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The South Seas Beckon

It's a destination that dances in the imagination, almost too good to be true...until you discover it with Paul Gauguin Cruises, putting this magical place within reach.



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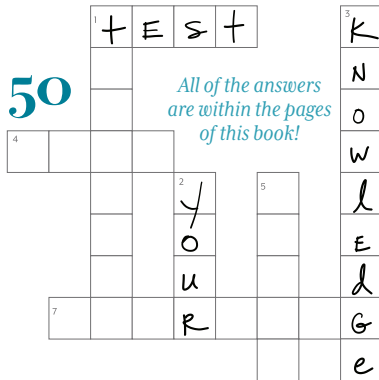
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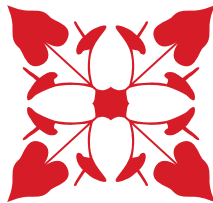
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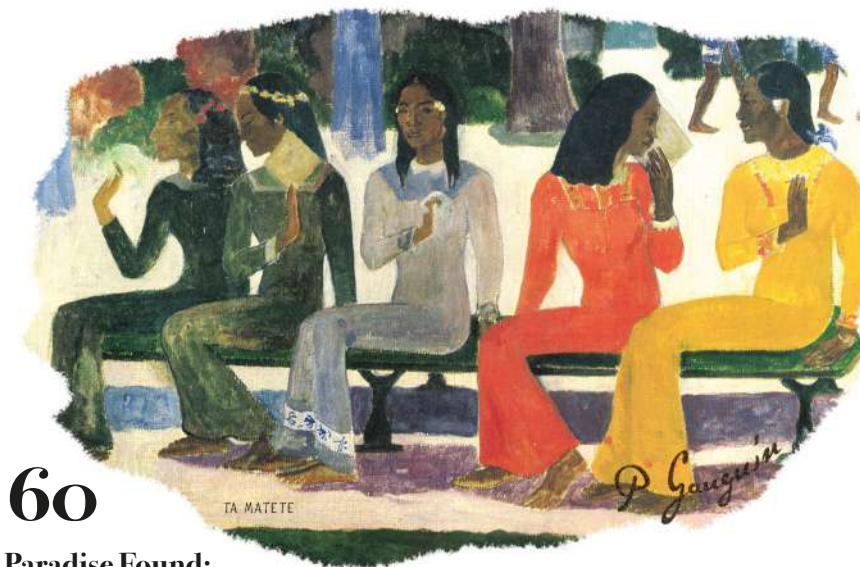
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An exciting new partnership with
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Fish freshly plucked from the
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perfect wines to accompany
this delicious meal!

A Polynesian man, shirtless and wearing a large circular pendant necklace, is seated and playing a traditional drum. He is smiling and looking towards two women. The woman on the left is smiling and looking at the man. The woman on the right is looking at the man and holding a drumstick. The background is a bright, open space with a view of the ocean.

MEET THE LOCAL CELEBRITIES

Find Les Gauguines, *The Gauguin's* own troupe of Polynesian hosts and hostesses, at every turn. An already perfect setting, made warmer and more authentic, by the presence of these incredible travel companions.

What makes a cruise aboard the m/s *Paul Gauguin* unique? Is it the Polynesian culture? The amenities and options that let you customize your experience? The destination itself? You decide!



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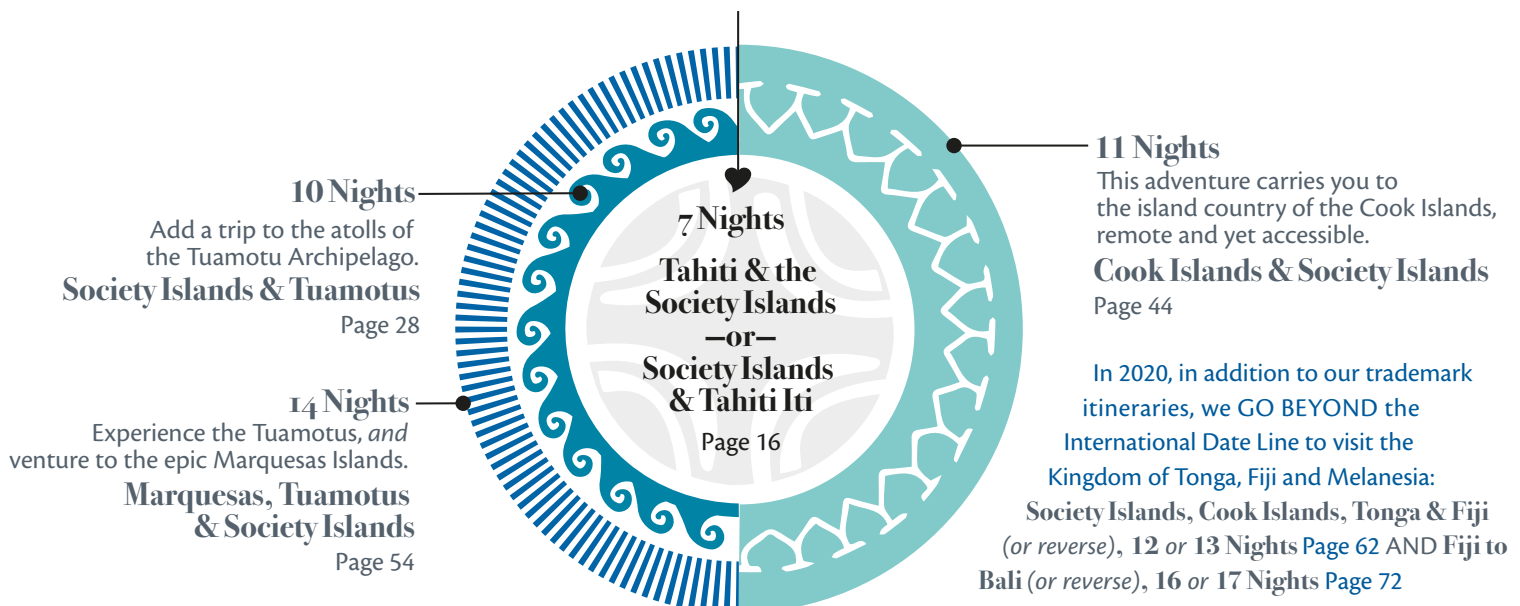
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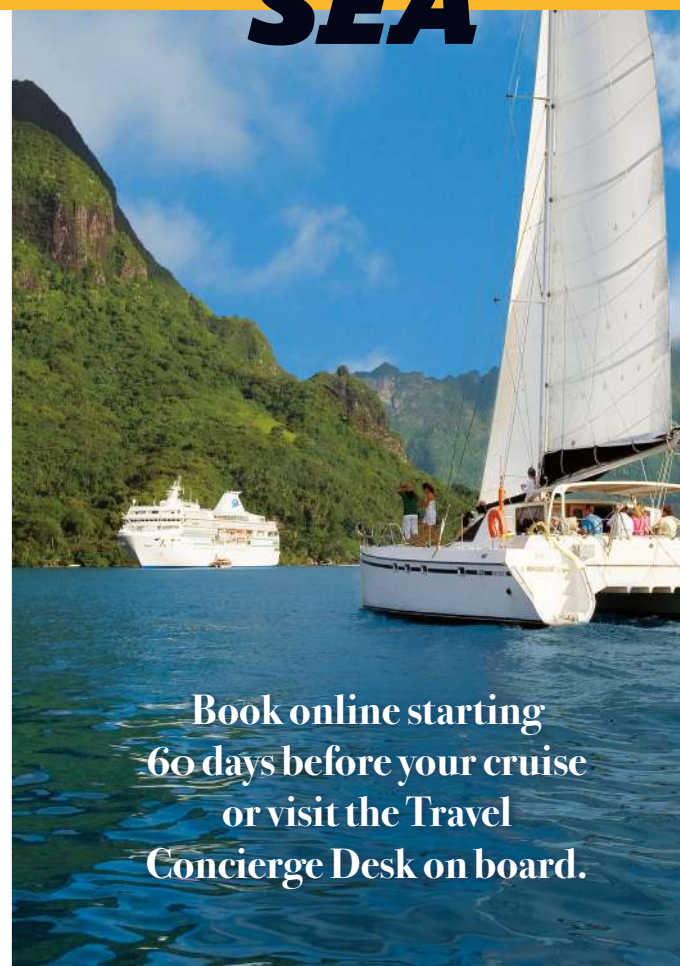
At the heart of all Paul Gauguin Cruises trademark itineraries lies a 7-night visit to:
TAHITI • TAHITI ITI • HUAHINE • TAHA'A (MOTU MAHANA) • BORA BORA • MOOREA



Aboard *The 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. Choose from the optional excursions mentioned in itinerary descriptions in the following pages, or find full details of an exciting variety of selections available to you aboard *The Gauguin* at pgcruises.com/shore-excursions.



DAILY ADVENTURES BY **LAND & SEA**



Book online starting
60 days before your cruise
or visit the Travel
Concierge Desk on board.

You may find yourself being drawn back to the South Seas again and again. Past guests of Paul Gauguin Cruises are automatically welcomed into the Paul Gauguin Society. You will find peppered throughout this book some favorites, fun facts and tips, from two “Regulars” on *The Gauguin*.



Tips from the Regulars

Carol Parsons » As a travel expert, Carol has made a living inspiring people to explore. Her first trip to French Polynesia was the start of a lifelong love affair with Tahiti, its people and culture, and its natural beauty.

Jerry Dallons » When travel photographer Jerry married his wife Zelle, they made a promise to each other that they would visit French Polynesia or the Cook Islands every year. They’ve kept that promise for 20 years—and counting!

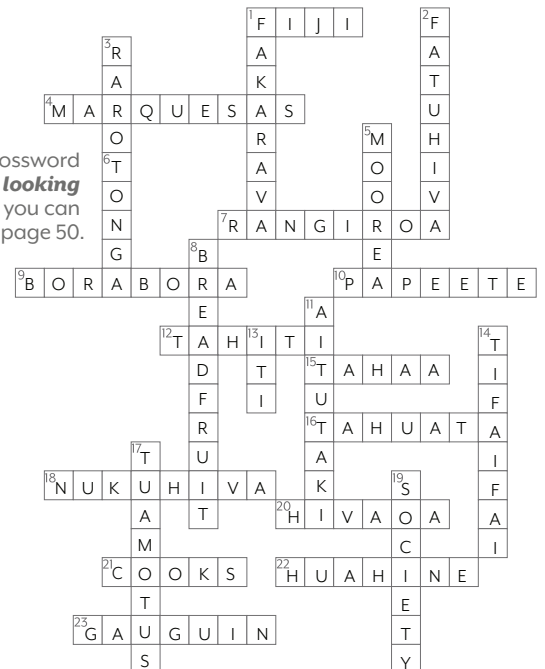


Two cocktails and a movie past Hawaii you'll find authentic Polynesia



Paul Gauguin Cruises includes roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco

Yes, that's right... There's a crossword puzzle in this issue! Now: **stop looking at the answers** and see if you can figure it out for yourself on page 50.



The Gauguin Experience

VINCENT SAGISI
Travel Writer

Paul Gauguin Cruises was voted
"#1 Midsize-Ship Cruise Line" by readers in
Travel + Leisure's 2019 World's Best Awards and
received best in service, cabins, entertainment,
and embarkation for the small-ship category in
Cruise Critic's 2019 Cruisers Choice Awards.

« The Gauguin Experience »



The highest-rated and longest continually sailing luxury cruise ship in the South Pacific is **small, intimate, and award-winning**. The m/s *Paul Gauguin* delivers a moveable feast for the senses to 332 guests at a time.

Your all-inclusive experience begins with a flight from Los Angeles or San Francisco. Then, step aboard *The Gauguin* and prepare for **extraordinary value in luxury cruising**. Just about everything is included, from gourmet dining, tea, snacks, and beverages—including select wines and spirits—to watersports, all entertainment, a fitness center, and more. Every sailing is enhanced with presentations by local experts, and select sailings also feature special guests. So relax! All-inclusive pricing means a carefree environment on board.

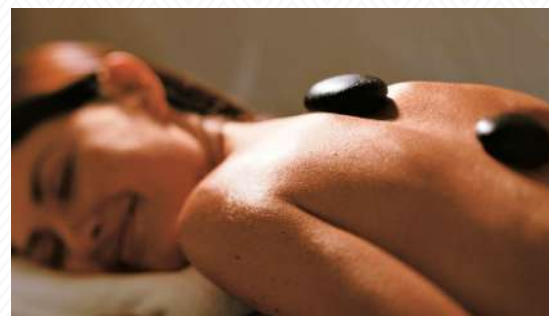
What many guests of *The Gauguin* recall as the favorite part of their shipboard experience is the **exceptional service**. A crew-to-guest ratio of 1:1.5 is among

the highest at sea and includes a beloved, one-of-a-kind troupe of Tahitians who serve as cruise hosts, entertainers, and storytellers. But keep that wallet in the safe: gratuities are also included.

On all sailings, you'll also receive complimentary access to Paul Gauguin Cruises' two **exclusive retreats**. Off the coast of Taha'a lies the islet of Motu Mahana, where you can enjoy a day of watersports, Polynesian activities, a sumptuous barbecue feast, and cocktails from full and floating bars. In Bora Bora, you can relax on a private, white-sand beach and enjoy refreshments, a game of volleyball, and snorkeling or paddleboarding in crystal-clear waters. »

Top 10
Reasons
to Go





« The Gauguin Experience »

When you want some private time, you can retire to **luxurious accommodations**. Your spacious suite or stateroom has an ocean view, and nearly 70% have private balconies. Elegant furnishings include marvelously comfortable queen-size beds (some twin beds available); refrigerators stocked daily with soft drinks, mineral water, and beer; and bathrooms with full-size tubs. There's ample storage and, for extra comfort: luxurious linens, feather-down duvets, robes, cotton slippers, and upscale bath products. Butlers and an in-suite bar setup are provided for guests in categories B and above.

When it's time to refuel, savor expertly prepared cuisine presented by a warm and solicitous staff. There's never an extra charge for dining on board *The Gauguin*. **Three fine-dining venues and 24-hour room service** offer a sumptuous blend of international fare and local cuisine, complemented with featured wines. Breakfast and lunch are buffet-style, with an additional *à la carte* menu. Dinner is an elegant affair with romantic lighting, linens, and crystal. A latte with your breakfast, sparkling wine at sail-away, a pre-dinner cocktail, or a port with dessert? A waiter always magically appears just as you think of it. And don't miss Tea Time—a daily ritual with delectable sandwiches and lavish desserts. Room service is available 24 hours, so go ahead—indulge in breakfast in bed. You're on vacation, after all!

The Gauguin's dive staff at the retractable **watersports** marina is there to provide you with complimentary snorkel gear and answer any questions you have about the optional PADI SCUBA program offered on the ship. They will also be the ones to assist you with complimentary paddleboarding and kayaking from the ship's marina, or on shore from destination beaches.

While on board, entertainment abounds. **Enrichment programs** feature local experts and, on select sailings, special guest speakers share their world with you. Take in a lecture on the local culture, or hobnob with a renowned winemaker.

However you want to spend your days—aboard or ashore—you'll encounter **longer port stays**. Experience island life to the fullest, with entire days spent in port and overnight calls on Bora Bora and Moorea on select itineraries. A wealth of shore excursions lets you discover the dramatic beauty, rich history, and unique culture of these islands up close, by land and sea. And Paul Gauguin Cruises' **Family Program**, offered on select summer and holiday sailings, gives children and teens (ages 7-15), as well as their families, the opportunity to discover and value nature through hands-on, interactive learning. There's no better way to build cherished memories together!

The award-winning service, spectacular cuisine, endless activities, and perfect onboard environments combine to create an unforgettable vacation of a lifetime at an exceptional value. *The Gauguin* brings you the complete French Polynesian experience, allowing you to immerse yourself in the unparalleled beauty of this paradise at your own pace. ✦



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



Included roundtrip
airfare from Los Angeles
or San Francisco



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Roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco also includes airport/pier transfers.

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DESTINATION: *South Pacific*



SOCIETY ISLANDS

TAHITI • HUAHINE • TAHA'A (MOTU MAHANA)
BORA BORA • MOOREA

These islands are the pulse of French Polynesia. Shaped by myths and legends and surrounded by turquoise lagoons, they are the quintessential image of a South Seas paradise. Tahiti bustles as the economic heart of French Polynesia and serves as the gateway to other islands. Bora Bora's formidable peaks and blue-marbled lagoon make it one of the most romantic islands on Earth. Snorkelers can touch velvety rays, swim with sharks, or drift among coral gardens full of kaleidoscopic fish. Moorea is famous for its ruggedly beautiful profile—a crown of sawtooth peaks that rise out of the lagoon like the legendary Bali Hai they are said to have inspired. Huahine's hidden temples, stone fish traps, and sacred blue-eyed eels lend mythical intrigue to a quiet island that's been able to preserve its cultural roots. Grab a chilled tropical drink from the floating bar or try your hand at weaving a palm basket from Motu Mahana, Paul Gauguin Cruises' private islet off the coast of Taha'a—and your complimentary playground.

TUAMOTUS FAKARAVA • RANGIROA

The Tuamotus are every diver's dream—secluded coral atolls surrounding lagoons dense with exotic fish and precious corals. Here, too, are black pearl farms, quaint villages, and blissfully quiet beaches. Divers call Rangiroa's bountiful green lagoon "God's Aquarium." Fakarava is a UNESCO-designated Biosphere Reserve, home to rare plants, birds, and crustaceans, as well as exceptional dive sites. Changing currents attract a variety of marine life, from wild dolphins to sharks, turtles, and manta rays.

MARQUESAS ISLANDS

FATU HIVA • HIVA OA • TAHUATA • NUKU HIVA

These islands are wild and remote. Steamy jungles cloak mountains that rise straight out of an indigo ocean. Ancient archaeological sites abound with temples and tikis that inspire sculptors to create

traditional wood carvings. Marvel at Fatu Hiva's spectacular cliffs and ravines, tap into your inner anthropologist at Hiva Oa's massive stone tikis, stroll an ancient royal walkway on Tahuata, and revel at the sky-high waterfalls on the mystic island of Nuku Hiva.

COOK ISLANDS AITUTAKI • RAROTONGA

Peace and quiet prevail on these blissfully isolated islands of silk white sands and pendulating palm trees. Snorkel over giant clams in Aitutaki's exceptionally large triangular lagoon, laze on uninhabited motus, or tap into the tranquil life of the coastal villages. On Rarotonga, hike over jungle-wrapped mountains and lush green valleys to a flat coastal plain that eases into white-sand beaches and a crystalline lagoon.

