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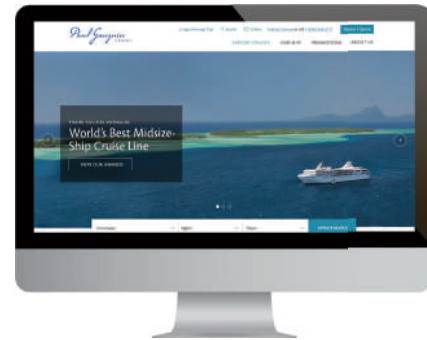
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# This OVERWATER “BUNGALOW” Sails

## 11 Reasons Why a Voyage with Paul Gauguin Cruises is the Ultimate All-Inclusive Experience in French Polynesia

By Nancy Schretter, Travel Writer

French Polynesia is filled with jagged volcanic peaks, unspoiled palm-studded beaches, and shimmering lagoons teeming with marine life. It's a spectacular collection of islands and its rich culture is a key part of its magical allure. A voyage with Paul Gauguin Cruises offers unparalleled opportunities for making once-in-a-lifetime memories in this bucket-list South Seas destination.

The line celebrated 25 years of sailing in French Polynesia in 2023 and I was invited to sail on its seven-night *Tahiti & the Society Islands* voyage aboard the m/s *Paul Gauguin*. I met a number of repeat guests on my cruise and it's easy to see why *The Gauguin* has such a loyal following. The ship and the destination will steal your heart.

Here are 11 reasons why a voyage with Paul Gauguin Cruises is the ultimate all-inclusive experience in dreamy French Polynesia. »

**1/Award-Winning Small Ship**—*The Gauguin* offers an exceptionally luxurious small ship experience. Designed with a tropically chic flair, this intimate ship accommodates just 330 guests in a setting of relaxed elegance. I loved the camaraderie that developed among the vibrant, active, and extraordinarily friendly community of guests.

As the longest continuously sailing luxury cruise ship in the South Pacific, *The Gauguin* was purpose-built with a shallow draft to expertly navigate the region's turquoise lagoons and access remote hideaways that larger ships can't reach. It's the ideal way to explore this region.

**PRO TIP:** *Take advantage of the ship's spacious outdoor decks and view the collection of Polynesian artifacts and excellent digital museum with work by French artist Paul Gauguin.*

**2/Idyllic Island-Rich Itineraries**—French Polynesia contains 118 islands and atolls, so you'll want to see more than just one or two of these fairytale destinations while you're there. Unpack once in your floating overwater "bungalow" and explore five or more legendary isles in a single trip. These pristine islands are undeveloped, tropical gems with magnificent scenery and no crowds. You'll enjoy unforgettable days and nights on your voyage and the island views from the sea are truly spectacular. There are nine unique

itineraries in 2025, so it's easy to go island-hopping on *The Gauguin*. No inter-island flight hassles and expenses are required. Longer stays in ports of call are a highlight, including overnights in Bora Bora and Moorea in many cases. These overnight visits provide the luxury of time, allowing for multiple activities and immersive exploration.

**PRO TIP:** *It's wise to arrive a few days before your cruise to adjust to the time zone changes. In addition, call Paul Gauguin Cruises 60 days before your journey to book a wide range of exciting shore excursions.*

**3/Luxurious Overwater Accommodations**—After explorations ashore, it's nice to retreat to your elegant stateroom or suite to enjoy some quiet time. *The Gauguin's* well-appointed accommodations all offer magnificent ocean views and nearly 70 percent feature private balconies. I loved watching Technicolor sunrises and sunsets from my balcony and toasting our day's adventures each evening.

The ship's spacious accommodations have been beautifully fitted with high-quality amenities and special touches, with upper categories offering butler service.

Bathrooms feature full-sized tubs and in-room refrigerators are stocked daily by attentive room stewards. Wheelchair-accessible staterooms and family-friendly accommodations are also available.

**PRO TIP:** *To maximize charging options for electronics on your trip, bring a multi-port travel adapter and European plug adapters.*

**4/Extraordinary Service**—The heart of *The Gauguin* is the fabulous staff and crew led by its charismatic French captain.

The ship features a crew-to-guest ratio of 1:1.5, one of the highest at sea. The service on my sailing was unparalleled, as was the incredible spirit. There's an irresistible enthusiasm present and the warmth and smiles are genuine.

It amazed me how much the team went out of its way to provide personalized attention and by the second day, the staff and crew knew everyone's names. Numerous crew members have been with the ship for 10 years or more.

**PRO TIP:** *See the onboard Travel Concierge for help arranging e-bikes, car rentals, and restaurant reservations ashore.*





### 5/Exceptional All-Inclusive Value—

I often find myself daydreaming about my days in paradise aboard *The Gauguin*. The cruise exceeded my expectations, and it was a sensational value compared to land-based resort packages.

The all-inclusive pricing and incredible value make this experience a relaxing and stress-free escape, and the memories are priceless.

**PRO TIP:** *If you're celebrating an anniversary, honeymoon, or vow renewal, you'll receive an invitation to a complimentary Polynesian blessing ceremony and an in-stateroom bottle of Champagne. Additional celebration packages are available.*

**6/Outstanding Fine Dining—**Pack your appetite and plan to enjoy all the memorable culinary experiences on board. The ship's award-winning chefs create a wide selection of gourmet international cuisines and locally sourced Polynesian specialties, all carefully prepared and artfully served. The ship also does an excellent job catering to food allergies and special diets.

Guests can enjoy five-star meals in their choice of three fully included dining venues — La Veranda, Le Grill, and the L'Etoile main restaurant, which offers a rotating daily menu of delectable choices. Wine selections are excellent and unlimited pours are included. Complimentary 24-hour room service is also available, so enjoy the laid-back luxury of breakfast in bed or on your balcony.

**PRO TIP:** *Call or stop by to make specialty dinner reservations for dinner at La Veranda and Le Grill; there are no reservations needed for L'Etoile. And don't miss afternoon teatime; the ship's pastries and desserts are amazing.*

**7/Authentic Polynesian Cultural Immersion—**It's rare for a ship to so beautifully showcase a destination's culture. Sailing here year-round for more than 25 years, *The Gauguin* seamlessly carries French Polynesia's authentic personality throughout the



TOP LEFT, CLOCKWISE: *Tiki* statues in every stateroom elevate the elegant Polynesian décor. Les Gauguines lead a sunrise dance on deck. Complimentary snorkel gear is fitted for guests by the friendly marina staff. Guests savoring local fare *al fresco* at Le Grill.

experience. Leading this is a fabulous onboard troupe of local Tahitian hosts and hostesses, Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins, who bring the Polynesian culture and spirit to life. It is rich, vibrant, and positive — and the soul of Tahiti permeates the entire ship.

This deep sense of place was meaningful for me. I enjoyed all the Polynesian specialties served at meals, enriching Polynesian entertainment, the ship's memorable Polynesian Night, and connections with local Tahitians. Longer itineraries allow for even more immersion.

**PRO TIP:** *Take part in Polynesian activities and events and bring tropical-inspired clothes to wear for Polynesian Night. A selection is also available in the ship's well-stocked boutique.*

**8/Exclusive Private Retreats—**The line's alluring private getaways are idyllic slices of heaven filled with memorable indulgences. The palm-fringed Motu Mahana, the line's exclusive islet off shore in Taha'a's unspoiled lagoon, is a feast for the senses. It is a guest favorite and the barbecue banquet here is a gastronomic delight. I loved snorkeling and swimming in the crystal-clear turquoise waters, enjoying tropical drinks

served in coconuts, and being serenaded with Tahitian melodies by Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins.

While there's so much to experience in Bora Bora, don't miss the line's stunning private beach with jaw-dropping views of Mount Otemanu. The sugary white sands and snorkeling opportunities are outstanding.

**PRO TIP:** *Bring your ship-supplied snorkeling gear and water shoes with you to the private retreats.*

**9/Watersports Marina—**French Polynesia is filled with extraordinary coral reefs and cerulean lagoons; it's paradise on Earth for watersports lovers. A highlight of my cruise was snorkeling through natural aquariums, surrounded by graceful rays and tropical fish in a kaleidoscope of colors.

There is a specially designed watersports platform at the back of the ship, perfect for launching complimentary kayaks and paddleboards. Watersports equipment is available at the private Bora Bora beach and on Motu Mahana, and guests can check out free snorkel equipment for the duration of their cruise. »

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## Reasons to See French Polynesia aboard the m/s Paul Gauguin



The m/s Paul Gauguin in Moorea

**PRO TIP:** *If you plan to take advantage of The Gauguin's popular fee-based scuba diving activities, book your dives as soon as you're on board.*

**10/ Entertainment & Enrichment Programs**—There is an extensive array of engaging programs and outstanding entertainment throughout the day and evening. In addition to all the activities provided by Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins, there are special guest lectures, a wide variety of musical entertainment, and extravagant Polynesian performances. Remember, many resorts charge extra for these events.

Some of my favorite performances were the incredible French Polynesian folkloric shows of songs and dances by the Moorea Swing Boys and O Tahiti E local dance troupes. The crew show and musical entertainment in La Palette and the Piano Bar are superb.

**PRO TIP:** *Allow plenty of time to enjoy the ship's activities and check the Daily Program each evening to plan your next day.*

**11/ Moana Explorer Program for Kids**—This is an extraordinary destination for families to make unforgettable memories

and celebrate special events together. There were a number of both families and multi-generational groups on our sailing who were thrilled with their experiences with some already planning their return trips.

The line's complimentary Moana Explorer Program features enriching activities and experiences for kids ages 6–15. Created in partnership with *Te mana o te moana*, a South Seas education and preservation foundation, the naturalist-led program includes daily fun-filled adventures and hands-on activities that help young guests learn about these islands, Tahitian culture, and marine life. This outstanding program is offered on certain sailings during the holidays and summer months.

**PRO TIP:** *Many activities are outdoors and the sun's rays are intense. Families should pack long-sleeve rash guards, hats, and water shoes.* ↻

[Read Nancy Schretter's article on Travel Awaits here.](#)



TOP LEFT, CLOCKWISE: When in French Polynesia, Tahitian vanilla crème brûlée is a must. Les Gauguines offer Tahitian drumming lessons. Kids participating in the Moana Explorer Program learn the art of dance. Twenty-four hour room service is a delectable indulgence.

# ALL-INCLUSIVE VOYAGES

Exclusively on *The Gauguin*, guests enjoy:

- Luxury small-ship experience
- Small, intimate ports of call
- Polynesian hospitality, entertainment, and activities
- Spacious, oceanview accommodations (nearly 70% feature private balconies)
- Complimentary beverages, including beer, wine, and spirits, throughout the voyage
- All shipboard meals in your choice of three venues
- Complimentary 24-hour room service
- Use of private islet, Motu Mahana, off the coast of Taha'a, and private white-sand beach in Bora Bora
- Onboard gratuities for room stewards, dining, and bar staff
- Complimentary snorkel equipment, kayaking and paddleboarding in select ports



*For Details*

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# Island Hopping

## In French Polynesia & the South Pacific

To holiday in the South Pacific is to discover a mix of ancient civilizations, hidden *motus*, heady tropical scents, and open and friendly islanders. The 118 Polynesian islands and atolls (ring-shaped coral reefs) span a distance of over 3,000 miles and cover an area larger than the entire continent of Europe. Polynesia is the perfect place to relax, have an eco-adventure, or just open your mind, body, and soul to the beauty of the South Seas.

### THE ISLANDS OF FIJI



Viti Levu

FIJI



Bega Island

#### BEACH SCENE:

Natadola Beach on Viti Levu

#### MOST APPRECIATED BY:

Romantics and Adventurists

#### ISLAND TYPE:

Mountain Peaks and  
Legendary Beaches

#### BRING HOME:

Black Pearls, Sarongs, Masks

#### LOCAL COLOR:

Melanesian Culture and  
a Relaxed Way of Life

### THE KINGDOM OF TONGA



Vava'u

TONGA

#### BEACH SCENE:

White Sands and  
Emerald Lagoon

#### MOST APPRECIATED BY:

Nature Enthusiasts, Yachties,  
Whale Watchers

#### ISLAND TYPE:

Raised Coral Limestone  
and Coral Atolls

#### BRING HOME:

Tapa Paintings and Handicrafts

#### LOCAL COLOR:

Known as "The Friendly Islands"

Motu Mahana



Bora Bora



Taha'a

Raiatea



SOCIETY



Huahine

COOK ISLANDS

#### BEACH SCENE:

One Foot Island, Off the  
Coast of Aitutaki, Offers  
Incredible Lagoons

#### MOST APPRECIATED BY:

Beach Bunnies, New  
Zealanders,  
Sun Worshippers

#### ISLAND TYPE:

Mountain Peaks  
and Coral Atolls

#### BRING HOME:

Colorful Handmade Quilts  
Called Tivaevae

#### LOCAL COLOR:

Enjoy Drum Music and  
Learn How to Rock a  
Grass Skirt



Aitutaki

COOK ISLANDS



Rarotonga



## MARQUESAS ISLANDS

### MARQUESAS

**BEACH SCENE:**

*Few and Far Between*

**MOST APPRECIATED BY:**  
*Adventurers Seeking More Than Just A Beach Vacation, Gauguin Groupies*

**ISLAND TYPE:**

*Rugged Mountains and Fertile Valleys*

**BRING HOME:**

*Tikis and Woodcarvings*

**LOCAL COLOR:**

*The Locals at the Market on Tahuata are Open to Bartering*



See page 76 for islands beyond Polynesia ... a special **Boutique Crossing Collection** in 2025.

## TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO



### TUAMOTUS

**BEACH SCENE:**

*Teahatea Beach, Near Passe Garuae*

**MOST APPRECIATED BY:**

*Eco-Travelers, Divers, Mermaids*

**ISLAND TYPE:**

*Low Island Atolls*

**CAPTURE:**

*A Photograph of the World's Most Beautiful Coral Reefs*

**LOCAL COLOR:**

*Keep an Eye Out for Hip Biosphere Biologists and Pearl Farmers*

### SOCIETY ISLANDS

**BEACH SCENE:**

*Nearly Everywhere You Go*

**MOST APPRECIATED BY:**

*Relaxed Vacationers, Water Fiends, and Romance Seekers*

**BRING HOME:**

*Vanilla from Taha'a*

**LOCAL COLOR:**

*The Tattoo Artists on Moorea are Famous for Their Craft*

**ISLAND TYPE:**

*Mountain Peaks [Some Surrounded by Low-lying Coral Atolls]*

## ISLANDS





# Island Hopping *(continued)*

## THE SOCIETY ISLANDS

This is the French Polynesia of your dreams. The one on vintage travel posters that has long inspired romantic wanderlust and artistic creativity, and that in 2022 was voted the World's Friendliest Destination (together with the Tuamotus and Marquesas) by the readers of *Condé Nast Traveler*. With their welcoming hospitality, turquoise lagoons, azure skies, and soaring mountain peaks, the Society Islands invite blissful relaxation on pristine beaches and thrilling discovery both undersea and on land. Verdant **TAHITI**, the largest island in French Polynesia, is all deep valleys and rugged coastline. The iconic Mount Otemanu crowns **BORA BORA**'s fabled lagoon filled with coral gardens teeming with marine wildlife and dotted with outlying motus. Heart-shaped **MOOREA**, known for its stunning mountains, palm-fringed beaches, and hypnotic lagoon waters, is said to be Michener's mythical *Bali Hai*. The "Garden Isle" of **HUAHINE** entices with well-preserved archaeological sites hidden amidst its rainforest, and **TAHA'A**—the vanilla island—plays host to **MOTU MAHANA**, Paul Gauguin Cruises' own private islet where an indulgently exclusive beach day is included on every itinerary. Cloaked in a lush landscape dotted with waterfalls and fertile valleys where the cloud-capped Mount Temehani reigns supreme, **RAIATEA** is the sacred homeland of the *Maohi* people.



## TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO

To the east of the Society Islands lie the Tuamotus, the world's largest group of coral atolls representing the lowest point in French Polynesia. These 75 "flat islands" sit in striking contrast to their high "mountainous neighbors" found elsewhere in the region. But ahhh... the Tuamotus are a revered destination for divers and snorkeling aficionados, home to extraordinary reefs and marine flora and fauna. An underwater camera comes in handy here as you prepare to dive in and discover the rare Technicolor wonders thriving below the surface. **FAKARAVA** is an unspoiled paradise that lays claim to a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve while **RANGIROA** is often called the world's most immense natural aquarium—so large the entire island of Tahiti could sit within it. "Rangi," as it's known by the locals, is known for its Tahitian pearls, too.

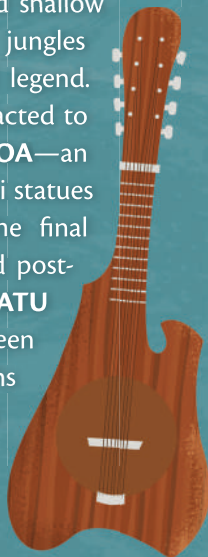
## THE COOK ISLANDS

Due west of French Polynesia are the Cook Islands, an unspoiled paradise recognized by *Lonely Planet* as a Top Country in its 2022 *Best in Travel*. Here there are no branded resorts and no buildings taller than a coconut tree. Most of the islands' inhabitants are Cook Island Maori and their vibrant culture permeates through the arts of music, storytelling, and native dance. In fact, upon arrival in **RAROTONGA**, the archipelago's hub, you might be greeted by the sounds of beating drums and ukuleles. Richly covered in mountains that soar more than 2,000 feet above clear-blue seas, Rarotonga boasts sugar-white sands, coral reefs, and nearly untouched lagoons. A visit to **AITUTAKI**, a triangle-shaped atoll covered in palms and sugary sands, affords access to One Foot Island, considered one of Polynesia's best beaches.



## THE MARQUESAS ISLANDS

Rising in stark contrast to the low-lying Tuamotus are the soaring peaks of the Marquesas. The “youngest” of French Polynesia’s islands, these staggeringly beautiful volcanic isles burst from the sea—there are no fringing reefs and shallow lagoons here—with their lush green jungles blanketing ancient culture, myth, and legend. Authors and artists have long been attracted to the exotic mystique here, and **HIVA OA**—an island of ethereal beauty dotted with tiki statues and giant banyan trees—serves as the final resting place for singer Jacques Brel and post-Impressionist painter Paul Gauguin. **FATU HIVA**, home to only 500 residents between two villages, prides itself on its petroglyphs and stunning views of Hanavave (The Bay of Virgins). Tiny **TAHUATA** is among the least-explored of the Marquesas, yet it offers the most authentic woodcarvings, tikis, and jewelry at its waterfront markets. The largest of the Marquesas, **NUKU HIVA** is explored with two different ports, depending on the itinerary. The Marquesas are rife with archaeological sites from the Taaoa Valley to the Taipivai Valley, the latter a location made famous by writer Herman Melville as the inspiration for his first novel, *Typee*. Navigating these islands by ship rewards the traveler with catch-your-breath beauty seen nowhere else on Earth.



## THE ISLANDS OF FIJI

The Islands of Fiji are legendary for their stunning scenery, pure-white sand beaches, and reef-rich waters so blue they seem to glow. Here you can stroll palm-lined streets in **LAUTOKA**, snorkel coral blooms on **BEQA ISLAND**, marvel at **SUVA**’s unique mix of modern and colonial style, and discover the South Seas of yester-year in **SAVUSAVU**, called the “Hidden Paradise of Fiji.”

## THE KINGDOM OF TONGA

Farther west of the Cooks—and across the International Date Line—lies the Kingdom of Tonga, aka “The Friendly Isles.” This tiny-but-mighty island nation is the only remaining monarchy in Polynesia. In the northern reaches of its 170 isles, **VAVA’U** invites discovery of its culture and cuisine, hiking Mount Talau, and snorkeling in its crystalline lagoon.





Aboard the m/s *Paul Gauguin*, you can enjoy a wide array of shore excursions by land and sea that let you discover the vivid beauty, vibrant history, and rich culture of this destination up close, in a small group. Find full details of an exciting variety of selections available to you aboard *The Gauguin* at [pgcruises.com/shore-excursions](http://pgcruises.com/shore-excursions).

## DAILY ADVENTURES

Call 800-848-6172 to talk with a Travel Specialist\* or visit the Travel Concierge Desk on board to book your excursions.

