



**The Ultimate Wave  
Tahiti 3D (G)**

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**Director:** Stephen Low (*Volcanoes of the Deep Sea*)

**Starring:** Kelly Slater, Raimana Van Bastolaer

**Swell well well**

## 3D SURFING TAKES WAVES TO THE IMAX

**I**F I had a dollar for every time I've heard someone in a surfing doco say some place has "the most incredible waves in the world", I'd be 50 bucks richer by now. And I reckon I've seen only about 10 surfing docos in all my living days.

For this IMAX 3D presentation, those most incredible waves are crashing in Tahiti.

Hardened surfaholics will already know that this tiny and remote island is home to the infamously brutal Teahupoo run, where seasonal variations in coral growth can throw perfectly shaped breaks with powerhouse intensity.

Veteran IMAX filmmaker Stephen Low has worked in an all-marine environment on several occasions, and his considerable experience pays off during the spectacular board-riding sequences captured here.

The 3D factor plays its part too, of course. If anything, surf fans will be so excited by what the added dimension brings to the mix that the 40-minute running time will seem too brief.

Particularly when many scenes are gobbled up by unofficial promotions of Tahiti as a tourist destination, and also the obligatory educational angle always inserted in an IMAX production. Gotta keep bringing in those school field-trip crowds, I guess.

Featured riders of note include nine-time world champion Kelly Slater and connoisseurs' fave Raimana Van Bastolaer.

And talented locals apply their home-water advantage over the visitors to brilliant effect.

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