TONGA VAVA'U

Tonga is the only Polynesian/Melanesian territory never to have been colonized, so its unique culture can be experienced around every corner. The pace is easy, the trade winds balmy, and the song of the surf as melodic as the *a cappella* songs of its people. Meander in the only botanical garden in Vava'u, or attend an interactive Polynesian Cultural Show.

TIMOR-LESTE DILI

Dili, the capital of one of the world's youngest countries, is a sleepy town with colonial Portuguese influences. If you're feeling energetic, climb the 580 steps to the Cristo Rei.



In 2020, in addition to the trademark 7-, 10-, 11- and 14-night itineraries, The Gauguin goes beyond the International Date Line to visit the Kingdom of Tonga, Fiji and Melanesia.

International Date Line

Aitutaki

Rarotonga

COOK ISLANDS

SOCIETY ISLANDS

Bora Bora

Taha'a
[Motu Mahana]

Moorea

Rangiroa

Huahine

Papeete

Tahiti

TUAMOTUS

Fakarava

MARQUESAS ISLANDS

Nuku Hiva

Hiva Oa

Tahuata

Fatu Hiva

FIJI VITI LEVU • VANUA LEVU • BEQA ISLAND

The islands of Fiji straddle both Polynesian and Melanesian cultures. On Viti Levu and Vanua Levu, waterfalls gurggle through rainforests, natural swimming pools glisten, and mangroves form natural breakwaters against the sea. Witness a tongue-numbing kava ceremony or check out traditional fire-walking on Beqa Island.

VANUATU ESPIRITU SANTO

Reefs and wrecks are diving hallmarks of this pristine Melanesian island, which, in the peak of World War II, served as a supply depot for the Allies. Today its chief calling cards are the underwater relics, white-sand beaches, Smurf-blue swimming holes, and a mountainous interior daubed with blazing tropical blooms. Vanuatu also happens to be one of the world's least-visited countries because it's so hard to get to, so a small-ship chaperone is the perfect solution.

INDONESIA KOMODO ISLAND • BALI

As the largest island country in the world, Indonesia comprises thousands of islands and hundreds of ethnic groups. Get close to Indonesia's version of Jurassic Park on Komodo Island, the rugged volcanic homeland of the world's largest lizard, the eponymous Komodo dragon. Bali packs a perfect mix of culture, nature, and leisure. Temples, galleries, shops, idyllic beaches, and volcanic mountains girded with rice paddies make it a photographer's paradise.

AUSTRALIA THURSDAY ISLAND

Roughly 2,000 years ago, Melanesian and Polynesian settlers arrived on the shores of the Torres Strait Islands, in the far north of the Australian state of Queensland. Today, the unofficial capital of this archipelago is Thursday Island, originally called "Waiben" (believed to mean "no water") by the Melanesians but today known locally as "TI." Immerse yourself in the island's cultural mix of Asian, European, and Pacific Island influences at the Gab Titui Cultural Centre.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

SAMARAI ISLAND • PORT MORESBY

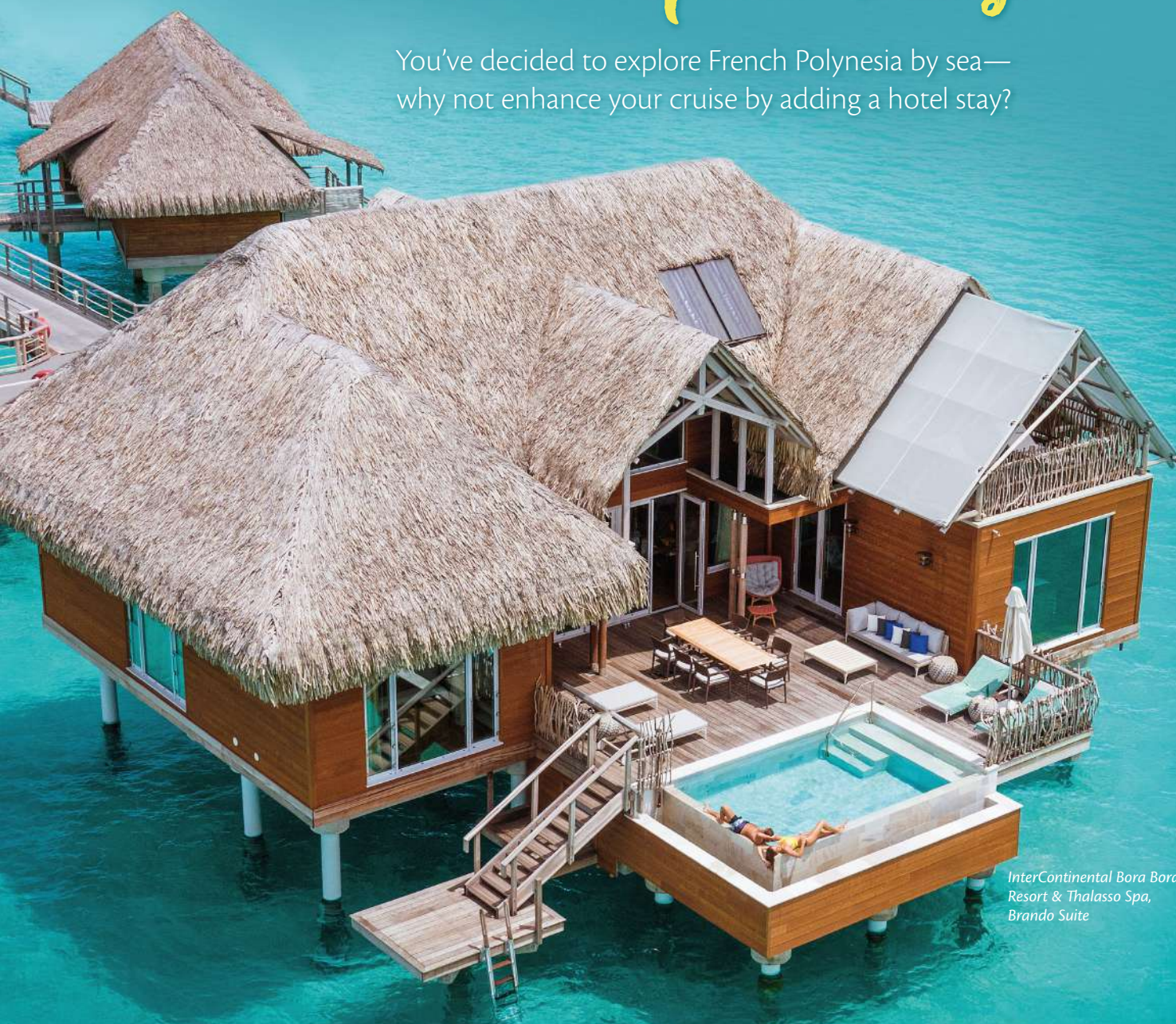
A mountainous country of cultural diversity and more than 800 languages, Papua New Guinea is famous for its unparalleled tribal art and exotically embellished *bila* costumes. Abandoned during World War II for fear of a Japanese attack, Samarai Island is now a National Historical Heritage Island. There's great snorkeling and diving at the wharf, where massive shoals of tiny silversides shimmer like giant disco balls. At Port Moresby, visit Parliament Haus, built in the style of a Sepik River spirit house.

SOLOMON ISLANDS GUADALCANAL

Like emeralds strewn on blue glass, the Solomon Islands appear almost as if nature absentmindedly tossed them out to sea. This archipelago is a late bloomer on the tourist front, yet has some of the best dive sites in the world. Crystalline waters abound with fish, giant clams, and sunken warships and aircraft scuttled at the end of World War II. On shore, pay tribute at the hilltop American Memorial to those lost at sea, while taking in incredible views of Mount Austen and Ironbottom Sound.

Extend Your Stay

You've decided to explore French Polynesia by sea—
why not enhance your cruise by adding a hotel stay?



*InterContinental Bora Bora
Resort & Thalasso Spa,
Brando Suite*

As the specialists to French Polynesia and the South Seas, the experts at Paul Gauguin Cruises have forged relationships with some of the loveliest and most desirable resorts and hotels in the region. They've handpicked a selection of elite hotels that meet their high standards—and yours—so that you might experience this magical destination from a different perspective. So, relax! Let them make the arrangements for a land/sea vacation you'll cherish for a lifetime.

Discover your hotel options at pgcruises.com/extend-trip

POLYNESIAN CULTURE: TIFAIFAI & BREADFRUIT

By Emily O'Rourke

Tifaifai **[tuh-fee-fee]**

Amongst the countless crafts and exquisite jewelry pieces you'll find at the local island markets, ornate quilts called tifaifai may catch your eye. Meaning "to mend" in Maori, these patchwork blankets were historically crafted from scraps of fabrics and pieces of old cloth, as fabric was considered a luxury and hard to come by on the remote islands. Tifaifai are made by the matriarchs, or mamas, of the local communities and are given as tokens of love, affection, and celebration.

Each blanket takes hours of hard work, and groups of mamas often work together to create one design. These get-togethers are considered sacred and are used to share tips, tricks, and secrets of the craft. Traditionally, seaside scenes were depicted on the designs; today, however, the designs can be as intricate as Polynesian tattoos. Know someone who is getting married or having a baby? Pick them up a tifaifai as a congratulatory gift while you are in the South Seas—and why not treat yourself to one, too?



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Breadfruit [Uru] Tree

The towering trunks of the breadfruit, or *uru*, tree can be seen throughout the islands, with their large orb-like fruits hanging low from long, arcing limbs. The bumpy, light-green fruit is a staple in Polynesian cuisine and played a huge role in colonizing the islands.

Distinct and unique, the cream-colored flesh of the breadfruit takes on the taste profiles of both a fruit and vegetable, making it extremely versatile. Immature breadfruit is often sliced and cooked, while fully ripe breadfruit is sweeter and creamier and can be found in pies and flan.

Once considered a super fruit, it is often a substitution for potatoes in recipes due to its similar texture and taste. Rich in antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals, it's a healthy (and delicious) island snack!

Try breadfruit while in the islands or while on board *The Gauguin*. It is featured on the menu on Polynesian night when it is in season.

7 Nights

Island inspiration in
the destination that has
enchanted artists
for centuries

The Best of the South Pacific



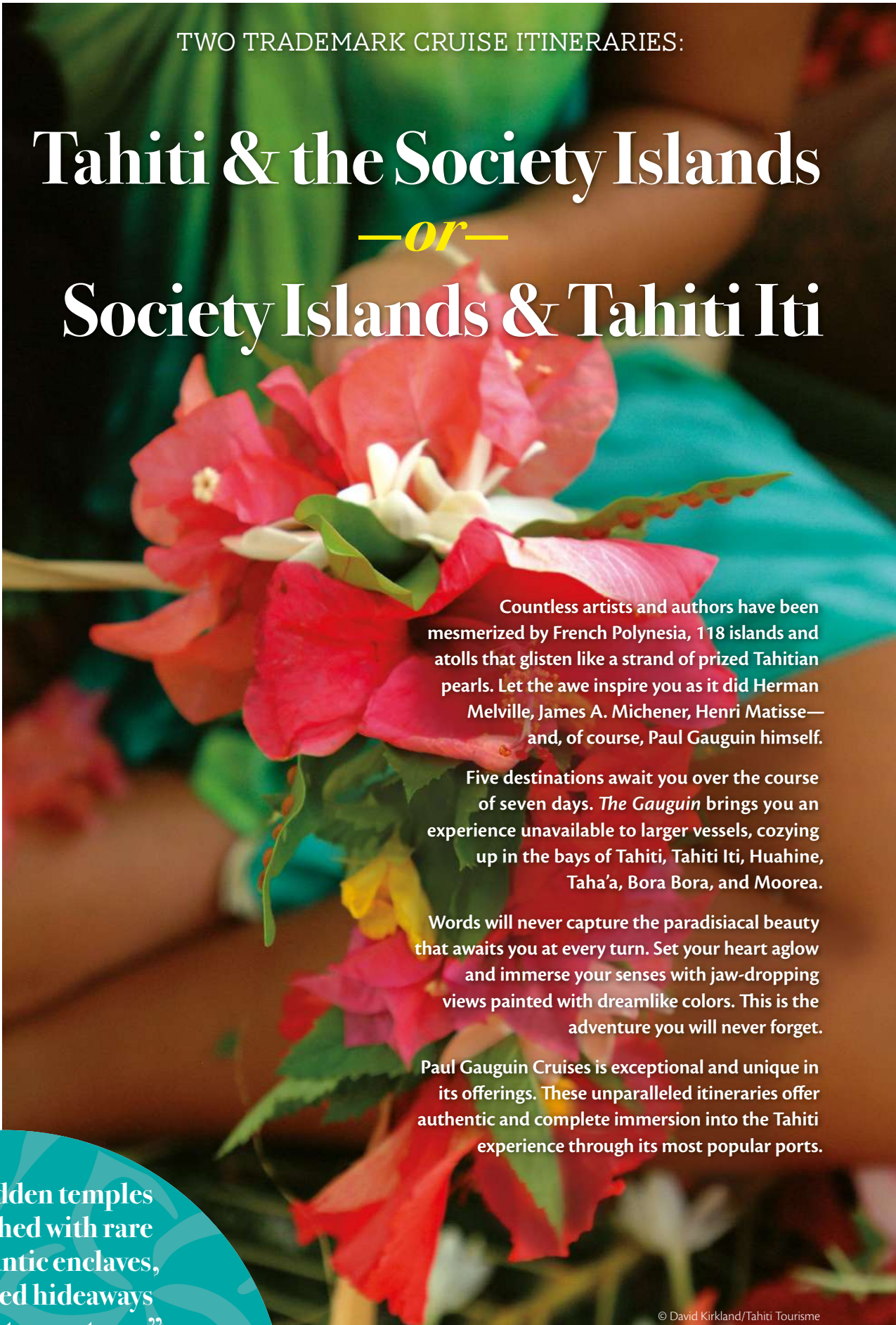


TWO TRADEMARK CRUISE ITINERARIES:

Tahiti & the Society Islands

—or—

Society Islands & Tahiti Iti



Countless artists and authors have been mesmerized by French Polynesia, 118 islands and atolls that glisten like a strand of prized Tahitian pearls. Let the awe inspire you as it did Herman Melville, James A. Michener, Henri Matisse—and, of course, Paul Gauguin himself.

Five destinations await you over the course of seven days. *The Gauguin* brings you an experience unavailable to larger vessels, cozying up in the bays of Tahiti, Tahiti Iti, Huahine, Taha'a, Bora Bora, and Moorea.

Words will never capture the paradisiacal beauty that awaits you at every turn. Set your heart aglow and immerse your senses with jaw-dropping views painted with dreamlike colors. This is the adventure you will never forget.

Paul Gauguin Cruises is exceptional and unique in its offerings. These unparalleled itineraries offer authentic and complete immersion into the Tahiti experience through its most popular ports.

“Hidden temples embellished with rare orchids, romantic enclaves, and untouched hideaways await at every turn.”

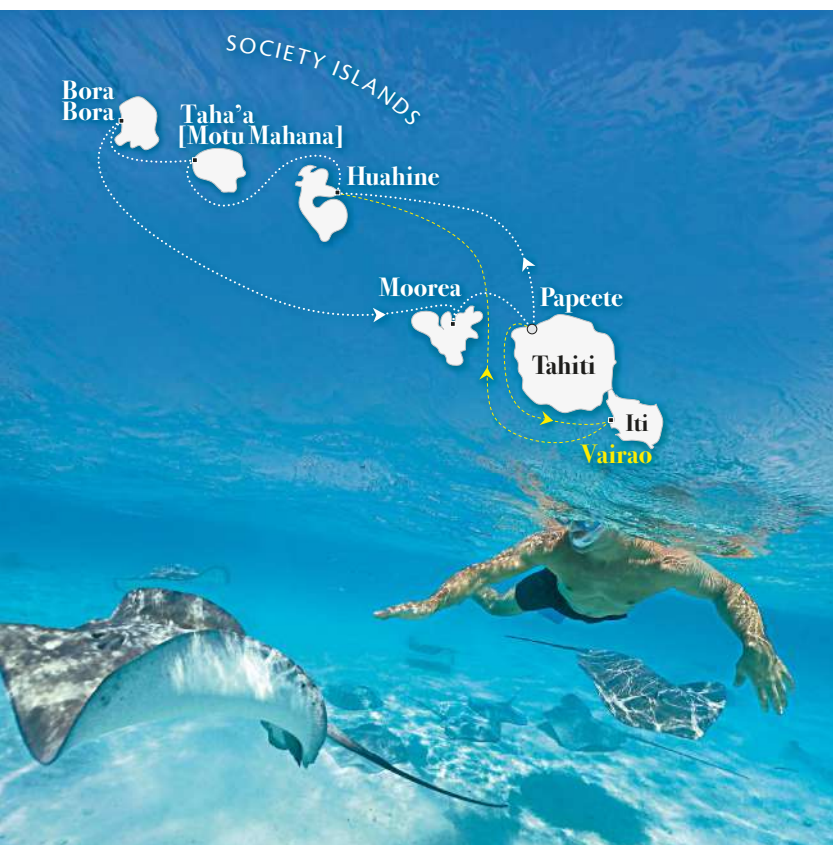
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ABOVE: Start each day with a delicious breakfast served in your choice of two restaurants—or delivered right to your room.
BELOW: Docile stingrays and other underwater life wait to be explored.



ABOVE: Enjoy everything that private islet Motu Mahana has to offer. BELOW: In the mood to shop? Each port offers opportunities to shop for authentic Polynesian treasures: *pareos*, vanilla, monoi oil, wood carvings, and countless other finds.



TAHITI You'll embark your cruise on the largest island—Tahiti. Located halfway between Los Angeles and Sydney, the island of Tahiti is divided in two: Tahiti Nui in the northwest and Tahiti Iti on the southeastern peninsula.

Fittingly, your journey begins in the vibrant capital city of Papeete, where you can explore markets, museums, and galleries.

Awaiting in the harbor: the m/s *Paul Gauguin*.

Welcome aboard. Unpack. Settle in. Explore your exquisitely appointed home for the next seven days.

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

VAIRAO*, TAHITI ITI On select dates, *The Gauguin* offers the unique opportunity to explore Tahiti Nui's younger sister, Tahiti Iti, whose name literally means "Little Tahiti." As a guest on the only cruise line that visits this unspoiled paradise, you'll have a front-row seat to everything this bewitching half of Tahiti offers, from authentic Polynesian culture to wild coastlines peppered with daredevil surfers. In these waters, it's best to book the **Lagoon & Teahupoo Surf Point Cruise** excursion, and be at the ready with your camera. Leave the feats of bravery to the locals!

