



PAUL GAUGUIN "COOK ISLANDS & SOCIETY ISLANDS" - 14 NIGHTS

(TOUR CODE: 13055)

TRAVEL PERIODS

10 Jan 24 – 24 Dec 25

EXPERIENCE

Cruising

TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Explore French Polynesia and the Cook Islands on a 12-day voyage with Paul Gauguin Cruises, discovering turquoise waters and lush landscapes

Highlights

- Discover **Moorea**, the enchanting island that has been a muse for artists, boasting eight valleys, the majestic 900-meter Mt Rotui, picturesque bays, and an idyllic lagoon.
- Visit **Aitutaki**, renowned as one of the South Pacific's most stunning islands.
- Concealed amidst **Huahine's** Garden Island, you'll discover secluded temples, rare orchids, ancient archaeological sites, and breathtaking panoramic vistas.
- Explore **Rarotonga**, including its lush Takuvaine Valley and Avarua, the capital housing half of the Cook Islands' population.

From Papeete, Paul Gauguin Cruises offers a 12-day cruise to explore the Society Islands and Cook Islands. On board Le Paul Gauguin, you'll embark on an unforgettable journey to discover enchanting islands and atolls.

As you traverse through pearl farms and pristine white sandy beaches, French Polynesia will unveil its numerous secrets. Surrounded by stunning lagoons with crystal-clear waters and remarkable coral reefs, the islands of Polynesia rank among the world's most exquisite, boasting a diverse and vibrant wildlife.

Prepare to be captivated by the unparalleled beauty of Huahine, the turquoise waters of Motu Mahana – our private vanilla-scented paradise, the magnificent Bora Bora lagoon with its iconic volcanic profile, and Moorea, featuring pineapple plantations on its hillsides and lush peaks overlooking the island.

The journey continues southward to the Cook Islands, where you'll discover the incredibly transparent waters of Aitutaki lagoon and the stunning silhouette of Rarotonga. You'll be enchanted by the untamed beauty and rich natural surroundings of this island and its marine environment.

FRENCH POLYNESIA



INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights at Te Moana Tahiti Resorts - 3* (3 night pre cruise)
- 11 night cruise on board M/S Paul Gauguin "Cook & Society Islands" in a Stateroom (Category F)
- Airport Meet & Greet with Flower Lei
- Shared Transfer Tahiti International Airport to Te Moana Tahiti Resorts
- Shared Transfer Te Moana Tahiti Resorts to Paul Gauguin Cruise Terminal
- Shared Transfer Paul Gauguin Cruise Terminal to Tahiti International Airport
- All shipboard meals on Paul Gauguin
- All shipboard entertainment on Paul Gauguin
- All onboard gratuities on Paul Gauguin

ITINERARY

Day 1 Airport Te Moana Tahiti

Arrive at Tahiti International Airport where our representative will welcome and escort you to your transfer to InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa located a short 5 minutes drive from the airport.

Overnight stay in Tahiti at **Te Moana Tahiti**

Day 2-3 Te Moana Tahiti

Spend today at leisure enjoying the wonderful accommodation and facilities at InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa. Enjoy a great array of activities, from sports, such as tennis and volleyball, to water-based activities and cultural pursuits. With a luxury spa, fitness centre and two superb infinity pools, the InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa is the quintessential island escape, with everything you need for a true French Polynesian getaway. Enjoy relaxing by the infinity sandy bottom pool or sipping delicious cocktails by the swim up pool bar. Perhaps take the time to explore the stunning island of Tahiti with a Tahiti Island Half Day Afternoon Tour (optional extra).

Day 4 Te Moana Tahiti Paul Gauguin

Spend a relaxing morning at the Te Moana Tahiti. Once you have checked out of the hotel our representative will be there to transfer you to the Paul Gauguin Cruise Terminal which is located in town a nice 10 minutes drive from InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa. Receive a warm welcome onboard the Paul Gauguin from the crew and sail towards Huahine.

The day is spent getting to know crew and fellow guests while exploring the vessel that will be 'home' for the next 11 days. Meet Les Gauguins & Les Gauguines, Tahitian hosts and entertainers that bring the spirit of Polynesia to life on every Paul Gauguin voyage.

Capital of French Polynesia, the city of **Papeete** is on the north-west coast of the island of Tahiti. You'll find a **relaxed atmosphere** here, where urban buzz combines with the legendary laid-back Polynesian lifestyle. Culture is not lacking. You can enjoy sites narrating the history of the archipelago, including the colonial cathedral and the **Maison de la reine Marau**. The **Vaipahi** public gardens will win you over by their abundant plant-life. The large municipal market offers local specialities: fresh fruit, spices and all kinds of fish abound on their stalls.