*\*Shore Excursions can be booked within 60 days of sailing date*





# Playful Tahiti



MOANA  
EXPLORER  
PROGRAM

## Adventure for Young Explorers

The South Pacific is a dream destination—and aboard the *m/s Paul Gauguin*, it's also a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for families to create memories they will cherish forever through the Moana Explorer Program.

Offered in partnership with *Te mana o te moana*, a South Pacific marine education and conservation foundation, this enriching program invites children and teens, ages 6-15, to discover and value the natural wonders of this breathtaking part of the world through hands-on, interactive learning.

Every day of the voyage, there is a combination of naturalist-led island and/or beach excursions, science activities, crafts, games, and other adventures. Depending on the itinerary, these young explorers might learn about Polynesian life through board games, create natural jewelry, conduct water experiments, go on a treasure hunt, enjoy water games in the onboard pool, go stargazing, design their own Polynesian tattoo, and more.

And the program is complimentary\* as it is part of Paul Gauguin Cruises' extraordinary all-inclusive value. Please note: The Moana Explorer Program is available on select summer and holiday sailings, and must be booked on board.

For more information on the Moana Explorer Program including sample day-by-day schedules, please visit [pgcruises.com/family](https://pgcruises.com/family).



Introduce your young traveler to the Moana Explorer Program on one of the following dates:

TAHITI & THE SOCIETY ISLANDS  
[7 NIGHTS]

June 14; July 26; August 23, 2025

MORE SOCIETY ISLANDS & TAHITI  
[7 NIGHTS]

July 5; August 2, 30, 2025

MORE SOCIETY ISLANDS & TUAMOTUS  
[10 NIGHTS]

June 4, 2025

COOK ISLANDS & SOCIETY ISLANDS  
[11 NIGHTS]

December 27, 2025

MARQUESAS, TUAMOTUS & SOCIETY ISLANDS  
[14 NIGHTS]

June 21; July 12; August 9, 2025

Learn more!



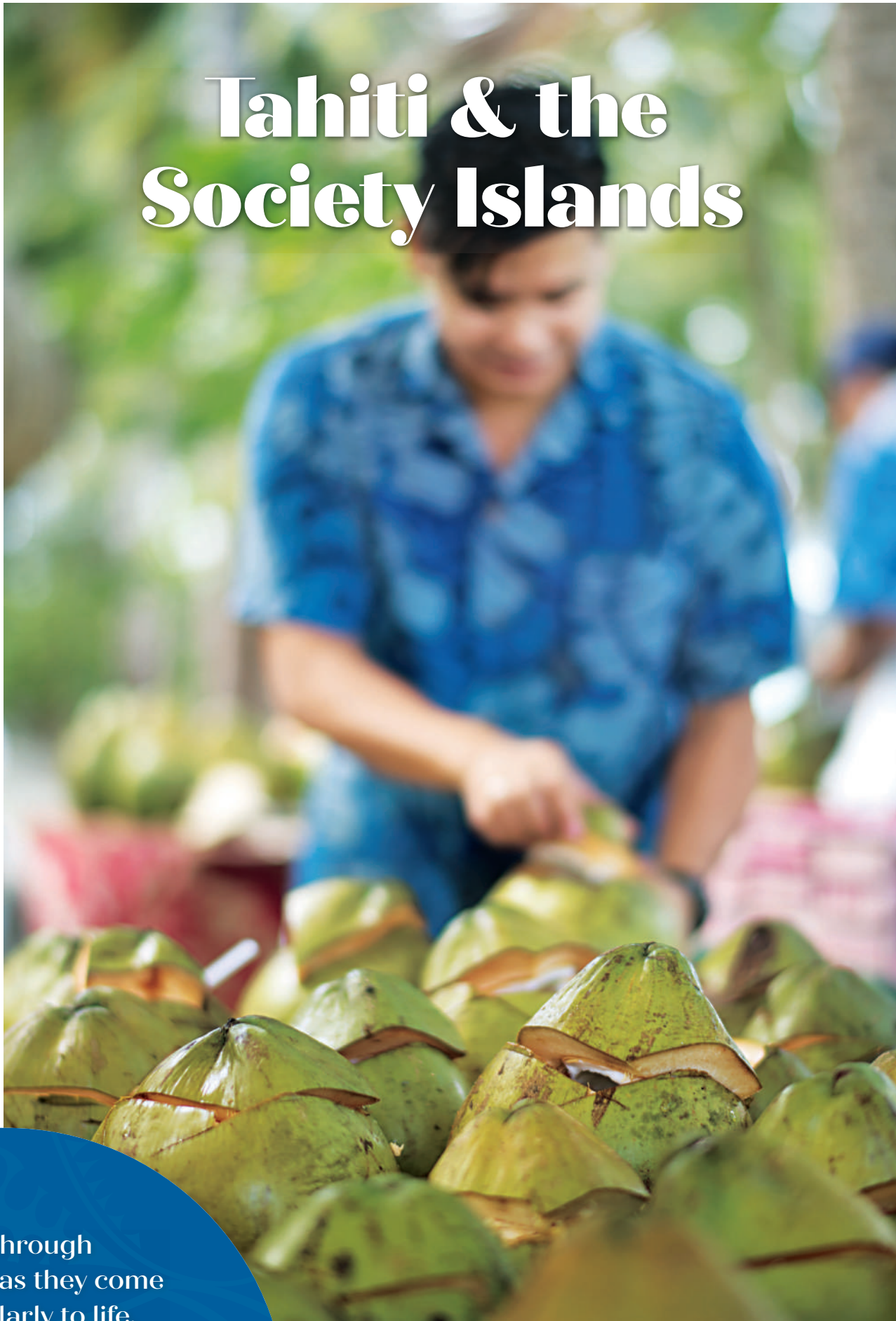
\*Certain itineraries may offer additional activities for a small fee. These will need to be requested onboard. Program offered in English and French.

# 7 Nights

Bask in the  
warmth of  
French Polynesia

The Essence of Paradise





# Tahiti & the Society Islands

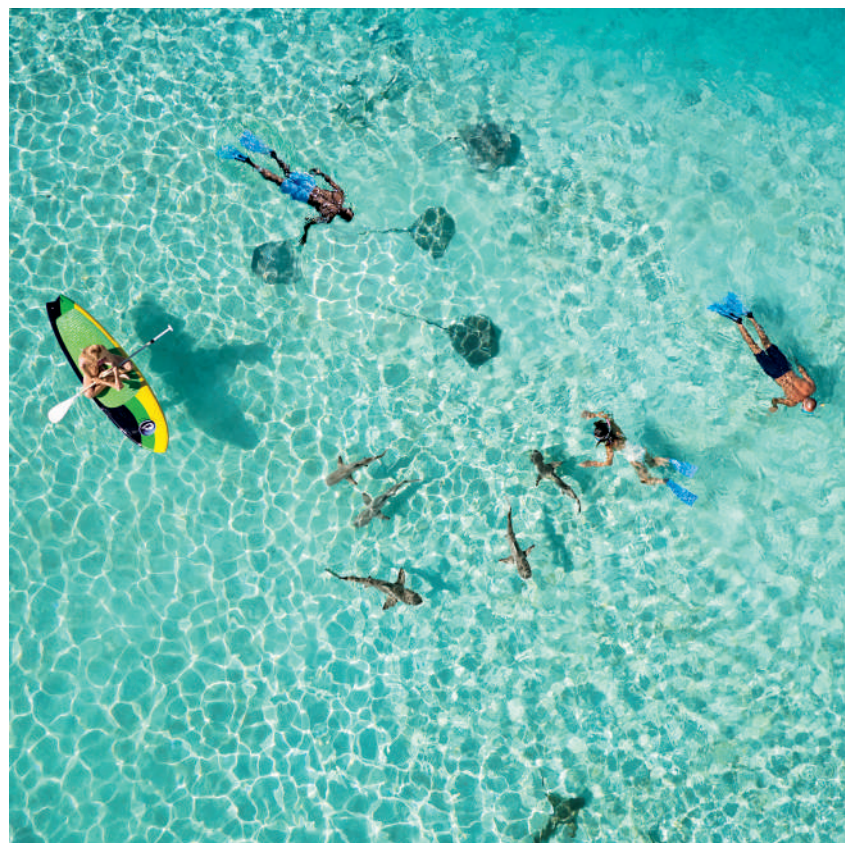
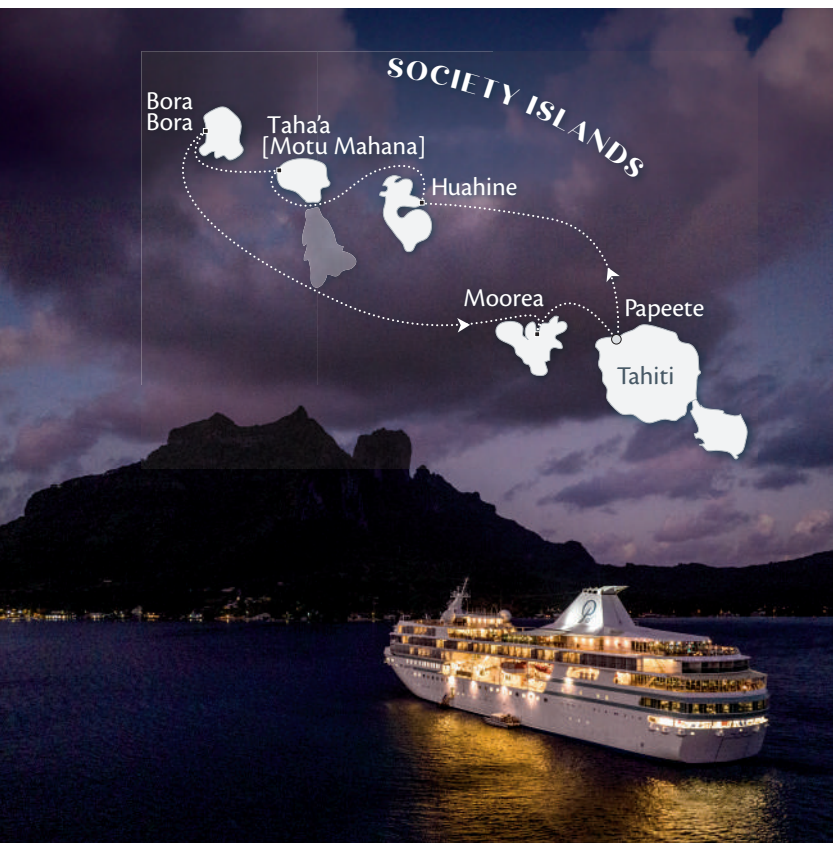
Drift through daydreams as they come spectacularly to life.



TOP: Walk the same temple paths as the ancient Polynesian royals on Huanine. BOTTOM: Sparkling overnights in Bora Bora, Moorea, and Papeete amplify the enchantment.



TOP: Take the plunge into some of the most alluring SCUBA locales on Earth. BOTTOM: Safely mingle with the locals on a relaxed Sharks & Stingrays Encounter.



Close your eyes and picture a landscape of dreams. A strand of tiny islets shimmering in the South Seas—clad in emerald peaks, ringed by iridescent reefs, and infused with the floral aromas of Eden itself.

It's no wonder the enchantments of Tahiti, Huahine, Taha'a, Bora Bora, and Moorea have become the stuff of legend, forever capturing the imaginations of all those fortunate enough to happen upon these shores. After experiencing this week-long voyage aboard the *m/s Paul Gauguin*, you'll be able to count yourself and your travel companions among them.

What's more, you'll share all that castaway bliss while immersed daily in the casual five-star sophistication of a ship purpose-built for exploring this region. Intimate in scale, equipped for adventure, and renowned for its *joie de vivre* and warm personal service.

OK. You can open your eyes now. And begin to prepare for the proverbial adventure of a lifetime.



## Tahiti & the Society Islands

**TAHITI** Sporting its signature triple crown of volcanic peaks, the island of Tahiti seems well aware of its nickname, “Queen of the Pacific.” And justifiably proud of its majestic role as both capital of French Polynesia and everyday namesake of the Society Islands archipelago.

Awaiting you in the harbor is *The Gauguin*. You're no doubt eager to board your new floating home, and you'll soon find the onboard staff just as excited to welcome you as their guest. Once settled in, though, the temptation to check out Papeete's vibrant waterfront might prove irresistible. Known for its lively markets and welcoming locals, the atmosphere is a unique blend of French sophistication, Polynesian warmth, and tropical charm.

But don't dawdle; your ship sails for Huahine this evening.

**HUAHINE** In the crisp light of early morning, The Garden Island flaunts its wondrous beauty. Fellow travelers are already on deck snapping photos and exclaiming as you indulge in a leisurely breakfast in bed.

Exquisitely green and astoundingly tranquil, Huahine remains one of French Polynesia's most unspoiled gems—a cultural sanctuary brimming with intriguing archeological sites, fragrant vanilla plantations, and mountainsides bursting with breadfruit, bananas, coconuts, and other tropical bounty.

An excursion here is a must; there's so much to see. Ancient *maraes* (temples) dating back to 700 AD. Curious stone fish traps in Lake Maeva and even more curious sacred blue-eyed eels (that's right), hand-fed daily in a stream near Faie village. A local pearl farm reached by outrigger and a Belvedere offering jaw-dropping outlooks over Maroe Bay.

Feeling like some cardio, with an electric assist? Consider signing up for **Huahine Iiti by E-bike**, a 16-mile pedal around Huahine's smaller twin isle—with a well-earned swim or snorkel break at a white-sand beach along Avea Bay.

There are a dozen ways to spend your day here. All of them equally magical.

### TAHA'A [MOTU MAHANA]

How's this for an intriguing Tropics Fact: The “bean” we know as vanilla isn't a bean at all, but the slender seed pod of a vining orchid whose flowers need to be fertilized by hand. That delicate maneuver is performed countless times each season here in the vanilleries of Taha'a—and gourmets and aromatherapists 'round the world get to enjoy their much-prized Tahitian vanilla. Sweet! You'll likely catch its intoxicating scent even as *The Gauguin* anchors offshore.

Day-to-day life on this serene, flower-shaped isle is on no one's schedule, except perhaps that of Mother Nature, who clearly reigns supreme here. With her kind permission, several excursions offer opportunities for an up-close and personal Taha'a inspection. Like say, **Exploration of Taha'a**, a guided 4x4 foray that traverses a high mountain, ventures inside a typical vanilla plantation, and tours a coastal farm that grows lustrous black Tahitian pearls.

But you might find it tough to do much at all, when confronted with the laid-back beauty of this place. No worries; get you

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6/7	MOOREA
7/8	PAPEETE, TAHITI



covered there, too. Simply hop the tender to **Motu Mahana**, *The Gauguin's* own private islet nestled within Taha'a's languid lagoon. It's a truly Tahitian refuge where your ship's troupe of resident cultural ambassadors, Les Gauguines, welcomes you in classic South Seas style—and your time is your own.

Savor a swim in gin-clear waters. Slide beneath the surface for some reef snorkeling. Grab a beverage from the floating bar and a chaise under the palms. Test your serve in an impromptu beach volleyball game or paddle paradise by kayak. And enjoy the music, fun, and barbeque of a Motu Mahana beach picnic many guests say is one of the high points of their cruise.

### BORA BORA (OVERNIGHT)

Ask 1,000 people to name one island that most evokes images of South Pacific romance, and 999 will likely say Bora Bora. Yet as spectacular as it looks in photos and films, the in-real-life experience of arriving here aboard the m/s *Paul Gauguin* will positively take your breath away. Luckily you've got two full days to catch it... if you can.

Your backdrop is the cathedral-like Mount Otemanu, wrapped in velvety green and soaring skyward above a showstopping ring lagoon where turquoise water sparkles and Technicolor marine life inhabits the coral gardens below.

Feeling aqua-curious? Meet some of the lagoon's most graceful undersea denizens on a **Sharks & Stingrays Encounter**. Wading

into the sandy shallows, enjoy a visit from gentle rays accustomed to company and happy to perform their balletic dance for you, your guide, and the squads of harmless blacktip reef sharks spectating from the fringes of this outing. Other peak watery excursions include reef snorkeling, aquasafari underwater walks, aquabike scootering, waverunner escapades, and sunset sails by catamaran or outrigger.

In the mood to explore on terra firma?

### The Bora Bora Off-Road Adventure

pursues the road less traveled to unveil the island's abundant natural beauty, expansive mountain views, even cannon emplacements left over from the Pacific battles of WWII.

Of course, you might prefer to just yield to the lazy luxury of time spent at the private Bora Bora beach retreat reserved for guests of *The Gauguin* alone. Bask, wander, sip, snorkel, paddleboard, or simply drift through daydreams in a spot where they come spectacularly to life.

**MOOREA (OVERNIGHT)** Meet the nonfiction version of James Michener's mythic "Bali Hai." It's not uncommon for newcomers to gasp aloud as they first lay eyes on this intensely scenic island—so steeped in mystery and tropical exuberance. Just 11 miles from bustling Tahiti, Moorea is a heart-shaped, welcoming paradise where cares are suspended in time, smiles come naturally, and change proceeds at a sea snail's pace.

Waterfalls cascade from eight volcanic peaks surrounding gorgeous twin turquoise

lagoons. Ferns and orchids climb the jungle canopy. Fragrant pineapples ripen in the sun. Dolphins cavort. And humpback whales gather to mate. It's enough to awaken anyone's inner Gauguin, and you're *definitely* on the right ship for that.

Having two days here leaves plenty of room for variety. Perhaps a SCUBA excursion or motu snorkeling, a bracing cata jet spin around the lagoon, or a paddleboard/kayak session off the ship's watersports marina. Or maybe you'd prefer the pro-guided **Capture Moore Photo Adventure** that brings ancient *maraes*, lush forests, epic mountainside panoramas, and even an extinct volcano crater into focus. Or an island-wide **Aito Off-Road Safari** that includes sampling of local Moorean jam, ice cream, and field-fresh fruit juice. That's a yum.

### PAPEETE, TAHITI (OVERNIGHT)

What a week this has been! As you contemplate how you can feel so relaxed AND energized at the same time, *The Gauguin* pulls into Papeete harbor. As twilight yields to starlight on this final shipboard evening, perhaps you'll stroll over to Vai'ete Square to be tempted once more by those *Roulotte* food trucks or to browse the shops for that last special memento or a bauble to go along with the gorgeous pearls you found at *The Gauguin's* onboard boutique.

Come morning, you'll depart the ship. But your imagination might linger behind. Patiently awaiting your return voyage.

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Roundtrip Papeete, Tahiti

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# POLYNESIAN CULTURE: TATOOS

## **Tatau, the body speaks**

The traditional Polynesian tattoo, the *tatau*, has been practiced for thousands of years, but it could have easily disappeared. Once banished by European settlers at the end of the 18th century, the art of tatau is now enjoying a true renaissance... the triumph of an enduring culture.

### **Identity card**

"*Ta-tau, ta-tau, ta-tau*"... This mysterious rhythmic pattern was first heard by explorer James Cook during his expedition to the South Pacific seas. It is the melody of the Polynesian tattoo artist knocking together: a wooden handle with a small comb attached—made of bone, shark teeth, or tortoise shell—and a mallet that the tattoo artist taps to prick the skin.

For nearly 3,000 years, islanders throughout all Polynesia have been using their bodies as a canvas to 'engrave' their history, genealogy, and life's important events. The *tatau* was a rite of passage, intended to mark an identity, the passage of time, a social rank, or a personality. These designs effectively replace writing in ancient Polynesian societies, which are rich in oral traditions.

### **Everyone has a story**

Over the centuries, each archipelago developed its own art of tattooing. From a mountainous island to a palm-lined atoll, the styles and symbols differ. While Marquesan *tikis* (representations of Polynesian demigods) symbolize protection and power, the fish is a mark of prosperity, the turtle indicates good health and family, and birds and waves represent travel and spirituality.

A *tatau's* placement is also important. On the shoulder it is a sign of strength and bravery, on the torso it expresses generosity and sincerity, and on the head it symbolizes wisdom.

### **Renaissance of an art form, and respect for a culture**

Deemed 'barbaric' by European missionaries, the traditional practice of tattooing was outlawed. Nearly 200 years later, the art of *tatau* has returned to its former glory. And although today's techniques have been largely modernized, some tattooists continue to perpetuate the skills of their ancestors and, through them, the history and culture of Polynesia.







