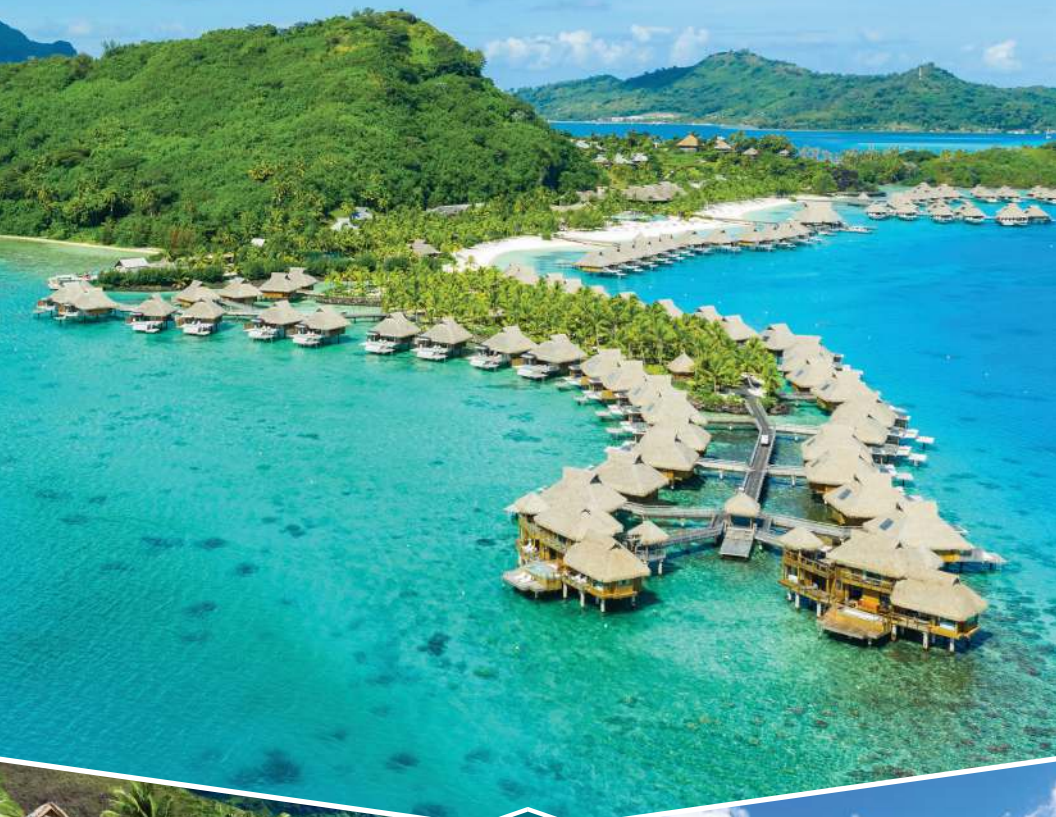




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Chief Executive Officer

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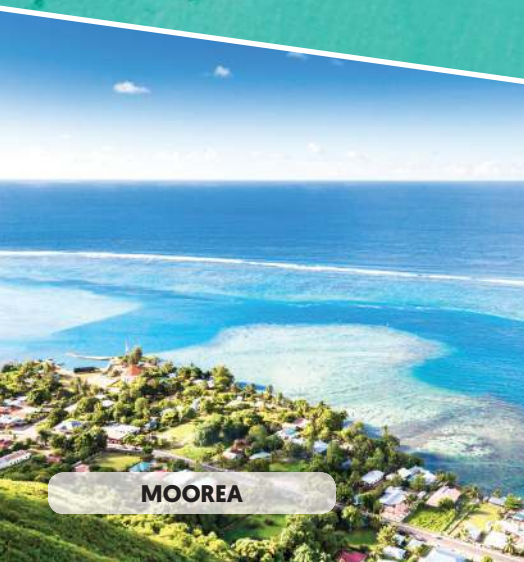
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M/S PANORAMA II

TAHITI & THE PEARLS OF FRENCH POLYNESIA

8 Day Cruise Around Tahiti And The Society Islands On Board M/S Panorama II

DAY 1

Papeete, Tahiti ▶ Bora Bora

Embark the Panorama II in Papeete Port between 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm. After a welcome briefing and safety drill, we will set sail for Bora Bora. Overnight at sea.