HUAHINE In the brilliant morning light, a palette of blues and greens greets you as *The Gauguin* reaches her first port. The excitement is tangible as guests gather on deck and snap pictures, lost in absolute wonder.

Huahine. "The Garden Island."

Lush rain forests, dramatic landscapes, and idyllic lagoons are just the beginning of one of French Polynesia's best-kept secrets.

Hidden temples embellished with rare orchids, romantic enclaves, and untouched hideaways await at every turn.

The pace here is relaxed. Tranquility floats in the air. Serenity surrounds you like an embrace. The splendor of the landscape playfully wrestles with the kaleidoscopic wonderland just beneath the surface of crystal waters. Let your own desires shape your day. Wander the village. Take in the spectacular views. Lounge on the beach.

The four-hour **Sacred Sites & Legendary Places** excursion will show you French Polynesia's most important archaeological sites, not to mention the island's most beautiful panoramas. Or be whisked to Motu Murimahora for snorkeling, followed by a secluded beach picnic and plenty of time to let your cares drift away on the caress of the island breeze on the **Motu Picnic** excursion.

TAHA'A [MOTU MAHANA]

You'll know it's near by the intoxicating scent of Tahitian vanilla in the air (80 percent of French Polynesian vanilla is grown here). The tranquil island of Taha'a is not a mirage, but it seems like one. Volcanic hillsides burst with banana, watermelon, and pineapple. Nature's bounty 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.

Motu Mahana. Ever have a friend with their own private South Seas island? Now you do. Just offshore of Taha'a lies Motu Mahana. A motu is a tiny island, and Mahana (literally, "Light of Sun or Day") is *The Gauguin's* own private paradise, exclusive to her guests. Beneath swaying palm trees, the day is yours to create. Snorkel surrounded by technicolor fish. Grab a kayak for a bit of exploring.

Ashore, you may find a game of volleyball or watch your hosts, Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins, demonstrate how to open a coconut or tie a *pareo*. 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 picture-postcard Mt. Otemanu in view, bask in the sun, kayak, or paddleboard on Paul Gauguin Cruises' exclusive beach. Whether you seek high adventure or supreme tranquility, the vibe here is friendly and relaxed. Smiles come easily. Gentle breezes whisper, "Stay a while. And promise to come back." This really is heaven on Earth.

The **Bora Bora Off-Road Adventure** excursion embraces this iconic island's natural beauty in an exciting exploration of the road less traveled. Depart with your driver for an off-road journey to places accessible only via Land Rover. Your driver will navigate the steep terrain and introduce you to the plants, trees, and lifestyles 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



DAY	PORT
1	PAPEETE, TAHITI
2	HUAHINE
3	TAHAA (MOTU MAHANA)
4/5	BORA BORA
6/7	MOOREA
7/8	PAPEETE, TAHITI

***SELECT DATES VISIT TAHITI ITI:**

January 4; February 8, 29;
June 27; August 22; September 26;
October 24; December 19, 2020

DAY 1:	PAPEETE, TAHITI
DAY 2:	VAIRAO, TAHITI ITI
DAY 3:	HUAHINE
DAY 4:	TAHA'A (MOTU MAHANA)
DAY 5/6:	BORA BORA
DAY 7:	MOOREA
DAY 7/8:	PAPEETE, TAHITI

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 (OVERNIGHT[†]) 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 spectacular 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. ([†]*There is no overnight in Moorea on the Society Islands & Tahiti Iti itinerary.*)

PAPEETE, TAHITI Your evening arrival in Papeete gives you the opportunity to sample the city’s nightlife or just savor one last night aboard *The Gauguin* before you disembark in the morning.



“MOOREA: If you’re heading up to the Belvedere, stop at the agricultural school to sample their delicious ice cream, sorbets, and unique flavors of jam. Make sure you bring cash (USD is fine). Don’t forget to check out the vendors at the pier—you just might find that perfect souvenir to take home.”



“MOOREA: “Heiva” in Tahitian is all about coming together to celebrate the song, dance, and the very sensibilities of being Polynesian. The local “mamas” bring luscious tropical flowers by the basket full, inviting you to sit right down with them and weave heis (floral crowns) and leis. By the time you head to your Polynesian Night dinner (try the lobster with vanilla sauce), you’ll be feeling the “Heiva” through and through.”



Prices reflect a 50% savings on all-inclusive standard cruise fares and INCLUDED roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco

TAHITI & THE SOCIETY ISLANDS –OR– SOCIETY ISLANDS & TAHITI ITI* (7 Nights)

	[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
January 4*, 11, 2020	\$12,145	\$11,595	\$9,595	\$8,095	\$6,945	\$6,595	\$5,495	\$5,095
February 8*, 15, 22, 29*; October 24*, 31, 2020	\$13,195	\$12,545	\$10,245	\$8,795	\$7,595	\$7,295	\$6,245	\$5,795
June 27*; July 4, 11; September 12, 19, 26*, 2020	\$13,945	\$13,345	\$10,845	\$9,395	\$8,045	\$7,795	\$6,595	\$6,245
August 8, 22*; December 19*, 26, 2020	\$14,295	\$13,745	\$11,145	\$9,695	\$8,195	\$7,995	\$6,745	\$6,395

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POLYNESIAN CULTURE: REFRESHING!

Vanilla! I had no idea.
By Trixie Dugan

When you're at your local ice cream shop, you may not be one to land on "vanilla" while you painstakingly pour over your options. I mean, who can blame you? I myself am most certainly NOT a vanilla person. Vanilla is so... *vanilla*.

But if you find yourself in Tahiti, one of the only producers of the spice in the world—please, *please* re-consider which flavor you opt for.

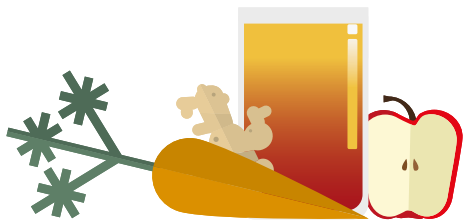
Vanilla in Tahiti is anything but boring! I was lucky enough to eat a scoop (or two) when we stopped at the Agricultural School during the **Trails of the Ancients Trek** tour with Mark Eddowes in Moorea. The school was serving up homemade ice cream in the usual flavors, and though I never order vanilla, the spirit of the islands struck me.

It was fun to learn that I actually DO like vanilla.
Well, when I'm in Tahiti.



**Tahiti's temperatures tend to hover right around 85°F/26°C year-round...
This is weather best experienced with a cold refreshment in hand!**

Whether you're looking for something healthy or something with a little kick, you won't be disappointed:



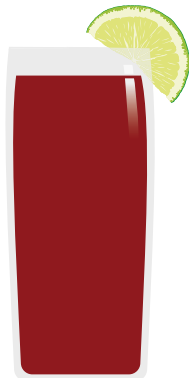
Start out your morning right by visiting La Palette on deck 8 to partake in the magic elixir the morning barstaff have prepared in the way of a health-conscious smoothie.



Tahiti's local beer, Hinano, is a light lager. The beer has grown into a lifestyle brand, and you will see Hinano clothing and apparel throughout the islands.



Icy cold coconut water is a luxurious refreshment on its own! Of course, while on Motu Mahana, you may opt to drink it with juice and/or a little more zip!



The attentive Gauguin barstaff will be happy to bring you the Drink of the Day while you are lounging by the pool or listening to Les Gauguines strum their ukuleles in La Palette.

Savoring Tahiti

BY CAROL PARSONS



*Grilled eggplant with arugula
and parmesan pairs nicely
with a buttery Chardonnay
or aromatic Bordeaux!*



Savoring Tahiti

Being in French Polynesia...
Sailing through the
painter's palette of blues
and greens capped off
by resplendent sunset
skies, adventuring in a
new corner of paradise
every day—What more
could you ask for?



*L'Etoile is The Gauguin's main restaurant,
and is open nightly for dinner*



Eduardo Rosales, sommelier on *The Gauguin* for five years, has this to share:

"My job is to provide five-star wine service to our guests. The most common question I get is, of course, a simple one: 'What wine complements my meal best?'"

For white fish, I highly recommend a Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand. It has a dry, crisp, and light character that best suits the firm texture of the fish. If a guest selects an entree like steak, lamb, or even chicken, I recommend a full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon or a great Bordeaux. The richness of the wine and its tannins can stand up to the full flavor of the meat. And of course, a glass of sparkling wine is a perfect accompaniment to any dessert!

Personally, my favorite menu on board is the degustation menu in La Veranda. The preparation is unique and very French. Seared foie gras and tuna sashimi go well with a glass of Chateau d'Yquem or a sweet wine. Escargots and mushrooms pair nicely with a beautiful Sancerre Tuileres."

For a full list of Eduardo's suggested pairings, visit pgcruises.com/dining

Well, how about a fabulous meal?

For me, great food is the crowning glory of a magnificent vacation. It's an opportunity to try new things, be inspired by local ingredients and the talents of those who know how to use them.

That's what dining is like on *The Gauguin*. As you sail along from one amazing port to the next, you get to savor the talents of executive chefs who bring the best from the French culinary arts combined with the intriguing ingredients of the islands to your table in the most delightful ways. And, in fact, they don't stop with the immediate locale. Throughout the days on board, many cultures and cuisines are expertly represented on menus that read like happy short stories.

On *The Gauguin*, the food experience is every bit as extraordinary as the surroundings.

Every meal offers a choice of dining venues. Le Grill is the perfect outdoor option for breakfast or lunch—especially if you're in between adventures. You can grab a bite and enjoy it on the pool deck, or grab a table in the shade without ever losing sight of the sea!

La Veranda also offers enticing options for breakfast and lunch with both indoor and outdoor seating. You'll never forget where you are here; you're surrounded by the view wherever you decide to sit. Both restaurants offer *à la carte* items on the menu, as well as plenty of delicious options available at serving stations. When you're finished with your »



Savoring Tahiti

main course, there is an astounding array of desserts and fruits and cheeses to cap off your meal. I usually finish lunch with a double espresso or a cortado to fuel the rest of the day's adventures.

The evening meal is always an event. Whether you've spent the day on shore, enjoying the pool deck, or taking in entertainment at La Palette, it's time to head back to your stateroom to refresh and put on something nice. Nothing *formal*... just something to feel great in as you enjoy dinner and as the evening unfolds. Maybe head out for a cocktail at one of several watering holes, or have one on your balcony... either way, it is sure to be accompanied by an audaciously vibrant sky—the sunset dressing the stage dramatically for what's to come.

When we dine out near home, there are certain things we look for and other things we hope for. For us, it is the expectation of a fine meal in a pleasant setting with good company and service that enhances the experience. Onboard *The Gauguin*, these expectations are met and exceeded each and every day!

Let's discuss dinner at the main restaurant, L'Etoile. It's not long before you realize that you're full of anticipation as you walk toward the elegant entrance each night that you're dining here! The menu is posted outside the doors daily, but I never look—I want to savor the experience in the presence of my favorite server and a glass of the sommeliers' featured wines. Each menu

is a journey itself, and the staff is well-versed and ready to guide you, if you'd like. I like to take my time and absorb the variety and yes, the poetry of the chef's offerings. You'll find appetizers, soups and salads, a pasta course, and an almost impossible choice of main courses like:



The traditional Tahitian fish salad: *poisson cru*. Picture this: fresh tuna diced alongside a bevy of tomatoes, cucumber, onion, carrots, sliced scallions, and chopped parsley. Lime jus, salt and pepper, and a splash of coconut milk bring this incredible dish together with exquisite hints of citrus and various mouthwatering textures. Calling it "excellent" would be an understatement.

Some evenings we may do every course, other nights we might select three or four. Portions are sized appropriately so you can try different dish combinations to create your own symphony of flavors. With the variety and range of each menu, we'd be happy to have every dinner of the cruise here in L'Etoile, but on board *The Gauguin*, there is so much more—and we are going to try it all!

The next day, we might want to make a dinner reservation at one of the other two restaurants aboard the ship. The limited number of diners each evening in both La Veranda and Le Grill automatically creates a sense of exclusivity—but remember, it's all included with Paul Gauguin Cruises. Just be sure to remember to make your reservation once on board.

If we've opted for a more casual approach, we head up to Le Grill on Deck 8 where fresh fish and seafood is the star of the show, accompanied by other locally sourced and inspired ingredients, melded to perfection. In this picture-perfect destination, dinner is often served at your table under the stars—magical!

Always a special occasion is dinner in La Veranda on Deck 6 where the subdued candlelight beckons. Again, the sommelier has selected wines that perfectly complement the tasting menu curated by Chef Jean-Pierre Vigato. We sit back and prepare for a gastronomic pleasure cruise, and we are never disappointed!

Remember, this is *French* Polynesia after all, so expect the croissants to be flaky and soft in the morning, the breads to be mouthwatering and the desserts exquisitely decadent. Just like the rest of your time here in paradise, it's all yours to savor. ✨

Le Grill (left) has a tropical vibe and provides al fresco dining; breakfast, lunch and reservation-only dinner. La Veranda (right) offers beautiful indoor and al fresco views for breakfast and lunch. At night, it is transformed into a candlelit French bistro.





Happiness is served.

It's possible you never thought that anything so artful could be plated. Menus are designed by some of the world's most talented chefs, including signature dishes by the acclaimed Jean-Pierre Vigato, who have taken into consideration the cultural and geographical influences surrounding you, with ingredients sourced locally.

Naturally, all shipboard dining is included in your cruise fare.

L'ETOILE

Dinner, 6:30–9pm, *open seating*

LA VERANDA

Breakfast, 7–9:30am

Lunch, Noon–2pm

Dinner, 6:30–8:30pm, *reservation only*

LE GRILL

Breakfast, 7–9:30am

Lunch, Noon–2pm

Dinner, 6:30–8:30pm, *reservation only*

Room service available 24 hours a day.

10 Nights

A sojourn filled with warm breezes,
vibrant landscapes, and low-lying atolls

Palm Trees & Blue Lagoons





A TRADEMARK CRUISE ITINERARY:

Society Islands & Tuamotus

Your assignment: Surround yourself with beauty and luxury for 10 nights on ship, on land, and underwater.

Answer the call of the Society Islands and the Tuamotu Archipelago for unlimited discovery, exploration, and adventure. This voyage offers multiple days on some of French Polynesia's most-requested islands—and the opportunity to experience each port to the fullest, at your own pace or enhanced by a wealth of *à la carte* excursions.

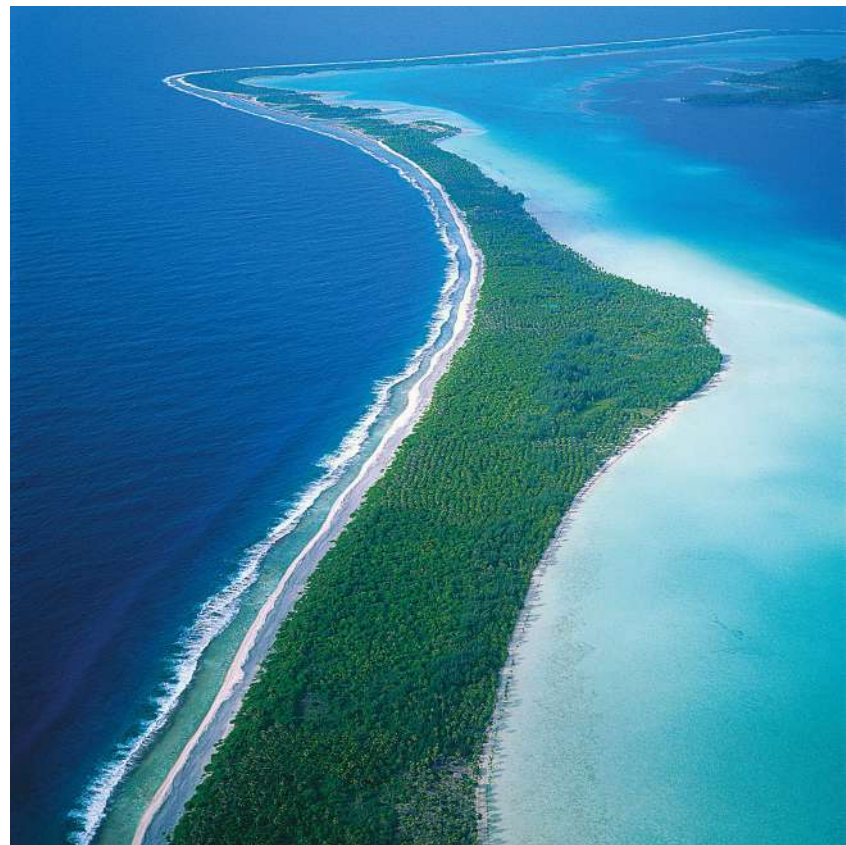
On this itinerary, diving enthusiasts have the opportunity to witness the annual grouper spawning off the island of Fakarava. The giant fish gather by the thousands, creating an unparalleled opportunity to see other predatory fish and sharks.

Enjoy two full days in the quintessential Pacific paradise of Bora Bora, with access to *The Gauguin's* exclusive white-sand beach, and spend a relaxing day on Motu Mahana—Paul Gauguin Cruises' own private islet.

“The experience
is unmatched.
Words are inadequate.
Photos seem unreal.”



ABOVE: Spend a day on celebrated Motu Mahana, your own private island for the day. Enjoy a beach barbecue, organize a volleyball game, or just grab an icy coconut refreshment. BELOW: Spot *marae*, or ancient open-air places of worship, scattered throughout the islands.



ABOVE: Rangiroa, the largest atoll of the Tuamotus Archipelago, is a host to both lush vegetation and incredible blue waters. BELOW: You'll have ample opportunity to snorkel in both the Society Islands and the Tuamotus.



TAHITI The islands of French Polynesia are a spectacular collection of volcanic atolls strewn across the tranquil Pacific Ocean, and the island of Tahiti is the largest of all 118. Called the “Queen of the Pacific,” the royal moniker is appropriate—and you’ll see why. Majestic, stately, and steeped in history, the island is synonymous with paradise.

Before embarking *The Gauguin*, sample the bounty that Tahiti proffers. As the ship awaits in the harbor, the capital city of Papeete offers shopping, waterfront dining, nightlife, and sunsets that have inspired swoon-inducing romance for thousands of years.

HUAHINE It is the Society Islands’ ace up the sleeve. Often referred to as the Garden of Eden, it’s hard to envision a more idyllic setting. Seemingly untouched by the outside world, your first port sets the stage for what is to come on this truly singular voyage.

Of all the ports you visit, you’ll always remember the warmth of the people of Huahine. It’s as if they can’t help but smile as they invite you to share the beauty they call home. Eight tiny villages spread over two islands encourage wandering. The largest, Fare, is where you’ll find local handicrafts and intimate eateries showcasing the true tastes of French Polynesia. You can also arrange underwater activities and guided tours of the islands’ many ancient temples and mythical sites.

