

A close-up photograph of a person's hands and forearms, heavily tattooed with intricate black designs. The person is holding a brown, fibrous coconut in their left hand and a dark, cylindrical object, possibly a piece of wood or a pestle, in their right hand. They are positioned over a body of water, and water is splashing out from the bottom of the coconut. The background is a soft-focus view of a tropical beach with green foliage and a blue sky.

*Paul Gauguin*  
CRUISES

**THE PACIFIC ISLANDS**  
**2024**

FRENCH POLYNESIA • COOK ISLANDS • FIJI • TONGA

by  **PONANT**



An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, with numerous dark, irregularly shaped rocks scattered throughout. In the lower center, a small, round, thatched hut sits in the shallow water, casting a dark shadow. To the left of the hut, a small figure of a person is visible in the water. The overall scene is serene and idyllic.

# Ma eva

Welcome, in Tahitian



## *la ora na*

It often begins with 'Hello'. An everyday hello probably doesn't mean much but, when said at a key moment, it can change all kinds of things. Imagine the following: you've just arrived at Papeete. It has been a long voyage. The first words you hear are 'Maeva' and 'la ora na', spoken warmly with a smile, the 'r' rolled. Now you're there. The words 'welcome' and 'hello' are at the very heart of Polynesian hospitality.

They herald the start of a voyage marked by friendly conviviality and will precede every encounter you have with the local people on land, with the ship's crew, and with the *Gauguins* and the *Gauguines*: the hosts present by your side throughout your stay on board.

Having become part of the PONANT family in 2019, *Le Paul Gauguin* distils the typically relaxed, international atmosphere offered by the company into an ambiance decidedly different from that of the other ships in the fleet.

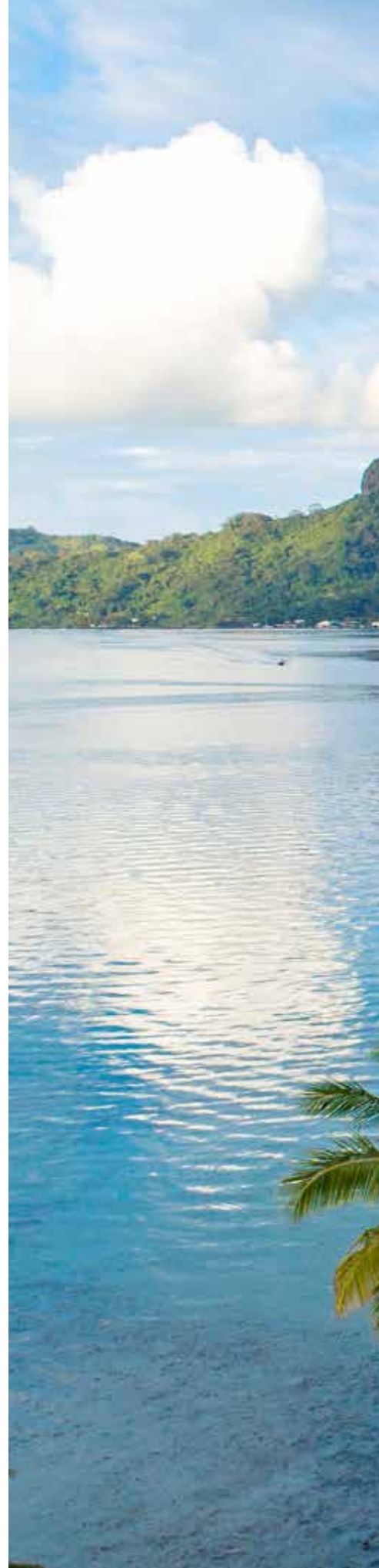
Designed especially for the shallow waters of the South Pacific, *Le Paul Gauguin* also has its own particular adeptness to offer. It takes you, gently and smoothly, from the Society Islands to Fiji via the Tuamotu Archipelago and the Marquesas. Each port of call brings out your *mana*, that special aura given off by every being, every element. The scenery and surroundings play a large part in this. The private island of *motu* Mahana, idyllic beaches, countless lagoons, seabeds teeming with life, wild jungles, dizzying peaks – as the days pass, a veritable mosaic comprised of thousands of shades of green and blue fills and permeates you, bringing serenity. "C'est que du bonheur!" – it's nothing but joy – little by little, the mantra of this unique region takes on its full meaning. Ready for the voyage?

Happy reading,

*Hervé Gastinel*  
President of PONANT

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# Explore the South Pacific aboard *Le Paul Gauguin*

Shades of blue and green come to life in the lagoons, the beaches, the forests, the mountainous landscapes, and the ocean where the protective barrier reef embraces the teeming sealife. Now all that remains is to associate these images with the names that whisper through your heart.



International date line



## Get a real feel

Experience Polynesia, the South Pacific  
and all our destinations as if you were actually there!





## Highlights



UNESCO  
sites



Diving



Private  
beach



Private  
motu (islet)



Tiki



Arts and  
crafts







# The spirit of *Paul Gauguin* CRUISES

Embark on a true immersion in the South Pacific and a perfect initiation to the rich traditions of Polynesia. An award-winning ship, *Le Paul Gauguin* infuses its guests with the Polynesian spirit on voyages where relaxation and changes of scenery are the order of the day.