🍴 **Dinner** 🚗 **M/S Panorama II**

DAY 2

Bora Bora

Early morning arrival in Bora Bora, possibly the most photographed place on earth. Our ship sails into Bora Bora lagoon with Mount Otemanu rising proudly at the center. Over the following two days, we will have a variety of optional activities to choose from, such as:

- A Bora Bora Cultural Tour by 4x4.
- An excursion to snorkel with sting rays and sharks and explore the lagoon.
- The Bora Bora tour by “Le Truck” and more.

Overnight at anchor.

🍴 **Full Board** 🚗 **M/S Panorama II**

DAY 3

Bora Bora ▶ Huahine

Today, we continue our Bora Bora optional activities. After lunch, we cruise the Bora Bora lagoon and sail to Huahine, arriving late in the evening. Overnight at anchor inside the lagoon.

🍴 **Full Board** 🚗 **M/S Panorama II**

DAY 4

Huahine

Huahine, once home to Tahitian royalty, is considered the cradle of Polynesian culture. The two islands maintain the largest concentration of ancient marae (temples) in

French Polynesia, some of which are believed to date back to around 700 AD. Huahine is a colossal tropical jungle burgeoning with coconut plantations, vanilla orchids, banana groves, breadfruit trees and watermelon fields. Our optional half-day tour takes us by 4x4 vehicle around the island to visit the small villages of Fare and Maeva, an archaeological site, and a vanilla plantation. There will also be an opportunity to see and feed the sacred blue-eyed eels of Faie Bay. Overnight at anchor.

🍴 **Full Board** 🚗 **M/S Panorama II**

DAY 5

Huahine ▶ Taha'a

We leave Huahine early this morning and sail to the island of Taha'a, which shares a magnificent lagoon with Raiatea Island. The fertile island is covered with banana, watermelon and coconut groves. The island also acts as a vast natural greenhouse for the treasured Tahitian vanilla orchid. Our optional half-day excursion will allow us to explore the beautiful interior of the island by 4x4 vehicle. Taste the local fruit and admire breathtaking views of the magnificent turquoise waters of Ha'amene Bay.

This excursion also includes a visit to a pearl farm and a traditional vanilla plantation. In the afternoon, we will have plenty of time for swimming and snorkelling from a “motu”, or reef islet. Overnight at anchor.

🍴 **Full Board** 🚗 **M/S Panorama II**

DAY 6

Taha'a ▶ Raiatea ▶ Moorea

We sail across the lagoon to reach nearby Raiatea, which translates to “faraway heaven” and “sky with soft light”. Originally known as

Havai'i, Raiatea is considered the homeland of the ancient Polynesians. Our morning optional excursion will introduce you to the highlights of Raiatea. Meet your guide for an informative & intimate tour by minibus. Enjoy a panoramic drive through the main town of Uturoa -- the cultural and administrative center of Raiatea. Shortly after leaving town, you will see Mount Temehani -- endemic home to the Tiare Apetahi. Our highlight stop is at the main ancient Marae (open-air temple) of Taputapuatea, recently became a UNESCO protected site – your guide will cover the origins & history of this famous land mark. Here, we will learn about its Polynesian origins and historical relevance. Optional afternoon tour includes an exploration by kayak of the Faaroa River, French Polynesia's only navigable river, with an expert guide leading the way through Raiatea's verdant interior. Late in the evening we sail to Moorea. Overnight at sea.

🍴 **Full Board** 🚢 **M/S Panorama II**

DAY 7

Moorea

This morning, we reach Moorea, believed to be the inspiration for the mythical Bali Hai from James Michener's Tales of the South Pacific. Eight gargantuan mountain peaks rise from its magnificent lagoon, creating a distinctive silhouette visible from the western coast of Tahiti. Morning and afternoon optional half day excursions;

- A snorkelling and ray tour
- A nature & Culture Tour taking you to
- admire magnificent views in the interior of
- the island.

Tonight we will enjoy our Farewell Dinner. Overnight at anchor. Tonight, we will enjoy our Farewell Dinner. Overnight at anchor.

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DAY 8

Moorea ▶ Papeete, Tahiti

Early morning sailing to Tahiti. Morning arrival in Papeete. Disembarkation at 9:00 am after breakfast.

🍴 **Breakfast**

Inclusions

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- Regular (filter) coffee, tea and drinking water free all day.
- Use of fishing and snorkelling equipment (subject to availability).
- English speaking cruise escort.

