

Live Romance



Cook  Islands



Kia Orana!

From the moment you land, the beauty, warmth and friendliness of the Cook Islands sweeps you off your feet. You're greeted at the airport with garlands of fresh flowers and breezy island tunes from the legendary Papa Jake, who strums a cheerful song for new arrivals. Beyond the airport your romantic holiday awaits. White sand beaches, pristine lagoons, jagged volcanic peaks, lush forests – whether relaxing in the sun, or strolling hand-in-hand along a beach, you'll appreciate the untouched natural beauty of your surroundings. You could say these islands were made for romance.



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a white and green patterned strapless dress and a white flower lei, stands on a paved path in a tropical setting. She is holding a large bowl filled with bright red hibiscus flowers. The background features lush greenery, including palm trees and ferns, and a glimpse of the ocean in the distance. A semi-transparent green banner with white cursive text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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With impossibly blue lagoons and dazzling white sand beaches, our islands offer the perfect romantic escape. Moonlit walks on soft silky sand, snorkelling in warm azure lagoons amongst a myriad of colourful fish, treks to deserted spots, sipping champagne at sunset – there's simply no better place for love. Relax, chill-out, slow down to the island pace and re-discover your passion for each other in this seductive environment. Here, you'll find a honeymoon that is beyond your wildest dreams, on islands that are amongst the most beautiful on earth.





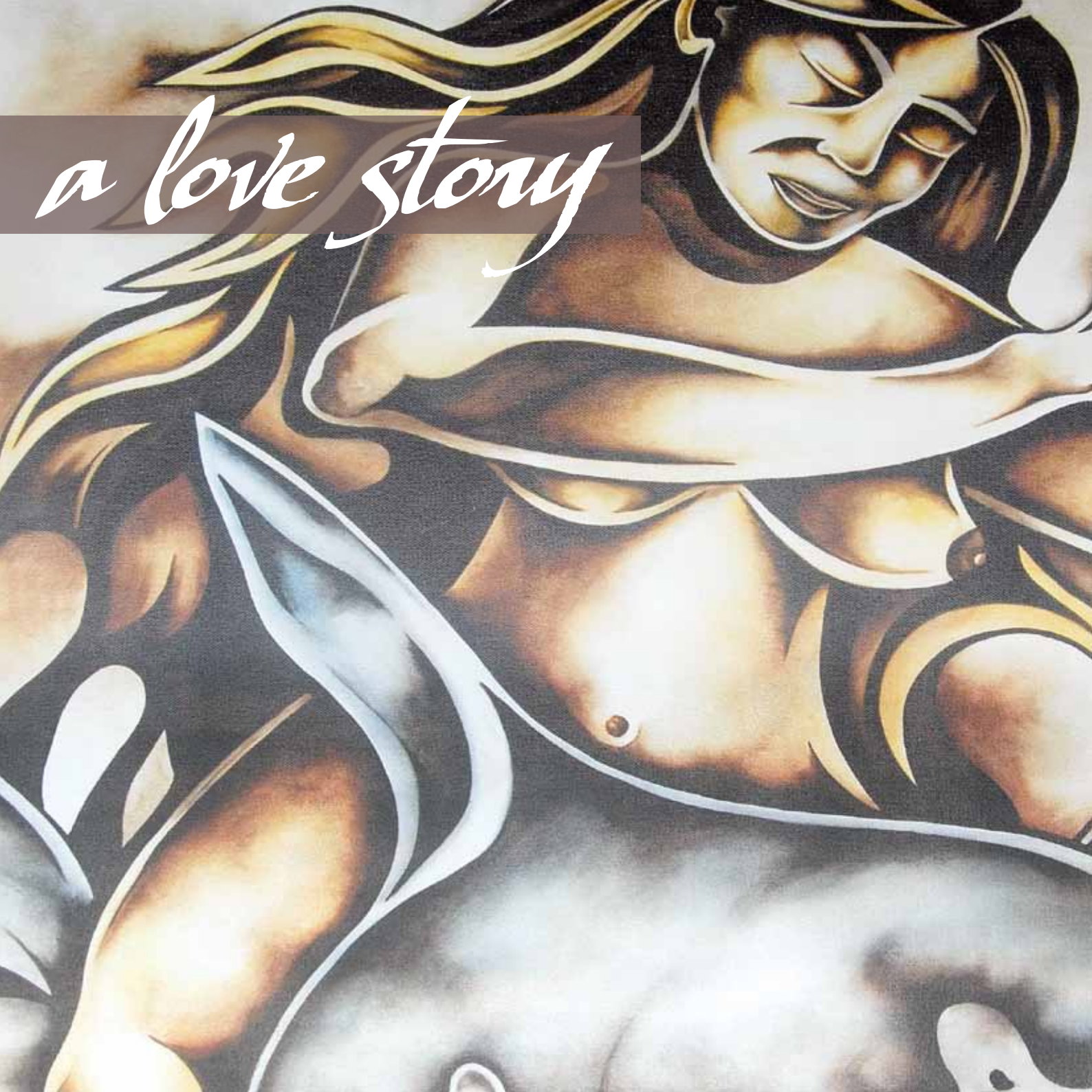
In the Cook Islands every day boasts a hundred romantic possibilities. You can enjoy slow-paced days or fast-paced nightlife. You can venture into local villages for a taste of laidback island life, or kayak to a deserted island to hide away for hours on end. Whether it's coming face-to-face with the islands' rich culture of song and dance, or adventures in the great outdoors, together you'll find yourself easily absorbed into the gentle rhythm and laid back lifestyle of these islands.