# 6 reasons to sail aboard *Le Paul Gauguin*



## 1

### A regional expert

One hundred and thirty years ago, the painter Paul Gauguin settled in Tahiti in search of a "sky without winter". For more than 20 years, the ship named in his honour and designed to navigate the shallow waters of the South Pacific has taken guests on a discovery of this far away part of the world where time seems to stand still. Wild islands cut by tormented reliefs, deep valleys, lush jungles, precious lagoons and secluded coves... Each moment on board *Le Paul Gauguin* promises a unique way of exploring the region.

### Unprecedented routes

All *Le Paul Gauguin* itineraries have been designed to offer you an authentic experience of Polynesia and the islands of the South Pacific. Tahiti, Moorea, Bora Bora, the Tuamotus, the Marquesas, the Cook Islands, Fiji and Tonga: lasting from 7 to 14 nights, our trips offer you both a first discovery of these enchanting islands and time to get to know the South Pacific, its cultures and traditions. The many excursions and activities offered on each stopover ensure you don't miss out on anything in this unique environment.

## 2

### A ship with the personal touch

*Le Paul Gauguin* has 165 staterooms and suites, each offering its own view of the incredible surroundings. To make sure you enjoy your trip with complete peace of mind, the ship has 1.5 crew members per guest, one of the best ratios in the cruise industry. The service is therefore very attentive and contributes to the warm on-board atmosphere.

## 3





## More sustainable tourism

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We have made many commitments in the pursuit of more responsible tourism. Here are a few of them:

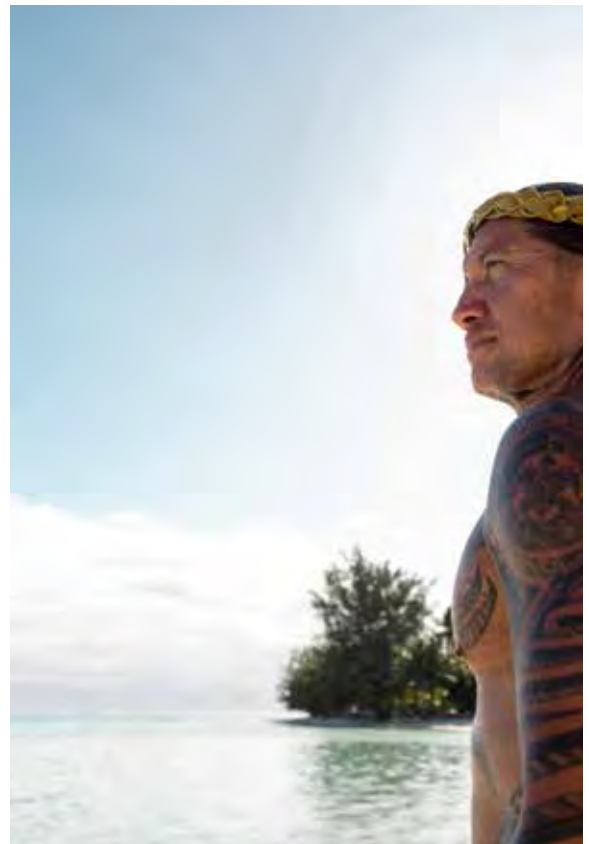
- To consider the whole world to be a "zone with controlled sulphur oxide emissions" since 2019 and "nitrogen" by 2025.
- To reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 15% by 2026 and 30% by 2030 compared to 2019 levels.
- To be a driving force alongside the Blue Nature Alliance to create 18 million km<sup>2</sup> of protected marine areas by 2025.
- To ensure the re-use of 80% of waste by 2026.
- To completely eliminate single-use plastic by 2022.

## An all-inclusive experience

Taking advantage of an all-inclusive offer means you can relax completely and enjoy your holiday to the full. Meals and snacks, a wide selection of drinks, room service, butler service for certain suites and staterooms, nautical equipment (masks and snorkels, stand-up paddleboards), entertainment and exclusive access to a private beach and a private islet are thus included in the price of your cruise.

## A unique aura, the *mana*

Idyllic landscapes, earthly paradises, thousand-year-old culture, bewitching dances... Open yourself up to the *mana*, the sacred force of Polynesia, which permeates all decks of the ship, while in the surroundings of sumptuous decor, guided by our joyous *Gauguines* and *Gauguins* Polynesian hosts. *Mana* is an almost palpable force that breathes its magic into your voyage.



# Life on board

On board, the relaxed, international atmosphere, friendliness and attentive service make every moment memorable.



The *Gauguines* and *Gauguins*, our Polynesian hosts, will be with you every day from the moment you arrive on board. There are songs, cultural exchanges, pareo knotting and wreath weaving workshops, Polynesian dance classes and more. You will be able to enjoy an authentic immersion in this rich culture through interaction with them.

Blending in with the surrounding scenery, the pool is ideal for long periods of relaxation and contemplation.



Located on the pool deck, close to the Grill restaurant, La Palette is the ideal place to relax or enjoy a lively evening. Guests like to linger on its open terrace to listen and dance to the artists who take turns to perform there.



The Deep Nature spa offers a wide choice of massages and Algoterm treatments, based on marine cosmetics. The fitness room offers the full range of machines and weight training equipment needed to stay in shape.



The shop features a collection of gift items, clothing, and jewellery made with Tahitian pearls.



Near the restaurant L'Étoile, the piano bar provides a lounge atmosphere with performances by the pianist on board. This is the perfect opportunity to relax before or after your meal.



There is entertainment on board every day, including local artists invited on board, piano concerts and dance evenings. The pleasure of the discoveries made on land continues with engaging lectures given by the experts who accompany you during your trip.



