in Bora Bora)

Unique Features: - Biggest villas anywhere in French Polynesia - Butler service included with all accommodations - 13,000 sq ft Royal Estate is unmatched globally

Best Rooms to Request: - Villa #112 (Overwater with Lagoon/Mountain view) - Overwater Deluxe Otemanu Villas (southwest facing) - Avoid eastern-facing villas near staff housing

May 2026 Notes: - May is considered cheaper month for St. Regis - Marriott Bonvoy: 5th night free on award stays - Book with points: ~120,000 points/night

Booking: marriott.com/bobxr

3. Conrad Bora Bora Nui

Rating: 4.5/5 TripAdvisor

Location: Private cove on Motu To'opua (southwest Bora Bora)

IMPORTANT: Renovation Notice - Renovating: March 4, 2025 - June 30, 2026 - Resort remains OPEN during renovations - Weekday work only, efforts to minimize noise

Overwater Accommodations:

Room Type	Size	Features	Est. Price/Night
Overwater Sunset Villa	~1,249 sq ft	West-facing sunset views	\$1,600-\$2,000
Otemanu View Pool OW Villa	1,249 sq ft	Private infinity pool, hammock	\$2,000-\$2,500
Presidential Overwater Villa	2-story	Only 2-story OW in Bora Bora	\$3,500+

Key Amenities: - Private infinity pools with Mt. Otemanu views - **Floating overwater hammocks** (unique to Conrad) - Fully retractable windows - Access to Motu Tapu (private islet) - Hilltop Hina Spa - 6 restaurants and bars

Unique Features: - Best sunset views on the island - Only 2-story overwater villa in Bora Bora - Motu Tapu - most photographed islet in South Pacific (once Queen Pomare IV's party island) - Featured in "Couples Retreat" movie

Best Rooms to Request: - Rooms #105 and #106 (only unobstructed Mt. Otemanu views) - Room #1001 (Presidential - best sunset) - Deluxe Overwater Villas (deeper water for swimming)

May 2026 Notes: - Renovations may still be ongoing - Hilton Honors: ~120,000 points/night - 5th night free on award stays

Booking: hilton.com/conrad-bora-bora-nui

4. InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa

Rating: 4.7/5 TripAdvisor

Location: Private island, 20 min by boat from airport

IMPORTANT: Renovation Notice - Renovating: June 1, 2025 - May 2026 (possibly June 30, 2026) - South-side villas receiving full interior redesign - 22 new private swimming pools being added - Resort remains OPEN

Overwater Accommodations:

Room Type	Size	Features	Est. Price/Night
Overwater Villa	1,022 sq ft	Glass coffee table, lagoon access	\$1,200-\$1,500
Overwater Villa Mt. Otemanu View	1,022 sq ft	Premium mountain positioning	\$1,400-\$1,800
Overwater Pool Villa	1,022 sq ft	Private 17 sq m pool	\$1,800-\$2,200
Teremoana Villa	2,335 sq ft	2-story, 205 sq ft pool, best views	\$2,500-\$3,500

Key Amenities: - Only resort with exclusively overwater accommodations - Deep Ocean Spa (glass-bottomed treatment rooms) - Revolutionary deep-sea water air-conditioning (eco-friendly) - Overwater wedding chapel with glass floor - 2 free spa experiences included - The famous Instagram swing

Unique Features: - 100% overwater property (no beach bungalows) - World-leading sustainable deep-sea cooling technology - The Swing (photo op) - best at 10am-12pm

Best Rooms to Request: - Diamond Otemanu Overwater Villa - Room #216 (Diamond OW with partial mountain view) - Room #119 (best mountain view pool villa) - Teremoana Villas (4 exclusive 2-story villas at pontoon ends)

May 2026 Notes: - Check renovation status before booking - Long stay offers: Up to 35% off 7+ nights - IHG Rewards member benefits apply

Booking: thalasso.intercontinental.com

5. The Westin Bora Bora Resort & Spa (NEWEST - Sept 2024)

Rating: New (opened September 2024)

Location: Motu Tape, private island facing Mt. Otemanu

Overwater Accommodations:

Room Type	Size	Features	Est. Price/Night
Overwater Bungalow	441 sq ft	Largest glass floors in Bora Bora	\$1,000-\$1,400
Overwater Bungalow w/Plunge Pool	441 sq ft+	Private plunge pool	\$1,400-\$1,800
Premium Overwater	Varies	Enhanced Mt. Otemanu views	\$1,600-\$2,000

Key Amenities: - 128 overwater bungalows (most of any resort) - 62 bungalows with private plunge pools - Largest glass floor panels in Bora Bora - Largest infinity pool in French Polynesia (saltwater, chemical-free) - Turtle Eco Center with rescued sea turtles - Modern design with Polynesian accents

Unique Features: - Newest resort on the island (first in 7 years) - Best value among luxury options - Glass floor panels can be lifted to feed fish - Swim with rehabilitating sea turtles

Best Rooms to Request: - Overwater Bungalow with Plunge Pool facing Mt.