# Savor the Journey

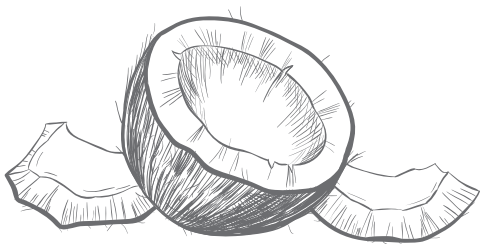
Exceptional cuisine reveals the authentic flavors of Tahiti—infused with the bounty of the sea, a delectable French flair, and a dash of global influence. »

# Savor the Journey

BY PAMELA SCHWEPPE

Aboard *The Gauguin*, all dining venues are included in your fare, with no hidden fees, and sophisticated menus are enjoyed with stunning ocean views or *al fresco*. But what's the culinary experience *really* like?





## Don't Skip Breakfast (or Lunch)

LA VERANDA | LE GRILL

It was refreshing to see how many choices were available aboard a small ship. For breakfast, two restaurants offer a smorgasbord of hot and cold dishes, including fresh tropical fruits, omelets, and the chef's favorite granola recipe. A full menu was available from which to order as well. **Insider tip:** Don't miss the smoothie of the day! *Yum!*

The same two dining venues offered lunch options that were equally as sumptuous. I could enjoy lighter fare, or go all out with a full-course meal—including special culinary stations (for example, pasta or stir fry), carving stations for meat lovers, and a dessert buffet. **Insider tip:** Each day lunch featured a different nationality: French, Italian, Spanish, Pacific, Greek, even American. Part of the fun was finding out which cuisine was being served!

At Le Grill, a casual dining venue, I enjoyed breathtaking island views and sunlight glinting off the pool. The same fare that was up for grabs at Le Grill came together as a more chic spread in La Veranda's cool, blue dining room, with its crisp linens, floor-to-ceiling windows, and elegant ambiance. Dining *al fresco* was also an option at La Veranda.

## Every Dinner's a Party

LA VERANDA | LE GRILL | L'ETOILE

Nothing's more fun than a dinner party—especially when you don't have to do the cooking! What suited my mood each night? I chose from three restaurants, each with open seating arrangements, and each with its own menu and team of talented chefs.

L'Etoile, the main restaurant, offered fine dining at its best. Each time I dined there the Maître d' escorted me to my table, whether it was an intimate table for two, or a dinner party of ten. If I felt social and wanted to meet new people, I even had the choice of joining other open parties at their table. Several times I arranged impromptu get-togethers over dinner with friends I'd met during the week—easy to do since L'Etoile doesn't require reservations.

The décor is stylish, accented with wood tones, ceramics, and chandeliers. The dress code is coined "country club casual," and it was easy to enjoy the elegance of perfect mood lighting and decadent furnishings as devoted staff poured my favorite wine. A full-course, *à la carte* menu of gourmet delights including appetizers, soups, salads, international specialties, a cheese course, and dessert was at my bidding. On occasion, I lingered, visiting with fellow foodies, over a cup of coffee or tea. **Insider fave:** Though the menu changes nightly, there is a set of delicious "classics" available every night. My favorite? That would be the perfectly seasoned, perfectly prepared beef medallions. *Mmm.*

Light-filled and airy for lunch and breakfast, La Veranda was transformed into a romantic French venue, effusing a warm glow in the evening. I learned early in >>>



Culinary Arts Institute of America



## Chef Thomas Wong

*In His Own Words*

For much of my professional career, I have worked at historic resorts steeped in hospitality. A recent sailing aboard *The Gauguin* as a guest chef was my first experience on a cruise ship and everything about the voyage was impeccable. What stood out for me foremost were the ship's polished, manicured, and well maintained galleys. Working with the Chef, Sous Chef, and Culinary Team, I witnessed excellent teamwork and mutual respect. Secondly, there was an impressive consistency in both culture and work ethic by the entire crew. What I saw was not something that could have been staged for one day; it was standard operational procedure. This excellence was not an act, but a habit. Professionally and personally, my time aboard was a magical experience.

*An expert in Hawaiian cuisine, Chef Tom Wong has been profiled on the Discovery Channel's Great Chefs of Hawaii and has appeared on the Food Network's Cooking Across America, CNN's On the Menu, Weekend TODAY and more. He's currently a professor at the Culinary Arts Institute of America.*



# Savor the Journey



ABOVE: Enjoy dining *al fresco* at La Veranda. LEFT: Tahitian vanilla crème with caramelized pear and almond meringue. BOTTOM LEFT: Authentic flavors and passionate creativity are culinary hallmarks.



my stay aboard *The Gauguin* that I needed to make a reservation with the *Maître d'* in order to indulge in the sophisticated menu enjoyed with stunning ocean views or *al fresco*. The setting: intimate tables of two to six with white tablecloths, china, and sparkling silverware and stemware. La Veranda featured a *Dégustation* menu or an *à la carte* menu of entrées, soups, specialties, and desserts. **Insider tip:** If you've always wanted to expand your palate, this is a delicious way to do it!

Advance dinner reservations with the *Maître d'* were also required at Le Grill. Nearly unrecognizable from my forays for lunch and dinner, this outdoor dining venue on the pool deck transformed into a fresh, glow-filled space at dinner. Its teak tables were punctuated with Polynesian table runners and glowing sconces, setting the tone for the restaurant's Polynesian-themed specialties. I could sit down with a single friend, or a group of up to seven shipmates, and savor a full course menu of Polynesian favorites, skillfully paired with wines. **Insider tip:** Making reservations when the ship overnights in Bora Bora may reward you with a poolside table under the stars.

## Late, Early & In-Between

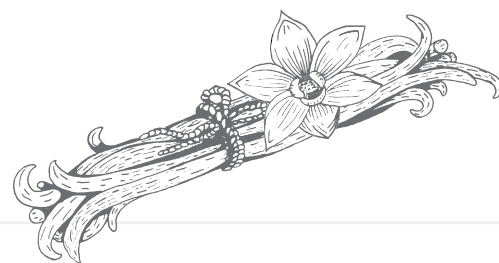
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There were a few days that I felt like relaxing in my stateroom after a full day in the sun. I was grateful for room service, offered 24/7 (at no extra charge, of course). I chose from a set menu of classics, and even a selection from *L'Etoile* when I ordered during regular dining hours.

On mornings that I rose to catch the sunrise, I found a light breakfast buffet available in La Palette (the ship's versatile indoor/outdoor lounge). Afternoon tea, a spread of delicious small bites and treats, also appeared in La Palette, or Le Grill, each day.

It would be remiss of me if I didn't mention one of my favorite meals—this one *not* on board the ship. My day on Motu Mahana was one of the highlights of the trip, and though fairly simple and "picnic" in style, the barbecue feast served by the ship's very own staff, in this private island setting, and accompanied by an icy coconut drink, goes down as one of the more memorable meals I've ever had. ✦

## Bon appetit!



# Dining as an Art

A culinary experience on the high seas with Paul Gauguin Cruises is truly something special. The menus are artfully designed by some of the world's most talented and award-winning chefs. A vast selection of dishes appeals to each individual, and naturally, all meals are included in your cruise fare.

*Roasted Lamb  
with Parsley Crust*



*Avocado Quinoa with  
Mango Puree*



*Apple Tarte Tatin*



## **L'ETOILE**

Dinner, open seating

## **LA VERANDA**

Breakfast, Lunch, open seating  
Dinner, reservation only

## **LE GRILL**

Breakfast, Lunch, open seating  
Dinner, reservation only

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Island inspiration  
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# More Society Islands & Tahiti

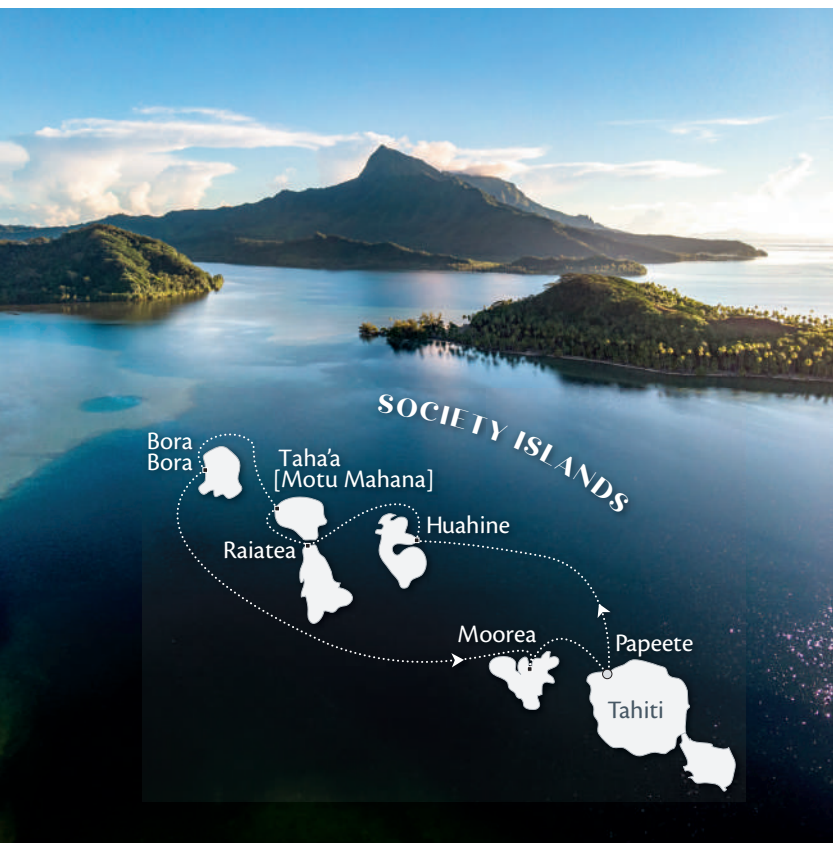
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with the jaw-dropping  
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TOP: Marché de Papeete, or the Papeete public Market, offers up a bustling sampling of sights, sounds, and all things authentically Polynesian. BOTTOM: Lush, cloud-crowned Mount Temehani inspires awe over the sacred island of Raiatea.



TOP: While you'll see many a *marae* on this voyage, few are more spiritually significant than Taputapuatea, a UNESCO-listed stunner on Raiatea. BOTTOM: Snorkel sessions sparkle brightly in the waters off our private islet in the Taha'a lagoon.





With her enchanting splendor of verdant volcanic isles and iconic turquoise lagoons, the Islands of Tahiti, as French Polynesia is also known, has long been a muse for artists, authors, and playwrights. Matisse was greatly influenced by “the light and enchantments of the sky.” Michener declared Bora Bora the most beautiful island in the world, and Moorea served as inspiration for his legendary *Tales of the South Pacific*, which Rodgers and Hammerstein then took to the bright lights of Broadway.

That same surreal and picture-perfect scenery is showcased on this new itinerary delving into the unique treasures of Tahiti’s Society Islands. From Bora Bora, Moorea, and Taha’a to Huahine and a return to Raiatea, these destinations are sure to captivate you too, just as they did for authors Herman Melville and Robert Lewis Stevenson.

Set your heart aglow and immerse your senses with the jaw-dropping views painted in dreamlike colors. This is the adventure you will never forget.



## More Society Islands & Tahiti

**TAHITI** You'll embark your cruise on French Polynesia's largest island—Tahiti. Located halfway between Los Angeles and Sydney, Tahiti is comprised of two ancient volcanic cones, Tahiti Nui in the northwest and Tahiti Iti on the southeastern peninsula.

Your journey begins in the vibrant capital city of Papeete on Tahiti Nui where you can explore markets, museums, and galleries. And awaiting in the harbor: the m/s *Paul Gauguin*.

Following a warm welcome aboard, you'll settle into your stateroom or suite to unpack, settle in, and familiarize yourself with your beautifully appointed home upon the sea for the next seven days.

Sleep well. You've got quite a day tomorrow.

**HUAHINE** Lush and untamed—indeed, a veritable Garden of Eden—Huahine is one of Tahiti's best-kept secrets...but don't worry, your crew aboard *The Gauguin* knows where all the treasures are hidden and they're eager to introduce you to this picturesque destination.

A morning arrival welcomes you with exquisite light gracing the translucent turquoise lagoons perfect for a snorkel or swim. Nestled within the dense landscape of tropical forest, vanilla estates, and towering coconut palms are well-preserved archaeological sites and sacred temples entwined in jungle vines. The delicate scents of frangipani and *tiaré* (Tahiti's renowned gardenia flower) elevate the senses and tranquility lingers in the air. Huahine is truly Polynesian: the pace is a bit slower than that of her sister isles, but the magnificent beauty is equally compelling.

The four-hour **Sacred Sites & Legendary Places** excursion showcases important historical relics, as well as some of the island's most beautiful panoramas. Alternatively, you might choose to be whisked to Motu Murimahora for some incredible snorkeling followed by a secluded beach picnic. You'll have plenty of time to let your cares drift away on the caress of the island breeze on this **Motu Picnic** adventure.

**RAIATEA** Blanketed in a lush landscape dotted with waterfalls, fertile valleys, and the cloud-capped Mount Temehani, Raiatea is Polynesia's most sacred island. It was from here that the earliest migrations set forth to settle in Hawaii, New Zealand, and beyond. The island boasts a rich *Maohi* history and is home to the UNESCO-listed Marae Taputapuatea archaeological site. There are verdant mountains ideal for hiking, and a stunning lagoon perfect for snorkeling, swimming, and soaking up the heavenly tranquility.

### TAHAA [MOTU MAHANA]

You'll know you've arrived by the intoxicating scent of Tahitian vanilla that lingers in the air; 80 percent of French Polynesian vanilla is grown on Taha'a. This tranquil island is not a mirage, but it seems like one. Volcanic hillsides burst with banana, watermelon, and pineapple. Nature's beauty is matched by the opportunity for adventure. Come to dive, snorkel, sail, and explore. Visit a pearl farm to learn how Tahitian pearls are cultivated, and be sure to pick up some vanilla!



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**Motu Mahana.** Just offshore of Taha'a lies Motu Mahana, *The Gauguin's* own private paradise, exclusive to her guests. A motu is a tiny island, and here on Mahana (literally, "Light of Sun or Day"), the day is yours to create. Snorkel reefs surrounded by Technicolor fish. Grab a kayak for a bit of exploring. Beachside, you may find a game of volleyball or learn how to tie a *pareo* or open a coconut from your hosts, Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins. You might want to indulge in an overwater massage, and when the mood strikes, a sumptuous barbecue feast awaits—complete with cocktails from full and floating bars.

### BORA BORA (OVERNIGHT)

It's like your first love. The one you never forget. This island—arguably the most celebrated of the Society Islands—is the one that will forever remain in your heart. It's just not possible to casually say, "Oh yeah, and then we went to Bora Bora." It inspires hyperbole, envy, and romance on an epic scale; it's easy to understand why it is one of the world's fairy-tale honeymoon destinations.

Located just northwest of Tahiti, "The Pearl of the Pacific" is surrounded by motus and embraced by a coral reef—which means

off-the-charts snorkeling. With the iconic Mount Otemanu in view, bask in the sun, kayak, or paddleboard from Paul Gauguin Cruises' exclusive beach. Whether you seek high adventure or supreme tranquility, the vibe here is friendly and relaxed. Smiles come easily and gentle breezes whisper, "Stay a while. And promise to come back." This really is heaven on Earth.

The **Bora Bora Off-Road Adventure** embraces the island's natural beauty in an exciting exploration of the road less traveled. Depart for an off-road journey to places accessible only via Land Rover, as your driver navigates the steep terrain and introduces you to the plants, trees, and cultures of Bora Bora. Other highlights include driving through the small town of Vaitape on the shore of Pofai Bay, ascending Pahonu Hill with its expansive views, seeing cannons from World War II, and traveling along Bora Bora's north shore for a visit to the lush valley of Fa'anui. The journey concludes with spectacular views and photo opportunities of Fa'anui Bay from a traditional plantation high up in the mountains.

**MOOREA** Of all the ports on your itinerary, Moorea will be the one you find

most hypnotic. The orchestra of colors and textures—encompassing jagged volcanic ridges, lush green jungle, and aquamarine waters—reach a crescendo that's nothing short of symphonic.

Said to be the inspiration for the mythical Bali Hai in James A. Michener's *Tales of the South Pacific*, Moorea's landscape is dominated by eight mountain peaks rising from a shimmering lagoon. But in contrast to its breathtaking vistas, Moorea is laid-back and welcoming. On land and sea, adventures for all levels await: hiking, whale watching, snorkeling—even ATV riding for the truly adventurous.

### PAPEETE, TAHITI (OVERNIGHT)

Your evening arrival in Papeete gives you the opportunity to sample the city at night. Tahitian locals welcome you to explore the carefree spirit of their island. Stroll along the wide waterfront-boulevard to find a Parisian-style café, shop the markets for authentic handcrafts and *pareos*, and be sure to sample the fare at one of the city's famed *roulettes* (food trucks). Or, you might choose to savor your last night aboard *The Gauguin* before you disembark in the morning.

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# Romance in French Polynesia

## HONEYMOONS • ANNIVERSARIES • VOW RENEWALS

*There's a reason French Polynesia (aka The Islands of Tahiti) is a coveted destination for honeymoons and romance: crystal-clear waters and dazzling lagoons, beautiful beaches and lush landscapes, sun-kissed days and star-lit nights... it all adds up to pure enchantment.*

From the fabled beauty of Bora Bora—a consistent #1 honeymoon destination on readers' choice polls, to the heart-shaped island of Moorea—the inspiration for Michener's mythical Bali Hai in *Tales of the South Pacific*, a journey aboard the beloved m/s *Paul Gauguin* offers overnights in the lagoons of both idyllic isles meaning you don't have to choose just one. Indeed, aboard this overwater "bungalow" that sails, you'll travel in seamless comfort throughout the Society and Cook Islands, the Tuamotus and Marquesas, and beyond to Fiji, Singapore and Australia. Settle into your well-appointed stateroom or suite, many with private balcony, and unpack only once as you discover the magical allure of the South Pacific.

Intimate and carefree, *The Gauguin* is purpose-built to explore these legendary archipelagos, able to access islands and lagoons that are unapproachable by larger ships. The ambiance on board boasts a contemporary tropical elegance with genuinely welcoming Polynesian hospitality. Table for two *al fresco* on deck? No problem. Champagne with breakfast on your balcony as the sun rises behind a volcanic mountain? But of course! The easy rhythm of doing as much—or as little—as you wish is *The Gauguin's* daily "schedule" because here, time evaporates on the breeze as your wishes and whims are happily accommodated.

### TO DO OR NOT TO DO

Each day of your journey reveals the mesmerizing wonders of one of the world's most cherished destinations. A highlight of nearly every voyage is a complimentary day at **Motu Mahana**, a private

islet nestled just off the shores of Taha'a in its gorgeous lagoon. Your perfect beach day begins with swimming in the warm waters and snorkeling with Technicolor tropical fish amidst vibrant corals. You might get your heart pumping with a round of beach volleyball or choose to linger quietly together beneath the gentle sway of palm trees. A taste of local culture follows with a traditional barbecue feast—complete with cocktails from the floating bar.

Whether you seek rest and relaxation, action and adventure—or a little bit of both—there are endless ways to bond with





your special someone in this tropical paradise. Perhaps you'll go **kayaking** on Raiatea's Faaroa River, launching at the fjord-like Faaroa Gorge to see lush foliage up close. Maybe you'll **hike** to the top of Belvedere Lookout on Moorea for incredible views of the surrounding bays, or get your adrenaline pumping on an **off-road adventure** in Bora Bora via a Land Rover. You can **go snorkeling** amidst stunning coral gardens in Fakarava's UNESCO-listed Marine Biosphere Reserve, or **SCUBA diving** at the nearby Tetamanu Pass, legendary for its shark wall, marbled grouper, and bigeye and blue-lined snapper. There are **wave runners** and **aqua bikes**, **helicopter tours** and even an opportunity to take your romance to new heights as you **learn to fly a Cessna 172** together.