Exclusions

- International flights and airport taxes.
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- Shore excursions on the islands or other land arrangements.
- Tips for members of the crew.
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MOOREA



RAIATEA & TAHA'A



M/S PANORAMA II

TAHITI, THE SOCIETY & TUAMOTU ISLANDS

11 Day Cruise Around Tahiti, The Society And Tuamotu Islands On Board M/S Panorama II

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Overnight at anchor.

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DAY 3

Bora Bora ▶ Taha'a

We continue our Bora Bora activities. After lunch we cruise the Bora Bora lagoon and sail to nearby Taha'a, a true botanical paradise. The fertile island is covered with banana, watermelon and coconut groves. The island also acts as a vast natural greenhouse for the treasured Tahitian vanilla orchid. Our optional half-day excursion will allow us to explore the beautiful interior of the island by 4x4 vehicle. Taste the local fruit and admire breathtaking views of the magnificent turquoise waters of Ha'amene Bay. This excursion also includes

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DAY 4

Taha'a ▶ Raiatea

In the morning we sail across the lagoon and reach nearby Raiatea, which translates to “faraway heaven” and “sky with soft light”. Originally known as Havai'i, Raiatea is considered the homeland of the ancient Polynesians. Our morning optional excursion will introduce you to the highlights of Raiatea. Meet your guide for an informative & intimate tour by minibus. Enjoy a panoramic drive through the main town of Uturoa -- the cultural and administrative center of Raiatea. Shortly after leaving town, you will see Mount Temehani -- endemic home to the Tiare Apetahi. Our highlight stop is at the main ancient Marae (open-air temple) of Taputapuatea, recently became a UNESCO protected site – your guide will cover the origins & history of this famous land mark. Here, we will learn about its Polynesian origins and historical relevance. Optional afternoon tour includes an exploration by kayak of the Faaroa River, French Polynesia's only navigable river, with an expert guide leading the way through Raiatea's verdant interior. Overnight at anchor.

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DAY 5

Raiatea ▶ Huahine ▶ Makatea

Morning sailing to Huahine. Huahine, once home to Tahitian royalty, is considered the

cradle of Polynesian culture. The two islands maintain the largest concentration of ancient marae (temples) in French Polynesia, some of which are believed to date back to around 700 AD. Huahine is a colossal tropical jungle burgeoning with coconut plantations, vanilla orchids, banana groves, breadfruit trees and watermelon fields. Our optional full-day tour takes us by 4x4 vehicle around the island to visit the small villages of Fare and Maeva, an archaeological site, and a vanilla plantation. There will also be an opportunity to see and feed the sacred blue-eyed eels of Faie Bay. Evening sailing to Makatea, overnight at sea.

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DAY 6

Makatea ▶ Rangiroa

The island of Makatea is like no other found in French Polynesia. It is not a coral atoll but rather a raised island of coral. The limestone cliffs tower over the coast and the island's interior shows significant vegetation, complete with a few species of endemic birds and a peculiar expanse of limestone holes. Today, this sleepy but spectacular island is home to three species of threatened endemic birds: the beautiful Makatea fruit dove, the impressive imperial pigeon, and the comely appearing singer extraordinaire, the reed warbler. Our half-day optional tour will take us across this unique island to a magnificent beach with rockpools to explore before we visit an incredible grotto. Swimming deeper inside the grotto, this underwater cave system will slowly open out to reveal a spectacular watery cathedral, full of weird and wonderful stalagmites and stalactites. Late afternoon departure to Rangiroa. Overnight at sea.

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DAY 7

Rangiroa

Morning arrival in Rangiroa, the largest atoll in the Tuamotu Archipelago and one of the largest in the world. One of the best destinations for scuba diving, Rangiroa is composed of 240 islets, more than 110 miles, encompassing a

deep lagoon. Our full-day optional excursion will take us to the Blue Lagoon, a natural pool formed by islets and reefs within the central lagoon. At only 16 feet deep, the Blue Lagoon is an ideal location for swimming, snorkelling, and observing the vast assortment of marine life. Enjoy a traditional Polynesian picnic before returning to the ship. Overnight at anchor.