# A complete package

The Polynesian art of living, the relaxed atmosphere, attentive service, gourmet dining, activities: allow yourself to be carried between moments of relaxation, adventure and discovery, thanks to all the services included and reserved for you on board.

- All-inclusive from arrival to departure
- Catering at all hours of the day: tea and sweet treats, aperitifs, appetisers...
- A selection of drinks in restaurants, bars and minibars
- 24-hour room service
- Butler service in some suites and staterooms
- Free and unlimited Wi-Fi service on board
- Parties, shows and other activities
- The support of the *Gauguines* and *Gauguins* Polynesian hosts
- Conferences delivered by experts of the area
- Access to the fitness centre and steam room
- From the marina access point, various non-motorised nautical leisure activities, such as kayaking and paddleboarding
- The free rental of masks and snorkels
- Access to a private beach on Bora Bora and to *motu* Mahana
- Shuttle service to Huahine
- All port and security fees

*Butler service is available for the following suites: Owner's Suites, Grand Suites, A Veranda Suites and B Veranda Staterooms. Please note that the Wi-Fi connection may be slow and possibly interrupted depending on the geographical area or in circumstances beyond our control. Access to the steam room can be limited or unavailable due to health restrictions. Scuba diving and excursions are charged extra.*







## Children and teens in the spotlight



In partnership with *Te mana o te moana*, a South Pacific marine education and conservation foundation, the Moana Explorer Program invites children and teens, ages 7-15, to discover and value the natural wonders of this breathtaking part of the world through hands-on, interactive learning. Every day of the voyage, there is a combination of excursions, science activities, crafts and other adventures. Depending on the itinerary, children might learn about underwater life, create natural jewellery, conduct water experiments, go on a treasure hunt, enjoy water games in the on board pool, or design their own Polynesian tattoo. Best of all, there is no fee\* for this special family program! It's all part of PAUL GAUGUIN Cruises' extraordinary all-inclusive value.

*Please note: the Moana Explorer Program is available on summer and December holidays sailings, and must be reserved at the time of booking. \*Certain itineraries may offer additional activities for a small fee. These will need to be requested onboard. Program offered in English and French.*



# Your advantages

## Family and friends

From the fifth person in the same booking, **the whole party benefits from a 5% discount on the same port/port cruise** (excluding port taxes). <sup>(1)</sup>

**Children and teenagers up to the age of 17** sharing a stateroom with two adults are also free.

## Honeymoon and wedding anniversary

For all cruises made within 12 months of the celebration of your marriage or civil union, <sup>(2)</sup> benefit from a **5% discount on your cruise** <sup>(3)</sup> as well as surprises on board.

A traditional Polynesian blessing can be organised.

For every multiple of five years of marriage or civil union, we offer you **€200 discount per stateroom**. <sup>(4)</sup>

## Consecutive cruises

Extend the pleasure of travelling and **save 10%** on any consecutive cruise taken. <sup>(5)</sup>







## Refer your friends and family

As a referrer, you will receive a **€500 discount per stateroom** on your next cruise (as soon as your referral is booked). Your referral benefits from a **€500 reduction<sup>(6)</sup> on their first cruise**. As the number of referrals is not limited, you can accumulate your discounts.



## PONANT Yacht Club

Join the PONANT Yacht Club when you book your second cruise. You will benefit from special attention and exclusive as well as privileged services.



*Offers indicated are subject to change without notice. (1) Offer valid from the fifth paying person onwards on a same booking with a single, unique payer. Offer cannot be combined with other referral, honeymoon or wedding anniversary offers. (2) Offer valid upon presentation of proof and is applicable once per anniversary year. (3) 5% reduction applies to the port-to-port cruise fare only, exclusive of port taxes and security charges. Offer cannot be combined with any other discounts or reductions. (4) Offer valid upon presentation of proof and can only be combined with PONANT Yacht Club loyalty status advantages. (5) Discount applicable on the port-to-port cruise fare only and excludes port taxes. Not applicable on ocean voyages. Ocean voyages are not included in the calculation of the cruise position. (6) Offer cannot be combined with the welcome offer applied upon the booking of a first cruise.*

# An award-winning ship

Services, life on board, activities... the PAUL GAUGUIN Cruises experience is regularly rewarded.







2022

### 'Best Small Ships Cruise Line'

awarded by *World Luxury Travel Awards*

Second in the 'Best Small Ships' category, awarded by the 800,000 voters of the *Condé Nast Traveler Reader's Choice Awards* – first prize awarded to PONANT ships

### 'Best Small-Ship Ocean Cruise Line'

awarded by *Travel + Leisure* magazine

2021

### 'Best Small-Ship Cruise Line'

awarded for the sixth consecutive year by *Global Traveler* magazine

### 'Best South Pacific Cruise Experience Company' and 'Midsize Ship Cruise Company of the Year'

awarded by *LuxLife* magazine

### 'World's Best Cruises'

awarded during the Gold List Awards by *Condé Nast Traveler* magazine

2020

### 'Best French Polynesia Cruise Line'

awarded by *AFAR* magazine

### 'Best Cruise Line Australia/New Zealand/South Pacific'

awarded during the Gold Travvy Awards by *TravelPulse* magazine

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A full-page background image of a tropical seascape. The sky is a vibrant blue with scattered white clouds. The water transitions from a deep blue in the distance to a shallow, turquoise lagoon in the foreground. Several small, lush green islands with white sandy beaches are visible in the lagoon. In the bottom right corner, the dark green foliage of trees is partially visible, framing the scene.