Up for a little adventure? *The Gauguin’s Island Tour by WaveRunner* excursion lets you access Huahine’s wild beauty front and center from a completely different on-water perspective. Your guide will show you how to safely operate the WaveRunner, then off you go to zip about the lagoon. Safe, exciting, and a true adrenaline rush.

BORA BORA (OVERNIGHT) Spend two days here, inside the postcard looking out. With the castle-like centerpiece of Mount Otemanu soaring skyward, the “Romantic Island” offers a decadent display of endless blue skies, emerald waters, and colorful wildlife on land, sea, and air. Tuck a hibiscus flower behind your ear, go native, and surrender to

the fragrant breezes of one of the world’s top honeymoon destinations.

One of the most unforgettable experiences you’ll find in the South Pacific is the opportunity to stand in shallow waters as beautiful, playful (and harmless) stingrays swim around you. Do this on the **Sharks & Stingrays Encounter** shore excursion.

The rays are accustomed to visitors and gently glide around you as your guide feeds them, and even holds them, giving you the chance to stroke their satiny skin. This story will inspire disbelief every time you tell it.

RANGIROA Welcome to the largest atoll of the Tuamotus (and the second largest in the world). Take a few moments for your eyes to adjust to this color spectrum: from the deepest blue to green so pale it’s almost white (and a peacock’s worth of every color in between). Surrounded by two bodies of water, Moana-tea (Peaceful Ocean) and Moana-uri (Wild Ocean), Rangiroa’s lagoon invites you below the surface to snorkel or dive, or view from above by canoe, kayak, or glass-bottom boat. Rangiroa is also one of the world’s most coveted dive destinations: 240 tiny islets encircling a vast blue lagoon create a surreal marine habitat that must be experienced to be believed.

The Gauguin’s Black Pearl Farm excursion shows you how pearls are grown and harvested, and watch a grafter as he skillfully plies his trade. Or if you want to take advantage of this area’s superior diving, embark on **SCUBA Rangiroa**, where divers explore the famed Tiputa Pass to possibly swim alongside hammerhead sharks, manta rays, and dolphins.

FAKARAVA They call it the “Island of Dreams,” but you could never sleep through this. The second-largest of the Tuamotu atolls (second only to Rangiroa), Fakarava’s rectangular reef is home to a rich ecosystem, one of seven designated UNESCO Biosphere Reserves for the preservation of rare species. Above and below the water, it’s as if Mother Nature put on her best dress for you to admire and exclaim, “My. Aren’t you fetching?”

Naturally, Fakarava lures divers from all over the world. Take a peek below the surface. You may see barracudas, manta rays, eagle rays, hammerhead sharks, dolphins, and turtles playing in the dramatic coral landscape. On land, let the seabreeze guide you to the southern end of the lagoon, where you’ll find a church made entirely of coral, built by missionaries in 1874.

AT SEA As *The Gauguin* glides from the Tuamotu Archipelago toward the tranquil island of Taha’a, you will enjoy a full day at sea.

There is something innately glamorous about lounging on the deck of a ship as the horizon drifts past. Whether you are in a deck-side chaise with an appropriately tropical cocktail and an epic novel at the ready (or your favorite guilty-pleasure gossip magazines) or relaxing poolside and soaking up the sun, *The Gauguin* was designed for your idle pleasure. A sea day is also a perfect time for a fitness center workout followed by an indulgent spa treatment.

Your onboard hosts, Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins, are also at the ready with Tahitian dance lessons, hands-on traditional craft demonstrations, and an array of activities for all ages and tastes.

One more thing: Nothing has a greater wow factor than watching the spectacular Polynesian sunset from the deck, and you’ve got the best seats in the house.

TAHA'A [MOTU MAHANA]

Life is simple on this flower-shaped island, where orchids climb to take in the view and the air is sweet with vanilla and hibiscus. Most of the Tahitian vanilla prized by gourmets and gourmands comes from Taha’a; stock up during your visit. You’ll find quiet roads perfect for bicycling and quaint villages perfect for island shopping, but Taha’a holds some surprises for you above and below the crystal lagoon. Off-the-charts snorkeling and diving are a given. Pillowy mountains, fertile valleys, and sparkling beaches will vie for your exploration, whether it’s a visit to a vanilla plantation, hiking ancient trails, or a guided 4x4 trek into the island’s lush jungle.



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

Spend a day in truly exclusive relaxation on Motu Mahana, *The Gauguin's* own private island. No other cruise ship can access this intimate corner of paradise, but it's yours to enjoy during your day in Taha'a. The experience is truly Tahitian. Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins welcome you with authentic Polynesian music, and then your time is your own. Leave your watch in your stateroom, because on Motu Mahana, you have no schedule, no deadlines, and definitely no stress. Grab your favorite drink from our floating bar and find a perfect spot to enjoy. Join in a game of beach volleyball, or simply let the warm waters envelop you. When you're ready, a barbecue awaits. This is the life.

MOOREA (OVERNIGHT) It's okay to stare open-mouthed. Moorea is used to it. Moorea is everything you imagine a South Pacific island will be. Majestic. Mysterious. Alluring. Hypnotic. Waterfalls tumble from volcanic ridges, and ferns dance in the spray. The plush landscape bursts with coffee, sugarcane, pineapple, and cotton. Warm waters beckon with open arms. If heaven exists on earth, it must be here.

In this setting, you may need to express yourself with something other than words. Let your inner artist out to paint, sketch, doodle—even photograph Moorea's epic vistas or something smaller scale—you will find much to inspire you.

PAPEETE, TAHITI Awaken on your last day in Papeete, the port of departure and arrival for most South Pacific cruises. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board, or venture into town for some authentic Tahitian coffee and last-minute shopping before you return home (and start planning your return to the South Pacific).

Tip from Jerry

“ **RANGIROA:** Approaching the reef passage on Rangiroa is spectacular and not to be missed. Often a pod of dolphins will greet you jumping out of the water around the bow of the ship. As the ship glides through the reef opening, you'll realize what an important decision it was that you chose to travel on a vessel that can take you through the passage. There is nothing like it! ”

Tip from Carol

“ **BORA BORA:** Really want to feel the mana (spirit) of the islands? Be up early on your second day in Bora Bora, grab a yoga mat from the fitness center (deck 6) and head up to the sun deck (deck 9)—it's almost always quiet up there, and the view at sunrise from Warrior pose is AMAZING! ”



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Every year you celebrate birthdays,
anniversaries, and reunions

This year, make it *epic*

Celebrate in Tahiti

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RENEWAL OF VOWS

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PRIVATE BEACHES

Paul Gauguin Cruises offers not one, but two private beaches to sink your toes into

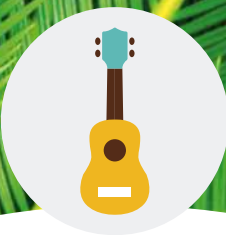


BORA BORA

A PRIVATE BEACH ON A SECLUDED MOTU

As you approach *The Gauguin's* private beach off the coast of Bora Bora, allow your worries to wash away in the cerulean-blue waters. Free your mind of deadlines and commitments and allow the sound of lapping waves to be your only distraction. Bring your snorkel equipment and explore the lagoon, or enjoy complete seclusion and take in the idyllic views of Mt. Otemanu. Sunbathe, read, kayak, paddleboard, or spend time with friends and family. Allow the exclusive beach experience to envelop you and sit back, relax, and just *be*.





MOTU MAHANA

A PRIVATE ISLET OFF THE
ISLAND OF TAHA'A, ACCESSIBLE ONLY
TO GUESTS OF *THE GAUGUIN*

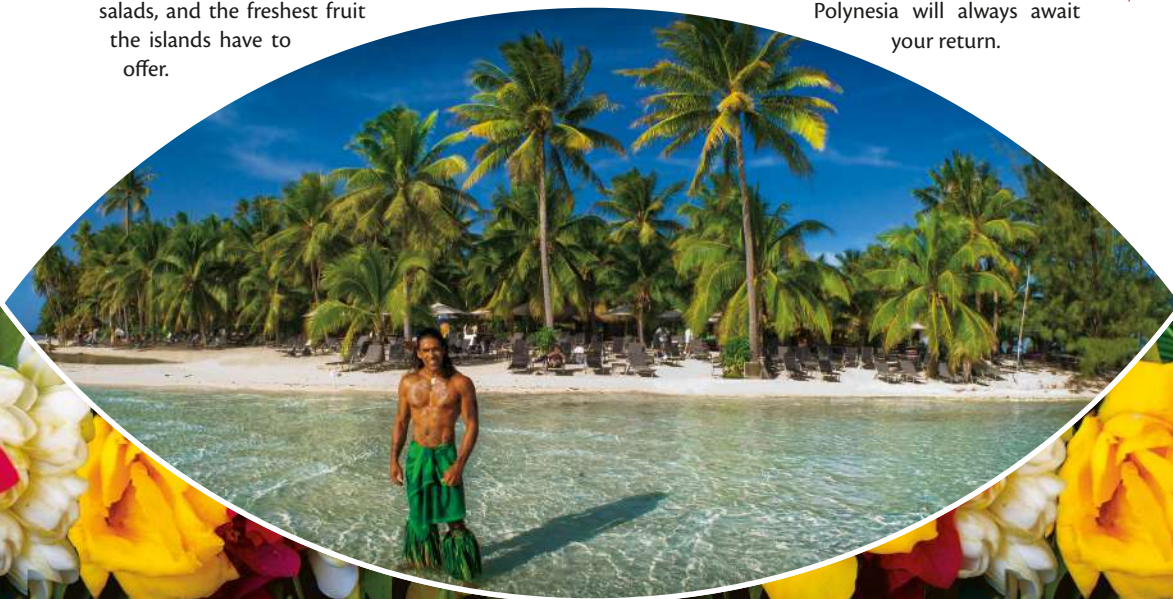
On Motu Mahana, a good time—no matter how you define it—is a given.

You haven't really experienced the South Pacific until you've enjoyed an ice-cold beverage sipped through a straw from a real coconut. Now is your chance. The lagoon's floating bar has anticipated your arrival and will keep you refreshed throughout the day.

You'll quickly notice that this joint is jumping. Up for some beach volleyball with your fellow *Gauguin* guests? In the spirit of friendly competition, you might encounter hermit crab races, or stage a kayak race—either is par for the course. If you're more of a spectator, there are plenty of shaded chairs to cheer from. Around midday, a grand barbecue is yours for the taking: grilled fish and meats, tantalizing salads, and the freshest fruit the islands have to offer.

Take a stroll down the shoreline of Motu Mahana for a quieter, more relaxed vibe. Explore. Unwind. Indulge. Check out the world underwater with your complimentary watersports equipment. Or maybe treat yourself to an overwater massage? Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins are on hand to show you how to be authentically Polynesian: learn the arts of coconut husking, *pareo* dying (and tying), and much more. Local vendors are also on hand with traditional handicrafts, exquisite vanilla from Taha'a, island jewelry, and more.

However you spend it, your day on Motu Mahana will slip by before you know it, and you'll be reluctant to leave. But your own private place in French Polynesia will always await your return.





Say
“I Do!”

Wedding and Vow Renewal Packages

Motu Mahana

Beachside on Paul Gauguin
Cruises' private islet

Be the envy of all your friends when you make the ultimate commitment to each other in a private Polynesian blessing ceremony on Motu Mahana. Against a captivating backdrop of swaying palms and crystal-clear waters, greet your better half wearing *heis* (crowns of flowers), and enjoy a ceremony under the sun given by the Captain or Cruise Director.

InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa

A luxurious, eco-friendly resort

A special wedding ceremony or renewal of vows awaits you in Bora Bora. On a traditional outrigger canoe, enjoy a ride through the lagoonarium to join your partner at the resort's air-conditioned chapel, which features views of Mt. Otemanu and glass floors showcasing the lagoon below. A Tahitian blessing by a local priest follows. After the ceremony, visit the resort's Secret Garden to attach a love lock to a palm tree to seal and symbolize your eternal love in Polynesian style. Enjoy a delicious lunch as part of your package.

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Hinerava Jewelry: The Art of Casual Elegance

Named for a legendary woman of exotic beauty, Hinerava is a fresh and contemporary Tahitian jewelry line known for its high-quality craftsmanship and unique, "island chic" designs. Designer and founder Kelly Bailey De Rham combines exceptional precious gems with rare colors of pearls to craft bangles, rings, necklaces, and earrings that are exquisitely sophisticated, yet casual enough for everyday wear.

View Hinerava styles
for women and men designed
exclusively for Paul Gauguin Cruises
in La Boutique aboard *The Gauguin*.



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Playful Tahiti

*Competition gets fierce during
sand crab races on the
exclusive beach in Bora Bora*





MOANA EXPLORER PROGRAM

A New Program for Kids and
Families, in Partnership with
Te mana o te moana

The South Pacific is a place of rich culture, history, and wonder. More than that, it's also a fascinating getaway where families can share activities, strengthen bonds, and create memories to last a lifetime.

Paul Gauguin Cruises is offering a new way for families to explore this dream destination. Through a joint program with *Te mana o te moana*, a South Pacific conservation and marine education foundation with deep roots in this part of the world, young guests (ages 7-15) are invited to discover and value nature through hands-on, interactive learning.

Once aboard the ship, the *Te mana o te moana* naturalists will gather with families and provide a program introduction and itinerary for the duration of the voyage. Every day, there will be a combination of adventures that may include island and beach excursions, science activities, creating natural jewelry, conducting water experiments, treasure hunts, water games in the onboard pool, designing Polynesian tattoos, and more!

This program is offered during summer and holiday sailings, and best of all there is no fee*, it's included as part of the value of your cruise.

For more information on the Moana Explorers
Family Program including schedules, visit
pgcruises.com/Family

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THE GAUGUIN WITH KIDS ON PAGE 68



Guests are encouraged to reserve the program at the time of booking or any time before their sailing date. The program can also be booked on board if space is available. *Certain itineraries may offer additional activities for a small fee. These will need to be requested onboard. Program offered in English and French.

GUEST HOSTS

2020

Special guests

representing a wide variety of interests join select sailings and offer lectures, demonstrations, workshops, and more.

JEAN-ROBERT DE CAVEL, CHEF

Tahiti & the Society Islands

Award-winning chef Jean-Robert de Cavel has maintained a Mobil 5-star restaurant, opened several restaurants in the Cincinnati area, served as Chef-in-Residence at the Midwest Culinary Institute at Cincinnati State, and been named a Master Chef by *Maîtres Cuisiniers de France*. Enjoy a lecture and culinary demonstration by this acclaimed chef and entrepreneur.



JUL
11th

KIM STARE WALLACE & DON WALLACE, DRY CREEK VINEYARD, WINEMAKERS

Society Islands & Tuamotus

Discover how these talented winemakers honor the past while striving to produce wines of outstanding distinction that consistently over-deliver and provide great enjoyment to wine drinkers during a lecture and wine tasting.



OCT
14th

For the full list of all
2020 guest hosts, visit
pgcruises.com/guest-hosts

Guest Host line-up is subject to change.

LESLIE MCGUIRK, ASTROLOGER

Tahiti & the Society Islands

A professional astrologer with more than 30 years' experience, Leslie McGuirk has appeared on radio and television and in magazines, and is a popular presenter and author. Join us aboard to discover the evolution of astrology, its place in history—and how it pertains to you.



FEB
22nd

ALLAN HANSON, POLYNESIA DESTINATION SPEAKER

Fiji, Tonga, Cook & Society Islands

Professor Allan Hanson has been fascinated by the South Pacific for most of his life. His experience in remote parts of French Polynesia inspired several books and an academic career. Join us aboard as this distinguished scholar presents a lecture on the cultures of Polynesia.

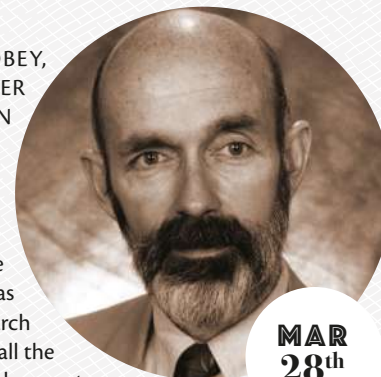


JUN
6th

EDWIN SOBEY, OCEANOGRAPHER & MARITIME HISTORIAN

Society Islands, Cook Islands, Tonga & Fiji

As a museum director, scientist, and explorer, Edwin Sobey has traveled the world. Along the way, he has lectured and conducted research on seven continents and all the oceans. Join us aboard as Ed presents a series of lectures on marine topics including whales, coral reefs, ocean acidification, plastics in the sea, and renewable energy.



MAR
28th



APR
11th

CHRISTOPHER KELLY, MILITARY HISTORIAN

Fiji to Bali

A television executive for nearly two decades and later a corporate board member, Christopher Kelly has dedicated his retirement to pursuing his lifelong passion for military history. Join us aboard as this award-winning author and presenter provides a lecture series on military history and WWII in the Pacific.



Go ahead...

indulge in a little "Me" time

Spend leisurely days at sea at the award-winning Deep Nature Spa by Algotharm.

Taking an unrivaled approach to beauty and rejuvenation, the Deep Nature Spa combines the art of gentle pampering with services that are uniquely tailored to the needs and wishes of each individual.

An extensive range of services, including skin care therapies, exfoliation, massage, reflexology, aromatherapy, body wraps, facials, beauty treatments, nail services, and hair styling, are offered. Be sure to reserve an overwater massage on Motu Mahana for the day you'll spend on Paul Gauguin Cruises' private South Pacific islet.