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DAY 8

Rangiroa ▶ Tikehau ▶ Tetiaroa

Early morning sailing and arrival at Tikehau also called the Pink Sand Island. This small atoll consists of countless tiny white and pink sand islets engulfed in coconut groves and hidden alcoves. In Tikehau, which actually means "peaceful landing," you will find nothing but absolute serenity on her calm and graceful shores. The lagoon, formed by an almost unbroken ring of continuous coral, resembles an immense natural swimming pool. This underwater aquarium is teeming with marine life. According to the legendary marine researcher Jacques Cousteau, it has a higher concentration of fish than any other lagoon in French Polynesia. Our optional walking tour will take us to one of the family-owned fish farm where they trap different species of fish in a maze of underwater fencing. Much of their catch is then shipped to Papeete and sold at the local markets. We will visit Tuherahera at the southern side where most locals live, leaving the remainder of the atoll virtually untouched. In fact, the northeastern quarter is mostly uninhabited. Naturally adorned with colorful flowers such as hibiscus and bougainvillea, Tuherahera is one of the most attractive villages in the Tuamotu Atolls. Afternoon sailing to Tetiaroa.

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DAY 9

Tetiaroa ▶ Moorea

A haven for birds, sea turtles and all kinds of marine life, Tetiaroa is treasured among Tahitians who know it as a sacred place. So sacred, that at one time the coconut-dotted

white sand beaches and crystalline lagoon of this uninhabited atoll was an exclusive getaway for Tahitian royalty. It's not surprising that actor Marlon Brando fell under its spell during the filming of "Mutiny on the Bounty" in 1960 and later went on to become its owner. Under his direction a luxury eco-resort was designed and it operates in 100% sustainable manner. We will spend the morning in this charming island, exploring the lagoon and snorkelling in its crystal clear waters. Enjoy an optional guided walking tour to the islet of Tahuna Iti, the Birds' Island. The islet shelters one of the largest colony of birds in Tahiti and is a national reserve for seabirds, frigates, sterns, phaetons (straw tails), brown gannets and other petrels. Afternoon sailing and evening arrival at Moorea.

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DAY 10

Moorea

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Tonight we will enjoy our Farewell Dinner. Overnight at anchor.

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DAY 11

Moorea ▶ Papeete, Tahiti

Early morning sailing to Tahiti. Morning arrival in Papeete. Disembarkation at 9:00 am after breakfast.

🚢 Breakfast

Inclusions

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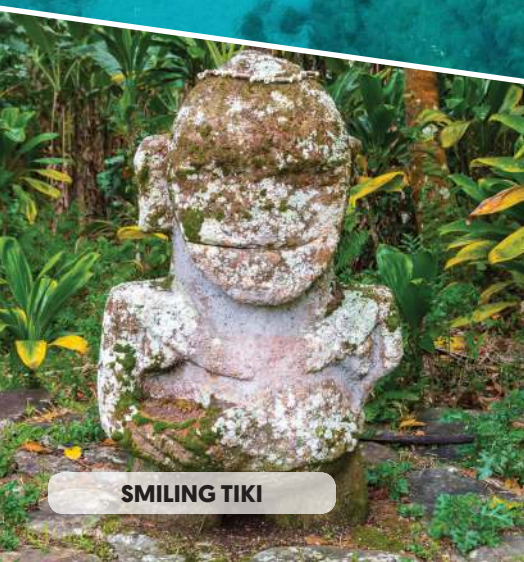
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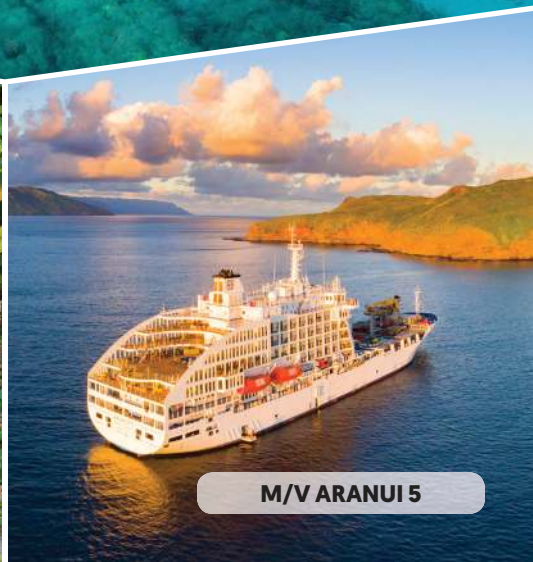
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M/V ARANUI 5

VOYAGE TO THE AUSTRAL ISLANDS

10 Day Cruise Around Tahiti And The Austral Islands On Board M/V Aranui 5

DAY 1

Papeete, Tahiti

You will embark on the Aranui 5 in the morning, receive a warm welcome from our crew and begin the long journey to the Austral Islands.

🍴 Lunch • Dinner 🚢 M/V Aranui 5

DAY 2

At Sea

Take advantage of this day at sea to relax by the ship's pool or participate in one of our lectures or an activity organized by our guides.

