

## **RUPA Pass Travel Report November 2018**

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Fall is here, and Winter is on the way. That means it might be time to take advantage of our travel benefits and go somewhere warm.

Two suggestions for your consideration: Our newly inaugurated SFO-Tahiti flight and ,of course, down under!

The new Tahiti flights coincide nicely with the addition of Air Tahiti to our list of off-line travel benefits. Air Tahiti (not to be confused with Air Tahiti Nui) is a regional airline that serves countless islands in Polynesia. No need to deal with the tourists in Papeete when you can fly off to some remote islands for some real down time. Air Tahiti offers us Low Zed Fares and Medium for parents.

This is also a popular time to head south under the stars of the Southern Cross. Our flights to Auckland, Sydney and Melbourne might be just the ticket. And we have lots of travel opportunities within Australia. Qantas and its subsidiary Jet Star as well as Tiger Air Australia, all offer us great travel benefits. They crisscross Australia and fly to neighboring countries as well.

But please keep in mind one thing. School and work summer vacations begin in December down under, and once the Christmas holidays are done the flights out of Australia are pretty jam packed. The locals are all heading out for their summer vacations. And their domestic flights are just like ours would be in the US in June. So, time your return to avoid those peak north-bound flights.

And there's more! Don't forget the rest of the Southern hemisphere during our winter, southern South America including Argentina and Chile reachable on United and others, and South Africa, reachable on a number of great off-line carriers. 'La ora na, G'day and Adiós!