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pgcruises.com/spa

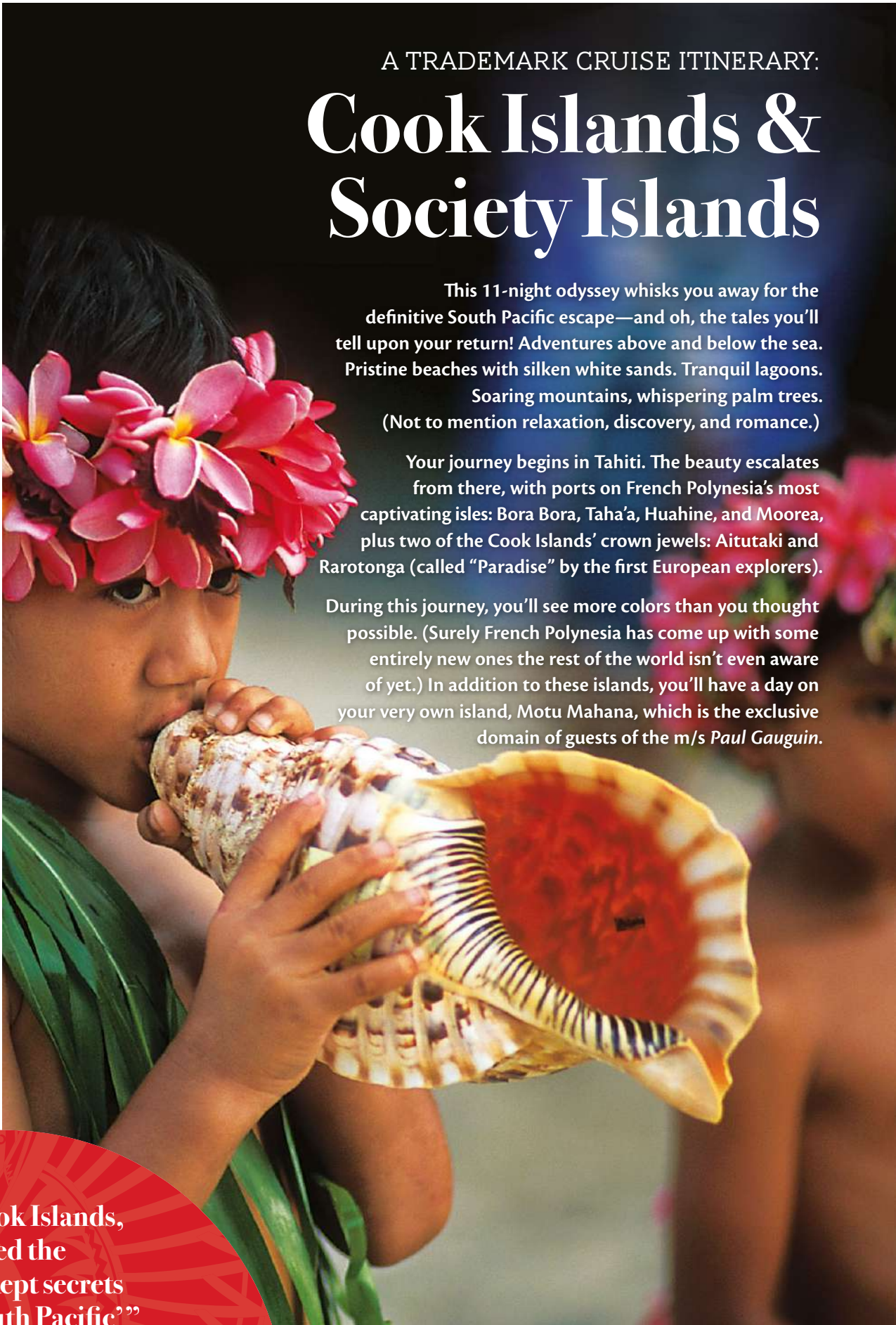
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NATURE

SPA . M/S PAUL GAUGUIN

11 Nights

An odyssey showcasing the region's
incredible diversity of scenery

Low-Lying Islands & Jagged Peaks



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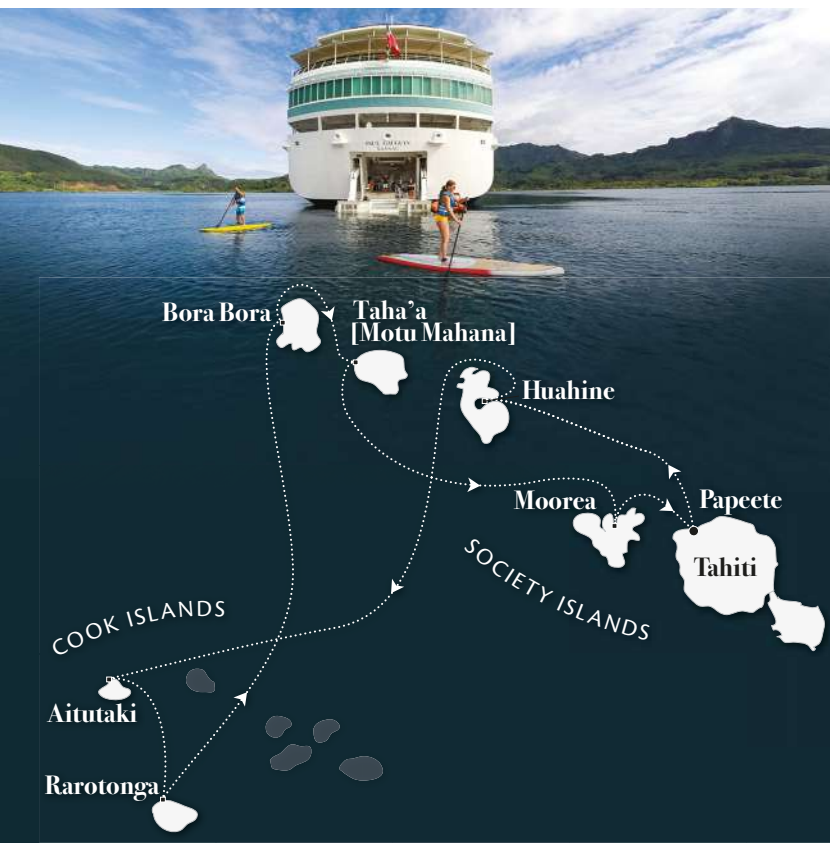
Cook Islands & Society Islands

This 11-night odyssey whisks you away for the definitive South Pacific escape—and oh, the tales you'll tell upon your return! Adventures above and below the sea. Pristine beaches with silken white sands. Tranquil lagoons. Soaring mountains, whispering palm trees. (Not to mention relaxation, discovery, and romance.)

Your journey begins in Tahiti. The beauty escalates from there, with ports on French Polynesia's most captivating isles: Bora Bora, Taha'a, Huahine, and Moorea, plus two of the Cook Islands' crown jewels: Aitutaki and Rarotonga (called "Paradise" by the first European explorers).

During this journey, you'll see more colors than you thought possible. (Surely French Polynesia has come up with some entirely new ones the rest of the world isn't even aware of yet.) In addition to these islands, you'll have a day on your very own island, Motu Mahana, which is the exclusive domain of guests of the m/s *Paul Gauguin*.

"The Cook Islands,
called the
'15 best-kept secrets
in the South Pacific'"



DAY 1: PAPEETE, TAHITI
 DAY 2: HUAHINE
 DAY 3: AT SEA
 DAY 4: AITUTAKI
 DAY 5: RAROTONGA
 DAY 6: AT SEA
 DAY 7/8: BORA BORA
 DAY 9: TAHA'A (MOTU MAHANA)
 DAY 10/11: MOOREA
 DAY 11/12: PAPEETE, TAHITI

ABOVE: Give paddleboarding a try, directly from the ship's onboard watersports marina in select ports. BELOW: Discover why the turquoise lagoon of the Cook Island of Aitutaki is considered one of the most spectacular in the world.

ABOVE: Discover paradise by land and sea on a wide array of shore excursions. BELOW: Encounter a fiercely proud and unique culture on the Cook Islands; here, a local practicing the craft of *tifaifai* (see page 15 for more information on this art).



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TAHITI Your ship awaits. How many people can say that?

Your voyage begins in Tahiti. And that, as they say, is a very good place to start. There's an energy and buzz to the capital city of Papeete that is unmistakably Polynesian. Vibrant, friendly, and unpretentious, the city is the flip side of the island's majestic peaks, lush jungles, tumbling waterfalls, and stellar blue lagoon. Before you sail, pick up any last-minute necessities, grab some authentic local cuisine in a café, and gear up for the unforgettable days to come. Or wander about and soak up some history, culture, island lore, and art. Museums, galleries, and historical points of interest abound.

If, by chance, you've been considering your first (or next) tattoo, Tahiti is where the art form began. From the Tahitian word *tatau*, "to strike," tattoos in this part of the world are very distinctive and symbolic. If you're in the market for some ink, do some research, visit prospective artists, and consider taking the plunge on your final day of the cruise, which returns you to Papeete.

HUAHINE Midway between Tahiti and Bora Bora lies this sleepy isle. Seen from the air, the "Garden Island" is actually two—Huahine Nui and Huahine Iti, connected by a man-made bridge and cradled by a coral reef. Not as developed or populous as its neighbors, Huahine is like a wish list for everything you'd want in a romantic fantasy destination. Swaying palm trees, fragrant flowers, aquamarine waters, and beaches with sand as soft as talc.

AT SEA As *The Gauguin* carries you to your next port, the Cook Islands, why not start the day in a truly decadent way? Enjoy breakfast in bed, which will have you feeling like royalty. An appointment in the ship's award-winning Deep Nature Spa is another indulgence. Whether you choose a volcanic hot stone massage, relaxing facial, body treatment, or all of the above, you're in very good hands.

During this day at sea, you can be as active or idle as you wish. Learn Tahitian language,

dance, customs, or history—or the proper way to tie a *pareo*—every hour brings a range of activities for every taste.

Make sure to be on deck for a sunset that spans the color spectrum, followed by a night sky so brilliant with stars, you'll wonder how there can possibly be room up there for all of them.

AITUTAKI The Cook Islands, called the "15 best kept secrets in the South Pacific" by travel guide *Ordinary Traveler*, were settled in the 6th century by Polynesians who migrated from Tahiti. Fast forward to 1820, when they were named for British navigator James Cook. Today, the islands are much as they were when the first settlers reached their shores—unspoiled, peaceful, lovely, and quiet.

The first recorded European to have reached this paradise was Captain William Bligh, shortly after the famous mutiny on his ship, *The Bounty*, in 1789.

The second-most visited of the Cook Islands, triangular-shaped Aitutaki is nearly flat, meaning your ocean view from virtually any point is limitless—and flawless. As waves lazily caress the reef, you are a world away. While here, don't miss the local fare, especially the *ika mata*—fish marinated in coconut cream and lemon juice.

Travel back in time with a fascinating look at ancient life in the South Pacific on the **Aitutaki Discovery Safari**. Hear the legends and explore the sites of rituals, sacrifices, battles, celebrations, and courtships. Your guided 4x4 trek will include the ancient temple grounds of Are Mango and the 1,000-year-old "Stone of Rae," the throne of a warrior said to have been the strongest man on Aitutaki. You'll also ascend to the island's highest peak, Manga Pu, for a panoramic view of the island and its glittering lagoon.

RAROTONGA From the deck of *The Gauguin*, the primal call of drums may be the first thing you hear. Next, your astounded eyes will take in the massive cathedral-like shell of an ancient volcano rising majestically against a sapphire sky. The largest of the 15 fabled Cook Islands, Rarotonga is embraced by a sparkling

lagoon, sugar-white sands, and the friendly wave of palm trees. The unmistakable island sound of ukuleles floats in the air. Genuine smiles welcome you ashore.

Be warned: On Rarotonga, hurrying is strictly forbidden. The law of the island is to relax and immerse yourself in music, culture, history, and of course, unmatched beauty. This is the true island experience.

One of the Cook Islands' best-known traditional healers, the legendary Pa is an unbounded font of knowledge on the natural healing properties of Rarotonga's indigenous flora. Discover the wisdom of Pa, retrace the paths of his ancestors, and learn island culture and history on the popular excursion **Pa, Son of Rarotonga**.

AT SEA Days at sea are supremely relaxing and perfect for catching up. Think of all the pictures you've taken and haven't even had time to review. Pick up some postcards and jot off some envy-inducing "wish you were here" notes. Wander up to the deck and see the panorama of the South Pacific drifting by.

Take in a fun and interactive lecture from a roster of anthropologists, archaeologists, and marine biologists, as well as visiting experts. Play a few games of ping pong, shuffleboard—even coconut bowling.

The Gauguin comes alive after the sun sets. Try your luck at slot machines, blackjack, and roulette in Le Casino, or grab a nightcap and unwind at the Piano Bar. Le Grand Salon features movie nights, guest entertainers, and Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins performing ancestral dance and traditional songs. Of course, you could always dance under a canopy of stars on deck. Most likely, you'll fall asleep with a smile. Sweet dreams.

BORA BORA (OVERNIGHT) On 11-night sailings, spend two days here, on the supermodel of the South Pacific. Famous. Exquisite. Adored. Achingly beautiful. You've seen countless photos and magazine covers, movies, and appearances on Top Ten lists. Your pulse will race as you approach one of the most storied islands in the world—and you



will find that photographs don't even come close to the real deal.

The best course of action is just to surrender to the considerable charms of this island. With so many things to do and see, you will easily fill your two days here. First, there's the water. Dazzling, warm, and inviting, Bora Bora's lagoon offers a cinematic below-the-surface experience for diving, snorkeling, and fishing. Above: sailing, kayaking, jet skiing, motorboat tours—the list goes on and on.

The reality is, you'll have to dry off at some point. Guided hiking, helicopter flightseeing, 4x4 excursions, exploring ancient temples—this list is likewise endless.

It may surprise you that an island so vibrant by day is, by contrast, very quiet after sundown. Brace yourself for a ravishing sunset. It's hard to imagine a setting more conducive to romance.

TAHA'A [MOTU MAHANA]

Ask anyone who has been to Taha'a what their first impression was, and many will recall the scent of vanilla lingering in the air. So exotic. So seductive. The rich soil of Taha'a is perfect for growing vanilla, watermelon, and copra.

Life is simple here. You will be charmed by the warm smiles greeting you as locals pass by on bicycles. Tour a plantation or pearl farm. Or grab your snorkel gear and head out to Motu Mahana, Paul Gauguin Cruises' own private islet. The dive staff will have the kayaks waiting, the wait staff will have your coconut cocktail ready—and it's quite likely that there is a chair under a shady palm calling your name.

MOOREA (OVERNIGHT) The island of Moorea is a study in contrasts. The serrated shell of an ancient volcano wrestles with satiny white beaches. The impossibly blue sky pushes against an incandescent turquoise lagoon. The sum is considered by many to be one of the most romantic spots on Earth. Even from the sky, this heart-shaped island sends love.

If one day is not enough to consume this feast for the senses, *The Gauguin* gives you two on all 11-night sailings. Take in the inconceivable beauty that surrounds you. Lift your face to the sun, close your eyes for a moment, and listen to the music of the island.

It's just another day in paradise on the **BBQ on Motu & Snorkeling** excursion. Glide through the crystal waters of Moorea's north coast, soaking up the exquisite views of Cook's Bay and Opunohu Bay, then spend some time swimming with gentle, playful stingrays. From there, a private motu barbecue awaits, complete with demonstrations of cuisine prep, coconut shucking, and *pareo* tying. Top it all off with more downtime for swimming, snorkeling, and taking it easy.

PAPEETE, TAHITI Sail back to our point of origin, Papeete, Tahiti. For one last magical evening on deck, raise a glass with the friends you've made here. Here's to you.

Armed with matchless memories, return to the "real world." When you feel the caress of a warm breeze or the kiss of the sun on your shoulders, think of the islands and of your friends on board. Don't miss your one last chance for souvenir shopping. You can't keep ignoring the Tahitian pearl that has been calling you.

With the sunrise comes the conclusion of your cruise experience. How did it come so quickly? The best news is *The Gauguin* considers you family and eagerly awaits your return.

“Some call Aitutaki one of the few lagoons in the world that can rival Bora Bora. I would agree with that thought. The sight of the crystal-clear turquoise lagoon will take your breath away. Spend your one day here wisely by heading out on the lagoon! A little-known fact is that Aitutaki was visited by The Bounty 18 days before the famous mutiny. Captain Bligh noted how friendly the locals were compared to other islands, and to this day the people on Aitutaki are some of the friendliest islanders you will encounter.”

Tip from Jerry



Prices reflect a 50% savings on all-inclusive standard cruise fares and INCLUDED roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco

COOK ISLANDS & SOCIETY ISLANDS (11 Nights)

	[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
January 18; March 7, 2020	\$17,795	\$17,145	\$13,195	\$10,845	\$8,895	\$8,695	\$6,945	\$6,695
July 18; October 3, 2020	\$18,145	\$17,495	\$13,445	\$11,145	\$9,145	\$8,895	\$7,145	\$6,895



Prices are per person, double occupancy. Single supplement pricing is available upon request. Economy Class airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco is included but based on availability in class of service; air add-ons from home city are available on request. Air credit for non-use of this promotion is \$1,700. Port, security, and handling fees of \$235 per person are additional. Third guest in the same stateroom 17 years old and under is FREE; 18 years of age and older is \$125 per night. Third guest is cruise-only; air and taxes are additional.

POLYNESIAN CULTURE: *TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE*

Do you like puzzles? Well, if you do—here is a perfect way to reflect upon the Paul Gauguin Cruises' Tahitian experience. All the answers below can be found within the pages of this book.