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DAY 3

Rurutu

One of the largest raised atolls in French Polynesia, the island formation of Rurutu is not what one expects to see in the South Pacific. Basalt and limestone cliffs are dotted with caves where the islanders once lived, as well as a volcanic interior with a lush tropical jungle, and white sand beaches with beautiful bays, all create a stunning sight. The island's fertile soil and cooler climate are ideal for growing cabbage, lettuce and potatoes as well as coffee and taro. Archaeological digs have uncovered habitation sites, council platforms and marae temples in the village of Vitaria, showing man's presence around 900 A.D. Rurutu is known throughout Polynesia for the quality of its woven products, including magnificent hats, bags and baskets, or mats from pandanus leaves and other natural materials. From August to October each year, humpback whales can be seen and heard in Rurutu, where they come south to mate and give birth.

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DAY 4

Rurutu ▶ Tubuai

Tubuai is the largest island of the archipelago and is the administrative and economic capital of the Australs. The huge lagoon, nearly twice as large as the island itself, offers 33 sq. mi. (85 km²) of pure aquatic fun. The mild climate also makes these islands ideal for farming. The first explorers were struck by the island's beauty. Toward the end of the 19th Century, explorers Wallis and Cook took a liking to the lush vegetation and crystal-clear water of the island. However, the area did not look appropriate for good anchorage given the large barrier reef around the coast. This disadvantage turned into an incredible advantage in the eyes of the famous mutineers of the HMS Bounty.

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DAY 5

At Sea

Enjoy a day at sea to relax by the pool and participate in one of the lectures or activities offered by our guides.

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DAY 6

Rapa

As you approach Rapa, only accessible by sea, the Captain may announce: "Welcome to Rapa. Next stop Antarctica". As the southernmost inhabited island of French Polynesia, this crescent shaped land mass — with a fjord-like coastline deeply indented by 12 bays — is as remote as it gets. Rapa-Iti, or "small Rapa" as the island is also called, has a strong cultural connection to Easter Island, known as Rapa-Nui

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DAY 7

Rapa

Among the other activities on offer during our one and a half day stopover in Rapa, you will visit Ahurei, the main village of the island, explore ancient fortresses, visit an agricultural production centre, discover local arts and crafts, meet the inhabitants of this isolated island, and share a ma'a over a wood fire in the village.

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DAY 8

Rapa ▶ Raivavae

Raivavae's white sand beaches, large emerald lagoon and 28 motus encircling the lush green main island, have earned it the title of the "Bora Bora of the Austral Islands". Giant stone tikis, including an unusual smiling tiki, resembling those in the Marquesas and on Easter Island, wood sculptures, an open-air marae temple and Polynesian canoes are some of the archaeological elements you will discover during a circle island tour. If you wish, you can relax on one of the motus and swim in the crystal-clear lagoon. An excursion by speed boat is available. A beach barbecue featuring local dishes will be served for lunch.

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DAY 9

At Sea

Take advantage of this day at sea to relax by the ship's pool or participate in one of our

lectures or an activity organized by our guides.

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DAY 10

Papeete, Tahiti

This is the end of our journey. We will arrive in Papeete around 7:00 pm. It's time to say Nānā! (Goodbye) to your travel companions, to the Polynesian staff and Aranui guides.

🚢 Breakfast • Lunch

Inclusions

- Cruise transportation and related taxes (tourist tax, port tax, fuel, TDC).
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- A bottle of wine to share among 4 passengers for scheduled onboard meals.
- Lunches in local restaurants.
- Planned guided shore excursions to remote villages and archaeological sites.
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- Lecturers onsite and onboard.

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- Transfers from and to the airport.
- Shipboard purchases.
- Liquor
- Gratuities
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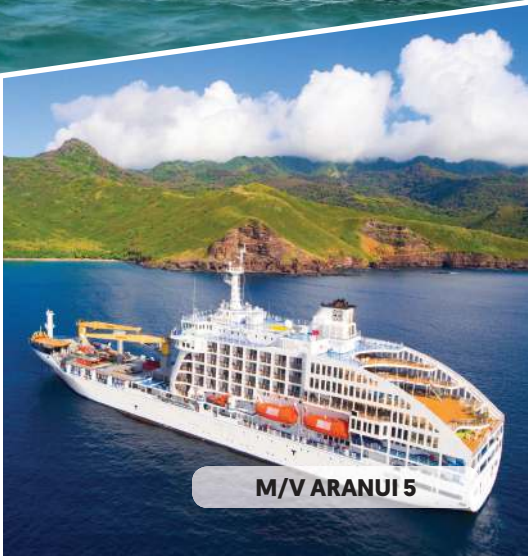
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RAROTONGA