## THE BLISSFUL FREEDOM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE

Back on board, complimentary kayaking and paddleboarding are offered directly from the ship's marina\*, and snorkeling gear is yours to use throughout the voyage.

Your romantic interlude aboard *The Gauguin* is worry-free, thanks to all-inclusive pricing—so keep your wallet in your pocket as all dining, entertainment, activities, gratuities, and even ship-wide Wi-Fi are already included. Enjoy 24-hour complimentary room service, or choose from a variety of restaurants day or night. Sip on complimentary wine, beer, spirits, soft drinks, bottled water, and hot beverages throughout your trip. You'll never have to worry about running out of drinks either, because your in-room fridge is replenished daily.

## COMPLIMENTARY POLYNESIAN BLESSING CEREMONY

Even if you've already tied the knot on the mainland, this traditional ceremony aboard the ship is an exotic way to commemorate your love. Entrenched with symbolism, the ceremony begins with the blowing of a conch shell said to summon the Gods to share their power and energy. Set to the delicate sounds of a ukulele and drums against a backdrop of scenic beauty, your hands are tied together with a leaf for a hand-fasting ceremony, then blessed and washed with pure water from the lagoon or fresh coconut water. Floral crowns and leis are exchanged, and you'll be wrapped in a Tahitian quilt that symbolizes warmth, acceptance, and love.

## ELEVATE YOUR ROMANCE

If you want to take it up a notch, you can consider an optional **Honeymoon Package** that includes myriad perks from caviar and canapes to flowers, keepsakes and more. No matter which love milestone you are celebrating, there is a curated package to elevate your romance: **Anniversary**, **Vow Renewal**, and **General Celebration**.

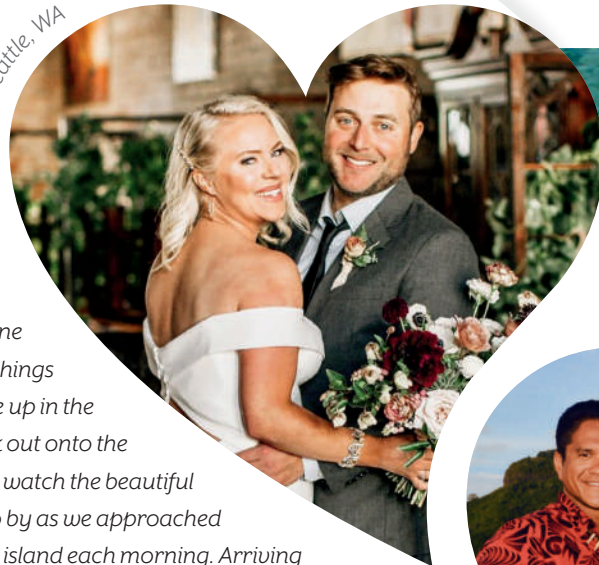
With authentic touches and thoughtful attention to detail, your time aboard *The Gauguin* promises to be blissfully carefree and endlessly romantic.

\*Marina use in select ports, dependent on conditions. Swimming is not allowed.

# Romance in French Polynesia

Seattle, WA

*"We couldn't have asked for a better setting for our honeymoon. One of our favorite things to do was wake up in the morning, walk out onto the balcony, and watch the beautiful coastline go by as we approached a different island each morning. Arriving Huahine was particularly beautiful.*



ALLISON  
+  
MILES

Bora Bora

*Of course, it doesn't get much more romantic than sitting on the deck at La Palette lounge and having a glass of wine before dinner each night, watching the sun go down over the ocean.*



*We loved our day on Motu Mahana, Paul Gauguin Cruises' private island off the coast of Taha'a. We swam and snorkeled in vibrant blue waters and made sure we visited both watering holes—the thatched roof bar on the island, and the floating bar in the lagoon.*

*Overall we couldn't have asked for a better honeymoon experience. We hope to revisit Tahiti with Paul Gauguin Cruises again someday!"*



# THE BEST WAY TO EXPERIENCE POLYNESIA

If you've never been, but are considering a trip to French Polynesia (*and you should be considering a visit to the South Seas!*) you may be wondering about the best way to see this incredible part of the world. Do you choose one or two islands and book a hotel? Or do you opt for a small ship that offers up a vibrant array of Tahiti and her illustrious islands?



## The Gauguin

1:1.5 Crew-to-Guest Ratio— 330 Guests  
[7 Nights]

*The island nature of this part of the world really lends to exploring by small ship. Here is a comparison to contemplate when doing your research:*



## Land Packages

Sold By Various Travel Agencies  
[7 Nights]

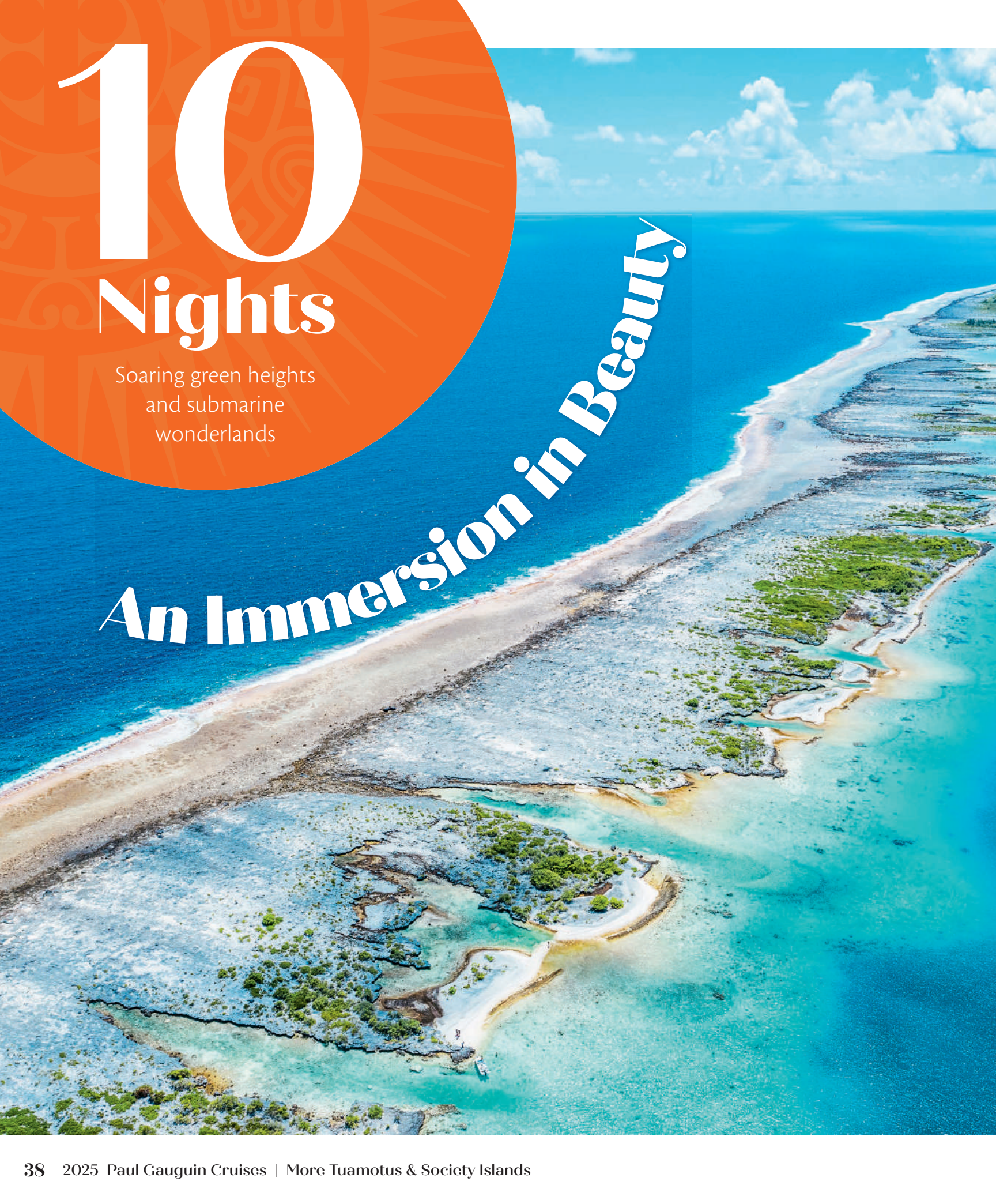
<p>5</p> <p>Bora Bora, Moorea, Tahiti, Taha'a &amp; Huahine</p>	<p>Number of Islands Visited</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Bora Bora &amp; Tahiti</p>
<p>None</p>	<p>Inter-Island Airfare</p>	<p>\$350+</p>
<p>All meals <b>Included!</b> + 24-hour room service</p>	<p>Food</p>	<p>Daily Breakfast Included <b>\$1000+</b> for lunch and dinner</p>
<p><b>Included!</b> Non-alcoholic beverages, beer, and select wine &amp; spirits</p>	<p>Beverages</p>	<p><b>Not Included</b></p>
<p><b>Included!</b> Lectures and live entertainment daily, plus special guests on select voyages</p>	<p>Entertainment</p>	<p><b>Not Included</b></p>
<p><b>Included!</b> Snorkeling equipment, kayaking, and paddleboarding</p>	<p>Watersports</p>	<p><b>Some Included</b></p>
<p><b>Motu Mahana &amp; Bora Bora</b></p>	<p>Private Beaches</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><i>From:</i> <b>\$4,860</b></p>	<p><i>Total Price</i> PER PERSON*</p>	<p><i>From:</i> <b>\$5,950</b></p>

It's concluded: The extraordinary experience and value lies in the all-inclusive, luxury small ship m/s *Paul Gauguin*!

# 10 Nights

Soaring green heights  
and submarine  
wonderlands

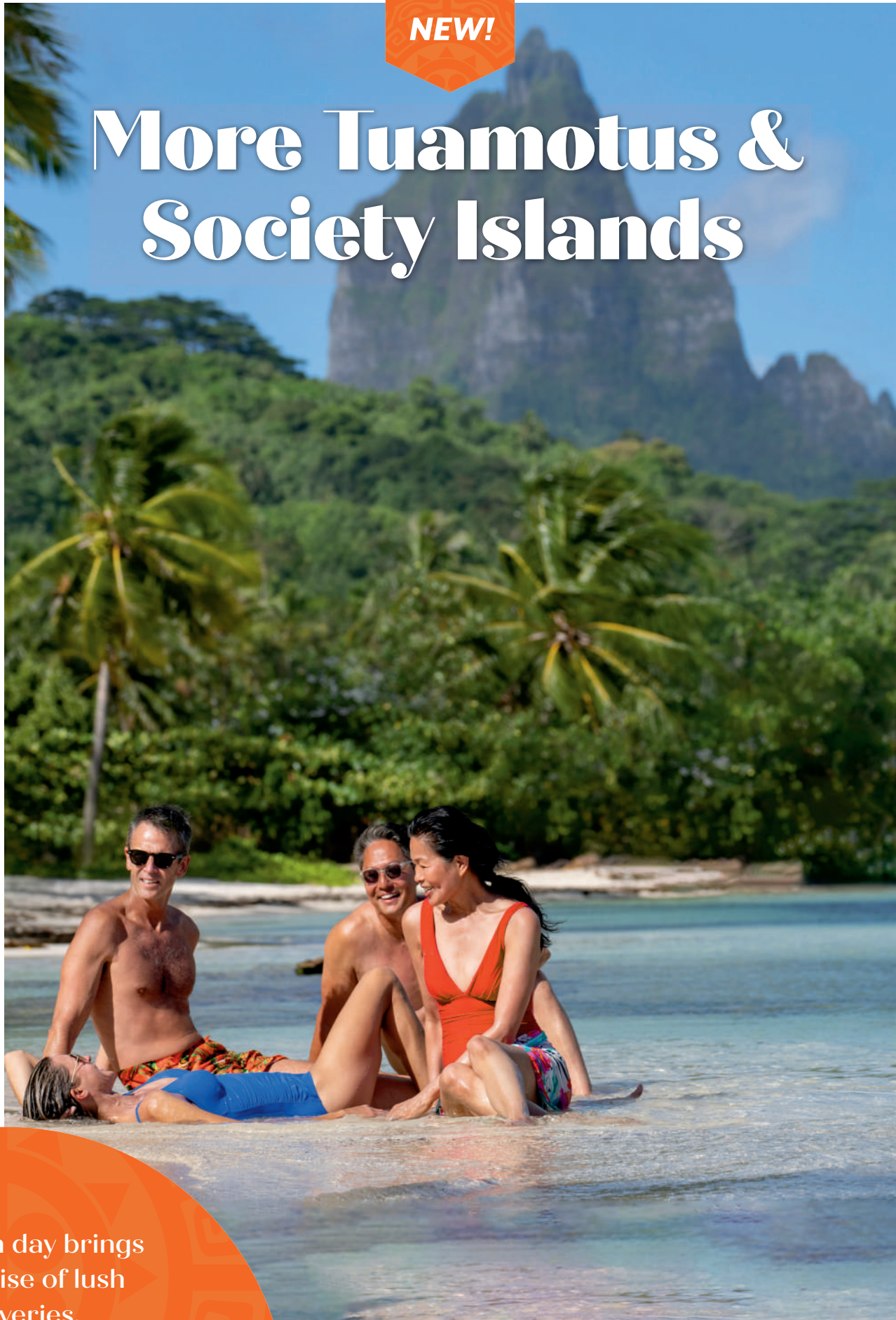
*An Immersion in Beauty*





**NEW!**

# More Tuamotus & Society Islands



Every fresh day brings  
the promise of lush  
discoveries.



TOP: Origin point of the ancient Great Migration, Raiatea is rich in mystical *marae* (sacred sites). BOTTOM: Slide beneath the waterline to SCUBA dive Fakarava's untouched reefs or snorkel in Bora Bora's Lagoonarium.



TOP: Cycling in the Tuamotus isn't just good cardio; it's downright breathtaking. BOTTOM: The term "warm welcome" doesn't even come close to describing the joyous vibe that awaits you in these idyllic isles.



Wouldn't it be great if there was a voyage that combined the über-romantic delights of Bora Bora and the Society Islands with the coral-reef euphoria of the Tuamotu Atolls? And maybe toss in a sacred island, a garden island, and a blissful beach day at Motu Mahana, Paul Gauguin Cruises' exclusive retreat nestled in Taha'a lagoon?

Good news: that's an exact description of this 10-night itinerary. Key among the highlights is our first-ever overnight in Fakarava, home to a submarine ecosystem so unique it's designated a UNESCO-listed Biosphere Reserve. Add to that an overnight bathed in the legendary allure of Bora Bora, relaxed days to explore Moorea's emerald mountains, ancient Raiatea and lush Huahine, and the incomparable subsurface beauty of Rangiroa's world-famous natural "aquarium"—and you've got a journey rich in beauty, exploration, adventure, and luxury. On the ship, on the land, and beneath the waves.



## More Tuamotus & Society Islands

**TAHITI** Boarding *The Gauguin* before her sunset departure from Papeete, enjoy a classically warm Tahitian welcome from staff and crew—and your first glimpses of the epic beauty that so defines the Society Islands. You'll likely be snapping photos excitedly already, but no camera—or even Photoshop filter—can quite capture it. You must see it with your own eyes to believe it. As you will be doing repeatedly in the string of days to come.

**AT SEA** As you glide toward the Tuamotus, an urgent call comes in. It's *The Gauguin's* mahogany-framed saltwater pool, requesting your presence for a delightful swim, lounging with newfound friends, a bit of food, perhaps a cocktail.

Sea days are perfect for that sort of thing. And for visits to the Algotharm Spa. And for expanding your skills with Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins, your onboard hosts ever at the ready to provide lessons in Tahitian dance, *pareo*-tying, and traditional crafts. There's also no bigger wow than the one you get from a deckside sunset at sea.

**FAKARAVA (OVERNIGHT)** An afternoon arrival here brings you to one of UNESCO's seven Biosphere Reserves for the preservation of rare species. Luring divers from all over the world, Fakarava's sprawling lagoon and reef provide a home and underwater nursery for precious marine fauna found nowhere else. Whether you opt for a 90-minute **Fakarava Pinnacle Snorkel** excursion or a full-day **Tour of South Pass & Tetamanu**, you'll experience some of Mother Nature's finest subsurface handiwork.

Of course, as with the rest of the South Pacific, landside adventure here proves just as tempting. Perhaps a relaxed e-bike spin through a verdant coconut grove along the coast? The pyramidal Topaka lighthouse along the route is among the oldest in Polynesia, and the handsome coral church on Fakarava's southern tip has weathered the test of time and tropics since the 1870s.

With two days to explore this "Island of Dreams," you'll soon understand how it earned its name.

**RANGIROA** Picture a crystal-blue lagoon so vast the entire island of Tahiti could fit within it, encircled by 240 palmy sand islets and parked above one of the planet's most vibrant coral reef systems. If Rangiroa wasn't already on your bucket list, you'll soon be correcting the omission.

Experience the drift-snorkel of your dreams on a **Snorkelling Rangiroa's 'Aquarium'** excursion, as a fluorescent menagerie of undersea life awaits your visit to their coral gardens. For a more adventurous session, consider a **SCUBA Motu Nuhi Nuhi** trip to a spot frequented by hammerhead sharks in summer (Dec-Mar), and colorful fish of every stripe throughout the year.

Bask Crusoe-style on a pink-sand beach or cavort in a Reef Island swim hole. Visit a Blue Lagoon in a blue lagoon. Spot Tuamotu sandpipers at a seabird sanctuary. Catch wild dolphins leaping at Tiputa Point, or watch parrot fish, black-tip sharks, and huge Napoleon wrasse swim by beneath your dry feet on a **Glass-bottom Boat Tour** over Tiputa Channel.



DAY	PORT
1	PAPEETE, TAHITI
2	AT SEA / FAKARAVA
3	FAKARAVA
4	RANGIROA
5	HUAHINE
6/7	BORA BORA
8	RAIATEA
9	TAHAA [MOTU MAHANA]
10	MOOREA
10/11	PAPEETE, TAHITI

More into landlubbing? Wander picturesque Avatoru village or venture a bit farther down the road to the vineyard responsible for French Polynesia's only wine label, *Vin de Tahiti*.

**HUAHINE** A fresh day brings the promise of lush discoveries here on "The Garden Island." Everywhere your eye lands is deep, verdant green—or a thousand shades of shimmering blue. Life is quiet here; the jungle holds its secrets close, hinting at their richness with the sounds and scents of paradise.

Huahine was once the playground of Tahitian royalty; today it's yours. The island's historical allure is the stuff of legends, with *maraes* (temples), monuments, and archaeological relics dating back to the birth of the Polynesian culture. *The Gauguin's* anthropologist-led **Sacred Sites & Legendary Places** excursion visits Maeva, where many of these are concentrated, as well as a working vanilla plantation and a village where you'll meet—and feed—the famous blue-eyed eels of Faie.

**BORA BORA (OVERNIGHT)** The name alone triggers runaway romantic notions. But oh, what passion the reality of two days in Bora Bora will inspire. It's no wonder this jewel-like island with its slice-of-heaven lagoon is such a go-to for weddings, honeymoons, vow renewals—and spontaneous declarations of love.

Your days here can be casual, barefoot, unhurried. Especially at *The Gauguin's* exclusive beach retreat where time and cares evaporate in the Polynesian breeze. Snorkel, sunbathe, paddleboard, or simply float about in water so turquoise it appears on no color chart on Earth.

Bring active adventure into the equation with excursions like a **Sharks & Stingray Encounter**, a **Bora Bora Off-Road Adventure** that ascends the steep to jaw-dropping overlooks and cannon emplacements left behind here after WWII. Maybe even take to the lagoon for an adrenaline-fueled **Circle Island by Waverunner**.

No matter how splendid you've imagined this South Seas paradise to be, it's all that and more.

**RAIATEA** Polynesia's most mythic island is a contender for most scenic, too, with its landscape blanketed in ginger and waterfalls and its skyline defined by misty Mount Temehani. It was from these turquoise shores that the ancient Maohi launched their double-hulled sailing canoes to settle in Hawaii, New Zealand, and beyond.

Perhaps you'll launch your own craft today, and kayak the Faaroa River. Or enjoy a drift-snorkel in Raiatea's crystalline lagoon, shared with neighboring Taha'a. You might explore Raiatea's top viewpoints by open-air safari truck, or visit the UNESCO-listed *Marae Taputapuatea* archaeological complex and sense the 1,000-year-old spirit of this isle whose name translates to "faraway heaven."

