

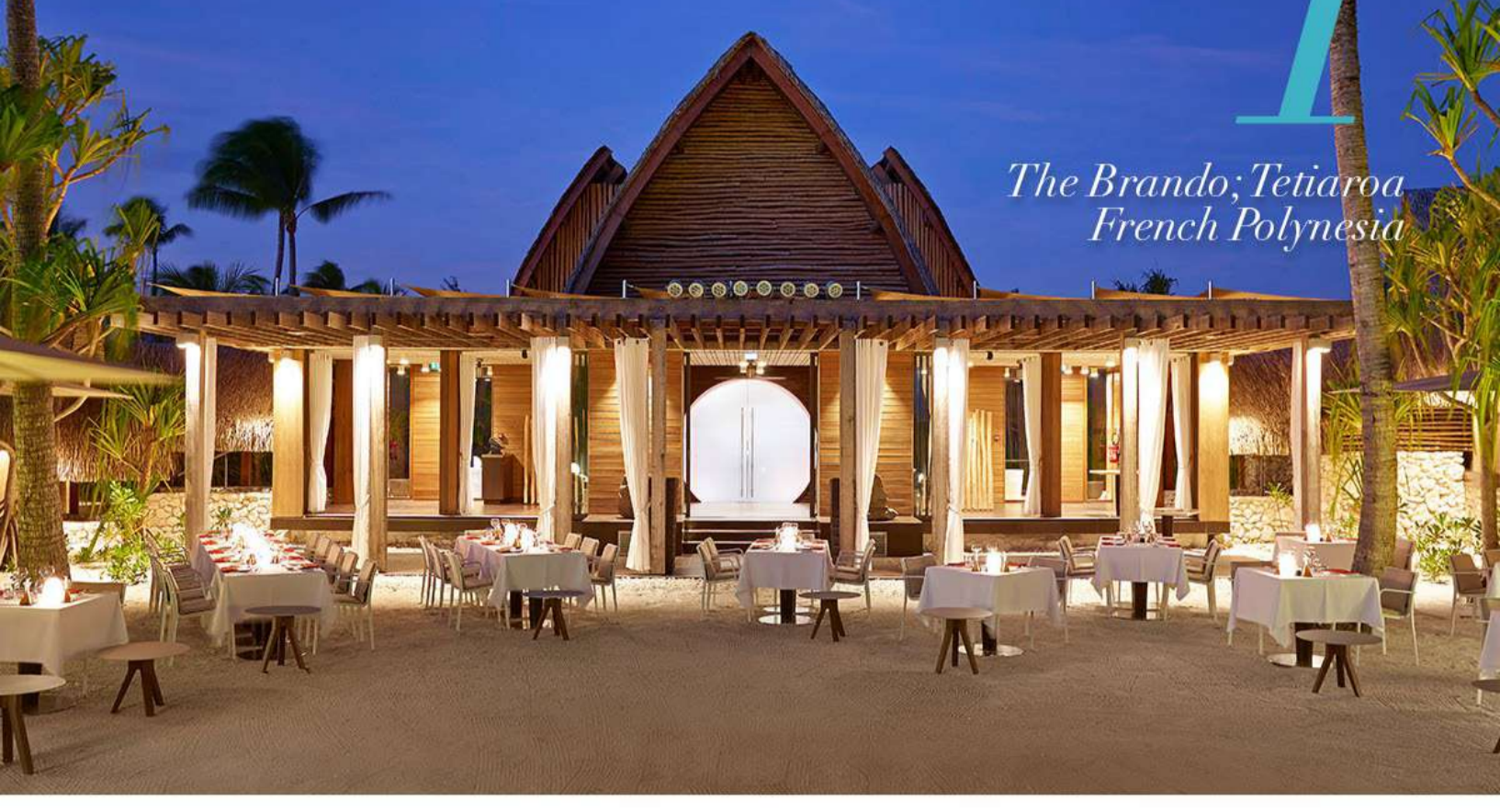
# 2017 Doers Top 4 WINNERS

BEST HOTELS IN THE WORLD

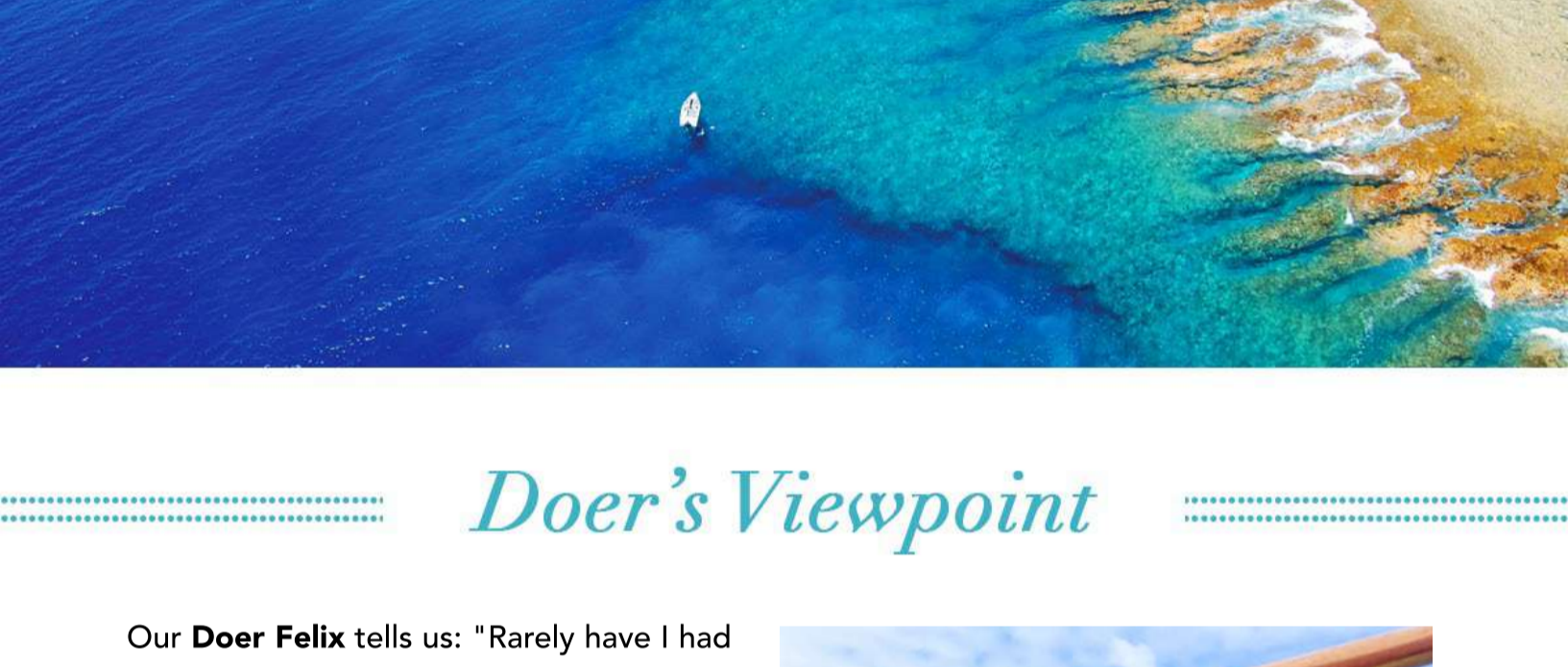
#1 WINNER - THE BRANDO

## TRULY EXTRAORDINARY HOTELS

We had a lot fun picking our favorite hotels, and trust us there's a lot of us here with a lot of different favorites, but of course there must be a winner. Without a doubt, by general consensus, **The Brando in French Polynesia** was ahead of them all and is for that reason the number 1 winner of the many hotels we visited this year. Here's a glimpse and an homage to this truly extraordinary property!



**THE BRANDO; TETIAROA, FRENCH POLYNESIA:** How to better honor a friendship than by making your best friend's dream come true... and beyond! Marlon Brando wanted to share his island but with utmost respect for nature. His buddy Dick Bailey did that and much more. To be the hotel that impressed our staff of Doers more than anything else they have ever visited, you needed to provide Luxury, Good taste, Real people, Authentic execution and no impact on the environment. Little did we know that the Brando would end up being the nest of so many grand ideas which can minimize the impact of expansion. Why don't you ask the full time biology team of students, residents of Tetiaora? Oh yes, you are going to want to know about the hotel and its unique aspects... Why don't you go and discover for yourself why we have set our standards for perfection there?



