Teahupo’o

Even the wave’s name means “wall of broken skulls”. It is a hotspot for surfing competitions, known for its big waves and barrels but more than that it is known for its odd form. The reef wave breaks in an odd shape that gains attention—the crescent-shaped break forms this way as it breaks along a large crescent reef in Tahiti. The area breaks exceptionally at around 20ft and was the home of the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. The break season is from April to October and breaks well when the swell is in the southwest direction as waves sweep through the surrounding islands and condense the swell as it approaches the reef. The waveform is perfect at the high wave height due to the rapid gain in seafloor elevation up to the reef.

Competition:

Kelly Slater vs. John John Florence - Billabong Pro Tahiti 2016 Final

Big Surf:

Biggest, Scariest Teahupoo in Over a Decade