AITUTAKE



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VOYAGE TO THE COOK, AUSTRAL & TUAMOTU ISLANDS

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DAY 3

Aitutaki, Cook Islands

Another paradise island in the South Pacific, Aitutaki has it all: gorgeous white sand beaches and a stunning turquoise lagoon surrounded by motus on the barrier reef. Though considered an atoll, it has a significant large area of high land on the north side, providing sweeping views across the lagoon. According to legend, the island was settled by Ru, who sailed from Raiatea in the Society Islands in search of new lands and many Aitutakians believe they are descended from this seafaring warrior.

Aitutakians are known for their charm, easy going attitude and warm hospitality. Whether relaxing on the beach, snorkelling the crystal-clear lagoon in search of colourful tropical fish and corals, or discovering remnants of an ancient past, Aitutaki offers the best of both worlds.

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DAY 4

Aitutaki ▶ Rarotonga, Cook Islands

The largest and most populous island,

Rarotonga is the hub of the Cook Islands, with its chief town, Avarua, as its capital. Settled by Polynesians from French Polynesia around the 9th century, the bond with Tahiti and her islands has always remained strong. Today, as modern Pacific people, the high-spirited Cook Islanders are a cosmopolitan blend of Western influence and ancient Polynesian heritage. Many important archaeological sites can be found here, such as Arai Te Tonga, the most sacred marae in Rarotonga, and nearby, the Ara Metua, a thousand-year-old interior road, paved with basalt or coral slabs, that once circled the island and about two-thirds still exist. Highland Paradise, sometimes known as "the lost village", is a cultural centre consisting of old and faithfully rebuilt traditional structures where re-enactments and cultural demonstrations take place.

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DAY 5

Rarotonga, Cook Islands ▶ Rurutu, Austral Islands

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including magnificent hats, bags and baskets, or mats from pandanus leaves and other natural materials. From August to October each year, humpback whales can be seen and heard in Rurutu, where they come south to mate and give birth. As Aranui 5 will be here in September, this should be a feast for your eyes and ears.

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DAY 6

At Sea

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DAY 10

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DAY 11

Anaa, Tuamotu

A small atoll with less than 500 inhabitants, Anaa wrote its way into the history books as the birthplace of Tahiti's royal family — the Pomare Dynasty. These days it's best known for its luminous jade lagoon with green clouds above from the sun rays reflecting off the water and picturesque motus with no less than eleven little islands scattered around the atoll. Be introduced to local craftsmanship and challenge your family or friends to the traditional javelin throw.

🍷 Full Board 🚢 M/V Aranui 5

DAY 12

At Sea

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DAY 13

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DISCOVER THE TUAMOTU, MARQUESAS & SOCIETY ISLANDS

13 Day Cruise Around The Tuamotu, Marquesas And Society Islands On Board M/V Aranui 5

Thursday Sailings

DAY 1

Papeete, Tahiti › Fakarava

Depart from Papeete in the morning, receive a warm welcome onboard from our crew and sail to Fakarava atoll in the Tuamotu archipelago.

🍴 Lunch • Dinner 🚢 M/V Aranui 5

DAY 2

Fakarava

Designated as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve for the preservation of rare species and the second largest atoll in French Polynesia, Fakarava has remained virtually untouched. From its stunning lagoon and glistening white sand beaches to its rich ecosystem, it is home to unique birds, plants and marine life. You will have time to discover the small village of Rotoava, the church built of coral and the local arts and crafts. Bicycle rentals are available if you wish to venture to the old lighthouse at the airport or enjoy a day of relaxation in the, swimming and snorkelling among colourful tropical fish.

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DAY 3

At Sea

There are many ways to while away a day at sea on Aranui 5 from immersing in the Polynesian culture during workshops on weaving, dancing, cooking, wrapping a pareo, playing the ukulele, language, and even 'tatau' or relax on deck, in one of the bars, attend a lecture, browse the boutique, work out in the gym, be pampered in Aranui's Polynesian spa, take a dip in the pool or just gaze out at the sea. When we arrive in the waters of the Marquesas, you will have to set your watches forward by half an hour.