Otemanu - End-of-pontoon positions for more privacy

May 2026 Notes: - Competitive pricing vs. Four Seasons/St. Regis - Marriott Bonvoy points applicable - Costco Travel offers package deals

Booking: marriott.com/bobwi

6. Le Bora Bora by Pearl Resorts

Rating: 4.8/5 TripAdvisor | 2025 MICHELIN Keys Selection | Relais & Chateaux

Location: Motu Tevairoa, 10 min by boat from airport

Overwater Accommodations:

Room Type	Size	Features	Est. Price/Night
Overwater Bungalow	851 sq ft	Glass tables, sundeck w/gazebo	\$1,245-\$1,500
Premium Overwater Bungalow	851 sq ft	End-of-pontoon, more privacy	\$1,400-\$1,700
Otemanu View OW Bungalow	851 sq ft	Direct mountain views	\$1,500-\$1,800
Pool Overwater Villa	1,003 sq ft	Plunge pool facing Mt. Otemanu	\$1,700-\$2,100

Key Amenities: - Relais & Chateaux member (exceptional dining) - Overwater hammocks on terraces - Glass panels (bedside tables, coffee tables, bathtub) - Tavai Spa with 8 treatment rooms - 3 restaurants including Otemanu Restaurant - Complimentary snorkeling gear and non-motorized water sports

Unique Features: - Only Relais & Chateaux property in Bora Bora - Most traditionally designed Polynesian accommodations - MICHELIN Keys recognition for exceptional hospitality - Best value among 5-star-quality options

May 2026 Promotions: - **30% off** for stays of 3+ nights (valid until June 30, 2026) - Includes American breakfast for 2

Additional Fees: - City Tax: 200 XPF (~\$2) per person/night

Booking: leborabora.com | US: 1-866-209-3796

7. InterContinental Bora Bora Le Moana Resort

Rating: 4.6/5 TripAdvisor

Location: Matira Point on main island (near famous Matira Beach)

Overwater Accommodations:

Room Type	Size	Features	Est. Price/Night
OW Bungalow Beach View	387 sq ft + 290 sq ft deck	Beach views, glass coffee table	\$750-\$1,000
OW Bungalow Mt. Otemanu View	387 sq ft	Mountain views	\$900-\$1,200
End-of-Pontoon OW Bungalow	387 sq ft	Max privacy, ocean views	\$1,000-\$1,300

Poevai Overwater Suite	Larger	Fits 4 adults + 2 children	\$1,300-\$1,600
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Key Amenities: - Only resort connected to main island - Direct access to Matira Beach (world's best beaches list) - Shuttle boat access to Thalasso Spa facilities - Glass coffee table for marine viewing - Poolside bar with free cabanas

Unique Features: - Access to famous Matira Beach - Share facilities with InterContinental Thalasso - Most affordable InterContinental option - Famous Canoe Breakfast (book 24 hours ahead)

May 2026 Notes: - Book Early & Save: Up to 25% off - Meal packages available - IHG Rewards applicable

Booking: lemoana.intercontinental.com

8. Sofitel Bora Bora Private Island

Rating: 4.5/5 TripAdvisor

Location: Private islet in Matira Bay

STATUS: Temporarily Closed (check current status before planning)

Overwater Accommodations:

Room Type	Size	Features	Est. Price/Night
Overwater	570 sq ft (53 m ²)	Glass floor panel, Polynesian decor	\$800-\$1,200
Bungalow			
Luxury Overwater Bungalow	Larger	Enhanced amenities	\$1,200-\$1,600

Key Amenities: - Only adults-only overwater resort in Bora Bora - 31 total bungalows (20 overwater, 11 island) - Glass floor panels for marine viewing - Free mini bar refilled daily (Hinano beer, water, sodas) - Private swim platform with lounge chairs

Unique Features: - Adults-only (romantic getaway focus) - More affordable than other 5-star resorts - Intimate boutique feel (only 31 rooms)

May 2026 Notes: - Verify reopening status before booking - Part of Accor (ALL - Accor Live Limitless points)