**TAHA'A [MOTU MAHANA]** Foremost on today's agenda: vanquish any troubles, deadlines, or responsibilities with a **Motu Mahana** beach day. Paul Gauguin Cruises' private Polynesian islet offers sun, swaying palms, thatched huts, amiable chatter, and plenty of ukulele. Stroll the soft sand motu barefoot. Queue up your entrant in a spirited sandcrab race or toss up your serve in a boisterous beach

volleyball game. Quench your hunger and thirst with cool drinks from a floating bar and a barbeque lunch served as *al fresco* as they come.

Elsewhere on Taha'a, alternate adventures await. Quaint villages perfect for browsing. Island lanes perfect for cycling. Ancient hiking trails and 4x4 treks into mountain jungle. And everywhere, the intoxicating scent of paradise.

**MOOREA** Heart-shaped Moorea seems designed for celebrating love. Its eight craggy volcanic peaks tower over twin lagoons. Waterfalls and fern carpets cascade down the hillsides while coffee, sugarcane, and pineapples ripen in the valleys. Sparkling waist-deep water blankets the shorelines. And Spinner dolphins leap acrobatically among the waves. Don't bother trying to resist this allure; it's not possible.

Instead, surrender to the myriad possibilities: Ascend to the isle's ancient crater on an **Aito Off-Road Safari**. Experience a subsurface stroll along the lagoon floor with reef fish and rays for company on an **Aquablue Underwater Walk**. Explore by e-bike, waverunner, small plane, catamaran, mountain trail, or ATV.

When it's time to sail onward, hug yourself and those around you. That's the Moorean way.

**PAPEETE, TAHITI (OVERNIGHT)** Alas, like all life's finest journeys, your m/s *Paul Gauguin* voyage must end. Enriched, relaxed, and with a very fond *adieu* to the many staff and new friends you've gotten to know, you'll disembark this morning. But perhaps only for a while. Tahiti and her sister islands cast a spell not easily broken.

## More Tuamotus & Society Islands

Roundtrip Papeete, Tahiti

10 NIGHTS

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# LIFE'S A

Paul Gauguin Cruises offers not one, but **two private beach retreats** for you to sink your toes into.

## Bora Bora

A PRIVATE BEACH ON  
A SECLUDED MOTU

The Gauguin's private beach off the coast of Bora Bora is your secret sanctuary. Towering Mount Otemanu in the distance begs the obligatory selfie. White sands. Palm trees. Gin-clear waters. Heavenly seclusion. The only distraction is the sound of the waves gently caressing the shore. Bring your snorkel equipment and towel from the ship and spend a few hours losing yourself in the serenity of paradise.

### AGENDA:

1. find the perfect spot to spread out your towel
2. grab an icy cold refreshment
3. take a spin around the lagoon on a paddleboard
4. bask in the sunshine
5. cool off in the refreshing water
6. wade out to catch the tender back to the ship for sunset



# BEACH

## Motu Mahana A PRIVATE ISLET OFF THE COAST OF TAHAA

To truly experience the South Pacific, you must savor an ice-cold beverage from a real coconut. If you tire of this delicacy, swim up to the lagoon's floating bar—they keep it simple with a regular ol' cup. Here on this idyllic islet, you can take in a game of beach volleyball with fellow shipmates, glide around in a kayak, or just take a nap in your perfectly situated beach chair.

### AGENDA:

1. find a beach chair in the sun shade
2. kayak... make a stop at the floating bar
3. go find that red octopus all the snorkelers have been talking about
4. grab a barbecue lunch to go with your coconut mai tai
5. buy some beach pearls from the locals
6. volleyball nap



### Getting Ready to Say "I Do"?

Consider scheduling a private Polynesian blessing ceremony on Motu Mahana. Against this stunning backdrop, greet your better half wearing *heis* (crowns of flowers), and enjoy a ceremony under the sun.

# 11 Nights

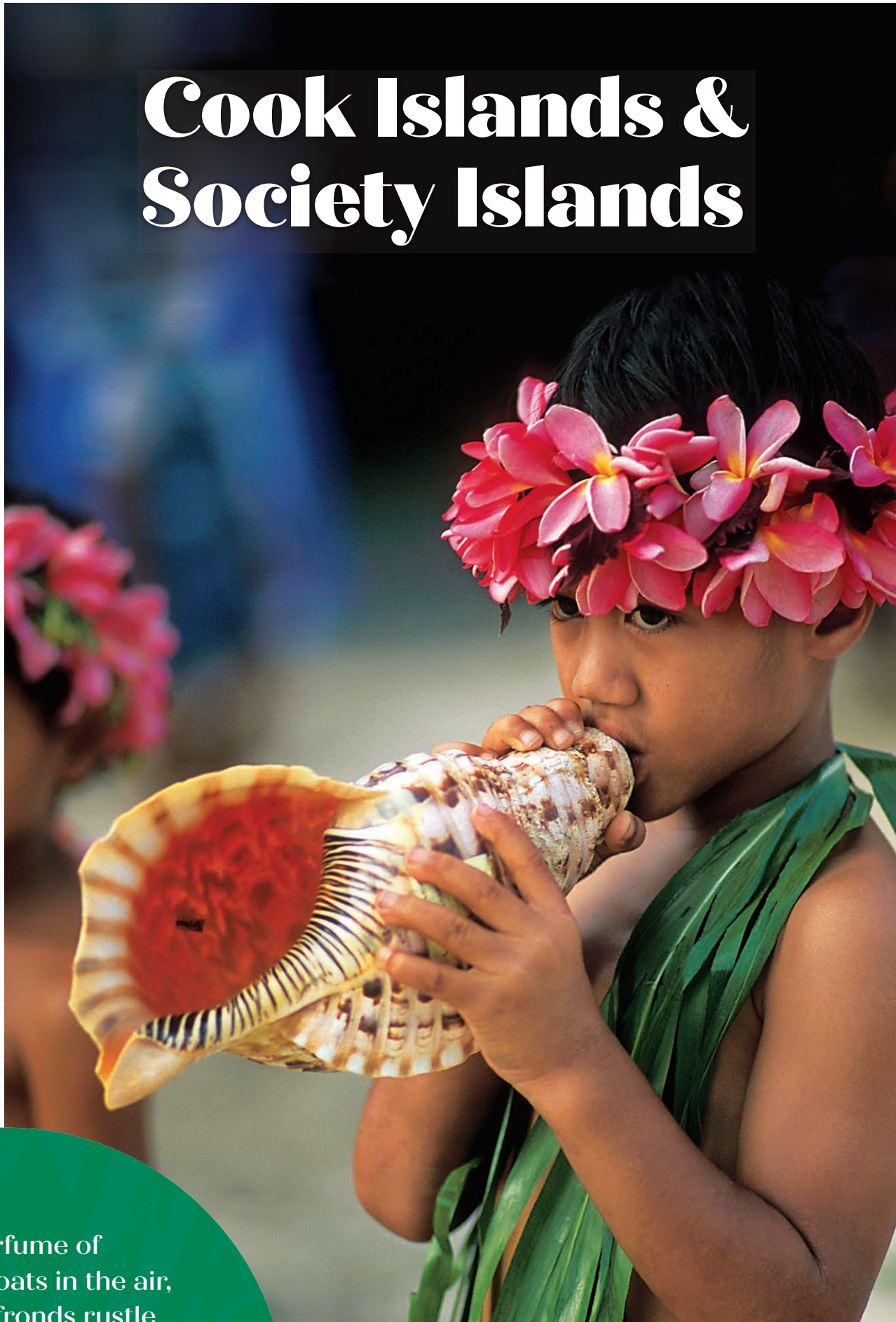
An immersive, adventurous  
South Pacific odyssey

## The Nature of Enchantment





# Cook Islands & Society Islands



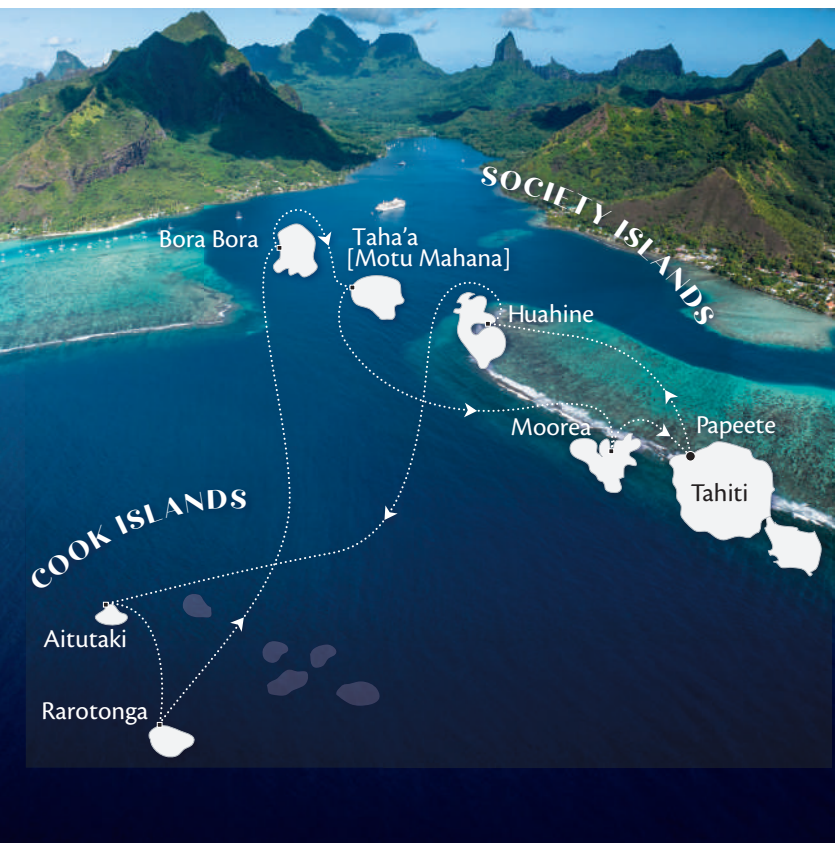
The perfume of frangipani floats in the air, while palm fronds rustle in the onshore breeze.



TOP: A visit underwater in Aitutaki lagoon reveals fascinating marine life, including Giant Clams heavier than you are. BOTTOM: Chart a course for sublime discovery through the most enchanting realms of the South Pacific.



TOP: Step under a palm and share a tropical toast with Cook Island lager and newfound friends. BOTTOM: Getting your passport stamped at faraway One Foot Island post office is good for unbeatable bragging rights back at home.



If there were traffic signs along the waterways throughout the Society Islands, they might read “Stress-free Zone.” And while (fortunately) you won’t see any signage, the atmosphere here is indeed one of relaxing bliss, as if a tonic of calm were sprinkled on the sea breeze. Add the tropical serenity and low-key vibe of the Cook Islands to the route and you won’t have a care in the world... other than getting into the water or going ashore.

Sound tempting? Book this 11-night itinerary and you’re on your way. To adventures above and below the turquoise sea. To emerald mountains and sugar-white beaches. To enchanting customs and enduring legends. And, above all, to a South Pacific world of relaxation, discovery, and runaway romance.

Discover the remote Cook Islands, from rugged Rarotonga to watery Aitutaki. Relish two-day stays in bucket-list perennials Bora Bora and Moorea. Visit the vanilla-scented rainforests of Huahine. And find your bliss on *The Gauguin’s* own private Taha’a beach islet.



## Cook Islands & Society Islands

**TAHITI** Long known as the “Queen of the Pacific,” the island of Tahiti is quite used to admiring glances. You’ll no doubt be casting a few of your own on its triple-peak magnificence as you board the m/s *Paul Gauguin* in Papeete harbor.

Welcomed by a crew and staff genuinely thrilled to have you along, you’ll find plenty to admire right here on the ship that will serve as your own personal harbor for the next while. Departing port as the sun descends, feel your spirits begin to soar.

**HUAHINE** Tucked shyly between Tahiti and Bora Bora, the Garden Island of Huahine is actually two islands—said to have been separated eons ago by a local god’s canoe and blanketed like twins by a plush coral reef. Rich in cultural artifacts and redolent of vanilla vines, this wonderfully underdeveloped Eden is a tranquil refuge that progress has wonderfully overlooked.

Reef-lovers might opt for the waterborne **Island Tour & Snorkeling** excursion. Landrovers can seek adventure on 4WD, ATV, or e-bike outings. And archaeology enthusiasts can marvel at the famous *maraes* (ancient Polynesian temples) of Maeva on a **Cultural Highlights of Huahine** tour.

**AT SEA** Above all else, days at sea are for indulging. And *The Gauguin’s* chefs have definitely seen to that. From deckside breakfast accompanied by sea breezes at La Veranda to theme-driven poolside lunching at Le Grill, and on to high-style Afternoon Tea replete with finger sandwiches and *petit fours*. As the sun settles, the culinary options elevate: L’Etoile sets its linens for multi-coursed, wine-paired deliciousness. Le Grill shifts to Asian-Pacific and finned fare. And La Veranda brings artful French dining to heights as tall as its wraparound glass walls.

**AITUTAKI** Bid *adieu* (temporarily) to French Polynesia and say g’day to Aitutaki in the Cook Islands, politically allied with far-off New Zealand but deeply tied to its Maori tradition through song, dance, and crafts like the intricate patchwork quilts known as *tivaevae* handsewn with love and colorful fabrics by the local matriarchs.

Several hundred fish species add still more local color, inhabiting the reefs of a vast triangular central lagoon framed by low-lying, palm-shaded islets. Kiteboarders ride the trade winds across the shallows, scooterists circumnavigate the island for the fun of it, and hikers make easy work of trekking

to Maunga Pu, the isle’s non-lofty summit, rewarded with sensational 360-degree vistas.

Another Aitutaki high point is One Foot Island, a beach with few peers for beauty and even fewer for post offices; the one here is among the world’s tiniest and most remote. *The Gauguin’s Lagoon Cruise and Beach Break* excursion lunches here and calls on other must-see island locales. A shorter **Snorkeling Tour** brings you to Motu Maina, home to famously giant clams and vibrant birdlife.

**RAROTONGA** It’s the hub of the Cooks—yet small-town in stature. No building taller than a coconut tree. And no traffic lights, since there’s scant traffic. What is here are fabulous sugar-sand beaches, lushly rugged interior mountains, and the unmistakable island sound of drumbeats and ukulele riffs. The perfume of frangipani floats in the air, while palm fronds rustle in the onshore breeze. Overall, not a bad place at all to find yourself this day.

Will you spend it on an offroad **Raro Safari by 4WD**, calling on inland villages to get a real sense of islander life? Steeped in tropical and marine beauty on a **Muri Lagoon Cruise**? Or maybe at Takitumu Conservation Centre, seeking a sighting of



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5	RAROTONGA
6	AT SEA
7/8	BORA BORA
9	TAHA'A (MOTU MAHANA)
10/11	MOOREA
11/12	PAPEETE, TAHITI

the elusive kakerori flycatcher found only here. No matter what, it will be a Raro treat.

**AT SEA** Waking up to a fresh day at sea, feel how the amazing sights, sounds, and tastes you've experienced so far are fueling your sense of wellbeing. Daydream or dive into a novel on the Sun Deck as the South Pacific landscape drifts by. Channel your inner artist by sketching or painting. Ask your onboard cultural hosts, Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins, for tips and techniques on mastering Polynesian craft-making. Tackle making a basket from coconut fronds, learn the ancient art of *tapa* barkcloth, create your own jewelry from natural materials found on the islands. And celebrate your mastery with a Tahitian vanilla crème brûlée.

**BORA BORA (OVERNIGHT)**  
This morning finds you back in the warm embrace of French Polynesia, anchored for a pair of play days on the South Pacific's supermodel island, Bora Bora. It looks every bit as glamorous as all those magazine covers it's starred on. But this is better; this is in-real-life.

With so much to do and see, your time here will require some decisioning. First and foremost, there's the water. Dazzling, warm, and inviting, Bora Bora's lagoon offers positively cinematic beauty for snorkelers and divers. And exotic up-close encounters with gentle stingrays and shy sharks. The scene's also jaw-dropping above the surface where catamaran sails, kayaking, jet boating, aquabiking, and waverunner tours are among the options. As we said, tough call.

Then there's the land to consider. Guided hikes, ATV adventures, ancient temples to explore. The half-day **Bora Bora Off-Road Adventure** leaves the pavement in the rearview on a rollicking exploration of the island's considerable natural beauty and interesting WWII history.

Should you prefer to do little more than float in bathtub-glorious ocean water and sip cool refreshments along an exquisite beach framed by iconic Mount Otemanu views, *The Gauguin's* private Bora Bora beach retreat is waiting.

By the way: brace yourself for ravishing sunsets. They're a Bora Bora trademark.

### TAHA'A [MOTU MAHANA]

Its deliciously fragrant botanical secret will excite your senses even before you arrive. This is the Vanilla Island, where 80% of French Polynesia's gourmet-prized crop is grown. Graced by lush beaches and crowned by volcanic slopes clad in pineapple and banana fields, this flower-shaped paradise is as dreamy as Bora Bora, yet exquisitely undeveloped.

Seasoned snorkelers love the **Coral Garden Drift Snorkel**, where the current carries divers and their guides single file through a lagoon brimming with brilliant fish and graceful corals (or is it the other way round?). The **Exploration of Taha'a** excursion keeps dry, traversing high mountains by off-road vehicle and visiting a local vanillerie and Tahitian black pearl farm.

That said, a freeform day on *The Gauguin's* private beach haven, **Motu Mahana**, might be just what floats your boat. This tiny islet features swaying palms, kayaking and

other watersports, beach volleyball, and an overwater massage situation. Oh, and a floating bar serving up your favorite beverages plus a sumptuous daily barbeque. Hard to resist.

**MOOREA (OVERNIGHT)** No two ways about it (though there are two bays about it), Moorea is as stunning as French Polynesia gets—its signature heart shape created by Cook's and Opunohu Bays with dramatic Mt. Rotui parked between them. In addition to its undeniably great looks, Moorea brims with stunning opportunities for adventure during your two-day sojourn.

One popular example is the **Dolphin Watching Expedition**, led by a marine biologist and focused on the wild, free-ranging Spinner and rough-toothed dolphins that frequent Moorea's lagoon. For an even loftier vantage point on what's in the water, there's a scenic island flyover excursion by small plane. And for photography enthusiasts, a pro-guided **Capture Moorea** outing scouring the island from beach to peak in quest of the perfect image.

For a fully human-powered thrill, the trail to the Magic Mountain Overlook takes under an hour and rewards hikers with views of a lifetime.

### PAPEETE, TAHITI (OVERNIGHT)

Back to the harbor where the voyage began, already? Where did the time go? In your journal, perhaps. And certainly, it's been logged in your best-of-the-best memory banks for regular recall. After a final evening aboard, you'll bid farewell to the South Seas. Until the next trip, anyway.