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DAY 4

Hiva Oa (Puamau) › Tahuata (Vaitahu)

A morning drive by 4WD takes you to Puamau to visit the most important local archeological site for tikis in French Polynesia. Our guides will show you through the mysterious ruins at Mea'e lipona and share stories of these haunting statues and an ancient civilisation. In the afternoon, you will visit the impressive church of Tahuata which was built by the Vatican and decorated with beautiful carvings and a stained glass window featuring the Marquesan cross. Though the smallest of the inhabited Marquesan islands, it is historically one of the richest. Tahuata has experienced it all — it was the first island in the archipelago to be discovered by Spanish explorers, who opened fire on a crowd of curious islanders in 1595, saw the arrival of missionaries in 1797 and then became the first French settlement in the Marquesas in 1842. The locals carve exquisite tikis, sea creatures, bracelets, necklaces and more from horse and cow bone, fossilized bone, tusks and pink helmet shell.

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DAY 5

Tahuata (Vaitahu) › Hiva Oa (Atuona) › Tahuata (Kokuu)

Atuona, principal village of Hiva Oa and the second largest in the Marquesas, was once the capital of this archipelago. Sweeping views of the harbour can be seen after a walk up the hill to the cemetery where Paul Gauguin and Jacques Brel are buried. Explore the Gauguin Museum, a replica of his "House of Pleasure", and the Brel Museum, which showcases his plane JoJo, which was often used for medical

emergencies. After lunch onboard, enjoy a lazy afternoon on a beautiful white sand beach or take a refreshing dip in the Pacific Ocean.

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DAY 6

Tahuata (Kokou) ▶ Fatu Hiva (Omoa - Hanavave)

Fatu Hiva is the most lush and remote island in the archipelago, and is also a centre of Marquesan crafts. In the village of Omoa, women will demonstrate the making of tapa by hammering mulberry, banyan or breadfruit bark on a log. It is then dried and painted with traditional designs. Another demonstration will show the making of the kumuhei, a bouquet used by the local women to perfume their hair. The adjacent craft centre offers tapa, carvings, hand-dyed pareo and some of the finest monoi coconut oil found in these islands. Following the visit of the village, active passengers may choose to hike from Omoa to Hanavave, a 16 km hike offering spectacular views of towering cliffs. A picnic lunch will be served at the summit. Non-hikers will sail on the Aranui to Hanavave's Bay of Virgins, considered one of the most beautiful bays in the world. Go ashore for a visit of the village and to welcome the hikers.

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DAY 7

Fatu Hiva ▶ Nuku Hiva (Taiohae - Hatiheu - Taipivai)

This island is the administrative centre of the Marquesas. The village of Taiohae stretches along the beach, which is like a magnificent amphitheatre created by the successive eruptions of three concentric volcanoes and dominated by towering cliffs streaked with waterfalls. In the small village, all of the government services and residences, the hospital, bank and schools, are close by. A lovely handicraft centre is located on the beach road. Your adventure in Nuku Hiva will include a tour of the Cathedral Notre Dame, famed for its stonework and wood sculptures. In Hatiheu, you will visit the archaeological site known as Tohua Kamuihei, where public festivities once took place. Here you will see

the paepae, immense stone platforms on which houses were built, and huge boulders carved with enigmatic petroglyphs. Under a giant banyan tree, enjoy a performance of traditional songs and dances, including the "Pig Dance", which originated in Nuku Hiva. For lunch, try a traditional "Umu", a Marquesan specialty where food is cooked in an underground oven.

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DAY 8

Nuku Hiva ▶ Ua Huka (Vaipae'e - Hane - Hokatu)

This island, the least inhabited in the Marquesas, is largely arid and home to many wild horses, goats and pigs. It is also a refuge for two endemic birds: the pati'oti'o and the pihiti, which are only found here. In the early morning, the Aranui will execute a point-to-point 180-degree turn in the narrow mouth of Vaipae'e's Invisible Bay. With only metres to spare on either side, it is a skillful operation undertaken by the captain and the crew and is not to be missed. From the dock, travel by 4WD to the village of Hane. Along the way, you will stop to explore the Botanical Garden, the cultural centre Te Tumu, featuring a small museum with exquisite replicas of Marquesan artifacts, and a petroglyph museum and local woodcarvers' studios in the fishing village of Hokatu. Look for the unusual carved black and white coconuts. In Hane, where a Marquesan lunch will be served, visit the Marine Museum beforehand and in the afternoon, hike to view red tuff tikis overlooking the bay.