# A sweet Polynesian dream

Your feet in the sand and your head in the sky...  
Every moment on board or during your stopover is designed  
to offer you a holiday with a change of scenery, between absolute  
rest, delight and *joie de vivre*.

# The symphony of the senses



## An enthralling look at the world

It's a peaceful night beneath the starry sky on board *Le Paul Gauguin*. Lulled by the gentle lapping of the waves, the ship glints and gleams with the reflections of the sky, first silvery, then orangey pink. Suddenly, the disk of the sun emerges from the horizon, setting the sky ablaze. A lagoon, displaying multiple shades of blue, sparkles before you. White sandy beaches are thrown into relief beneath luxuriant natural foliage. The serrated peaks of the mountains, magnetic, exert an irresistible attraction. The call of other kinds of forests, with corals in the place of trees, reverberates within you. Take your masks and snorkels and head off to see the multicoloured fish and manta rays that inhabit these undersea gardens.



## Perceiving the singing of the elements

Sounds become dim and silence reigns beneath the surface. Or perhaps not. Listen very carefully, and the rolling of the waves, the swishing of the sands, the murmuring of the corals, the squeaking of seashells and the song of the dolphins give rise to a gentle, soothing symphony. On land, the vegetation, abundant and scented, is also rustling under a warm breeze. The air is vibrating to the rhythm of traditional drums. On the ship's deck, your Polynesian hosts are blowing into shells known as queen conchs. The wind blends with the orchestra and whispers in the ebony hair of the *Gauguines*, almost giving voice to their *mana*: the intangible character of that which is pure and wise.







## Captivating island fragrances

The light breeze waving the hair carries exotic perfumes. A slow intake of breath transports you on a sensory voyage. You perceive first the captivating fragrance of *monoï*. The subtle perfume of tiaré flowers, formed into garlands, is sensed next, followed by notes of vanilla. On the island of Taha'a, its delicious aroma also reigns supreme, dominating the others; encounter the mostly widely cultivated and prized spice of the Polynesian archipelagos.

## Exquisite exotic flavours

The scent of vanilla perfumes both the air of Polynesia and its traditional dishes. Coconut, fish, spices, tropical fruits... Awaken your taste buds to their rich flavours. On *motu* Mahana, our private island, the smell of a Polynesian barbecue brings the guests together for a time of friendly warmth and enjoyment. As you wander around, give in to the temptation of the various blends and mixes of flavours that reflect the Polynesians' refined art of living. Market delicacies, food tastings, food trucks, lunches by the water: a whole world of flavours are just waiting to be explored.

## Delicate touches

The day slows, as if to the rhythm of deep, easy breathing. Movements become gentler, adopting a different pace. The sensation of touching becomes accentuated. The caress of the white sand on your skin, the gentle tickle of the tropical fish around you on your snorkelling adventures, the expert strokes of the masseurs keeping the art of *taurumi* alive, an ancient practice focused on letting go and featuring the use of local oils, flowers and plants... A voyage on which your whole world bathes in softness and everything becomes exquisite delight.



# "Pure moments of escape that contribute to the magic of the destination!"

Extract from a guest's logbook.

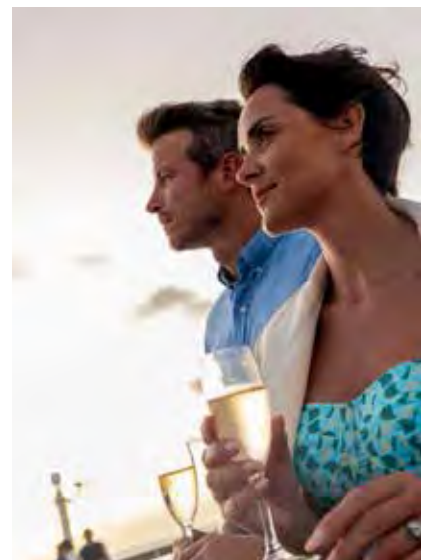


Le Paul Gauguin  
in the waters  
of Bora Bora.

The journey to the end of the world is more than 15,000 km long, with a 25-hour journey and a 12-hour time difference. Crossing the planet, crossing time... Visiting these Pacific islands is worth it, and the change of scenery is such that you never really realise what you are experiencing. It took me 12 days of travel and a lot of memories to become fully aware of this.

My first reaction on boarding is that *Le Paul Gauguin* has a soul. It is a medium-sized ship with a bright decoration that contrasts with the dark wood of the furniture. Just the right balance between modernity and authenticity, in keeping with the destination. The spaces are both friendly and intimate. As the days go by, I find myself taking ownership of these pleasant places. I enjoy my breakfast at La Véranda restaurant, which is open to the outside, very bright, and decorated in a very

soft style. I can enjoy a cocktail at the cosy piano bar, where the bartenders take care of you – the whole crew is very attentive and quickly picks up on everyone's tastes – and melodies are played on the piano. I can sit on the sun loungers by the pool and watch the sunset with live music, either on my own or with other guests.



Sunset on deck 9.



The Gauguines and Gauguins.