(Or, if you absolutely *must*...you can consult the key on page 61)

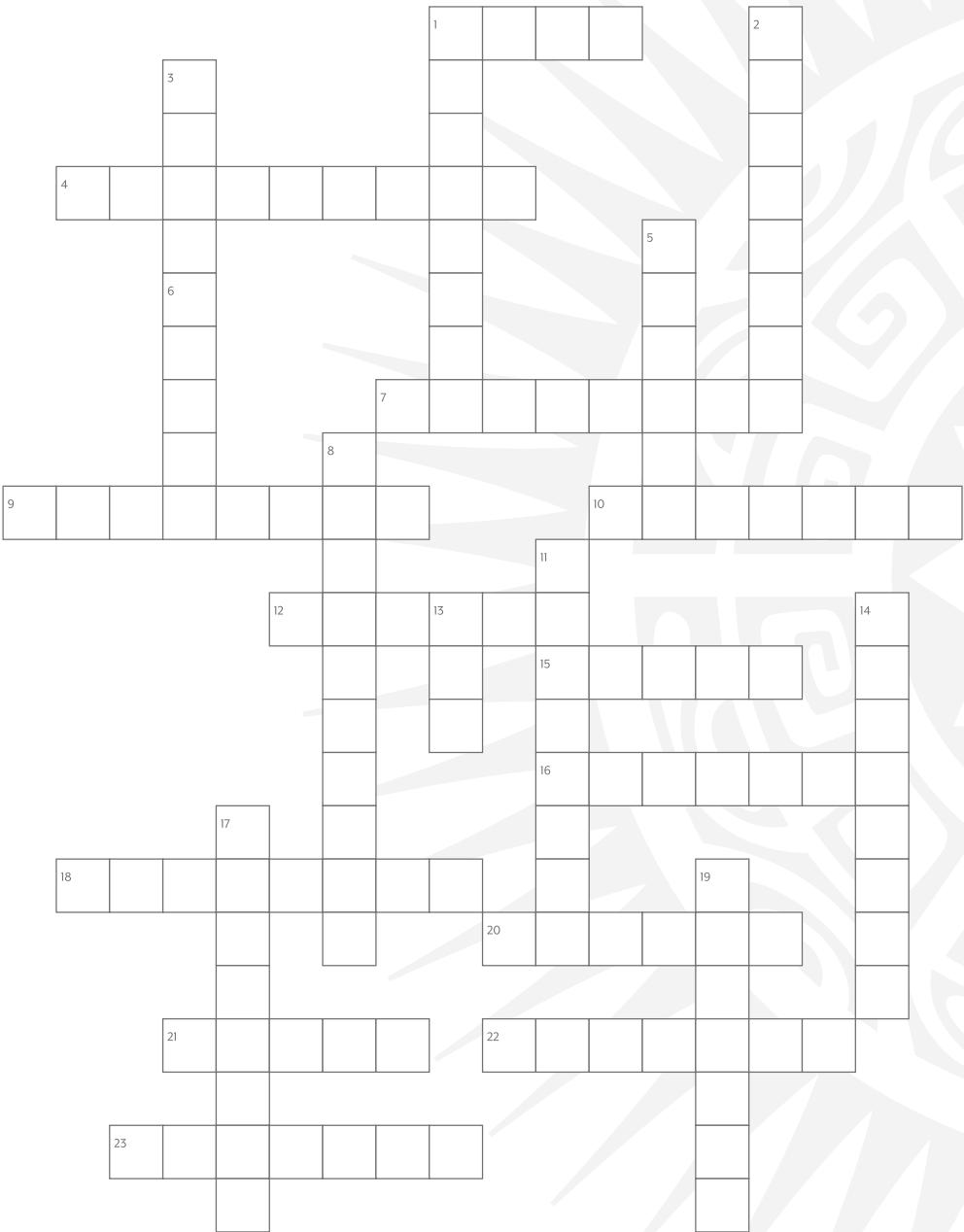
Crossword Time!

ACROSS:

- 1. Islands between Polynesia and Melanesia
- 4. Remote and wild islands
- 7. The largest atoll of the Tuamotus
- 9. The Pearl of the Pacific (2 words)
- 10. City where your journey begins
- 12. The largest island in French Polynesia
- 15. 80% of French Polynesian vanilla is grown here
- 16. This Marquesan island's name means "sunrise"
- 18. The largest island of the Marquesas (2 words)
- 20. The second-largest island of the Marquesas (2 words)
- 21. Islands that are blissfully isolated and affiliated with New Zealand
- 22. The island known as the "Garden of Eden"
- 23. French post-impressionist painter

DOWN:

- 1. In the Tuamotus, this is known as the Island of Dreams
- 2. The Marquesan island with one road and only 500 residents (2 words)
- 3. The largest of the 15 Cook Islands
- 5. Tahiti's neighbor, this island has eight mountain peaks rising from a shimmering lagoon
- 6. A Polynesian kingdom formerly known as the "Friendly Islands"
- 8. Another name for the *Uru* tree
- 11. The second most-visited of the Cook Islands
- 13. Tahiti Nui's younger sister
- 14. Ornate quilts sewn by the islands' *mamas*
- 17. This island grouping is a diver's dream
- 19. Islands that are the economic heart of French Polynesia





EVERY SUNSET MARKS THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER NIGHTLY ADVENTURE

When the sun goes down at sea, **LE GRAND SALON** comes alive with spectacular performances. Depending on the night, you may see a Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins performance, the crew show, live piano music, Broadway show tunes, the local Mamas & Papas, or foot-tapping rock music.

LA PALETTE's lounge is the perfect place to grab a nightcap and dance under the stars to live music.

Try your luck in **LE CASINO**, which features slot machines, blackjack, and roulette, and is open every evening*. Or grab a drink at the **PIANO BAR** next door and enjoy nightly piano entertainment.

To learn more about life aboard *The Gauguin*,
visit pgcruises.com/entertainment

*Except when port regulations prohibit

WATERSPORTS

After settling into your stateroom, visit the watersports marina where you'll find the ship's **dive center**, as well as **kayaks** and **paddleboards** for use off of the ship's stern or from destination beaches. The marina staff will fit you for **snorkel gear***—yours to keep for the duration of your time on board.

You will revel in exploring the Technicolor marine life in the lagoons of the South Seas.

Whether you're a novice or experienced diver, a Paul Gauguin Cruises dive excursion is like no other. The vibrant marine life you see will stay embedded in your mind forever, but it's the enthusiastic marina staff that help elevate Paul Gauguin Cruises dives over others and make them truly memorable.

Meet The Gauguin's Marina Supervisors:

Maud Tarico » Hailing from France, Maud fell in love with diving her first time under, entranced by the underwater world's silence, three-dimensional quality, and marine life. She is dedicated to sharing her passion for diving.

Clement Casadei » An eight-year staff member of *The Gauguin*, Clement feels right at home in French Polynesia. He loves being at sea—above and below the waves—and introducing guests to dream destinations.

*Snorkeling is never permitted from the watersports marina. All watersports are weather permitting, in select ports.

POLYNESIAN CULTURE: *Spot the Locals*

Something's fishy out in the lagoons of French Polynesia and the South Seas—and you're the lucky beneficiary. Grab your snorkel gear (it's included!) and head out to coral reefs from Bora Bora to Fiji for a kaleidoscopic display of exotic fish like these. You'll see that islanders aren't the only ones who like to call these luminous blue waters home!



Striped Triggerfish



Picasso Triggerfish



Brushtail Surgeonfish



Yellowtail Dascyllus



Butterflyfish



Yellow Boxfish



Lemonpeel Angelfish



Surge Damsel



Oval Butterflyfish



Six-Line Wrasse



Saddled Butterflyfish



Blackstreak Surgeonfish



Peacock Damsel



Honeycomb Grouper



Spottfin Squirrelfish

14 Nights

Journey through picture-perfect
Polynesia and the beautifully
rugged beyond

Culture, Diversity & Pristine Beaches



A TRADEMARK CRUISE ITINERARY:

Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands

Now this is epic. Fourteen nights touring the Earth's most stunning islands. Sailing the high seas in consummate style aboard the stately *m/s Paul Gauguin*, this voyage will bring you to the most coveted destinations in the South Pacific, starting with the Tuamotu Archipelago. Next, the wild, untamed beauty of the Marquesas. More, you say? You want more? We like the way you think. Here you go: must-see ports in the legendary Society Islands.



“This isolated
paradise really is
‘off the radar.’”



ABOVE: Experience the splendor of the Marquesas from the unparalleled vantage point of the Pool Deck. BELOW: *The Gauguin* offers several venues for celebrating your voyage.



ABOVE: Bora Bora is postcard perfect with its vegetation covered dormant volcanoes. BELOW: *The Gauguin's* compact size allows her to draw close to pristine islands throughout Polynesia.



TAHITI They call this island the “Queen of the Pacific.” And Tahiti is indeed regal. Beyond the opulence that greets your senses, Tahiti offers something intangible. Some say it’s a sense of serenity and well-being. Whatever you call it, it has lured many for thousands of years.

Your two-week journey aboard the m/s *Paul Gauguin* begins in one of the world’s most celebrated destinations. For this once-in-a-lifetime excursion, consider arriving a day early and/or extending your stay after the cruise. You’ll want more time in this fabled land.

AT SEA There’s something very special about the first day at sea on board *The Gauguin*. This is Page 1, with many unimaginable chapters ahead. Will your story be a romance? A fantasy? An adventure? Maybe all of these. Probably much more.

Do a little exploring. Get to know this beautiful vessel, which will take you to many great places.

FAKARAVA Lovely, serene, and virtually untouched by modern distractions, the second-largest atoll (or coral island) in the South Pacific offers a rustic backdrop for your fantasy of being a castaway in paradise. Pristine beaches surround one of the clearest lagoons in French Polynesia—a designated UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. The view below the water is as cinematic as it is above—and that’s saying something. Whether you snorkel or dive, you’re in for a great show. Against the backdrop of the dazzling coral reef, you’ll spy barracudas, turtles, dolphins, and manta rays. This is also one of the few spots in the South Pacific where you can see hundreds of gray reef sharks in the same area. That should get the adrenaline pumping. (The sharks are not dangerous when approached correctly; diving with a guide will ensure your safety.)

Spend quality time on land, as well. A paved road encircling the island is perfect for exploring by foot or by bike.

AT SEA *The Gauguin*’s heated, mahogany-framed saltwater pool is calling. Please report to Deck 8. The sensation of being in the water while traveling on the water should not be missed. Take a dip. Grab a chaise and your favorite cocktail. Chat up your fellow poolies—one meets the most interesting people while at sea.

FATU HIVA The Marquesas: Wild. Dramatic. Bold. The Pacific Ocean pounds against jagged cliffs. In contrast to the aquamarine and turquoise waters of French Polynesia, the water here is a deep indigo. Sharply sculpted mountains reach so high, the fine mist of clouds come down to meet them.

The southernmost island in the Marquesas, Fatu Hiva may also be the most beautiful. This isolated paradise really is “off the radar.” No airstrip, only one road, and just 500 residents. Explorer and archaeologist Thor Heyerdahl immortalized Fatu Hiva in a book of the same name published in 1974, detailing his one-and-a-half-year quest to escape civilization in the 1930s. Little has changed since then.

HIVA OA The second-largest of the southeastern Marquesas, Hiva Oa beckons with deep valleys, rugged peaks, and dense velvet rainforests. The city of Atuona is a favorite of the yacht set, with just enough of a small island/cosmopolitan vibe to make things interesting. It’s easy to understand how artist Paul Gauguin and Belgian-born singer/songwriter Jacques Brel fell madly in love with this isle and called it home. (They’re still here; you can visit both at the Calvaire Cemetery.)

Hiva Oa’s jungles hold secrets, including ancient, massive stone tiki carvings and petroglyphs whose true meaning has never definitively been explained. If you enjoy exploring, this is the place.

Discover the ancient tribes of the Taaoa Valley during an unforgettable off-road expedition on the **Atuona to Taaoa** excursion. The island’s rich history plays out before you as you visit beautifully preserved dwellings, ceremonial sites, and sacred archaeological ruins. You will come face to face with enormous tiki, sacrificial altar stones, and thousand-year-old relics, among the most significant in the Marquesas.

TAHUATA The name means “sunrise” in Marquesan, so it’s no wonder this tiny, 19-square-mile island presents a lovely vision of untouched South Pacific beauty. And what could be friendlier than that? Tahuata is the smallest of the inhabited islands on the Marquesas archipelago, and because it has only 600 residents, you’ll immediately feel welcomed by the locals (and quite possibly by a pod of dolphins, who love to play in the area).

You’ll arrive via the quaint village of Hapatoni, where an open-air market presents a wealth of locally made handicrafts. No self-respecting South Seas traveler returns home without a carved tiki or a few pieces of hand-crafted jewelry. You’ll find beautiful specimens here.

It is believed that Tahuata was inhabited by Polynesians as early as 200 A.D. The island is rich with archaeological sites to be explored—and the ancient royal walkway with its floral-scented air is an enchanting setting for a stroll.

Discover the charm of the Hapatoni wilderness accompanied by *The Gauguin*’s onboard anthropology and archaeology expert on the **Hapatoni Discovery** excursion. Your all-terrain vehicle trek takes you to the villages of Hapatoni and Vaitahu, where you will learn about the lifestyle and culture of the island. You’ll also visit the ancient church en route to a spectacular scenic lookout encompassing regal mountain peaks piercing the brilliant blue sky.

NUKU HIVA Be prepared to have your breath taken away. It will be promptly returned after that initial gasp at the beauty of Nuku Hiva.

The largest of the Marquesas Islands, Nuku Hiva is renowned for its wild terrain. Rugged cliffs nose-dive into the ocean. A carpet of green jungle creeps from the water’s edge, reaching upward. Shadows dance on the shoreline, and knifelike peaks disappear behind a scrim of clouds. The island’s bay is ideal for sailing and deep-sea fishing. On land, Nuku Hiva’s spectacular beauty is yours to discover during the off-road excursion **Visit of Taipivai Valley**, which will lead you through hidden valleys to truly stunning bay views. No one will ever accuse you of having no sense of adventure. For experienced, advanced-certification divers with at least 50 dives, the **SCUBA Hammerhead Sentry Point** excursion is a unique opportunity to see schools of scalloped hammerhead sharks, which frequently gather at the entrance of the bay where the plankton is ample. The sharks are shy, and visibility can be limited. The area is also rich with jack fish, tunas, and rays.

AT SEA Next up: two blissful days at sea as you approach the stunning final leg of this journey. You hardly need to be reminded, but don’t forget this is all about



you. You're on vacation, which means indulgence is mandatory. Whether that means a spa appointment, ordering two (or who's counting? Go for three!) desserts, or simply lounging the day away, you're allowed.

HUAHINE Any way you look at it—from the air, from the sea, above or below the water—Huahine is a stunner. On today's menu: lavish jungle, stately palms, warm sands, and a lagoon with a surface like glass.

To visit this island is to step back in time. Walk among French Polynesia's largest and best-preserved and restored archaeological sites, including more than 200 centuries-old dwellings, sacred relics, and ancient artifacts. The pace on Huahine is relaxed. Life is uncomplicated, and smiles come easily.

You'll have plenty of time to experience the island and stir up a little adventure, or kick your shoes off, get some sand between your toes, and take in the calm.

BORA BORA As long as you live, wherever you go, nothing will compare with awakening aboard the m/s *Paul Gauguin* as Bora Bora approaches in all its magnificence.

Breakfast on your balcony or on deck is a must. This has to be one of the South Pacific's most decadent views. Join your fellow passengers on deck and start snapping some pictures to post, tagged #nofilter. Be ready for responses like, "Yeah, right." For the uninitiated, this level of beauty just cannot be real—but it is.

Soar like an eagle over exquisite topography, and experience what you'll never see from the ground on the 30-minute Helicopter **Flightseeing—Bora Bora & Tupai** tour. The "Pearl of the Pacific" will open like an exquisite flower below you. You'll circle the island's highest peak, Mount Otemanu, and float over the famous heart-shaped motu of Tupai. Throughout the flightseeing, headphones connect you to the pilot's commentary as he points out the sights below.

TAHA'A [MOTU MAHANA] Forget your troubles, deadlines, and responsibilities on this gentle little island that will steal your heart and tingle your senses. Taha'a's sweet, vanilla-scented air will stay with you like your first kiss, and its beauty will be forever imprinted in your mind.

If you made it your quest on this voyage to find your perfect beach, you may discover it here at Motu Mahana. Bring your complimentary snorkel gear from *The Gauguin*, choose your favorite chaise lounge, and spend the day in your own private slice of paradise.

MOOREA It seems like you could walk for miles in Moorea's waist-deep lagoon, with the soft sand beneath your feet, the kiss of the sun on your shoulders. Like the finest uncut lead crystal, the warm water has such clarity, it's almost as if it isn't there. Take a spin in a glass-bottom boat, snorkel, swim, or just float—and you will have the sensation of weightlessness. Looking landward, this magical lagoon is met by a carpet of jungle, which surrenders to the fractured shell of a once-mighty volcano. Everywhere you look is exceedingly beautiful.

PAPEETE, TAHITI And so you reach the conclusion of this chapter of your epic autobiography. Certainly, another chapter further on will begin with the words, "When we returned to *The Gauguin* for another voyage, we were welcomed like old friends, as if we had never been away."

Tip from Carol

“Sea days give you the opportunity to relax and really enjoy the ship. One of my favorite activities is watching a cooking demonstration. If you want to see some of the techniques behind the magic that appears on your plate each evening on board, don't miss it when the Executive Chef invites guests to Le Grand Salon to demonstrate some of his favorite recipes.”



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Paradise

DR. CAROLINE BOYLE-TURNER

Art Historian and Guest Lecturer



Paul Gauguin (1848–1903) had always been attracted to exotic places. From the age of 2 to 6, he lived in Lima, Peru. As a young adult, he plied the coasts of North and South America as a sailor in both the French Merchant Marine and the Navy. Once he became a full-time artist, he focused on Brittany, the Celtic province in Western France. As his art progressed and his curiosity for warmer and more exotic places grew, he turned to the French colonies farther afield: Martinique and Tahiti, finally finding his paradise in the Marquesas.

Arriving in Tahiti, in 1891, he was enchanted: Here he found brilliant tropical colors, strong, bright light that in the morning and evening saturated nature's colors and cast a warm glow over everything he saw. He also quickly discovered a civilization he had learned about only two years earlier at the Paris Universal Exposition, where Polynesian native huts (and people) had been on display, as well as Marquesan war clubs, bowls, and tiki figures. He took leave of his wife and five children with regret, but fully intended, at that point, to return to them one day as a successful, well-respected artist.

Gauguin was also filled with visions of scantily clad, beautiful Tahitian women ready to model for him and to introduce him to the idyllic life of ease and sexual freedom so vividly depicted by the French author Pierre Loti in *The Marriage of Loti*. He was confronted, instead, with a colonial French town populated by French administrators and Catholic priests, Europeans seeking their fortunes, and a rapidly decreasing native population decimated by imported European diseases for which they had no resistance. He soon fled Papeete for various villages along the coast, seeking indigenous models/companions with whom he could share his modest lodgings. He was curious about the fast disappearing Polynesian religion, customs, and daily life. Most vestiges of the past had been destroyed by the Church and French authorities. What he could not find, he made up in his paintings depicting peaceful scenes of women strolling or relaxing, wearing colorful *pareos* or the all-enveloping dresses mandated by the Catholic Church and still worn today.

But Tahiti soon lost its appeal for Gauguin, who wanted a more authentic experience. He believed that the Marquesas, part of French Polynesia since 1842, retained more of the traditions that had been lost in Tahiti. With high hopes of finding his utopia there, he left Tahiti in 1901. Six days on a steamship and 1,500 kilometers

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Found

later, he landed on the island of Hiva Oa and settled in the small town of Atuona, where he would be buried only 20 months later. Yes, it was more primitive than Papeete, but it still had a doctor, post office, Catholic mission, stores, and a police station. He was, after all, 53 years old and suffering from heart problems and severe, painful eczema; his definition of “primitive” had to be modified.

