

THE MOST SPECTACULAR RACE AROUND THE ISLAND OF TAHITI!

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 Tahiti Nui Va'a - Outrigger Canoe Race

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Tahiti – French Polynesia

This Polynesian canoe race brings together the best athletes in this spectacular discipline in the unique decor of the island of Tahiti.

On May 2013, the 9th edition of the Tahiti Nui Va'a will be a sport event not to be missed. This race lets you also admire from the sea the impressive coastline of Tahiti, the main island of French Polynesia.

Since it was created, Tahiti Nui Va'a has been bringing together the elite of va'a, the Tahitian name of the Polynesian canoe equipped with a unique outrigger and, by extension, the sport using the traditional watercraft. During this race ran by six-man crews – called va'a ono – the participants compete over a distance of 166 Km (104 miles), which is the complete tour around Tahiti. Three days of efforts are necessary for the some sixty crews to complete this performance and to reward the winners in the various categories.

Organized under the sponsorship of AS EDT VA'A, by an organizing committee made up of personnel of EDT, an affiliate of GDF SUEZ, and first electric power supplier in French Polynesia, in partnership with the Tahitian Va'a Federation, this event wants to have today an international scale by attracting athletes from all over the world, among which our close Hawaiian and New Zealand neighbors who wish to challenge on their own turf with Tahitian athletes who have been leading this sport in the past ten years.

An exceptional competition that lets you discover a sport closely related to the history and culture of the Polynesians, a people of the Ocean, the Tahiti Nui Va'a is also a unique occasion to discover French Polynesia in the particular enthusiastic and warm context of this major sport event watched by thousands of spectators.

As it wishes to reinforce this event's notoriety and to promote more widely the sport, which is at its heart, EDT GDF SUEZ will offer packages including transportation and lodging in Tahiti as well as opportunities to follow the race under privileged conditions.

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