## Cook Islands & Society Islands

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# POLYNESIAN CULTURE: PANDANUS & JEWELRY



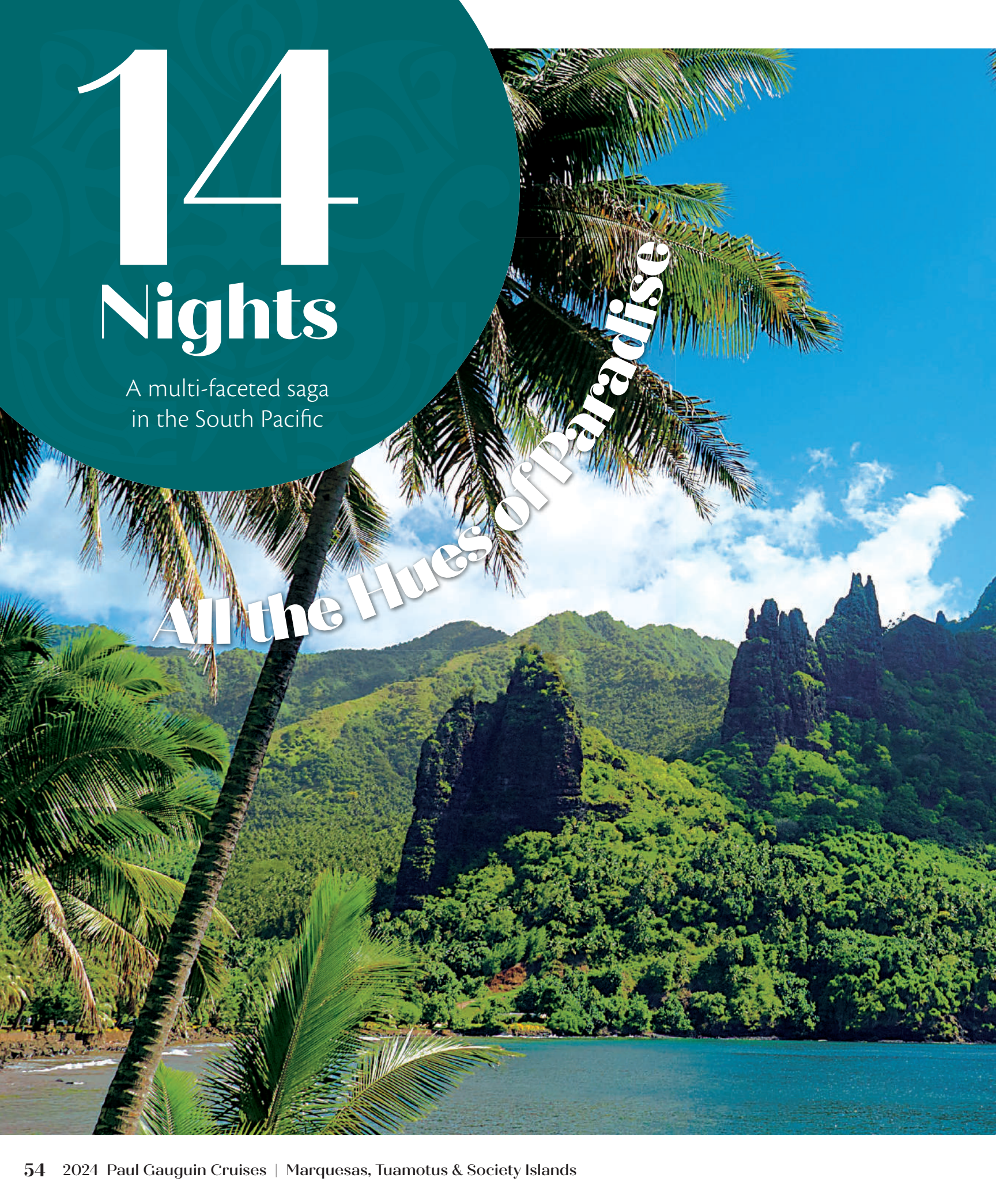
One of the pleasures of island life is the presence of *pandanus*. You will recognize this exotic, wacky looking tree because it gives the eye-popping illusion of defying gravity. Its exposed roots support a thick central trunk that seems to burst into a shower of branches and leaves. Not only do these beautiful trees provide shade from the tropical heat, but their long, thin leaves are used to create decorative items such as flowers, handbags, grass skirts, and jewelry.

Polynesian jewelry isn't just limited to *pandanus* bracelets and hair ornaments, however. As you sail from island to island, each stop offers up a treasure trove of baubles, which can be worn in the tropics or upon your return home. Fierce *tiki* amulets on leather straps, shark tooth earrings, black Tahitian pearls, Marquesan seed necklaces strung in elaborate patterns to make bold collars, iridescent, abalone shell rings, tribal necklaces of carved *tamanu* nuts with various types of beads... all these stun the eye and ornament the wearer.

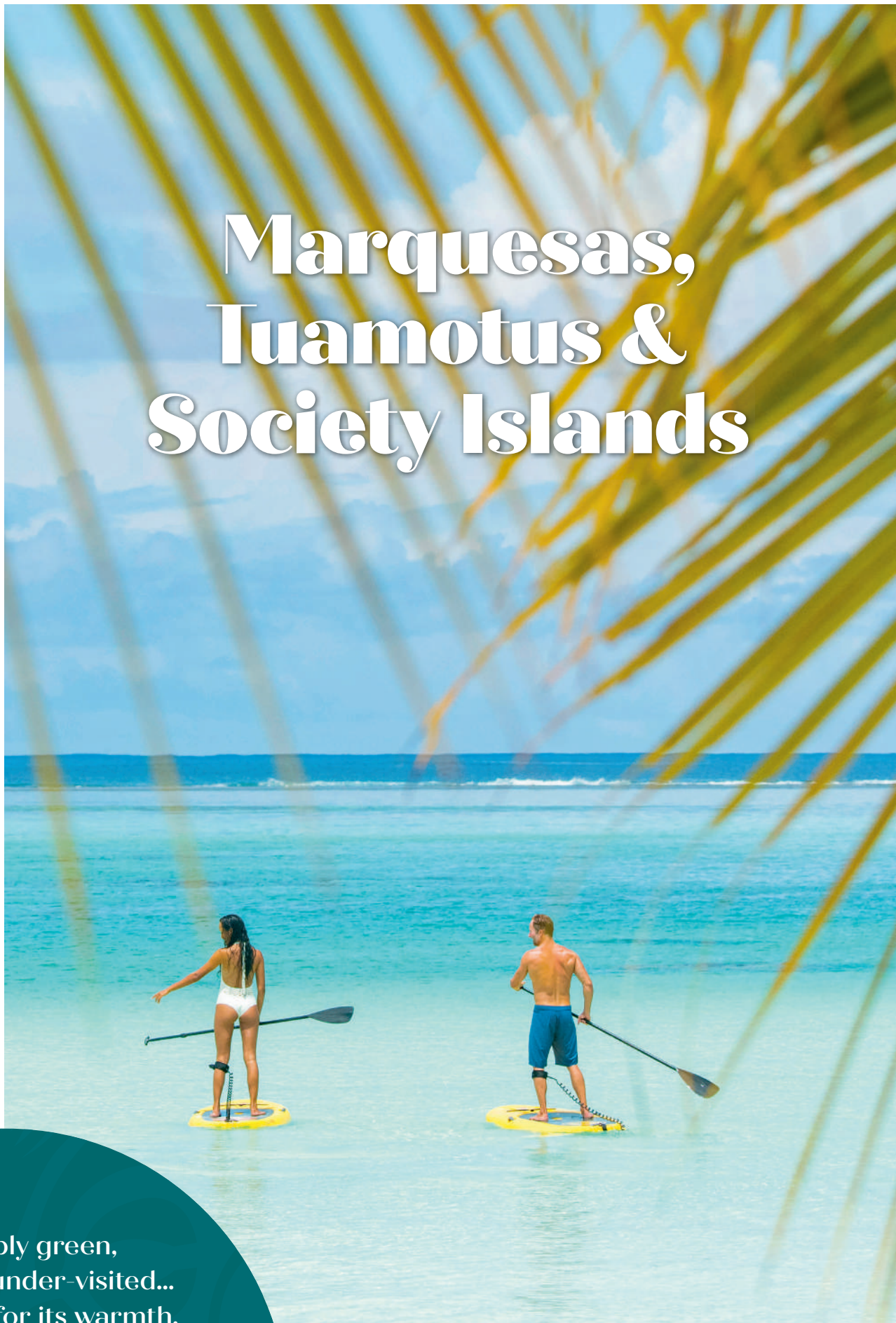
# 14 Nights

A multi-faceted saga  
in the South Pacific

All the Hues of Paradise







# Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands

Impossibly green,  
delightfully under-visited...  
and revered for its warmth.



TOP: Guests getting ready for a kayaking adventure in the waters of Motu Mahana. BOTTOM: A sublime stroll along the private beach in Bora Bora with Mount Otemanu on the horizon.



TOP: Some of Nuku Hiva's banyan trees are thought to be more than 600 years old. BOTTOM: Guests receive a warm welcome (and a dance lesson) from the locals on Tahuata.



**A**ssembled an ambitious Polynesia bucket list with limited off-time to fill it? This two-week itinerary packs impressive variety into a single voyage. Romance, luxury, beauty, relaxation, adventure—all are thoroughly explored as you voyage from island to island in an arc around the storied South Pacific.

Savor the relaxed luxury of shipboard life aboard the m/s *Paul Gauguin* even as you venture into the mountainous wilds of the Marquesas Islands. Soak up days of picture-perfect dreaminess in the fabled Society Islands and be immersed in fluorescent underwater wonders in the Tuamotu Archipelago.

Lose all track of time, gain a fresh perspective on the beauty of our planet, and find yourself transformed by the experience.

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## Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands

**TAHITI** *The Gauguin* awaits you in the harbor of Papeete, Tahiti's capital. As you board, notice the energy here in the waterfront with shoppers eyeing the fruits and flowers, crafts and souvenirs, and local Tahitian goods. For all the urbane sophistication of this 'big' city, its backdrop of dramatic green mountains gives the scene an unmistakably Polynesian vibe. The perfect intro to the journey to come.

**AT SEA** Morning finds you reveling in your first day at sea as the South Pacific trade winds gently carry off the stresses of everyday life. Consider today Chapter One of an as-yet-unwritten South Seas epic. Will yours be a romance? A fantasy? An adventure? Perhaps all of these. But for now, surrender to the comforts of this beautiful vessel that will serve as your floating home during the journey. This ease could be habit-forming!

**FAKARAVA** Welcome to Mother Nature's showplace in the Tuamotus, an island sought out by divers from all over the planet for its incomparable bounty of marine life. Fakarava is one of just seven UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in the world, its vast rectangular lagoon providing a uniquely pristine coral nursery for fish and crustaceans of every stripe, as well as a cruising ground for manta and eagle rays, hammerhead sharks, dolphins, and turtles.

The atoll's landside riches are considerable as well, among them a church in Tetamanu built entirely of coral by missionaries in 1874—

and one of the oldest and most photogenic lighthouses in Polynesia, shaped like a pyramid. Strolling or cycling along splendid beaches reveals a lush menagerie of tropical plants and colorful avians.

**AT SEA** Is there *anything* more glamorous than lounging on the deck of a ship as the South Seas horizon drifts past? Unlikely. Whether your agenda this day involves occupying a chaise with a tropical libation in hand and a novel at the ready or chatting poolside with newfound travel friends, *The Gauguin* is designed for your absolute pleasure.

The dining is enticing. The fitness center and spa, invigorating. Your onboard hosts, Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins, are leading Tahitian dance lessons and hands-on craft-making workshops. Soon it will be Golden Hour, when another spectacular Polynesian sunset will be queued up. Followed by starlight that defies description.

**FATU HIVA** As if in deliberate contrast to the low-lying Tuamotus, the mountainous Marquesas vault out of the Pacific to reach ruggedly dramatic heights. Deep indigo swells pound against jagged sea cliffs so tall, misty clouds drop down to meet them. No coral lagoons or sandy beaches here, but ample natural and cultural riches await.

Beautiful in its isolation, Fatu Hiva sits at the southern end of the chain, an "off the radar" paradise with no airstrip, a mere 500

residents, and just one road linking its two small villages—though what a scenic wonder that drive is!

In addition to ancient petroglyphs and the renowned beaten-bark tapa cloth handicrafts made by its local artisans, Fatu Hiva's luxuriant jungle gorges, plunging waterfalls, and stunning Bay of Virgins make excursions here a sensual delight.

**HIVA OA** Of all the islands in Polynesia, master Post-Impressionist Paul Gauguin and famed songwriter Jacques Brel both chose Hiva Oa to spend their final years and to rest for eternity at Calvaire Cemetery. Their works live on here, too, enshrined at cultural centers in the island's principal settlement, Atuona. Curiously, this village is also a favorite of the yachting set, imparting a distinctly cosmopolitan vibe to this otherwise rugged island.

Attention explorers: With its deep valleys, weathered peaks, and velvety rainforests, Hiva Oa's interior holds many hidden secrets, including massive stone carvings and ancient petroglyphs whose true meanings have yet to be fully explained. An unforgettable off-road **Atuona to Taaoa** excursion leads you to beautifully preserved ceremonial sites, dwellings, and sacred archaeological ruins, including enormous tikis, sacrificial altars, and thousand-year-old relics—among the most significant in the Marquesas.



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14/15	PAPEETE, TAHITI

**TAHUATA** Its name means “sunrise” in Marquesan and you’ll arrive at diminutive Tahuata soon after that time this morning. The vibe here is classic South Seas as you stroll into the quaint village of Hapatoni along an ancient royal walkway scented by fragrant tiare flowers and shaded by sacred tamanu trees. In the open-air marketplace, friendly locals display carved wood tikis and other handicrafts.

For a deeper take on the island, consider the **Hapatoni Discovery** tour—traversing lush wilderness by all-terrain to reach unspoiled villages, an intriguing small historical museum in Viatahu, and a scenic lookout framed by rugged peaks.

**NUKU HIVA** Already largest of the Marquesas, Nuku Hiva may also qualify as the most wildly scenic. Rugged cliffs plunge down into the ocean, their flanks carpeted in deep green jungle. Giant banyan trees and wild horses range free. Shadows play on the shoreline and knife-edged peaks slice through clouds afloat in an azure sky.

It’s no surprise this primal landscape captured the world’s imagination when novelist Herman Melville described it in *Typee*, his real-life travelogue published in 1846. Having gone AWOL from his whaling ship only to find himself a guest-slash-captive of the indigenous locals for weeks, he introduced the world to Nuku Hiva and its spectacular Taipivai Valley.

You can experience a much less rigorous introduction to this anthropological landmark on the **Visit of Taipivai Valley** excursion. Prepare to be captivated yourself.

**AT SEA** With the Marquesas now in her wake and two relaxing sea days ahead as *The Gauguin* makes for the Society Islands, you’re once again reminded that many of a journey’s most enjoyable experiences don’t even require setting foot off the ship.

Catch informative guest lectures and voyage-related film screenings at Le Grand Salon (don’t get any crazy ideas from *Mutiny on the Bounty!*). Savor the everchanging parade of regionally inspired dining menus and behind-the-scenes cooking demos by the executive chef. Share anecdotes and cocktails with like-minded travelers. And dabble in the trivia, chess, and bridge games underway.

**HUAHINE** In case you weren’t certain from its appearance, yes, you’ve just arrived in the Garden of Eden’s Polynesia branch. Impossibly green and delightfully under-visited, Huahine remains the best-kept secret in the Society Islands, presided over by a populace known for the warmth of their welcome.

Wander among eight tiny villages spread over two islands. Graze the waterfront eateries of Fare, visit a *vanillerie*, tour ancient temples and mythical sites in Maeva, or glide below the turquoise water’s surface to marvel at Huahine’s lagoon reefs. Decisions, decisions.

**BORA BORA** Soaring volcano peaks, impossibly green jungles, flowers exploding with color and scent, and a lagoon so blue it defies description. Like a romance novel brought vividly to life, Bora Bora takes your breath away. And no one is immune.

Whether you spend your day at bliss on *The Gauguin*’s private lagoon beach, touring Bora Bora by Le Truck, thrilling to a **Sharks & Stingrays Encounter**, or spotting the celebs at Bloody Mary’s on Pofai Bay—you’re in for a treat.

**TAHA’A [MOTU MAHANA]** You open your eyes this morning and notice a volcano-peaked emerald off your balcony, floating in a setting of glittering lapis. This is not some beautiful dream, it’s Taha’a—luring you onward for a day full of fresh discoveries.

This island is known for its vanilla, a commodity as coveted as Tahitian black pearls. The **Exploration of Taha’a** excursion provides

up-close exposure to both these treasures, calling on a family-owned vanilla plantation and a working pearl farm. Along the way, some adventurous off-road exploring happens as your driver traverses a high mountain and meandering coastline.

Throughout the day, your ship’s tender whisks guests to and from **Motu Mahana**, the private offshore beach islet reserved for *The Gauguin*’s guests only. Swim or snorkel to your heart’s content, relax under gently swaying palms, and by all means, stay hydrated with refreshments from the floating bar. A deliciously fresh grand beachside barbecue here showcases the edible bounty of French Polynesia.

**MOOREA** As if you’d not yet encountered sufficient Polynesian beauty, along comes the island said to be the model for Michener’s epic page-turner, *Tales of the South Pacific*. So, tough though it is to have to spend a day in this Eden, you knuckle down and tender into Moorea.

This eight-peaked wonderland is known as “The Magical Island” for good reason. It beckons, hypnotizes, and bemuses visitors—offering enthralling explorations and adventures above and below its marvelously translucent lagoon. Among them: off-road and ATV excursions, e-biking, shark and dolphin swims, jungle hikes, and assorted options to skim the water by wind or motor power. This is the final day of your voyage; spend it fabulously.

**PAPEETE, TAHITI** Departing Moorea in the late afternoon, your ship heads back to Tahiti, just 10 miles away as the seagull flies. Anchored in Papeete for this last evening, savor the amazing memories you’ve made over the past two weeks as you raise a glass with your shipmates.

In the morning, you’ll reenter the real world. But a part of you will linger here. Holding your place in paradise, anxious to reunite you with *The Gauguin* for another perfect journey.

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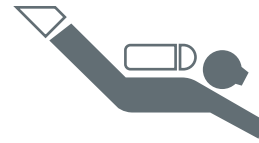
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# *jump in & play*

Eons in the making, Mother Nature worked relentlessly to create a realm of aquatic wonder in the middle of the South Pacific: making volcanic hotspots that spewed molten lava; moving the Earth's crust so seamounts could rise; sending in troops of coral larvae to attach on submerged rocks. The ensuing millennia brought erosion, massive waves, and cyclones that battered the high islands and reefs, depositing debris in shallow lagoons. Motus rose. Volcanoes sank. And the 118 islands and atolls of French Polynesia were born.



## French Polynesia: A Diver's Paradise

*It's always a great day to breathe underwater!*

Whether you're an experienced diver or just getting your feet wet, a journey with Paul Gauguin Cruises reveals the Technicolor wonders and dazzling sea secrets of one of the world's premier dive destinations with skilled expertise. *The Gauguin's* optional SCUBA diving adventures throughout French Polynesia and the South Pacific are designed for all levels of experience and can be enjoyed directly from the ship's retractable marina.

The ship is fully equipped for diving with an onboard practice pool, a tank-filling station, and two inflatable dive boats with ladders. Each boat holds eight divers and two instructors—and all dives are guided by a professional PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) Dive Master/Instructor. Experienced divers will appreciate the availability of Enriched Air Nitrox for longer dives, and beginners can take a PADI-Certified Discover SCUBA Diving class on board and get in the water at some point during their voyage, too.

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With sparkling blue lagoons, crystal-clear waters, and magnificent coral reefs, Tahiti and her Islands, as French Polynesia is also known, is perfect for all manner of water play. The waters here average a steady 82°F/28°C year-round, making for a tempting invitation to jump in and play. And when traveling aboard the m/s *Paul Gauguin*—purpose built with a shallow draft to navigate these lagoons—you can enjoy complimentary water sports including kayaking and paddleboarding directly from the ship's own marina (as conditions allow), or embark on an optional excursion from outrigger canoeing and catamaran sailing to zipping around on wave runners or enjoying a glass-bottom boat ride.



*Complimentary snorkel equipment can be picked up at the retractable watersports marina.*

The most amazing discoveries, however, tend to await below the water line, where a world brimming with vibrant coral gardens and pelagic life—think everything from Napoleon wrasse, butterfly fish, angelfish, and eels to sharks, rays, turtles, and more—invites snorkeling and SCUBA dive excursions for both novice and experienced guests alike.

Some say that the best diving (and of course, snorkeling!) in French Polynesia is in the low-lying Tuamotu Archipelago. Fakarava is home to a UNESCO-listed Marine Biosphere Reserve rife with underwater canyons, coral heads, turtles, dazzling schools of fish, a variety of different sharks, and

more. Widely considered to be one of Polynesia's most beautiful reefs, the underwater discovery is second to none.

Also in the Tuamotus is Rangiroa, the world's second largest atoll which is also revered as the world's largest 'natural' aquarium. Fringing Motu Nui Nui is a reef teeming with colorful tropical fish and perfect for both beginner and advanced snorkelers.