Day 5 Huahine, Society Islands

Located less than 200 kilometres north-west of Tahiti, **Huahine** Island is a secret gem in French Polynesia. You'll love the mysterious atmosphere emanating from its voluptuous contours, its **wild vegetation** and stunning **remote creeks**. If you explore both parts of the island, la Grande Huahine to the north, and la Petite Huahine to the south, will reveal some of its hidden treasures, as well as some **archaeological remains** from the Polynesian past. You can meet the local population in the main town of **Fare**, or in the string of villages along the coast.

Day 6 At Sea

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

Day 7 Aitutaki

Aitutaki is a little island of 16 km², with a small fishing port with few motor boats, where a simple and peaceful life endures. During your visit, don't miss the opportunity to walk along this magnificent lagoon, reputed as one of the most beautiful and spectacular in the world. Snorkelling fans will discover the treasures of underwater life here. The island is specialised in the sale of **black pearls** and the production of **coloured sarongs**, as well as "**tivaevae**" — patchwork quilting and handiworks. This local manufacture has great value because of its careful artisanal fabrication, and the pieces made are generally offered at important occasions.

Day 8 Rarotonga

You will be dazzled by the magnificent volcanic silhouette of **Rarotonga**, the largest of the **Cook Islands**. Perfectly circular, **Rarotonga** is closely surrounded by a coral reef over which break the endless waves of the south Pacific Ocean. The undulating profile of its sheer mountains standing out against the deep blue of the sky gives a glimpse of its summits at more than 600 metres altitude, such as **Te Manga** peak. The abrupt and vertiginous slopes are covered with luxuriant

vegetation, a precious natural resource for the inhabitants of the island who have learnt to take advantage of this abundant nature and have developed a thriving agricultural sector.

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Day 10-11 Bora Bora, Society Islands

Paradisiacal atoll of the archipelago of the Leeward Islands, west of French Polynesia, mythical **Bora Bora** offers a natural spectacle of captivating beauty. You'll be won over as much by the white sandy beaches as by its **famous lagoon**, one of the most beautiful in the world, where colourful fish frolic in waters of incomparable turquoise. The island is covered with **tropical vegetation**, and dominated by the majestic outline of **Mount Otemanu**. A promenade through this volcanic landscape will enable you to discover a number of villages and meet local communities.

Day 12 Motu Mahana, Taha'a Island, Society Islands

Feet in the sand, on the islet of **Motu Mahana**, our sumptuous little private paradise, you will share a very special experience around an authentic traditional Polynesian barbecue. A veritable jewel in the **Taha'a** lagoon, pristine atoll of the Society Islands, **Motu Mahana** offers an infinite palette of shades of turquoise, an idyllic backdrop for observing the majestic ballet of the tropical fish. The volcanic island of **Taha'a**, dominated by Mount Ohiri and Mount Puurauti, will reveal its fertile and luxuriant nature, ideal for cultivating the magnificent **black pearls** of French Polynesia, as well as **vanilla**. This rare spice, greatly in demand by gourmets, is the main economic resource of what is also known as *Vanilla Island*.

Day 13-14 Moorea Island

A part of the **Windward Island archipelago** just to the west of Tahiti, famous **Mo'orea** will leave you with a series of unforgettable images and memories. Bask on its **heavenly beaches**, enjoy a dip in the turquoise waters of its lagoon, and soak up its **luscious vegetation** and the heady flowers that carpet the inland areas. Get the most out of this natural gem with a trip to the Mo'orea **Belvedere**. Exceptional views of Mount Rotui unfurl before your eyes, with the **Opunohu Bay** and its valley to the left, and the famous **Cook's Bay**, surrounded by notched, cathedral-style peaks, to the right.

Day 15 Paul Gauguin Airport

Tahiti's capital city of Papeete is where we'll part ways and say "until we meet again." Our representative will be waiting for you as you disembark to transfer you to Tahiti International Airport for your International flight back home.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Post Cruise Package - 3 nights

Post 3-night stay at Te Moana Tahiti in an Ocean View Studio



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

ACCOMMODATION

Te Moana Tahiti Resort

Puna'auia

Located between land and sea, the Te Moana Tahiti Resort hotel offers the ideal setting for your stopover in Tahiti in an authentic Polynesian setting. Relax by the infinity pool, enjoy a meal in one of our two restaurants and enjoy the sunset over the island of Moorea every evening.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Excluded

- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Local City Taxes (where applicable - payable locally on check in)
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package i.e. mandatory festive dinners
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package