

EDUCATION

Educational programs for schools

Preservation through education

The preservation of the marine environment and of the creatures that live in it requires that people become **aware of the dangers** threatening the natural environment and the **extinction risks** that living species face. Considering this, Moorea Dolphin Centre plays an important role in educating the public, and especially the children, considering the key role they play in the protection of our planet in their day-to-day life and future.



In cooperation with the hotel InterContinental Moorea Resort & Spa and the “Te Man O Te Moana” conservation foundation, Moorea Dolphin Centre provides **free educational programs** to schools and groups that allow them to better understand cetaceans, marine turtles, their natural habitat and the local dangers that threaten these natural resources.

In the **dolphin area**, kids can learn and meet dolphins ... Truly an **unforgettable moment** and surely the best way for them to feel the need to protect these animals, learn more about them, and nurture their desire to change their behaviour.

The program targets **kids from 5 to 12** with a maximum of **30 kids per group** of similar grade. It is **totally free of charge**. For the kids of the island of Moorea, **transport is provided** by a typical local bus called “Truck” and is sponsored by the town hall of Moorea. Schools from the other islands can use the “Truck” from the Vaiare ferry wharf. The program lasts an hour and a half up to 2h30 depending on the class level. It usually starts at 8:00 am. Groups must book in advance.



The program is divided into several parts and starts in the **conference room** of the InterContinental Moorea Resort & Spa. Some flexibility is allowed of course according to the class and some of the organisational requirements of the dolphin area. A variety of **themes**

linked to the official school programs are addressed according to the level of the group. Thanks to a variety of **fun and educational tools** kids can learn about the marine life diversity, their ecosystem, their characteristics, their feeding habits and food chain, or whales' migrations.



Another half hour of the program is dedicated to educational workshops in smaller groups. This part of the program helps the kids assimilate new knowledge through **games and activities** that require thinking, memory, observation, and reading skill. The group then gathers again for the last part of the session dedicated to the **protection of the environment**. Kids are made aware of the importance to protect nature and the living species, not to dump their thrash anywhere, recycling...



Finally, the program ends with the **visit to the dolphin center and the turtles' clinic with the non-profit foundation te mana o te moana** (around 10.15 – 10.30 am). The trainer introduces the kids to the different animals and kids observe them from the water's edge.

