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The Land of Men

Discovered in 1595 by Alvaro De Mendanao Castro of Spain and visited by Captain Cook in the year 1774, the Marquesas is a group of sixteen volcanic islands, only six of which are able to support habitation. The largest, Nuku Hiva, is 107 square miles. The total land area of the Marquesas is 492 square miles. The population today is about 5,560 as compared to an estimated 100,000 during the nineteenth century. Paul Gauguin made these islands famous by spending his last years in the Marquesas. He is buried in Hiva Oa. The Marquesas has been under French rule since 1842.



Nukuhiwa



Uaohu



Uapou



Fatunuku



Hivaos

Tahuata

Monotani

Fatuhiva

