Bora Bora's famous lagoon is surrounded by one of the world's most pristine reefs boasting cauliflower,

elkhorn, and finger corals. The shallow sheltered waters are perfect for snorkeling and novice divers. Bora Bora is also famous for diving with manta rays and sharks (there are at least 16 shark species found here!). Meanwhile, Moorea's lagoon, a dissected shield volcano with a caldera surrounded by peaks, can be

explored on an Aquablue excursion that allows you to walk underwater wearing an air-supplied helmet.

Covered in a thick jungle, Huahine is quiet and under the radar compared to some of her French Polynesian sister isles. The island offers excellent snorkeling among coral gardens in its lagoon. Finally, a visit to Taha'a rewards with two unique water experiences: drift snorkeling over the island's west coast coral gardens; and kayaking and paddle boarding at *The Gauguin's* private islet, Motu Mahana.

Treat yourself to magical underwater discoveries with French Polynesia's destination expert.

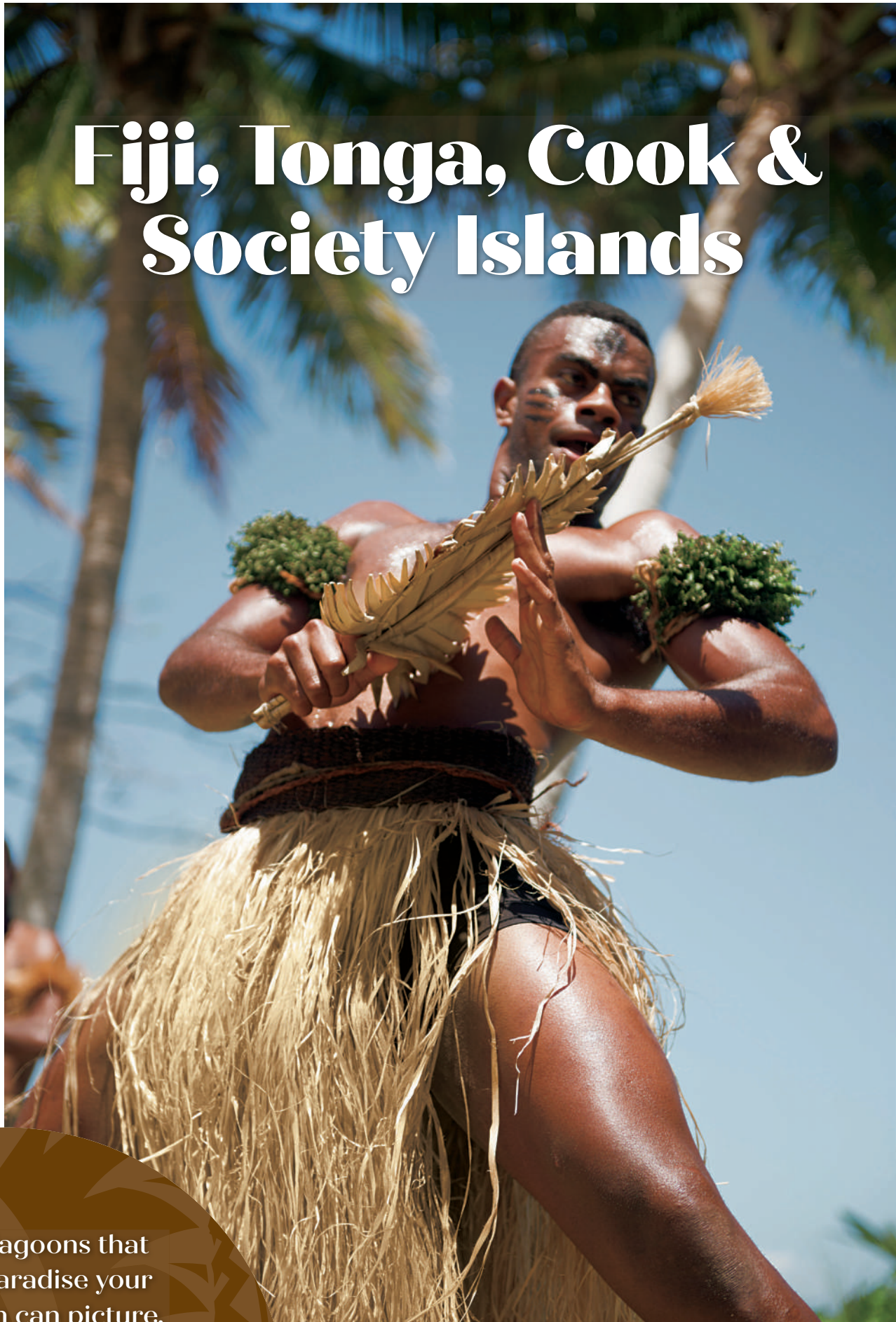
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# Fiji, Tonga, Cook & Society Islands

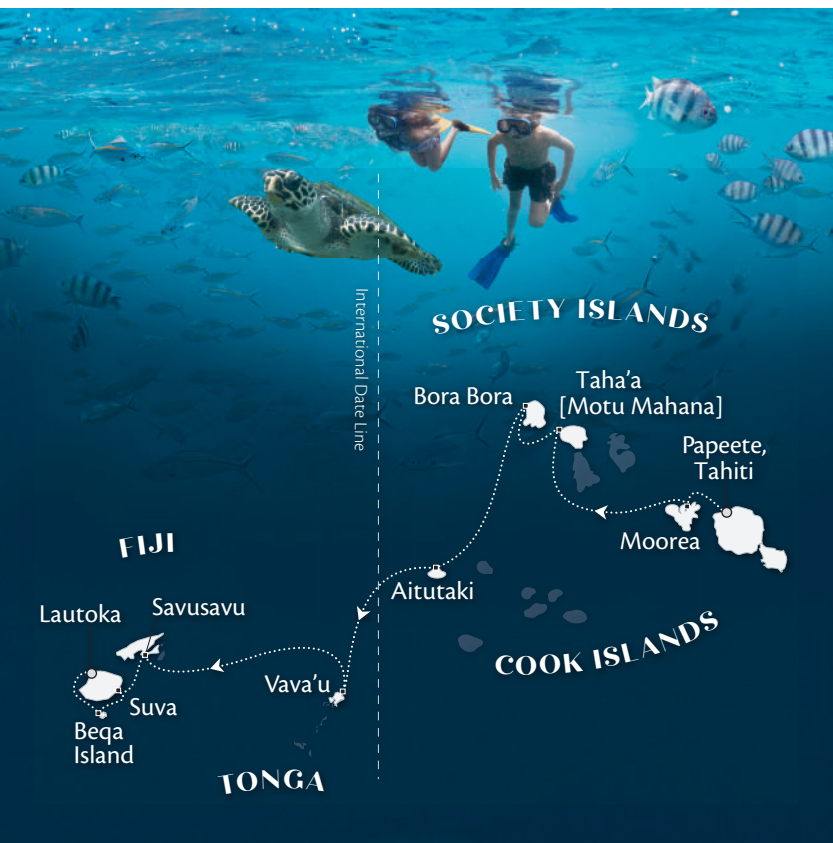
Sapphire lagoons that rival any paradise your imagination can picture.



TOP: Fiji's kava ceremony is one of seven traditional welcome rituals. BOTTOM: Excellent visibility and gin-clear waters are ideal for snorkeling.



TOP: An off-road adventure in Bora Bora rewards with stunning views. BOTTOM: La Boutique aboard *The Gauguin* carries exquisite hand-crafted Tahitian pearl jewelry.



Get ready for the delightful confusion of cruising across the International Dateline—“If it’s Tuesday, it must be Tonga. (Or is it Wednesday?)”—as you embark on this unhurried two-week odyssey through the South Pacific’s most enthralling archipelagos. Depending on which direction you start from, Tahiti or Lautoka, you’ll gain or lose a calendar day as you cross the 180th meridian. But you’ll never lose your sense of wonder at where you’ve been and what you’ve seen.

Among the high points: a string of days immersed in the picture-book beauty of the Society Islands, including legendary Moorea and Bora Bora; a sojourn in the unspoiled Cook Islands, recognized as a Top Country by *Lonely Planet* in its *Best in Travel 2022*; a visit to the welcoming Kingdom of Tonga, aka “The Friendly Isles;” and adventurous explorations of three different islands of Fiji, where the Melanesian and Polynesian cultures meld in an exotic mélange.



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## Fiji, Tonga, Cook & Society Islands

(This itinerary also operates in reverse.)

**TAHITI** Its name conjures images of relaxed tropical allure, yet the island of Tahiti Nui boasts a distinctly energetic vibe this evening. The m/s *Paul Gauguin* looks radiant, berthed under the backdrop of three volcanos in Papeete harbor, where a sprawling marché offers lively grazing for produce, flowers and colorful handcrafts.

**MOOREA** Second only to Bora Bora for fantasy honeymooning, heart-shaped Moorea beams with eternal beauty—looking as young and unabashed as when James Cook first sailed by 250 years ago. Often described as Earth’s most captivating setting, this eight-peaked island wraps its lush mountainous arms around gorgeous twin bays—Opunohu and Cook’s—the whole lot surrounded by a sapphire lagoon that rivals any paradise your imagination can picture.

It’s practically impossible to avoid feeling content around here. Even the marine mammals that frequent these waters seem especially happy—which you can opt to observe for yourself on an expert-led **Dolphin Watching Expedition**. Prefer to seek your joy landside this day? Consider the **Aito Off-Road Safari** or **ATV Guided Tour**, each transporting you inland to spectacular terrain and uphill to views that will definitely put a big smile on your face.

### TAHAA [MOTU MAHANA]

This botanically rich island is actually shaped like a giant flower and perfumed by the scent of luscious Tahitian vanilla that proliferates here. Encircling its shoreline is a stunning necklace of coral reefs dotted with tiny motus (beach islets), including one knockout known as **Motu Mahana**—expressly for the private enjoyment of *The Gauguin*’s guests.

Welcomed ashore by your journey’s cultural hosts, Les Gauguines, you’ll find everything from luxurious sun lounging and overwater spa sessions to pick-up beach volleyball, kayaking, snorkeling, and refreshing potables served from a floating bar. A Tahitian barbecue feast rounds out the comforts.

### BORA BORA (OVERNIGHT)

Rising skyward from its preposterously photogenic lagoon and crowned by iconic Mount Otemanu, Bora Bora has been the world’s favorite fantasy romance destination for generations. Waking up here after a midnight arrival, you’ll have a very full day to soak up the glamour of it all.

Myriad excursions are on the roster, from guided volcano hikes to 4x4 tours, ATV adventures, and waterborne explorations by waverunner, aquabike, glass-bottom boat, and catamaran.

Prefer a firsthand look at what’s going on below the waterline? Sign on for a mellow Lagoonarium outing, a multi-stop snorkeling tour, or the always-thrilling **Sharks & Stingrays Encounter**.

Feeling lazier than that? Don’t fight it; enjoy a deliciously tranquil escape at *The Gauguin*’s private Bora Bora beach retreat.

**AT SEA** Sea days on *The Gauguin* are for mastering the art of relaxation. Setting the tone with breakfast in bed. Spending a while reviewing and posting some of the incredible photos you’ve already accumulated. Getting your cardio in gear at the fitness center and your skin glowing at the Algotherm Spa. Sampling the smoothie of the day, lunching *al fresco* with newfound friends at La Veranda, nibbling crustless sandwiches and *petit fours* at Afternoon Tea. Napping poolside or up on the Sun Deck, dreaming of how you might continue this daily rhythm indefinitely.

**AITUTAKI** Get ready for drums, grass skirts, *tikis*, storytelling... and giant clams. You’ve arrived in Aitutaki in the Cook Islands, settled a thousand years ago by the legendary Polynesian explorer Ru and still deeply connected to its ancient ways.

Now, about those clams: The island’s coral barrier reef encloses a vast triangular



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13	SUVA, FIJI
14	BEQA ISLAND, FIJI
15	LAUTOKA, FIJI

lagoon many in the know consider top-tier for fish and mollusk diversity. Several hundred lucky species make a home here—damsel fish, butterflyfish, Picasso triggers, and lots of vibrant *Tridacna maxima*, aka giant clams. Ponder their considerable size for yourself during the snorkeling portion of the **Lagoon Cruise & Beach Break** excursion, which also involves a barbecue lunch on the sand at ultra-scenic One Foot Island and tropical birdwatching at Honeymoon Island.

Craving a dry-land adventure today? Try the hike up to the summit of Mount Maunga Pu; at 407 feet, it's the highest spot on this low-slung atoll.

**AT SEA (2 DAYS)** With the Cook Islands astern and Tonga ahead, enjoy the superb unplugged beauty of a two-day sail through the South Pacific—and across the International Date Line, a waypoint few travelers can say they've visited. *The Gauguin's* onboard troupe of Tahitian cultural gurus will be on hand, retelling Polynesian legends through dance and song, providing hands-on craft and fashion demonstrations, and radiating the irresistible warmth of the region.

**VAVA'U** The Kingdom of Tonga, Polynesia's sole modern-day monarchy, has never been colonized by a foreign power. Among the proud archipelago's 170 atolls, the Vava'u island group is a favored haven for pleasure yachts and unique culture/cuisine seekers. Thanks to the exceptional water clarity, an undersea wonderland thrives here too. Visiting snorkelers are liable to see spinner dolphins, manta rays, sea turtles, giant clams, and countless tropical fish species enjoying these lush coral gardens.

Those curious to witness a far different Tongan landscape should consider a **Swallow Cave and Island Getaway**, whisking you by boat to Kapa Island and a remarkable cave that is not, as its name implies, inhabited by swallows.

Instead, hundreds of tiny, acrobatic swiftlets flit about in the dim light, nesting in the darkness of the grotto's upper reaches. Your outing settles back down to Earth for some R&R along exquisite Falevai Mui Houma Beach.

Rather climb a mountain? Head for Mount Talau National Park and an easy hike to the summit. Elevation may only be 331 feet, but the views go on forever.

**AT SEA** Another leisurely day at sea, another chance to learn more about the culture of the islands with onboard lectures and presentations. For instance: the classic Polynesian dress for women, the *pareo* (or sarong), originated in Tahiti and the Cook Islands. Often brilliantly decorated with hibiscus flowers, indigenous designs, or traditional *tapa* patterns, *pareos* are today sported by both men *and* women. Master some of the many ways to tie and wear them with guidance from Les Gauguines.

**SAVUSAVU** Meet the island of Vanua Levu, home to the spectacular Hibiscus Highway, Nakawaqa waterfall, edible *bêche-de-mer* sea cucumbers, and enough soft corals to impress even Jean-Michel Cousteau. Unassuming and unspoiled, this second largest of Fiji's 300 isles is anchored by Savusavu, a town once known only to coconut oil traders. Today, it's your port of entry to adventure.

Trek among exotic palms, virgin hardwoods, and colorful parrots on a **Waisali Rain Forest & Reserve** excursion. Witness the elders of an authentic Fijian parish as they practice their unforgettable kava ceremony during the **Nukubalavu Village Tour**. Take a **Snorkeling Tour** into crystal clear Savusavu Bay, brimming with plate and soft corals, sea turtles, friendly reef sharks, and fish, fish, fish.

**SUVA** Arrayed on a hilly peninsula between twin harbors on Viti Levu island, Fiji's capital city sports an eclectic mix of modern and colonial

architecture, showcasing all the touchpoints of Fijian culture from historical museums to handicraft markets. An inviting place to explore on foot freestyle, Suva and its surrounds will also satisfy your most diverse excursion cravings—whether they run to volcano hikes, WWII heritage sites, high canopy ziplining, waterfall swims, botanical garden tours, or playdays along a resort beach.

**BEQA ISLAND** First of all: it's pronounced "BENG-uh" despite the spelling. Second, it's a tiny Eden—less than six square miles—with a huge heart and a friendly disposition. No paved roads and just a sprinkling of villages. The barrier reef within its startlingly turquoise lagoon, once the crater of an ancient volcano, is now a world-class draw for divers, snorkelers, and fishing enthusiasts.

Waterfalls tumble, golden beaches sparkle, forests of papaya and coconut ripen, and gentle breezes whisper the secrets of a paradise steeped in traditions, where the 500-year-old ritual of Fijian firewalking was born—and is still practiced. Witness one on an excursion during your visit, and you might never want to go barefoot again.

**LAUTOKA** Set on the opposite coast of Viti Levu from Suva, Lautoka is an ex-British enclave with one foot in Polynesia and the other squarely in Melanesia. Vast fields of golden-green sugarcane surround the city on three sides; the fourth side is all deep-blue Pacific.

Stroll the shops along palm-lined Vitigo Parade or the sugar-fine white sand of beaches shaded by coconut palms. Further afield, hike the rainforest trails in Koroyanitu National Heritage Park or catch the scent of over 2,000 rare orchids growing among manicured lawns and lily ponds in the Garden of the Sleeping Giant. A fitting end (or beginning) for this idyllic voyage.

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Lautoka, Fiji to Papeete, Tahiti (or reverse)

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# POLYNESIAN CULTURE: SHOPPING

Polynesian culture marries a blend of ancient societies with more than a dash of French influence. Shopping here is for the connoisseur. Stroll the markets, and you will find artisans carrying on the traditions of a thousand ancestors. At every turn, handmade treasures will await your discovery.

BY ELLEN O'ROURKE



What could be more lovely than moisturizing with perfumed oil? Using the French perfume making technique of *enfleurage*, **monoi oil** is crafted by infusing hand-picked tiaré flowers with locally pressed coconut oil. The tiaré flower, also known as the Tahitian gardenia, is the national flower and the fragrance ambassador of the Society Islands. Tahitians know that using this nurturing oil is the perfect way to extend the polished glow of sun-kissed skin.

Ancient Polynesians recorded their history and honored their ancestors by creating **woodcarvings**.

Collectors have prized them for centuries.

Pablo Picasso even kept a Marquesan tiki in his studio as a source of creative inspiration.

Woodcarvings remain a vibrant art form central to Polynesian culture and many people still enjoy collecting them today. Tikis top the collectible list, so look for these sacred icons on the Marquesas Islands and in the shops and market in Papeete.



Do you want to know a secret ingredient used by the world's most exclusive skincare companies? **Tamanu Oil**. Taken from the ripened nut of the tamanu tree, and found only in the islands of Oceania, this rare, resinous, and smoky-scented oil is used to treat burns, scars, and to nurture the condition of the skin. This beauty fix can be purchased in pharmacies, local markets, and in the spa onboard the ship.



If you plan on bringing back one precious memento from your Polynesian holiday, it should be a **Tahitian pearl**! Available in a wide range of hues, most Tahitian pearls are actually charcoal, silver, or dark green. You'll find these luminous gems at markets throughout the Society Islands and in specialty stores in Moorea and Papeete. Using the more exotic colors of pistachio, peacock, emerald, rose, and blue, **Hinerava**, one of Tahiti's leading jewelers, offers their collection onboard the ship.



When you visit Taha'a, close your eyes and inhale the scent of **vanilla** as it lingers like perfume in the air. Vanilla farms dot this island, and French Polynesia exports 25 tons of 'black gold' annually. Traditionally used to flavor desserts, Tahitian vanilla takes on a savory role, when it is used onboard the ship, in the popular dish—Lobster with Vanilla Sauce. Vanilla can be found throughout the islands, but especially on Taha'a and in the markets in Papeete.

This practical and beautiful accessory is worn by both men and women. **Pareo** means wraparound skirt and is the fashion staple of island life.

Tie one around your waist for beachwear, or knot it around your neck to wear as a dress. Island craftsmen create patterns on the **pareos** by dyeing fabric wrapped in local leaves and flowers. Imagine getting off the ship in some quiet little port and finding a handmade **pareo** created just for you.



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### Crossing Oceania: Fiji to Bali

[LAUTOKA, VITI LEVU ISLAND, FIJI  
TO BENOA, BALI]

Here is a voyage made for lovers of ocean cruising; perfect for those seeking to disconnect from the everyday with an indulgent balance of days at sea and seven intriguing South Pacific islands bookended by the tropical icons of Fiji and Bali. A robust program of guest speakers invites personal enrichment on board to renew mind, body and spirit, while a maiden call at Alotau, Papua New Guinea highlights an itinerary also featuring Vanuatu, Guadalcanal and Komodo National Park.

