

Charming pensions dot the island but for a dose of a spectacular getaway on a private *motu* (reef islet), head to Motu Nao Nao, a 75-acre private island within the Raiatea lagoon. With just three villas handcrafted by local designer Alain Fleurot, the property is ideal for groups seeking an eco-chic escape with white sand beaches. Days include snorkeling, kitesurfing, or learning to paddle a *va'a* sailing canoe with tour operator Paddle Sports, and evenings might feature stargazing or a fireside dance performance. The real treat here is private chef Wilfrid Kobylt's masterpiece meals made with sustainably and ethically sourced ingredients, including several edible flowers and botanicals from the island's garden.



Courtesy of Motu Nao Nao