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## Party with Moais for Tapati!

**\*\* *Tapati Rapa Nui, Easter Island* \*\***  
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*OCTOBER – 2009:* Since 1975 the natives of Easter Island have dedicated a fortnight of their summer to partying in the name of cultural appreciation for *Tapati*. Mesmerizing melodies of Polynesian music, grass skirted dancers, feasts and fairs unite the island's residents and welcome foreigners from all over the world.

Culminating in the election of a 'queen', the festivities of *Tapati* are an adventure for the senses and where better to enjoy these cultural traditions than Easter Island's very first luxury hotel and architectural marvel, *explora Rapa Nui - Posada Mike Rapu?* .

Rising out of the Ranu Raraku volcano, *explora Rapa Nui* takes travellers to the heart of Rapa Nui history and the iconic site where the historic Moais of Easter Island were carved. *explora's* bilingual guides and native staff are on hand to give their travellers insider knowledge to Easter Island and the events of *Tapati*, with an emphasis on excursions and cultural discovery. At this celebratory time of year, *explora* travellers can immerse themselves into the festivities to the extent of sporting traditional full-body paints and qualifying as fully fledged experts in *Haka Pei*, the traditional sport of sliding on banana tree trunks in the Pu'i hills!



After the revelry, travellers may wish to continue their journeys to another of explora's properties – experiencing breathtaking star-gazing and desert excursions at the recently renovated explora Atacama, or exploring the neighboring Torres del Paine National Park at explora Patagonia. More intrepid travellers may opt to enjoy a *Travesía* – one of explora's unique nomadic journeys. These 8-11 day expeditions take explora travellers into remote areas of Chile, Bolivia and Argentina to discover unspoilt natural beauty.

**Rates start at \$2,280 per person for a three-night stay.**

**Rates are inclusive of all meals, daily excursions and airport transfers.**

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*Notes to editors:*

*explora is not so much a hotel group as a revolutionary way of traveling to remote places in South America, where the focus is on in-depth exploration of the surroundings and the luxury of the essential. Founded in 1989, explora encourages a new attitude towards travel for those who have a passion for discovering new places and people, in relatively unexplored regions of the southern tip of South America. explora owns and operates three lodges – explora Atacama, Hotel de Larache, explora Patagonia, Hotel Salto Chico and explora Rapa Nui, Easter Island (a certified LEED property) - together with four different 'Travesías' that offer travellers nomadic journeys throughout Atacama, Patagonia, Argentina and the salt flats of Bolivia.*

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