20 NIGHTS FROM  
**\$9,340** per person

SAILING DATE  
**2025 JAN 19**

**14**  
NIGHTS

### Immersive Indonesia: Singapore to Australia

[SINGAPORE TO DARWIN, AUSTRALIA]

Set sail from Singapore to discover Indonesia's rich cultural heritage and stunning natural beauty. This exotic journey visits Parai Beach and explores Javanese treasures in Surabaya and Semarang—gateway to Borobudur Temple. Bali enchants with its temples while Komodo National Park intrigues with the world's largest lizard. From Timor-Leste's charming capital, Dili, journey on to tropical Darwin in Australia's verdant Northern Territory.

14 NIGHTS FROM  
**\$7,370** per person

SAILING DATE  
**2025 APR 1**

**16**  
NIGHTS

### Crossing Melanesia: Australia to Fiji

[DARWIN, AUSTRALIA TO  
LAUTOKA, VITI LEVU ISLAND, FIJI]

Explore wild beauty and important history on this immersive journey navigating the remote island countries of Melanesia, from the verdant landscapes of Australia's Northern Territory to the tribal culture of Papua New Guinea and the historical WWII significance of Guadalcanal. Two days in the Solomon Islands allow for incredible snorkeling and diving, with the pristine beaches and enchanting culture of Vanuatu ready to welcome you just beyond. Arrive in Fiji, ready to discover its vibrant markets and famed shores.

16 NIGHTS FROM  
**\$7,480** per person

SAILING DATE  
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# Special Guest Lecture Series

## Crossing Oceania: Fiji to Bali

JANUARY 19 • 20 NIGHTS



**Dr. David Keeling** is the Distinguished Professor of Cultural Geography at Western Kentucky University and a recipient of the Alan Hay Award

from the Royal Geographical Society. His conversational lectures delve into topics from ancient trade routes and WWII Pacific Island battles to Papua New Guinea's post-colonial development, Timor Leste's independence, Indonesia's identity, and more.



**John Hay**, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient for his work on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), offers a big picture view of the Pacific,

from its fisheries and land tenure systems to understanding the 'garbage patch' and the responses to climate change. His wife, **Helen Henry**, author of the memoir *My Kotuku of the South Seas: Living and Loving in Rarotonga*, shares her cultural insights.

## Immersive Indonesia: Singapore to Australia

APRIL 1 • 14 NIGHTS



Having explored all seven continents, photographer/filmmaker **Bob Krist** has been stranded on an Icelandic glacier, charged by bulls in India, and

knighthood during a Trinidad voodoo ceremony. His lectures range from the informative—Bali's unique culture; to the engaging—the *misadventures* of a *National Geographic* photographer, and how to travel authentically during the age of Instagram.



Engaging and conversational, astrologer and internationally acclaimed author **Leslie McGuirk** is known for her holistic interdisciplinary

approach to mental and spiritual growth. Her popular TED talk on astrology as human design (not fortune-telling) makes her a sought-after corporate speaker and a frequent presenter at Mexico's Rancho La Puerta, a #1 *Travel + Leisure* international destination spa.

## Crossing Melanesia: Australia to Fiji

APRIL 15 • 16 NIGHTS



*National Geographic* photographer/filmmaker **Jad Davenport** has been on assignment in more than 160 countries, from covering Middle East

conflicts to studying Canadian Arctic polar bears. A true explorer, he'll speak of his quests to find Eroni Kumana, the Solomon Islander who saved castaway JFK, and the inspiration of James Michener's legendary Bali Hai... was it Bora Bora, Fiji, Vanuatu?



Adventure writer **Peter Heller** is the *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Guide* and *The River*, among others, and his non-fiction books

range from surfing to kayaking Tibet's Tsangpo Gorge. With the storytelling wit of an award-winning writer, his lectures engage with topics ranging from surviving a career as an adventure journalist to why we go into the wild, as well as talks on several of his novels.

Learn More!



# The Soul of *The Gauguin*

Unique to Paul Gauguin Cruises, Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins are local Tahitians who live aboard ship as hosts and entertainers, sharing their Polynesian culture with guests. Ambassadors for the islands where they live and the ocean that nurtures them, they are the soul of *The Gauguin*.



Hinanui Ina and Mihimana give life to their *mana* on a beach at Bora Bora

LES GAUGUIN

LES GAUGUINE



## Hinanui Ina and Mihimana

### The sounds of your first names already take us on a journey... What do they mean?

**Hinanui Ina:** I'm originally from Tahiti. In Polynesian beliefs, Hina is the name of the Moon goddess. And *nui* means 'great'. So Hinanui, 'the great Hina.'

**Mihimana:** I'm also Tahitian and my name means 'the power of thought.'

### Who are the Gauguines and Gauguins?

**Hinanui Ina:** We are dancers, musicians and singers. As well as welcoming guests, our 'mission' is to take them to the heart of Polynesia, our culture and traditions—of which we have a great knowledge, much more than the mere 'postcard.' With us, both on board and ashore, they learn the basics of Tahitian dance and a few rudiments of our language. They learn the secrets of weaving to make wreaths, baskets and hats. Guests are also very curious about our tattoos and their meanings.

### Which facet of Polynesian culture do you think most fascinates the guests?

**Hinanui Ina:** What most fascinates those who come to see us is our way of life, I think. Our simplicity, our kindness.

**Mihimana:** We never forget that, for some guests, this may be the trip of a lifetime. So it's our duty to make this a moment they will never forget. 'Receiving' is part of our education. 'Being Tahitian' means being friendly, smiling and always ready to help others. Wherever they go, in whatever country, Tahitians greet others. Living on a small island where everyone knows everyone else fosters solidarity and a sense of community.

### 'Being Tahitian' also means living in harmony with the ocean...

**Mihimana:** Some families perpetuate this deep bond across the generations by tattooing on their bodies the marine animal that symbolises them, protects

them and tells their story: a shark, a dolphin, a turtle... It is also said that when a Polynesian dies, their soul returns to the ocean. When someone dies, we take to the sea in pirogues or on surfboards. We sing and throw a wreath of flowers into the sea in tribute to the deceased. These are very strong traditions here.

### What is the nicest thing anyone has said to you at the end of a trip?

**Hinanui Ina:** "We'll be back." And the guests return. At the end of each cruise, we usually sing a Polynesian song. It's not unusual to see a few tears fall. It's always a very emotional moment, both for the guests and for us.







## An Invitation to Expand Your Horizons

Paul Gauguin Cruises is part of the PONANT family, leader in small-ship cruising. **For over 35 years** PONANT has created travel adventures that excite and inspire, even as they relax and inform. We've made hearts race, imaginations soar, and time itself stand still—leaving our guests transformed, unable to forget what they've seen and done.



Whether your current aspiration is to witness the ice-sculpted expanses of **Antarctica** or dogsled across tundra of the **Arctic** North, breathe in the scent of wild orchids abloom in the Seychelles or awaken your palate with the rich flavors of the **Mediterranean**. The same promise holds true for those whose wish lists stretch to the dramatic gorges of **New Zealand's** UNESCO-listed fjordlands, the ethnocultural intrigues of **New Guinea**, or the underwater riches of **Panama's** Bocas del Toro Archipelago. Join us for rare wildlife encounters, from the leaping lemurs of **Madagascar** and the fearsome Komodo dragons of **Indonesia** to the king penguins of **South Georgia** Island and the majestic polar bear in the far north.



These are merely suggestions, dangled here to jumpstart your wanderlust. **And if you're a past guest of the m/s Paul Gauguin, you receive a discount.**

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See what past guests of *The Gauguin* have to say on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and Pinterest (And share your own experiences, too!)

Ready to go to Tahiti on *The Gauguin*? Contact your Travel Advisor, book online, or call and talk to a Paul Gauguin Cruises travel specialist at 800-848-6172.

## THE GAUGUIN INSIDER A South Pacific Luxury Cruise Blog



This monthly blog offers enriching articles and insight into the personalities, cultures, and beauty found throughout the South Pacific and aboard *The Gauguin*. Scan the QR Code below and follow the link for inspiration in planning your voyage.



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# Sailing Schedule

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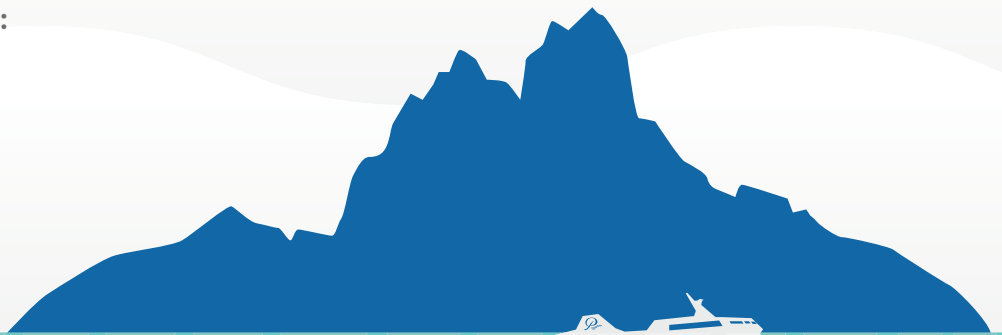
DATE	ITINERARY	NIGHTS
Jan 4	Society Islands, Cook Islands, Tonga & Fiji	14
Jan 19	Crossing Oceania: Fiji to Bali*	20
Apr 1	Immersive Indonesia: Singapore to Australia*	14
Apr 15	Crossing Melanesia: Australia to Fiji*	16
May 1	Fiji, Tonga, Cook Islands & Society Islands	14
May 14	More Tuamotus & Society Islands*	10
May 24	Cook Islands & Society Islands	11
Jun 4	More Tuamotus & Society Islands*	10
Jun 14	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7
Jun 21	Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands	14
Jul 5	More Society Islands & Tahiti	7
Jul 12	Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands	14
Jul 26	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7
Aug 2	More Society Islands & Tahiti	7
Aug 9	Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands	14

DATE	ITINERARY	NIGHTS
Aug 23	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7
Aug 30	More Society Islands & Tahiti	7
Sep 6	Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands	14
Sep 20	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7
Sep 27	Cook Islands & Society Islands	11
Oct 8	More Tuamotus & Society Islands*	10
Oct 18	More Society Islands & Tahiti	7
Oct 25	Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands	14
Nov 8	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7
Nov 15	Cook Islands & Society Islands	11
Nov 26	More Tuamotus & Society Islands*	10
Dec 6	Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands	14
Dec 20	More Society Islands & Tahiti	7
Dec 27	Cook Islands & Society Islands	11



\*New for 2025!

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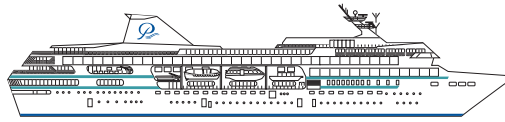
# Meet *The Gauguin*

Tropically Chic and Ready to Romance

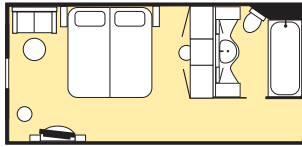


Is it love at first sight? Almost definitely! An elegant work of bespoke Polynesian art, *The Gauguin's* tropically chic design complements the surrounding beauty of these enchanting islands. Settle in to your well-appointed stateroom and then venture out to explore your casually elegant home upon the sea: restaurants with décor as unique as the signature dishes they yield; public areas with contemporary furnishings perfect for lounging and gathering; open decks with vistas that melt into the horizon. For more information, visit: [pgcruises.com/m-s-paul-gauguin](https://pgcruises.com/m-s-paul-gauguin).





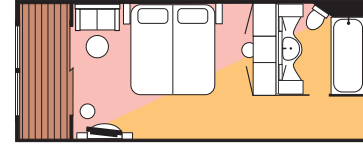
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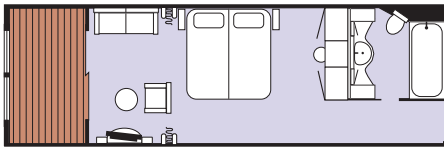
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**F** Porthole Stateroom

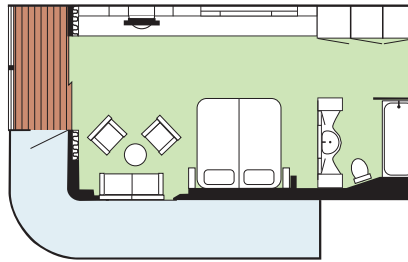
Category F is the same size and layout as the Window Stateroom, but with two portholes.



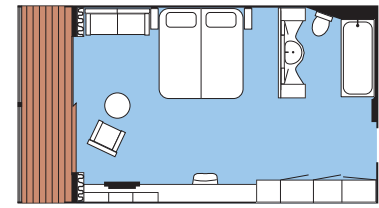
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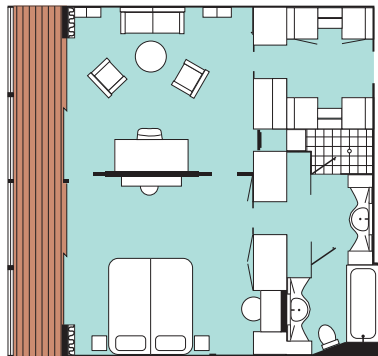
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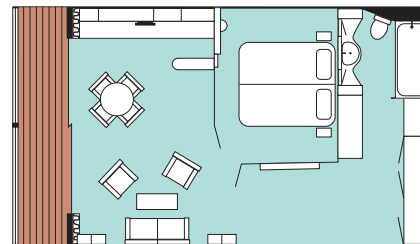
GRAND SUITE  
Category GS  
332 sq. ft. PLUS 197 sq. ft. VERANDA



VERANDA SUITE  
Category A  
296 sq. ft. PLUS 53 sq. ft. VERANDA



OWNER'S SUITE (701)  
Category OS  
457 sq. ft. PLUS 77 sq. ft. VERANDA



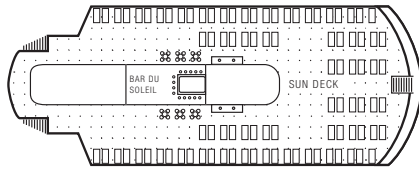
OWNER'S SUITE (7002)  
Category OS  
531 sq. ft. PLUS 57 sq. ft. VERANDA

Capacity..... 330 Guests  
Crew ..... 217 / International  
Crew-to-Guest Ratio .. 1:1.5, one of the highest of any cruise ship  
Officers ..... European & International

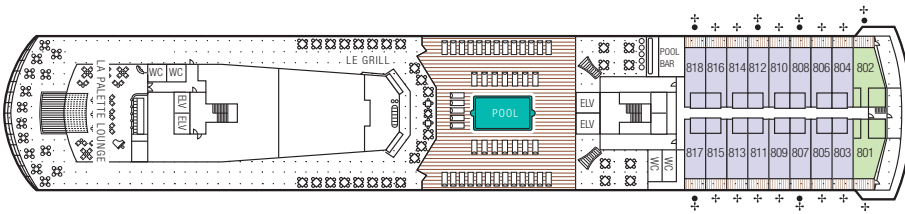
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Shipyard ..... Chantiers de l'Atlantique (Saint Nazaire, France)  
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Width ..... 72'  
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Call Letters ..... C6TH9  
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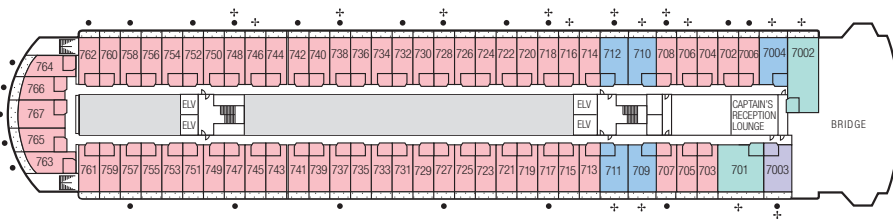
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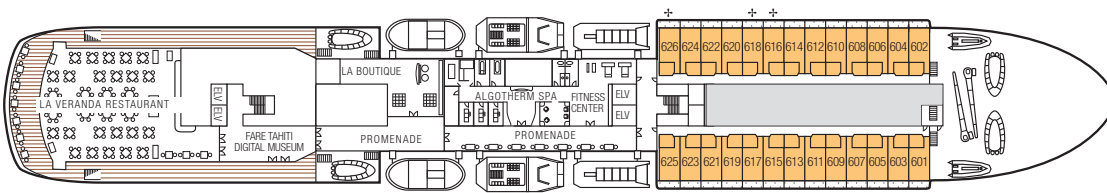
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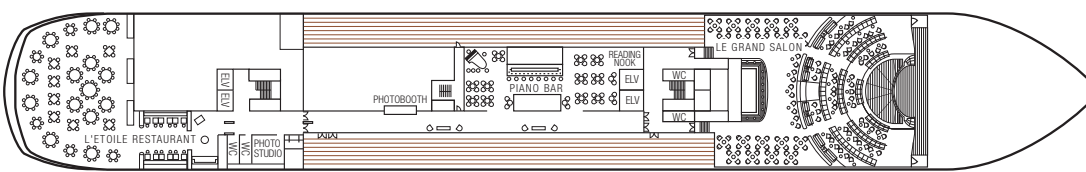
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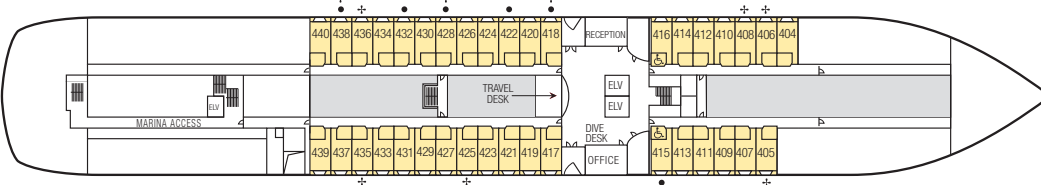
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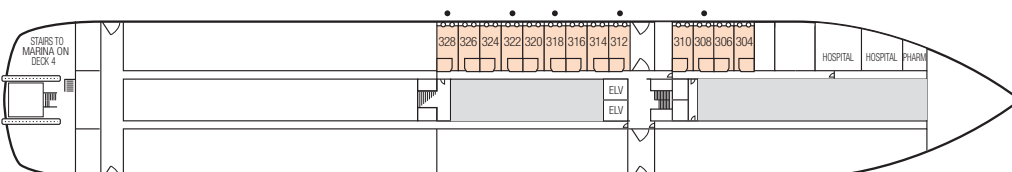
DECK FIVE



DECK FOUR



DECK THREE



- OS Owner's Suite
- GS Grand Suite
- A Veranda Suite
- B Veranda Stateroom
- C Balcony Stateroom
- D Balcony Stateroom
- E Window Stateroom
- F Porthole Stateroom

• Denotes stateroom with two twin beds that convert to a queen. Stateroom 801 offers a king-size bed.

+ Denotes stateroom with triple occupancy.

*Note: Loveseat beds are slightly smaller than a standard twin bed.*


*Staterooms 415 and 416 are wheelchair accessible.*

*Suites and staterooms range from 200 to 588 square feet. This measurement includes balconies and verandas in categories D and above.*



## Paul Gauguin Cruises We Care

Paul Gauguin Cruises was created to provide enjoyable and meaningful travel experiences within the communities, cultures, and natural wonders that make French Polynesia so alluring. From its complimentary Moana Explorer Program for children offered in collaboration with *Te mana o te moana*, a South Pacific marine conservation foundation, to its healthcare initiative created in partnership with the French Polynesian government that provides consultations by the ship's doctors while in port, free transportation for the government's appointed doctors and access to onboard hospital equipment, Paul Gauguin Cruises is wholly committed to the region and its people.



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#### **CARING FOR CULTURE**

Participating directly in French Polynesia's many rich traditions leads to deeper, more meaningful connections, and Paul Gauguin Cruises strives to infuse the Polynesian spirit into every voyage. Cultural experts share their knowledge on board through dynamic and entertaining lectures and presentations, and the ship's troupe of cultural ambassadors, Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins, welcomes guests to experience the local way of life.

#### **CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

Paul Gauguin Cruises shares French Polynesians' deep respect for the vast blue ocean and is committed to eco-friendly operations that guide activities both on and off the ship.

#### **CARING FOR PEOPLE**

Paul Gauguin Cruises believes in sustainable travel that benefits guests and island communities alike, and voyages are designed to give back to local peoples and support local businesses.



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