## Doer's Viewpoint

Our **Doer Felix** tells us: "Rarely have I had such a sense of separation after just a few days on an island. Maybe it is because it felt so much like my own. From my morning bike ride, to my rowing on a traditional Va'a, everything awoke my senses. My room/house had enough to make you want to spend months as an ultimate castaway. I chose the heli option on the way back, before stopping at a Tahiti warehouse and get a few pearls fitted for the ladies at home..."



## Felix's photos



## About Tetiaroa, French Polynesia

With its white sand beaches, swaying coconut palms, colorful birds, and sparkling lagoon, Tetiaroa is the epitome of a dream paradise. For its breathtaking beauty, this is a place of rare biodiversity and a natural sanctuary for birds and marine life. Tetiaroa also has a special place in Polynesian history and culture as it was the exclusive and favored retreat of Tahitian royalty for centuries. Ancient marae (temples) built on the atoll by early Polynesians can still be found there today. With its rich history and ethereal beauty it will always have a special place in the heart of Polynesians.



Aerial view of Tetiaroa Island

## More Things to do:



**SWIM WITH THE WHALES:** Embark on one of the most magical underwater adventures of your life by swimming alongside humpback whales right outside of the atoll's reef. These magnificent creatures flood the outer reefs of the French Polynesian waters to mate and nurse their calves offering fantastical opportunities for interaction. Those that are less adventurous can stay and watch from the boat.



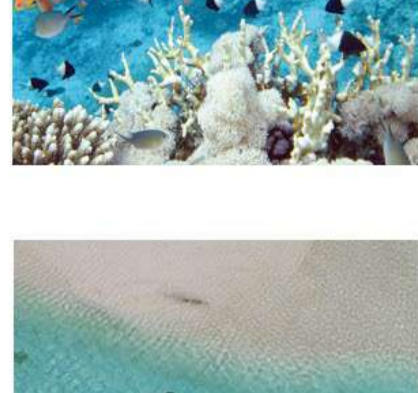
**ROMANTIC DINNER ON DESERTED ISLAND:** Nothing says romance like a private dinner for two on a paradisiacal deserted island. Do not miss the opportunity of going to paradise - quite literally! - and indulging in the unique romantic opportunities available. Abandon yourself in the beautiful scenery, delectable cuisine and enjoy the company of your special One as your chef sails away and leaves you two alone with a radio.



**CATCH YOUR BLACK PEARL:** One of the most unique and gorgeous souvenirs in all of French Polynesia are the Tahitian pearls, known as the Black Pearls. Colors range from light to dark gray with rainbows of pink or green. Ask for an excursion to dig with rainbows of your own black pearl, then get it mounted as an unforgettable memory of your journey and a unique activity to engage in while sailing the region.



**STUDY THE MARINE LIFE:** Spend half a day with one of the on-site marine biologists at The Brando snorkeling in the reef for samples and getting an unforgettable hands-on course. Immerse yourself in one of the most beautiful ecosystems of the world and study underwater life. This is a truly extraordinary experience that will deepen your understanding and appreciation for the oceans and its inhabitants.



**EXPLORE THE LAGOON:** Set out to discover the spectacular scenery of the island's stunning 3-mile-wide lagoon, which is encircled by a rectangular reef and a dozen small islands and is home to a colorful marine life such as sea turtles, rays, reef sharks and a dazzling array of tropical fish. Whether by kayak, Polynesian outrigger canoe (va'a) or by standup paddle board this idyllic paradise will be one you'll never forget.



**WORLD-CLASS DIVING:** Enjoy a magical dive in a natural jewel of the South Pacific. Tetiaroa presents a breathtaking turquoise blue lagoon with lush vegetation. Benefits from a wildlife protection and preservation program. Encounter many colorful fish in their coral habitat (triggerfish, parrotfish, surgeonfish...), as well as white tip sharks, grey sharks, spotted eagle rays, turtles, dogtooth tuna...