The Marquesas consists of six inhabited islands, all created from extinct volcanoes. Its tall volcanic mountains are often shrouded in mists and are steep, with craggy, irregular summits. Their flanks are carpeted with thick green forests and deep valleys that often end in gorges and waterfalls. There are no reefs or lagoons: the waves pound directly against the rocky

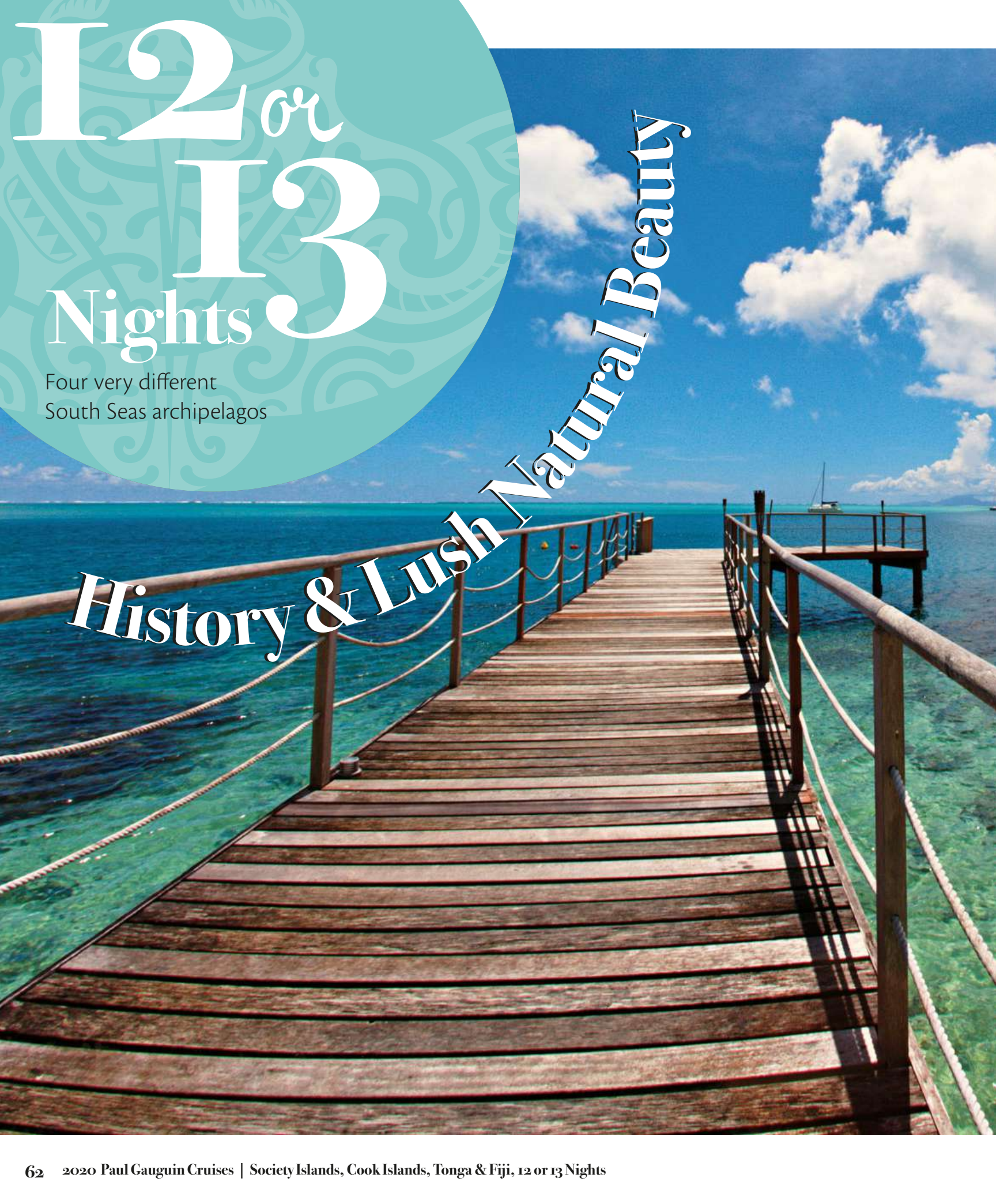
cliffs or on a few black-sand beaches. Scattered in the dense woods are vestiges of stone platforms that once supported simple open-air living spaces. Other stone complexes were dedicated to religious ceremonies, often decorated with massive stone tikis (ancestor figures). All of this was gone, or hidden deep in the valleys when Gauguin arrived. But he felt the mystery of the place and its past and tried to express this in his approximately 40 paintings, many sculptures and drawings, as well as the three book-length manuscripts he wrote there.

He managed to buy a piece of land right in the center of town and then designed and built a unique house that would give him both privacy to work and access to visitors. He called it La Maison de Jouir (The House

of Pleasure). It has been rebuilt to scale in the town's Centre Paul Gauguin and demonstrates, with its large studio looking out on the dramatic Mt. Tematiu, that making art was his priority. He tried to be part of village life—but on his own terms.

Gauguin was buried high above the town. His tomb overlooks the beautiful bay and is guarded by a sculpture of his own making. It, too, conveys Gauguin's fascination with the islands, their mysterious past, and his belief that he had finally found his artistic and spiritual paradise in the Marquesas Islands. ✦





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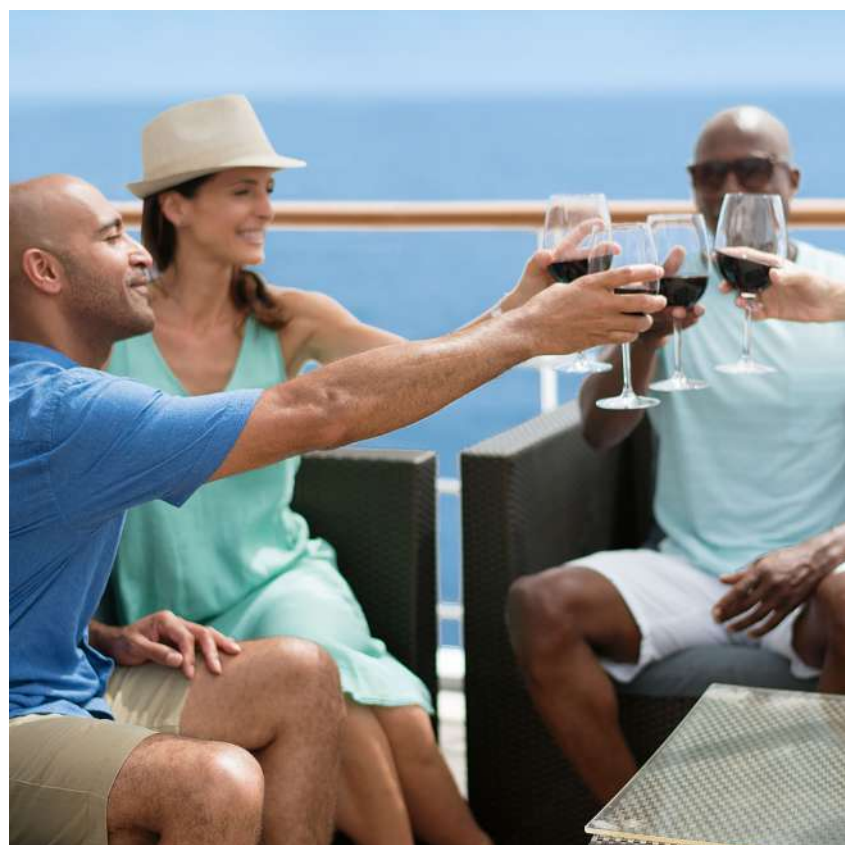
“For the underwater explorer and photographer, the crystal waters of Fiji’s virgin reefs offer unmatched visibility.”





*The 12-night itinerary operates in reverse and does not stop at Beqa Island.

ABOVE: Take in a stunning sunset in Moorea on the deck of the deluxe m/s *Paul Gauguin*; its small size built for the shallow lagoons of the South Seas. BELOW: The Kingdom of Tonga brings its own diverse culture to your travel experience.



ABOVE: Revel in the new friendships that are sure to form on this shared experience exploring the southern hemisphere. BELOW: Explore the lagoons by paddleboard, kayak, or snorkeling—it's all included in your fare.



TAHITI Located halfway between Los Angeles and Sydney, the island of Tahiti is legendary, to say the least. Considered one of the world's most exotic locations, Tahiti boasts a beauty that is nothing short of exquisite.

You will meet the m/s *Paul Gauguin* at the harbor in the capital city of Papeete, where markets, museums, and galleries await.

MOOREA There are no two ways about it—French Polynesia is home to some of the most stunning locales on Earth. What you will discover is that Moorea has a beauty uniquely its own. It shares the same attributes as other islands. Crystal-clear blue lagoon? Check. Stunning landscapes? Check. Off-the-charts snorkeling and diving, and ample opportunities for adventure on land or sea? Check, check, check.

So what is it that sets Moorea apart? Moorea is many things to many people, and oftentimes, words are not enough to describe exactly what the "it" is. The best advice is to surrender completely to whatever this magical island has in store for you.

Dolphins have to be among the happiest and most playful of the animal kingdom, and it stands to reason that they appreciate the beauty of Moorea as much as we do. Join the **Dolphin-Watching Expedition**, a combination eco-tour and research expedition led by world-renowned dolphin and whale expert Michael Poole. The focus of this excursion is on wild, free-ranging dolphins within Moorea's reef. Accompanying Poole's fascinating commentary about their remarkable life and society at sea, you'll likely see schools of acrobatic spinner dolphins playing against Moorea's dramatic beauty. Following your tour and time permitting, you may have an opportunity to go swimming or snorkeling before returning to the pier.

TAHA'A [MOTU MAHANA] Enclosed in a lagoon shared with Raiatea and accessible only by boat, Taha'a is an ideal port for a truly relaxing escape. With only a handful of guest houses and small hotels, this sleepy island is authentically Polynesian—the vibe is so laid-back, you'll marvel that you ever worried about things like deadlines, schedules, and meetings.

Taha'a is also home to Motu Mahana, Paul Gauguin Cruises' private island, accessible only to her guests. You will be welcomed to this exclusive paradise with traditional Polynesian music performed by Les Gauguines. Then, take

advantage of the ship's floating bar (no South Pacific cruise is complete without drinking a cocktail from a real coconut), a bountiful beachside barbecue, and ample opportunities for watersports, swimming, and relaxation.

BORA BORA There, spread out in a lavish opulence of colors and textures in one of the world's most famous romance destinations: Bora Bora. It's easy to understand why this island is the site of so many weddings, honeymoons, renewals of vows, and spontaneous declarations of love. The setting has inspired passion for thousands of years. Resistance is futile.

Have your camera ready. Bora Bora just begs to have its picture taken, with lush peaks, white-sand beaches, and romantic lagoons. You can't miss the island's most iconic image: Mount Otemanu. Once a pair of extinct volcanoes, this mighty monolith soars 2,400 feet above the aquamarine lagoon. For a truly epic adventure, arrange a guided hike or 4x4 trek to its lofty peak, or opt for a simple and leisurely day at the private beach.

AT SEA With a day left to your own devices on board *The Gauguin*, there is no time like the present to make this all about you. Breakfast in your stateroom or on your balcony is an excellent way to start. Spend the morning at a leisurely clip, catching up on news of the islands or reviewing the multitude of photos you've taken so far. Then, how about a nice workout at the fitness center followed by a beeline to the spa for some serious rejuvenation? A deep massage and soothing treatment will get your sun-kissed skin glowing. A fresh lunch *al fresco* at La Veranda, and next—you certainly are more than deserving—it might be time for a nap. Before you know it, it's time to slip into your evening finery and enjoy a sumptuous dinner at L'Etoile.

AITUTAKI It is believed that the second-most-visited of the Cook Islands was settled around 900 A.D. by the legendary Polynesian explorer Ru. Today, its inhabitants keep their history alive through song, dance, legends, and crafts, in particular *tivaevae*—intricate, handmade patchwork quilts unique to the Cook Islands, featuring designs inspired by nature.

The island's coral reefs enclose a vast lagoon—which many believe rivals the usually beyond-compared Bora Bora. Several hundred species of fish make this their home, so underwater activities are a must.

Join archaeologist guides on an adventure into the past and present culture of Aitutaki on the **Punarei Village Cultural Tour**. This trek includes visits to excavations, an ancient temple, and sacred sites. You'll also see traditional dances, demonstrations of weaving from coconut fronds, wood carving, tattooing, and more. Fresh fruits and sweet coconut will refresh you, grown in ecologically friendly gardens around the site you visit.

AT SEA (2 DAYS) As *The Gauguin* carries you toward the magical kingdom of Tonga, your days at sea are a welcome oasis of relaxation, rejuvenation, and discovery.

Onboard experts of world renown give you insights into the lands and seas you are discovering on this voyage. Join these experts for onboard learning that is always entertaining, informative, and fun. For example, lecturer Denis Schneider will discuss his work as a marine biologist and Espace Bleu, an organization that works to increase awareness of environmental issues and conducts research on coral reefs.

VAVA'U The Kingdom of Tonga comprises 61 individual islands, and the northern group, Vava'u, is considered the loveliest. A favorite haven for yachts, Vava'u features an atmosphere that is relaxed. Come as you are, stay for awhile, and above all, take it easy.

The Vava'u Islands are a wonderland of wildlife, and the lagoon is so clear, divers can see to an incredible depth of 130 feet. Beneath the gentle waves, spinner dolphins, giant clams, manta rays, sea turtles, and more than 100 species of tropical fish cavort through coral landscapes.

Above the water, the local market offers handicrafts and a bounty of locally grown fruits and vegetables, not to mention the freshest catch of the day. Take a guided tour of 'Ene'io Botanical Garden, and see more than 500 native Tongan beautiful flora.

AT SEA During your leisurely day at sea, learn more about the culture of the islands you're visiting with onboard lectures, presentations, and demonstrations. The traditional Tahitian dress for women, the *pareo* (or sarong) originated in the Cook Islands. Often brilliantly emblazoned with hibiscus flowers, indigenous designs, or traditional *tapa* patterns, today, *pareos* are sported by both men and women, and there are many ways to tie and wear them. Learn how from Les Gauguines.



- DAY 1: PAPEETE, TAHITI
- DAY 2: MOOREA
- DAY 3: TAHAA (MOTU MAHANĀ)
- DAY 4: BORA BORA
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- DAY 12: SUVA, FIJI
- DAY 13: BEQA ISLAND*, FIJI
- DAY 14: LAUTOKA, FIJI

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SAVUSAVU How does this sound: a day on a beautiful tropical island where the cares of the outside world don't stand a chance of finding you?

Like a smile that can't be suppressed, the island of Vanua Levu in northern Fiji presents itself with blushing splendor. Charming, unassuming, and unspoiled, the second-largest of Fiji's 300 islands extends a warm welcome with lush green hills surrounded by coral reefs. Some call it the "Hidden Paradise of Fiji," and you will agree.

Described by Jean-Michel Cousteau as the "Soft Coral Capital of the World," Fiji offers some of the world's finest SCUBA diving, with a dazzling array of first-rate dive sites. If you're a diver, consider joining the **SCUBA 1 Tank** excursion. Internationally certified dive operators will lead you to spectacular hard and soft corals, caves, and grottos, and diverse marine life including sharks, turtles, tuna, and fish of all shapes, colors, and sizes.

SUVA Located on Fiji's largest island, Suva is perched on a hilly peninsula between two harbors. Every view is a stunning combination

of blues and greens, volcanic cliffs, and velvet jungles. The city is a fascinating mix of modern and colonial architecture, and life here is all about laid-back sophistication. As the largest urban area in the South Pacific outside of Australia and New Zealand, Suva is rich in Fijian culture, with museums, galleries, and marketplaces to explore. Fiji's highest peak, Mt. Tomanivi is an exquisite landmark from every vantage point. The shell of this ancient volcano is an unforgettable climb for experienced hikers.

BEQA ISLAND* It seems that everyone you meet in Fiji is wearing a smile. And when you behold the tiny island of Beqa (pronounced "BENG-uh"), it's easy to understand why. The startlingly turquoise lagoon is cradled in the crater of an extinct volcano. Waterfalls tumble, golden sands sparkle, and gentle breezes whisper secrets of this paradise rich in tradition and heritage, where the ancient ritual of Fijian firewalking began.

Located about six miles off the coast of Fiji's main island, Viti Levu, Beqa may be tiny—less than six square miles in territory—but the hospitality here is as big as the South Pacific.

There are no paved roads and only a sprinkling of friendly villages. From the lush forests, trees heavy with coconut and papaya wave a friendly hello. Pristine beaches frame one of the world's largest barrier reefs, a paradise for divers, snorkelers, and fishing enthusiasts.

LAUTOKA Fiji's largest island, Viti Levu, is the hub of the Fijian Islands. And what a visual: the city of Lautoka is known as "Sugar City" for the golden-green sugarcane that surrounds it on three sides, and the sparkling blue Pacific Ocean forms its western border. The palm-lined main street invites strolling, shopping, and exploration. The lagoon is perfect for kite surfing, sailing, and surfing; a playground awaits beneath the surface for diving and snorkeling. And the beaches? Flawless, with super-fine white sand and swaying coconut palms.

One of the island's highlights is the Garden of the Sleeping Giant, which includes manicured lawns, lily ponds, fountains, and more than 2,000 truly rare Asian and Cattleya orchid hybrids, once the private collection of actor Raymond Burr. A fitting end to your idyllic voyage!

“**MOTU MAHANA:** *This day feels like a huge beach party with your closest friends. If you don't feel like getting out of the water, order a drink from the floating bar. Bring cash to pick up a souvenir from the local artisans. When you're back on board and sailing away from the island, you can capture a beautiful sunset passing a charming little church along the waterfront, and views of Mount Otemanu, as Bora Bora sits in the distance.*”

Tip from Jerry



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Why You Should Take Your Kids to French Polynesia

BY ELKE LIEWALD



When one thinks of French Polynesia, what comes to most people's minds are floating bungalows and honeymooners holding hands on the shores of crystal-clear lagoons. What do I think of instead? I think of my son frolicking in sun-warmed waters with a huge smile on his face. Yes, the French Polynesian islands are very romantic—but they're surprisingly kid-friendly, too! As a seasoned traveler, I know the amazing life lessons kids learn from traveling and experiencing local cultures. French Polynesia has so many cultural, historical, and natural wonders to offer families—the question is why *wouldn't* you take your kids?

I have taken the 7-night *Tahiti & the Society Islands* itinerary twice with my family, and I must say, the m/s *Paul Gauguin* is truly the best way to experience French Polynesia. So many adventures filled each day... where do I begin? I think the easiest way to explain how wonderful the destination and the ship are for families is to describe our experiences port-by-port:

HUAHINE

My 11-year-old son loves history, so a highlight of this island was Fare Pote'e, a museum housed in a replica of an open traditional house. Fare was the seat of local power for the island, so there are a host of *marae* (religious sites built from stone) scattered along the shoreline. If you are interested in how pearls or vanilla are produced, you can easily visit these farms and be amazed in the production processes. And if you're feeling brave and adventurous, visit Faie, and see (and even feed sardines to) Huahine's famous and sacred blue-eyed eels.