## Moments outside of time

The atmosphere on board is friendly. It's nice to feel that I can talk to anyone. With many nationalities represented, the exchanges are all the richer. We feel that we are on a relaxing and epicurean journey. The *Gauguins* and *Gauguines*, the Polynesian hosts aboard *Le Paul Gauguin*, have a lot to do with it! They are so charming. Every day they organise activities and surprise us with dances and songs to the sound of the ukulele. And every day I learn a little more about their culture, their language,





*A man on board a canoe in Rangiroa.*

the meaning of their tattoos... They made the arrival in Rangiroa a dream for me: we, the guests, were stationed on deck 9 to admire the entrance to the atoll. The *Gauguines* and *Gauguins* started singing and dancing which, combined with the scenery, made for a very enchanting scene.

I felt the same jubilation as the dolphins escorted us to our arrival in the Rangiroa channel, the sun disappearing below the horizon. They were having fun on the bow, as if to say goodbye. It was a moment that felt out of time. It must be said that the underwater fauna here is truly exceptional. For example, I participated in the black tip shark and stingray swimming trip in Moorea. I savoured every moment of this rare, once-in-a-lifetime encounter!

### Conviviality at any time

On the land side, Fakarava was my favourite. This long atoll, like a beach that stretches to infinity, has a huge lagoon. No matter where you are, you can always see this beautiful blue. The fact that you can cycle across the width of the island in a matter of seconds gives you the feeling of being lost in the middle of nowhere, with the turquoise blue lagoon of paradise on one side and the wilder ocean on the other. The colourful houses, the small restaurants with their feet in the water, the lush nature and the brightly coloured flowers add a little more charm to this place. When we arrived on the island, a family welcomed us with traditional songs and dances. As we left, pirogues followed the boat back to the ship.

The pure moments of change of scenery followed one another and, combined, contributed to the magic of the destination! Beyond the idyllic landscapes and all their incredible colours, I will remember the friendliness of the inhabitants, their heart-warming smiles, and their philosophy of life: "*It's all good*". It's a real shot of optimism and positive vibes!



*Bicycle ride in Fakarava.*

# A day in paradise

A strip of white sand rising up from the coral reef, a translucent sea, deckchairs in the shade of palm trees, a Polynesian barbecue and cocktails served as you sit with your feet in the water: welcome to the *motu* Mahana, our private islet specially reserved for you for an idyllic day.



During each of the itineraries on board *Le Paul Gauguin*, we offer you a day out of time, for an authentic escape, off the island of Taha'a.



This island interlude is an opportunity to enjoy real moments of relaxation in a heavenly setting.



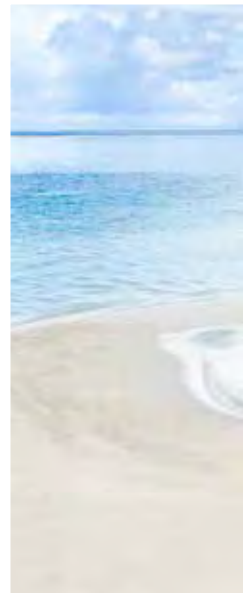
At lunchtime, grilled meats prepared on the spot and coconut water directly from the fruit will satisfy the most demanding palates.



The *Gauguines* and the *Gauguins* contribute to the gaiety of this exceptional day by animating it with traditional songs and dances.



In addition to the pleasure of relaxing on the deckchairs in the shade of the palm trees, you can enjoy snorkelling in the pristine waters, kayaking or paddleboarding.



Allow the shoals of multicoloured fish to brush up against you while you're snorkelling in Huahine, in the Society Islands.

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# Shades of blue

Keep your eyes peeled: you may get the chance to marvel at the dolphins' acrobatic antics at the bow of the ship in Rangiroa, in the Tuamotu Islands.

***Itineraries:** Society Islands & the Tuamotus, page 36; Marquesas in depth, Tuamotus & Society Islands, page 42.*







In Bora Bora, enjoy the pleasures of watersports from a beach that is for the exclusive private use of our guests, on a *motu* off the coast of the island. Siesta, reading, swimming, refreshments, snorkelling, stand-up paddleboarding: you are the master of how you spend your time.

*All our **itineraries** make a stopover in Bora Bora.*



Wearing woven crowns and full of *joie de vivre*, the Polynesians dance and give life to their *mana* on a beach at Bora Bora.