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DAY 9

Ua Huka ▶ Ua Pou (Hakuaheu)

Legend refers to Ua Pou as the "pillars of the archipelago" and it is often called "The Cathedral Island". These names become clear as the ship docks at Hakahau Bay surrounded by 12 basalt summits soaring as high as 1100 metres. Every island has its own special ambience and Ua Pou's is one of mystery and magic. You are sure to see familiar looking faces as many of our crew members are from here. Energetic early risers can hike up the hill to the Cross for

breathtaking views of the valleys and village below. The artisans' centre is a short stroll into town and the offerings include works featuring the unique flower stone and a variety of carvings and children's clothes. Before enjoying a Marquesan lunch, take in an excellent dance show, including the Bird Dance, a traditional Ua Pou performance.

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DAY 10

At Sea

Enjoy a day at sea to relax by the pool and participate in one of the lectures or activities offered by our guides.

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DAY 11

Rangiroa (Otohu)

Rangiroa or "huge sky" is the largest atoll in French Polynesia and the second largest in the world. The seemingly endless blue lagoon attracts divers to snorkel, scuba or shoot the pass surrounded by fish of every size, colour and shape. Rangiroa is famous for its majestic manta rays. It is also home to stunning pearls in all shades and local artisans known for their fine shell jewellery. While in Rangiroa, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the magnificent lagoon on a glass bottom boat tour or swimming, snorkelling or diving. You can also visit one of the finest pearl farms in the Tuamotus to learn about these rare gems and see how they are grown.

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DAY 12

Rangiroa (Otohu) › Bora Bora (Vaitape)

The best known of the Society Islands, Bora Bora is home to a stunning lagoon in myriad shades of blues and greens, set against the striking backdrop of Mt. Otemanu, which captured the attention of James Michener and everyone else who visits the island. This paradise island is surrounded by motus (small islets) and a ring of white beaches fringed by coconut trees. An advanced base during World War II, a tour of the island visits

the cannon emplacements. Or you can enjoy a day at the beach on a private motu while the crew prepares a delicious picnic lunch featuring Tahitian specialties. In the afternoon, you will have time at your leisure. You may also choose from a variety of optional excursions at an additional cost, such as a circle island tour by boat or bus, or one of the most popular, shark and ray feeding tours.

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DAY 13

Bora Bora (Vaitape) › Papeete, Tahiti

This is the end of our journey. It's time to say Nānā! (Goodbye) to your travel companions, to the Polynesian staff and Aranui guides.

🍷 Breakfast • Lunch

Inclusions

- Cruise transportation and related taxes (tourist tax, port tax, fuel, TDC).
- Shipboard accommodation.
- 3 meals per day.
- A bottle of wine to share among 4 passengers for scheduled onboard meals.
- Lunches in local restaurants.
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10 Day Honeymoon Getaway In Moorea And Bora Bora

DAY 1 - 6

Papeete, Tahiti ▶ Moorea

Upon landing in Papeete, you will be transferred to the pier where you board a ferry to Moorea (approximately 30 minutes).

Stay in leisure for 5 nights at Hotel Hilton Lagoon Resort & Spa [5*] in a Garden Pool Bungalow with daily breakfast.

Honeymoon Amenity: 1 complimentary bottle of champagne [37.5 cl] upon arrival, Circle Island Tour and Belvedere Lookout Point.

🍳 Breakfast

🏨 Hotel Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort & Spa

DAY 6 - 10

Moorea ▶ Bora Bora

Fly from Moorea to Bora Bora.

Stay in leisure for 4 nights at Conrad Bora Bora Nui [5*] in an Overwater Villa with daily breakfast and dinner.

Honeymoon Amenity: 1 complimentary bottle of champagne [37.5 cl] upon arrival and special flower arrangements on bed. Romantic Lagoon Tour with lunch on a motu.

🍳 Half Board 🏨 Conrad Bora Bora Nui

DAY 10

Bora Bora ▶ Papeete, Tahiti

Fly from Bora Bora to Papeete, Tahiti. In Papeete you will transfer flights and fly back home.

🍳 Breakfast

Inclusions

- VIP welcome on arrival with fast track, connection assistance and a flower lei upon international arrival.
- Private transfers and domestic flights.
- Accommodation at two 5 star resorts.
- Honeymoon amenities at each resort.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Personal concierge service while at destination.
- Business class lounge access upon departure from Papeete.
- All fees and taxes except city taxes which is to be paid on the spot upon check-out.

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This package is 100% customizable and no set itinerary is available.

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