

## **Wedding ceremonies**

### *Polynesian Celebration*

Duration 10 minutes

In the privacy of their room, the couple will prepare together for the special event. A hostess will join them and escort the couple to the ceremony grounds, which has been decorated with flowers following the Polynesian tradition.

They will be welcomed by the master of ceremony.

As per tradition, the couple will be baptized with their Tahitian name and exchange beautiful flower leis and crowns as a symbol of their vows.

They will be covered with the traditional *tifaifai* (Tahitian wedding quilt) before being blessed with sacred Aiti leaves and pure coconut water.

#### **THE CEREMONY INCLUDES**

- Master of ceremony
- Two flowers leis and flowers crowns
- A bouquet of flowers for the bride
- A *tifaifai* (on loan)
- A wedding certificate

### *Legal wedding*

Duration 10 minutes

If you are planning to become legally married in Moorea, please ensure you meet the following conditions:

- both spouses must be at least 18 years old,
- not be already married in France or overseas,
- the spouses must not have a relationship in direct lineage (i.e. marriages between ascendants, descendants and allies in the same lineage, between brother and sister in the collateral lineage and between uncle and niece or aunt and nephew are prohibited),
- not be of french nationality,
- not hold resident status in France or its territories,
- both spouses must be physically present during the marriage ceremony to give their consent,
- the bride and the groom should each choose witnesses – at least one each, but no more than two, who are 18 years of age and over,
- a translator/interpreter is present at the ceremony.

#### **THE CEREMONY INCLUDES**

- Paperwork assistance
- Coordinator for the wedding day
- Two witnesses
- Translator



- Flower bouquet for the bride
- Round trip ground transfer to the town hall

### Renewal of vows of ceremony

Duration 20 minutes

In the privacy of their room, the couple will prepare together for the special event. A hostess and a *vahine* dancer will escort them to the ceremony grounds, which has been decorated with flowers following the Polynesian tradition.

To the sound of the guitar and ukulele, they will be welcomed by the master of ceremony and two musicians.

As per tradition, the renewal of the vows proceeds in Tahitian, the couple will be baptized with their Tahitian name and exchange beautiful flower leis and crowns as a symbol of their vows.

They will be covered with the traditional *tifai fai* (Tahitian wedding quilt) before being blessed with sacred *Auti* leaves and pure coconut water.

The ceremony will end to the sound of *aparima* dance performed by the *vahine* dancer, symbolizing their renewed joy.

#### THE CEREMONY INCLUDES

- Master of ceremony
- Two pareos
- A *vahine* dancer and two musicians
- Two flowers leis and flowers crowns
- A bouquet of flowers for the bride
- A *tifai fai* (on loan)
- A wedding certificate
- Two coconut punches



### Traditional Polynesian wedding ceremony

Duration 25 minutes

As per the renewal of vows, the ceremony will take place on the beach, specially decorated with flowers following Polynesian tradition.

The couple will be first separated to don the traditional outfits before being reunited. The bride will be escorted by a *vahine* to the beach where she awaits the groom who will join her led by a Polynesian piroguier.

The master of ceremony will unite the couple and they will exchange beautiful flower leis and crowns as a symbol of their vows. They will be then baptized with their Tahitian names and given a marriage certificate whilst being covered by the traditional *tifai fai* (tahitian wedding quilt). They will be blessed with sacred *Auti* leaves and pure coconut water.

The ceremony will end with dances and songs celebrating the new couple's joy.

The couple will return to their room where a flowered bed, chilled bottle of champagne and canapes await them.

#### THE CEREMONY INCLUDES

- Master of ceremony with eight to ten singers, dancers and musicians
- Traditional costumes (on loan)
- Two pareos
- Two flowers leis and flowers crowns
- A bouquet of flowers for the bride
- A *tifaifai* (on loan)
- A wedding certificate
- Two coconut punches

Served in the room or bungalow, after the ceremony:

- A bottle of champagne on ice and canapes
- An arrangement of tropical flowers on the bed

#### *Romantic dinner*

The dinner is served in a setting of candles and flowers. It includes a special menu, a wedding cake and a bottle of French champagne.

- At the fine dining restaurant
- On the private terrace of your room/bungalow
- On the beach