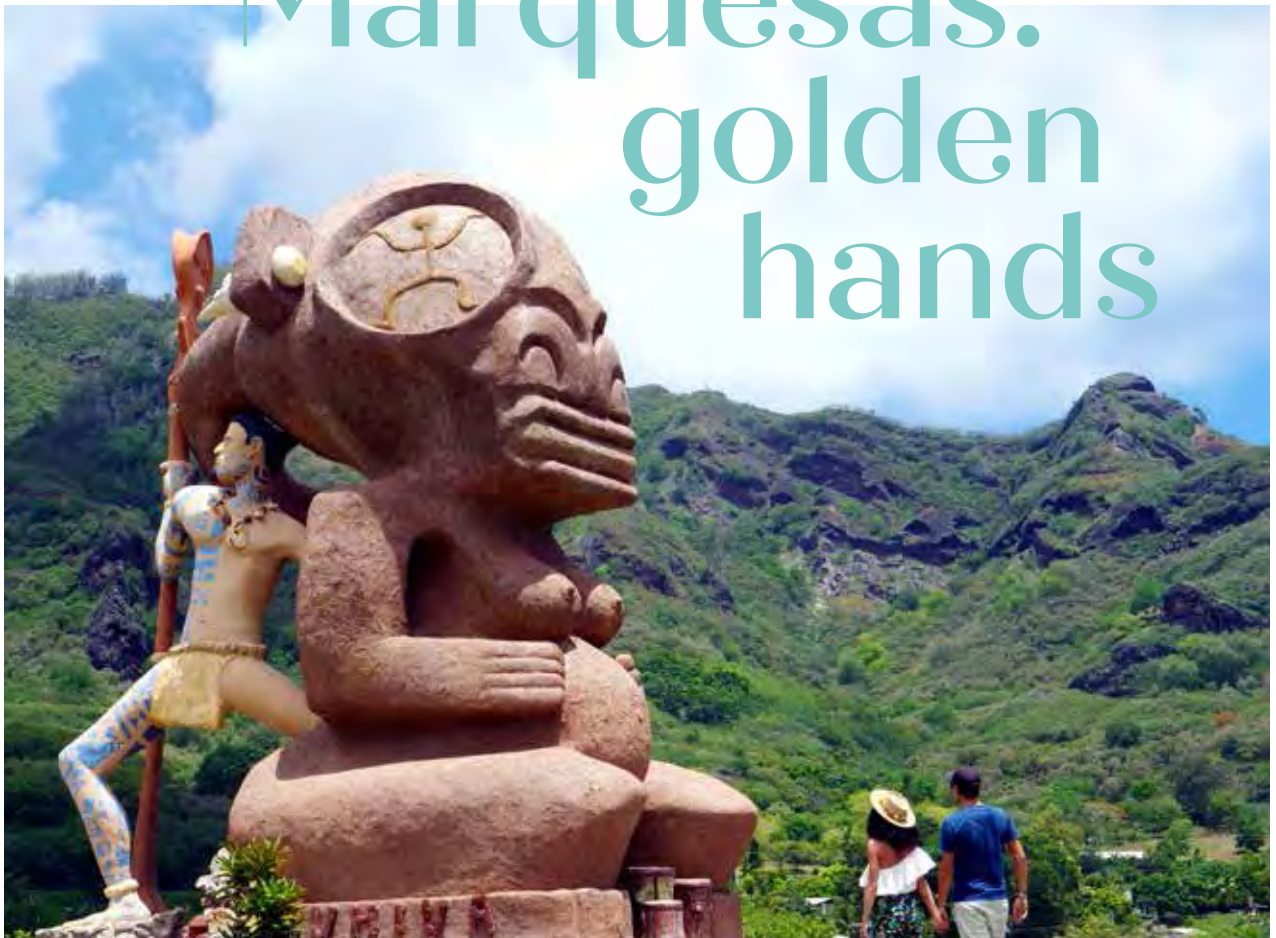
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From the coconut tree-lined beaches, the nuts are carried away by the waves and then float with the sea currents: that's how they were originally spread through the islands of the Pacific, including here, in the Cook Islands.

**Itineraries:** *Cook Islands & Society Islands, page 38; Fiji, Tonga, Cook Islands & Society Islands, page 44.*



# Marquesas: golden hands



Overlooking Taiohae Bay, the Nuku Hiva *tiki*, the largest in the Pacific Ocean, is 12 metres high. It represents a woman, guardian of tradition and knowledge, behind whom a warrior rises.

*Itinerary:* Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands, page 40.

In the Marquesas, including here, in Hatihe'u, the position of a tattoo on the body speaks volumes about the person whose skin it adorns: on the face, it represents spirituality and wisdom; on the torso, it expresses generosity and sincerity.

*Itinerary:* Marquesas in depth, Tuamotus & Society Islands, page 42.





Wood carver meticulously practising his art in Nuku Hiva.

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Frangipani flowers in Tahuata, used to create fragrant crowns and garlands.

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Manufacture of *tapa*, hand-crafted fabric made of beaten bark, in Fatu Hiva.

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# The itineraries







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# Tahiti & the Society Islands

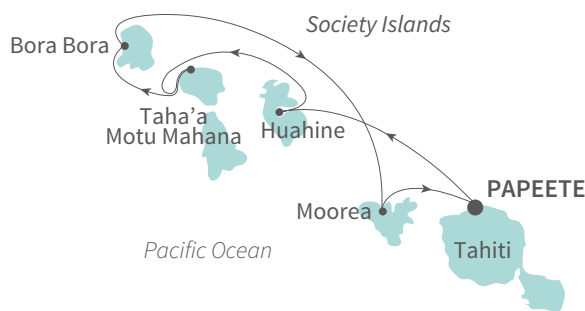


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## Papeete • Papeete

8 days/7 nights | From €2,440 <sup>(2)</sup>

6th April, 22nd June, 27th July, 7th September, 19th October and 23rd November 2024



The perfect introduction to the Society Islands, this voyage takes you on an adventure exploring landscapes and peoples that have inspired numerous artists, including Herman Melville, Henri Matisse, Paul Gauguin and Jacques Brel. Enchanting perfumes surround you as your eyes are drawn to the superbly turquoise water, a sanctuary for countless colourful fish.

## Highlights

- **Live the exceptional:** a voyage of initiation into the wonders of the natural treasures and ancient traditions of the Society Islands.
- Slow down and let stress float away on secluded Huahine: explore the village on foot; wander through lush rainforests; float in crystal-clear lagoons.
- Experience a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise: treat yourself to sand between your toes and a sumptuous barbecue lunch.
- Enjoy an overnight in exquisite Bora Bora and explore its dramatic mountain peaks, romantic lagoon and impossibly turquoise waters.
- Two days on Moorea exploring all the riches its ancient heritage and spectacular scenery have to offer, from the hillside pineapple plantations to the Belvedere lookout, from where you can admire the bays of Cook, Ōpūnohu and Rôtui.
- Discover Polynesia's customs and traditional way of life.
- Landscapes: lagoons, idyllic beaches, deserted coves, tropical forests and mountain peaks.
- Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).