Booking: Check sofitel.accor.com for current status

9. Maitai Polynesia Bora Bora (BUDGET OPTION)

Rating: 4.0/5 TripAdvisor

Location: South Bora Bora, near Matira Point Beach

Overwater Accommodations:

Room Type	Size	Features	Est. Price/Night
Overwater		Glass coffee table,	
Bungalow	Standard	direct lagoon access	\$250-\$500

Key Amenities: - Cheapest overwater bungalows in Bora Bora - Traditional Tahitian design - Glass coffee table for fish viewing - Private balcony with lagoon access - Near famous Matira Beach - Complimentary access to InterContinental facilities (short walk)

Unique Features: - Best budget overwater option - Authentic Polynesian experience - Adults-only for overwater bungalows (kids in other room types) - Great snorkeling directly from terrace

Limitations: - No swimming pool - No private airport transfer - Smaller rooms than luxury resorts - No private plunge pools

May 2026 Notes: - Air Tahiti Nui packages from \$4,199/person include 4 nights here
- Excellent value for money

Booking: bora.hotelmaitai.com

10. Royal Bora Bora (BUDGET OPTION)

Rating: 3.5/5 TripAdvisor

Location: Povai Bay area

Overwater Accommodations:

Room Type	Size	Features	Est. Price/Night
Overwater Bungalow	Basic Lagoon access, basic amenities		\$300-\$600

Key Amenities: - Budget-friendly overwater experience - Local Polynesian atmosphere - Basic but comfortable accommodations - Restaurant on-site

Unique Features: - Authentic local experience - One of the most affordable overwater options - Less touristy feel

Limitations: - Basic amenities compared to luxury resorts - No glass floor panels - Limited dining options - Smaller property

May 2026 Notes: - Good for travelers prioritizing experience over luxury - Book directly for best rates

Estimated Total Trip Cost (4 Nights, 2 People)

Budget Option (Maitai Polynesia)

Item	Cost
Flights (2 pax)	\$1,800-\$2,400
Hotel (4 nights @ \$400 avg)	\$1,600
Meals & Activities	\$800-\$1,200
Transfers	\$200-\$300
TOTAL	\$4,400-\$5,500

Mid-Range (Le Bora Bora/Westin)

Item	Cost
Flights (2 pax)	\$1,800-\$2,400
Hotel (4 nights @ \$1,400 avg)	\$5,600

Meals & Activities	\$1,200-\$2,000
Transfers	\$300-\$400
TOTAL	\$8,900-\$10,400

Luxury (Four Seasons/St. Regis)

Item	Cost
Flights (2 pax)	\$1,800-\$2,400
Hotel (4 nights @ \$2,500 avg)	\$10,000
Meals & Activities	\$2,000-\$3,500
Transfers (included)	\$0
TOTAL	\$13,800-\$15,900

Must-Do Experiences

Bucket List Activities

1. **Canoe Breakfast** - Delivered by traditional outrigger canoe (\$75-\$150)
2. **Shark & Ray Snorkeling Safari** - 3-hour lagoon tour (\$86+/person)
3. **Private Motu Dinner** - Champagne sunset dinner (~\$1,000/couple at Four Seasons)
4. **Jet Ski Tour** - Explore hidden coves (\$250-\$400)
5. **Helicopter Tour** - Aerial views of Mt. Otemanu (\$400-\$600)
6. **Glass Floor Stargazing** - Free with overwater bungalow

Best Photo Opportunities

- The Swing at InterContinental Thalasso (10am-12pm)
- Motu Tapu from Conrad
- Mt. Otemanu view from your bungalow deck
- Sunrise/sunset from private terrace

Booking Tips for May 2026

1. **Book 6+ months in advance** - High season fills quickly
2. **Check renovation schedules** - Conrad and Thalasso both have work planned
3. **Consider loyalty programs:**
 - Marriott Bonvoy (St. Regis, Westin)
 - Hilton Honors (Conrad)
 - IHG Rewards (InterContinental)
4. **Look for package deals** - Air Tahiti Nui packages can save money
5. **Request Mt. Otemanu-facing rooms** - The iconic Bora Bora view
6. **Tuesday/Wednesday/Saturday flights** - Often cheapest

Important Contacts

Resort	Phone	Email
Four Seasons	+689 40 60 31 30	Web form
St. Regis	+689 40 60 78 88	Via Marriott.com
Conrad	+689 40 60 33 00	Via Hilton.com
InterContinental Thalasso	+689 40 86 51 78	reservation.tahitiregion@ihg.com

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