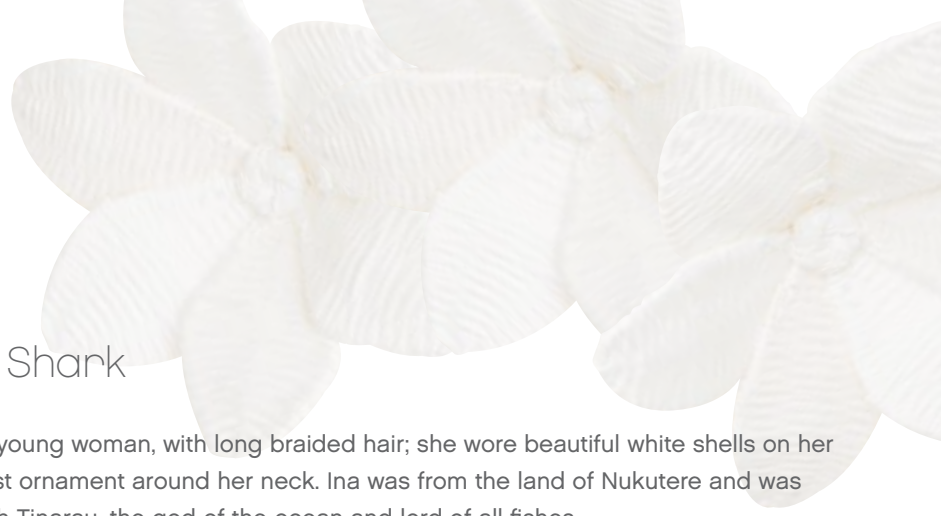


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a love story





Ina and the Shark

Ina was an attractive young woman, with long braided hair; she wore beautiful white shells on her arms and a rich breast ornament around her neck. Ina was from the land of Nukutere and was hopelessly in love with Tinarau, the god of the ocean and lord of all fishes.

Tinarau lived far away on a floating island and one day, after a disagreement with her family, Ina decided to go in search of her loved one. She went to the sea and encouraged some fish to help her swim, but the fish were too small to bear her weight and so they left her gasping in the breakers on the reef. Eventually a friendly shark appeared and to her great delight agreed to carry Ina on his back. She quickly gathered two coconuts to take on the journey.

Half way through her dangerous quest Ina became thirsty, so the helpful shark raised his dorsal fin on which Ina pierced the eye of one of the nuts and refreshed herself. Further on she again asked the shark for help and he raised his head, upon which she cracked the second hard coconut shell. Smarting from the blow he dived to the depths of the ocean, leaving Ina to float as best she could. From that day there has been a marked protuberance on the shark's head which is now called 'Ina's Bump'.

Fearing she would drown, she called on her unbridled love for Tinarau. Her plea was answered by Tekea the Great, the king of all sharks, who rose from the bottom of the sea to rescue the tenacious and beautiful girl and transport her to Tinarau's island.

Eventually the brave girl was delivered from the perils of the sea as they reached the sacred isle. She soon found a house in which she beat a great wooden drum to attract her lover, but when Tinarau entered the coy girl hid herself. Tinarau, unable to find who had beaten the drum, left the house, but Ina fearing she would lose so noble a man again beat the drum.

When Tinarau came back and discovered the beautiful, blushing girl who had endured so much to be by his side, his heart swelled with love and admiration for Ina. He asked her to be his bride and they became man and wife.



Rejoice in your love for each other in this idyllic setting. Here, you'll find it so easy to say "I do". You could tie the knot while standing barefoot on champagne-coloured sands at sunset, in a flower-filled pavilion, or on the secluded shores of a tiny, deserted island. You could be transported to your marriage location in a traditional outrigger canoe, or transported to another era with a magical island wedding dance. You can be surrounded by family and friends, or surrounded by nothing but nature. Whatever your choice, you can be sure your wedding day, or re-affirming your wedding vows will be incredibly memorable and magical. And above all, romantic.



celebrate...








indulge...





The Cook Islands boasts some of the world's finest resorts; most in an enclave of refinement and intimacy, boasting only a handful of bungalows, suites, villas, or luxurious 'ares' (bungalows) hanging over the water. In sumptuous and unique restaurants, treat your taste-buds to mouth-watering local and Pacific cuisine, matched with the world's finest wines. And for the ultimate treat - pamper each other in the private oasis of a spa, where you can experience a variety of body wraps, facials, manicures, pedicures and aromatherapy; or luxuriate in a beachside location with a relaxing massage. Together, you'll be glad you made time to experience the romance of the Cook Islands.





*A private, peaceful space that only you inhabit.
A sanctuary that nourishes you with its beauty
and tranquility. Romance comes easily here.*

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