Opposite: private beach for cruise guests in Bora Bora.

# Pearls of the Society Islands

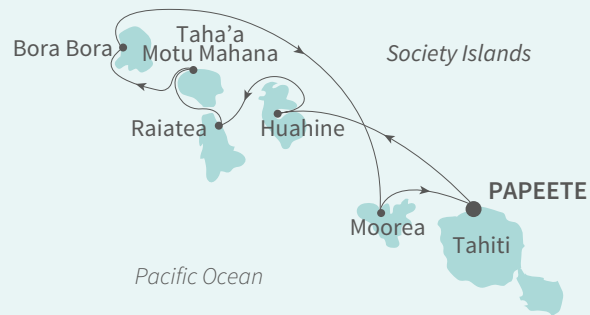


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## Papeete • Papeete

8 days/7 nights | From €2,440 <sup>(2)</sup>

17th February, 4th May, 29th June, 20th July and 17th August 2024



On this itinerary, you get to enjoy a full day on Raiatea (which replaces one of the two days on Moorea on the **Tahiti & the Society Islands** itinerary). According to legend, the island is the cradle of the gods because it is home to the earliest traces of local human habitation as well as the oldest place of worship in Polynesia – namely the Taputapuātea *marae*, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This platform was once a highly important political, ceremonial and funerary centre. The island also has a wonderful range of nature and wildlife to reveal to the curious who come to explore it.



Taputapuātea marae, Raiatea.

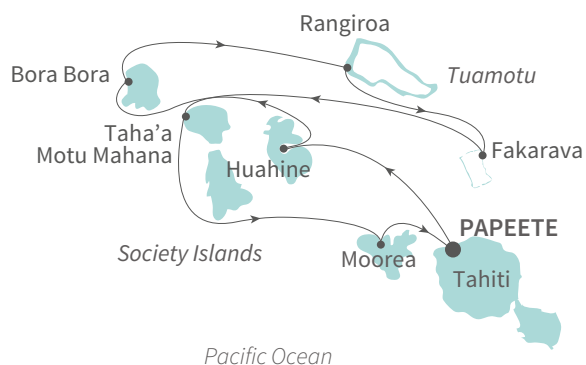
# Society Islands & the Tuamotus



## Papeete • Papeete

11 days/10 nights | From €4,530 <sup>(2)</sup>

24th January, 6th March, 24th April, 29th May, 9th October  
and 11th December 2024



From the lagoon of Rangiroa, classed by Captain Jacques Cousteau as one of the most beautiful underwater sites on the planet, to the warm waters of Fakarava and the shimmering colours of the corals that populate them, the seabeds of the Tuamotu Islands promise moments of amazement and wonder. Swimming with fins, a mask and a snorkel or scuba diving with a wetsuit and tank are the best ways to explore the world that opens up before you beneath the water's surface.







*Opposite: beach on Fakarava atoll in the Tuamotu Islands.*

*Below: portrait of a Polynesian woman in Fakarava, the Tuamotu Islands.*



## Highlights

- **Live the exceptional:** two days on the Tuamotu Archipelago, with its atolls teeming with life, its rare species of birds and plants, and its black pearl farms.
- UNESCO World Heritage Site: Fakarava, a biosphere reserve and the world's second-largest lagoon, home to unique flora and fauna, grey sharks and untouched coral reefs.
- Enjoy an overnight in exquisite Bora Bora and explore its dramatic mountain peaks, romantic lagoon and impossibly turquoise waters.
- Discover the 'infinite lagoon' on Rangiroa, the biggest atoll in French Polynesia, which is famous for its 'wall of sharks'.
- Experience a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise: treat yourself to sand between your toes and a sumptuous barbecue lunch.
- Discover Polynesia's culture and traditions, especially pearl farming in Rangiroa.
- Fauna: manta rays, spotted eagle rays, common eagle rays, lemon sharks, blacktip reef sharks, sea turtles and multicoloured fish.
- Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

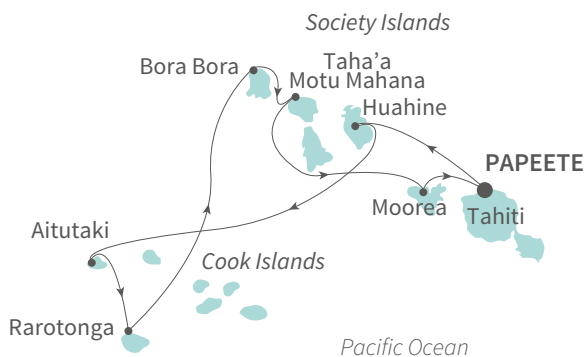
# Cook Islands & Society Islands



## Papeete • Papeete

12 days/11 nights | From €4,770 <sup>(2)</sup>

13th January, 24th February, 13th April, 18th May,  
28th September and 30th November 2024



With breathtaking scenery, colourful seabeds, pearl farms, local crafts and archaeological vestiges to offer, the islands of Polynesia inspire wondrous amazement and a reconnection with the essential. The Cook Islands represent a dream opportunity to prolong these delights. The largest of them, Rarotonga, lies surrounded by a coral reef on which the waves of the South Pacific break. Keen snorkellers will find a world of underwater treasures to explore at Aitutaki, a haven of peace and tranquillity.