MOTU MAHANA

Motu Mahana (*The Gauguin's* private islet) is just the place to dip in and do some great snorkeling, kayaking, and swimming. Or just lounge on the sandbar or build a sand castle—all of which my son gladly did. Children and adults alike can enjoy fascinating legends told by the ship's entertainers, Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins—not to mention lounging in the dappled shade of a palm tree while sipping a fresh coconut drink!

BORA BORA

As a history buff, my son appreciated learning about Bora Bora's strategic role in World War II. He also delighted in the coral ring surrounding the island that makes Bora Bora an ideal place to snorkel and dive. He took *The Gauguin's* onboard **Discover SCUBA Diving** program on both sailings, so that we could all dive together as a family. The ship's dive team is very knowledgeable, amiable, and thorough, and they put my son right at ease. Both Bora Bora and Moorea have wonderful shallow dive sites for beginners (under 30 feet) where beautiful coral and fish are abundant. The clarity is wonderful to the point that you forget you are underwater!

I think I have hundreds of pictures of my son giving me underwater OK and hang-ten hand signals, he enjoyed it so much!

MOOREA

Moorea was our favorite island! (We loved it so much, we spent an additional week there after each cruise.) We loved visiting the idyllic motus and snorkeling until our fingers and toes turned into prunes. My son couldn't get enough of the friendly rays and colorful fish. And what little boy wouldn't be over the moon to come face to face with blacktip sharks? Moored at Moorea, my son also had a blast kayaking and paddleboarding on turquoise and cobalt blue waters off the ship's watersports marina.



OPPOSITE PAGE: The dive staff is fun and organized, making the program uncomplicated. LEFT: Dinner together every evening was a treat! ABOVE: The private beach on a tiny motu in Bora Bora beats any amusement park.

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By land, make sure you make it up to the Belvedere lookout point, where there are lush and gorgeous vistas of Opunohu Bay and Mt. Rotui. My son took tons of pictures there since it is so breathtaking. We also stopped at *Marae Titiroa*, where *marae* are linked by a walking track. My son loved this trek through the cool dense forest of chestnut trees that shelter these historical sacred landmarks.

ABOARD SHIP

Life aboard ship filled out the experience for our family with beautiful Polynesian shows, gourmet Tahitian and French foods, hands-on crafts, and interesting lectures about the history, culture, and the environment of the region by very knowledgeable speakers. On each voyage, we were blown away by the kindness of the ship's crew and how especially sweet they were to my son.

It was with heavy hearts that we departed the ship each time. The amazing people and places we visited linger in our hearts and minds, and we are forever changed as a family by our experiences.

*So, yes... Tahiti can be for lovers... but it is **also** most definitely for families!*

Nothing beats the life experience and travel education of a trip on board *The Gauguin*. Children delight in learning about culture from Les Gauguines; trying out new watersports and learning about marine life from the ship's marina staff and the Moana Explorer Family Program* (see page 40); and basking in the attention of the ship's crew as they learn about life at sea.



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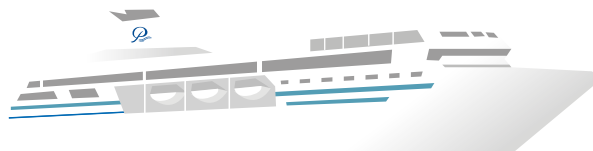
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	DATE	ITINERARIES	NIGHTS	Owners Suite (OS)	Grand Suite (GS)	Veranda Suite (A)	Veranda Stateroom (B)	Balcony Stateroom (C)	Balcony Stateroom (D)	Window Stateroom (E)	Porthole Stateroom (F)
JAN	Jan 4	Society Islands & Tahiti Iti	7	\$12,145	\$11,595	\$9,595	\$8,095	\$6,945	\$6,595	\$5,495	\$5,095
	Jan 11	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7	\$12,145	\$11,595	\$9,595	\$8,095	\$6,945	\$6,595	\$5,495	\$5,095
	Jan 18	Cook Islands & Society Islands	11	\$17,795	\$17,145	\$13,195	\$10,845	\$8,895	\$8,695	\$6,945	\$6,695
	Jan 29	Society Islands & Tuamotus	10	\$16,545	\$15,995	\$12,445	\$10,345	\$8,545	\$8,345	\$6,745	\$6,495
FEB	Feb 8	Society Islands & Tahiti Iti	7	\$13,195	\$12,545	\$10,245	\$8,795	\$7,595	\$7,295	\$6,245	\$5,795
	Feb 15	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7	\$13,195	\$12,545	\$10,245	\$8,795	\$7,595	\$7,295	\$6,245	\$5,795
	Feb 22	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7	\$13,195	\$12,545	\$10,245	\$8,795	\$7,595	\$7,295	\$6,245	\$5,795
	Feb 29	Society Islands & Tahiti Iti	7	\$13,195	\$12,545	\$10,245	\$8,795	\$7,595	\$7,295	\$6,245	\$5,795
MAR	Mar 7	Cook Islands & Society Islands	11	\$17,795	\$17,145	\$13,195	\$10,845	\$8,895	\$8,695	\$6,945	\$6,695
	Mar 18	Society Islands & Tuamotus	10				SOLD OUT				
	Mar 28	Society Islands, Cook Islands, Tonga & Fiji	13	\$21,445	\$20,545	\$15,745	\$13,045	\$10,745	\$10,445	\$8,195	\$7,895
APR	Apr 11	Fiji to Bali	16				SOLD OUT				
MAY	May 20	Bali to Fiji	17				SOLD OUT				
JUN	Jun 6	Fiji, Tonga, Cook & Society Islands	12	\$20,645	\$19,745	\$15,295	\$12,745	\$10,545	\$10,245	\$8,045	\$7,795
	Jun 17	Society Islands & Tuamotus	10	\$16,945	\$16,295	\$12,745	\$10,645	\$8,845	\$8,545	\$6,945	\$6,695
	Jun 27	Society Islands & Tahiti Iti	7	\$13,945	\$13,345	\$10,845	\$9,395	\$8,045	\$7,795	\$6,595	\$6,245
JUL	Jul 4	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7	\$13,945	\$13,345	\$10,845	\$9,395	\$8,045	\$7,795	\$6,595	\$6,245
	Jul 11	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7	\$13,945	\$13,345	\$10,845	\$9,395	\$8,045	\$7,795	\$6,595	\$6,245
	Jul 18	Cook Islands & Society Islands	11	\$18,145	\$17,495	\$13,445	\$11,145	\$9,145	\$8,895	\$7,145	\$6,895
	Jul 29	Society Islands & Tuamotus	10	\$16,945	\$16,295	\$12,745	\$10,645	\$8,845	\$8,545	\$6,945	\$6,695
AUG	Aug 8	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7	\$14,295	\$13,745	\$11,145	\$9,695	\$8,195	\$7,995	\$6,745	\$6,395
	Aug 15	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7				SOLD OUT				
	Aug 22	Society Islands & Tahiti Iti	7	\$14,295	\$13,745	\$11,145	\$9,695	\$8,195	\$7,995	\$6,745	\$6,395
	Aug 29	Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands	14	\$22,695	\$21,845	\$16,895	\$14,195	\$11,395	\$10,995	\$8,395	\$8,145
SEP	Sep 12	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7	\$13,945	\$13,345	\$10,845	\$9,395	\$8,045	\$7,795	\$6,595	\$6,245
	Sep 19	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7	\$13,945	\$13,345	\$10,845	\$9,395	\$8,045	\$7,795	\$6,595	\$6,245
	Sep 26	Society Islands & Tahiti Iti	7	\$13,945	\$13,345	\$10,845	\$9,395	\$8,045	\$7,795	\$6,595	\$6,245
OCT	Oct 3	Cook Islands & Society Islands	11	\$18,145	\$17,495	\$13,445	\$11,145	\$9,145	\$8,895	\$7,145	\$6,895
	Oct 14	Society Islands & Tuamotus	10	\$16,945	\$16,295	\$12,745	\$10,645	\$8,845	\$8,545	\$6,945	\$6,695
	Oct 24	Society Islands & Tahiti Iti	7	\$13,195	\$12,545	\$10,245	\$8,795	\$7,595	\$7,295	\$6,245	\$5,795
	Oct 31	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7	\$13,195	\$12,545	\$10,245	\$8,795	\$7,595	\$7,295	\$6,245	\$5,795
NOV	Nov 11	Society Islands & Tuamotus	10	\$16,545	\$15,995	\$12,445	\$10,345	\$8,545	\$8,345	\$6,745	\$6,495
	Nov 21	Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands	14	\$22,145	\$21,195	\$16,345	\$13,445	\$10,895	\$10,545	\$8,095	\$7,745
DEC	Dec 5	Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands	14				SOLD OUT				
	Dec 19	Society Islands & Tahiti Iti	7	\$14,295	\$13,745	\$11,145	\$9,695	\$8,195	\$7,995	\$6,745	\$6,395
	Dec 26	Tahiti & the Society Islands	7	\$14,295	\$13,745	\$11,145	\$9,695	\$8,195	\$7,995	\$6,745	\$6,395

TERMS & CONDITIONS: The cruise fares reflect a 50% discount, are shown in U.S. dollars, and are per person, double occupancy, are capacity controlled, and may be withdrawn at any time without prior notice. Port, security, and handling charges additional: 7 nights \$159 per person, 10 nights \$215 per person, 11 nights \$235 per person, 12 nights \$245 per person, 13 nights \$260 per person, 14 nights \$295 per person, 16 nights \$215 per person. Included airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco is based on availability and applies to the first and second guest in the stateroom only. San Francisco air is subject to availability and class of service. Applicable for flights to/from Papeete only. Cruise-only air credit for non-use of air is \$1,700 for 7, 11, and 14 nights; \$1,900 for 10 nights; \$2,000 for 13 and 16 nights; and \$2,200 for 12 nights. Pricing for the third guest in stateroom and singles is available upon request. A deposit of 20% of the fare is required within 72 hours of booking to confirm a reservation. Payments cannot be transferred to an alternative booking within 120 days of sailing. Unless otherwise noted, final payment must be received by PGC 90 days prior to date of travel. Final payment must be received within 48 hours of booking for bookings made 89 to 30 days prior to sailing. For reservations made 29 days or less prior to sailing, full and final payment will be due at the time of booking. PGC reserves the right to cancel any booking not fully paid at final payment due date. The following cancellation charges will apply to any cancellation by guests: 121 days or more prior to departure date, administrative fee of \$100 per person; 120–91 days prior to departure date, 10% of full fare per person; 90–61 days prior to departure date, 20% of full fare per person; 60–31 days prior to departure date, 50% of full fare per person; 30–0 days prior to departure date, 100% of full fare per person. For full terms and conditions, and pre-promotional fares, please visit pgcruises.com/legal. Shipboard credit offers are combinable with one other shipboard credit unless otherwise stated but are not combinable with any other offers.

Shore excursions and SCUBA dives listed throughout the brochure are optional and are an additional cost.

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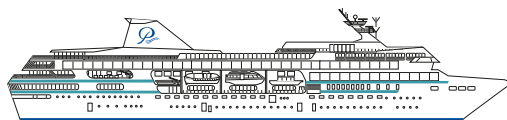
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(Saint Nazaire, France)
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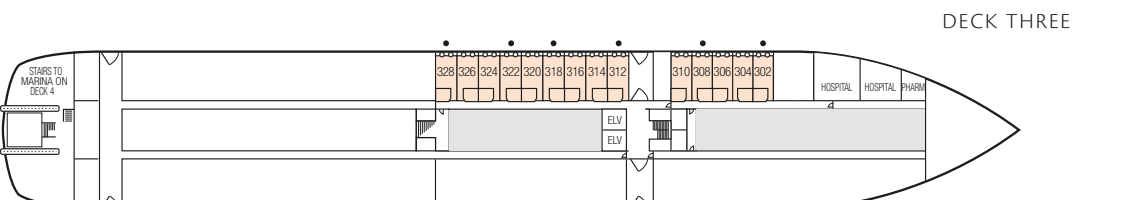
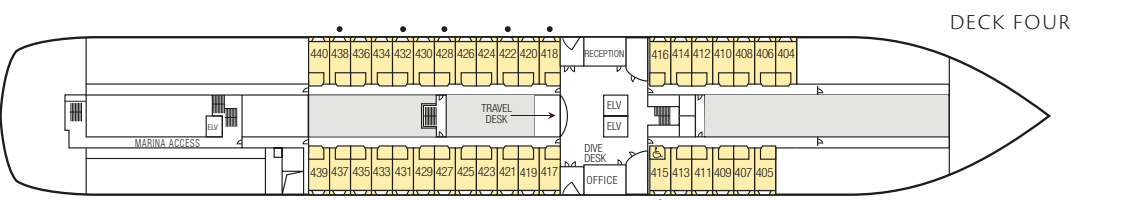
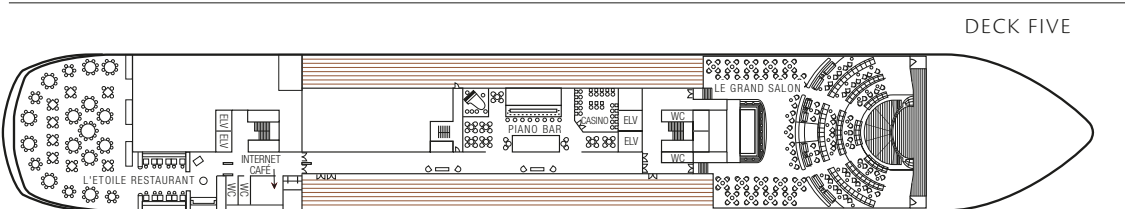
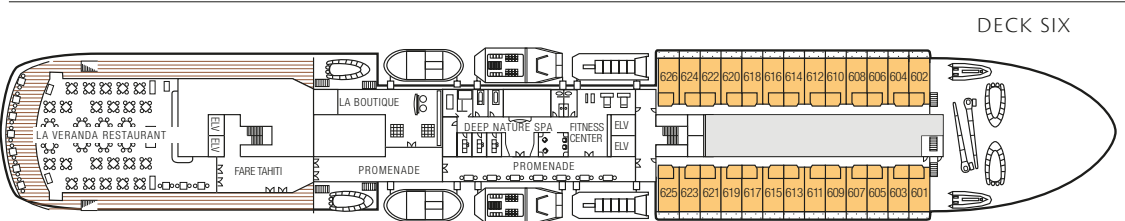
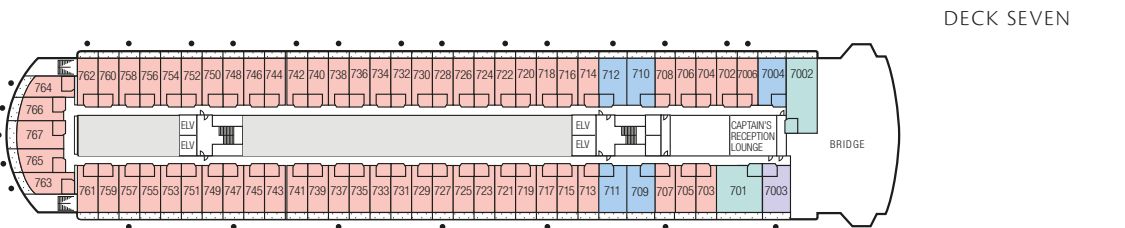
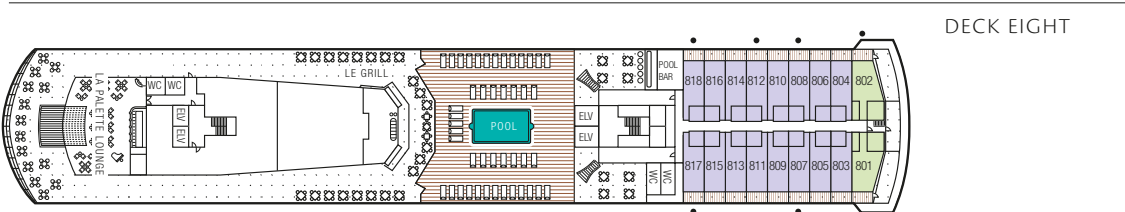
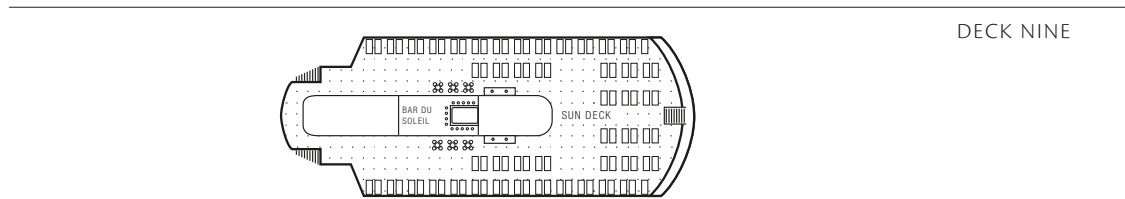
GRAND SUITE



OWNER'S SUITE
OS 701



OWNER'S SUITE
OS 7002



- 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 room with two twin beds that convert to a queen. Room 801 offers a king-size bed.

TRIPLE OCCUPANCY STATEROOMS

Loveseat-convertible beds or rollaway cots are available in the following staterooms:

All Categories OS, GS, A and B

Category C: 12 staterooms (those ending in 6 and 8—with the exception of 7006 and 766)

Category D: 5 staterooms (those ending in 6 and 8)

Category E: 11 staterooms (those ending in 5, 6 and 8—with the exception of 415)

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

Room 415 is 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 Cares

Paul Gauguin Cruises was created to provide enjoyable and meaningful travel experiences with the communities, cultures, and natural wonders that make Tahiti, French Polynesia, and the South Pacific so alluring. The company is committed to the responsible exploration and protection of the natural and cultural heritage of this unique part of the planet for future generations.



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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 oceans 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.

The ultimate escape from everyday cares, Tahiti and French Polynesia are actually in the same time zone as Hawaii and only two hours further away by plane. Once there, enjoy unmatched, up-close views of one of the world's most beautiful destinations from a sleek and nimble ship designed specifically to sail these seas.

Paradise is *Closer Than You Think*:

LOS ANGELES & SAN FRANCISCO: 8.5 hours (*non-stop*)

HONOLULU: 6 hours (*non-stop*)

AUCKLAND: 5 hours (*non-stop*)

SYDNEY: 9.5 hours

TOKYO: 11.5 hours (*non-stop*)

SANTIAGO: 14 hours

PARIS: 22.5 hours

