



CHECKING IN ...

THE ST. REGIS BORA BORA RESORT **BY AMY ROBERTS**

BORA BORA HAS LONG BEEN SYNONYMOUS WITH LOVE AND ROMANCE, and for good reason. With its gemstone-colored waters, over-water bungalows, and postcard-worthy beaches, it's difficult to envision a more unspoiled or serene destination for adoring newlyweds. And while the honeymoon phase is far from over, The St. Regis Bora Bora Resort takes things to the next level—catering to families just as much as couples.

The only resort in Bora Bora to offer two separate pools—one for all ages, the other adults-only—The St. Regis also boasts a private lagoonarium featuring tranquil water and colorful marine life (look for the resident Napoleon fish, Thierry), a complimentary Kids Club, and unlimited access to a plethora of water toys including snorkel equipment, stand-up paddle boards, water bikes, kayaks, a Hobie Cat sailboat, and more.

In addition to its famed over-water bungalows (the largest in all of Bora Bora), the resort also offers two-bedroom reef-side villas, two-bedroom overwater villas, and for those with a larger family and budget, a three-bedroom Royal Estate Villa.



Opposite: The St. Regis Bora Bora Resort. Clockwise from top left: Snorkeling among the sea's wonders during a manta ray safari; sea-to-table cuisine; toasting the mighty Mount Otemanu.

An exclusive stretch of white-sand beach, private pool, and chef's kitchen are just a few of the amenities you'll find in this 13,000-square-foot residence.

Delightful surprises like frangipani-infused chilled towels at the beach, fresh fruit served poolside, and dedicated cruiser bikes for peddling about make it easy to understand how this five-star resort consistently nabs the number-one ranking for guest satisfaction across all Marriot properties worldwide. The only downside? Readjusting to the "real world" without 24/7 butler service.

CONSERVATION & PRESERVATION: While turquoise blue is the predominate color in French Polynesia, The St. Regis is committed to green. General manager Emmanuel Richardet has prioritized protecting the area's delicate ecosystem and plans to eliminate all single-use plastics by 2023. Other initiatives include an onsite coral restoration program, upgrading the resort's waste management systems, and even hiring a full-time environmental engineer focused on sustainability.

SERENITY NOW: Nestled on its own island in the resort's private lagoonarium, the Iridium Spa bestows

floor-to-ceiling windows ushering in panoramic views of Mount Otemanu. Treatments include body scrubs, wraps, facials, and more. For the ultimate in relaxation, try the signature Polynesian massage.

BON APPÉTIT: With a total of four restaurants sprinkled across the resort, plus a bar menu and 24/7 room service, dining options are plentiful. But a meal at the Lagoon Restaurant by Jean-Georges is widely considered the top culinary experience in all of Bora Bora. Known for his eclectic mix of flavors in both food and drink (think jalapeno, thyme, and kiwi cocktails), Chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten's creations are both award-winning and mouth-watering. Plus, a vegan and vegetarian menu is available upon request.

UNDER THE SEA: Snorkeling with stingrays and reef sharks is a must, and the resort's concierge can arrange beneath-the-sea excursions. There are several experiences available; be sure to book one that includes a manta ray safari. And for those who are scuba certified, dive a little deeper and explore the abundant pelagic marine species. 🐠

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