

**IVF WORLD SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS
BAY OF TAAONE - PIRAE
TAHITI 16TH July – 26th July 2018
2018 World Sprints Update.**

Flights to Tahiti

In the Information Sheet for this event I gave everyone details of Samantha Renvoye who is a travel agent that is assisting with the flights and accommodation etc. Even though this is well in advance and some of you may not know if you will qualify or not, the flights and accommodation are already booking up fast. Other countries such as New Zealand and most other Pacific island are all wanting the same flights and accommodation so Samantha has been requesting seats for the clubs that have already contacted her.

The update she has received is that Air Tahiti Nui have now put a stop sell on all group requests at this stage until further notice. A group airfare means you can put down a deposit of \$250 per person and secure the flight and price and not have to pay any more or allocate a name until April 2018 and a group consists of more than 9 people travelling on the same flights.

The other option is to purchase a non-group airfare that requires payment upfront and no name changes, this is only recommended for those that are certain of their dates and that they will be going.

For those that have already been in contact with Samantha and waiting on confirmed seats, she will contact you direct when she has a response from Air Tahiti Nui which will not be before Sep 12th. She is also waiting on prices from Air New Zealand who have already indicated they are near full capacity for these group fares. The prices have been rising and as the time passes, and she has been told they will continue to rise.

To assist us in negotiating with the airlines it would be advantageous if we could get some idea of the possible numbers of paddler attending from Australia. Can you please return the attached form to me **ASAP** to give us some indication of possible numbers attending from your club, don't forget family and friends. As the Elite paddlers will need to be in Tahiti a littler earlier AOCRA are looking to secure some seats to arrive in Tahiti around the 12th July. Can you also indicate on the form how many paddlers are intending to qualify for Elite.

The Intent to Qualify nomination and spreadsheet is due by October 29th. Completing this **ASAP** would also assist. As I have stated earlier we have 6 lanes per event category V6 so if we have 6 or less in each category your team would be able attend. V12's and V1's are 3 per event category.



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There are also very limited accommodation options. Samantha is holding one tentative option, we already have 50 people interested and would like to send out an expression of interest to see if we can fill the 200 places or near to that number, if not she will have to let it go.

In summary, the accommodation she has held can fit up to 200 people, it will be only for Australian paddlers

It is a big stadium, similar to a basketball court hall and everyone will sleep on mats (similar to a foam mattress) with pillows and a sheet provided. There will be all meals included, lunch can be delivered to the race site and at the end they will also provide a big Traditional Tahitian feast. There are separate share toilet facilities and an outside area to use. This is in a secure site in the valley in a quiet area.

The cost is approx. \$70AUD per person per night and the only extra cost will be the transfers between the accommodation and the race site, we are still waiting on this.

The site is situated in Punauuia about 20mins away from the race site, but at this stage, we do not have many other options, other than a similar hospitality package through the Tahitian federation that is similar conditions and area but slightly more expensive.

Please contact Samantha on the details below and express your interest, she will then be able to advise you on your best option.

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Attached also is the letter of invitation from the IVF and Tahiti Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for the event.

Thank you,

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