Opposite: beach on the island of Aitutaki in the Cook Islands.  
Below: snorkelling in the waters off Huahine.



## Highlights

- **Live the exceptional:** two days exploring the Cook Islands, with a port of call at Aitutaki, which is considered one of Polynesia's most beautiful islands and is famous for its hand-made *tivaevae*, a kind of quilt, and colourful pareos, which are produced on the island.
- Discover Rarotonga, its luxuriant Takuvaine Valley and its capital, Avarua, with the possibility of visiting the sacred and ancient site of Arai-Te-Tonga.
- Enjoy an overnight in exquisite Bora Bora and explore its dramatic mountain peaks, romantic lagoon and impossibly turquoise waters.
- Experience a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise: treat yourself to sand between your toes and a sumptuous barbecue lunch.
- Explore Moorea, the 'magic island' that has inspired many artists with its eight valleys, 900-metre Mount Rôtui, beautiful bays and perfect lagoon.
- Fauna: lemon sharks, blacktip reef sharks, spotted eagle rays, manta rays, superb coral, sea turtles, giant green morays, emperor angelfish, Napoleon fish, butterflyfish...
- Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

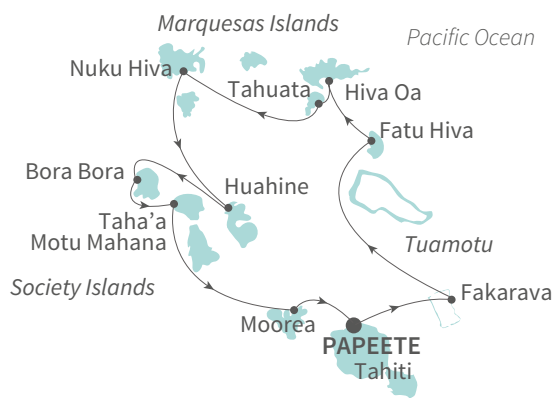
# Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands



## Papeete • Papeete

15 days/14 nights | From €6,070 <sup>(2)</sup>

3rd February, 16th March and 21st December 2024



Punctuated with encounters, exploration and relaxation, this voyage is veritably packed with the charms and wonders of Polynesia. Dreams come true here. As the best-kept secrets of the skill and know-how of their inhabitants are being revealed to you, the Marquesas Islands rise up like dark green fortresses in the middle of the indigo blue of the Pacific Ocean. The islanders, famous for their intricate craftsmanship, sculpt objects out of wood, stone and bone, and are renowned for their prowess at the art of tattooing.

21st December 2024 departure:  
experience the magical enchantment of Christmas  
and New Year surrounded by sparkling lagoons  
and beaches of warm sand.







*Opposite: the steep shores of the island of Fatu Hiva in the Marquesas Islands.  
Below: a tiki stone carving at Hiva Oa.*



## Highlights

- **Live the exceptional:** explore three of French Polynesia's archipelagos on the same voyage, including four days in the wild, unspoiled Marquesas Islands.
- UNESCO World Heritage Site: the biosphere reserve of Fakarava, the world's second-largest lagoon, home to unique flora and fauna, grey sharks and untouched coral reefs.
- History and culture are in the forefront on the island of Hiva Oa, home to the largest stone sculptures in the Marquesas, which are said to be linked to the famous *tiki* of Easter Island.
- Discover Polynesian culture: ancient crafts in Fatu Hiva, sculpted works in Tahuata, sculpted stone *tiki* and 7,000 petroglyphs in Taiohae (Nuku Hiva).
- The stops in secluded Huahine and superb Moorea, in the Society Islands.
- Experience a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise: treat yourself to sand between your toes and a sumptuous barbecue lunch.
- Landscapes: towering peaks, imposing cliffs, plantations, forests, turquoise lagoons, unspoilt beaches, deserted coves, underwater caves, and more.
- Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).



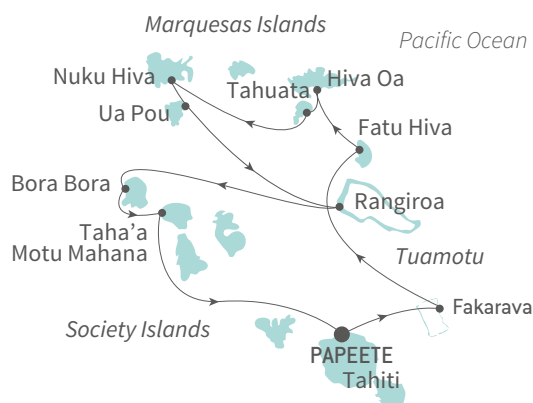
# Marquesas in depth, Tuamotus & Society Islands



## Papeete • Papeete

15 days/14 nights | From €6,070 <sup>(2)</sup>

8th June, 6th July, 3rd and 24th August, and 14th September 2024



Sung about by Jacques Brel and a source of inspiration for Paul Gauguin, the wild, unspoiled Marquesas Islands are yours to behold on this itinerary, the most comprehensive one to the 'Land of Men'. During the five ports of call we give you, take time to thoroughly explore French Polynesia's most northerly archipelago.







*Opposite: beach at Fakarava in the Tuamotu Islands.  
Below: traditional dance in Nuku Hiva, Marquesas Islands.*



## Highlights

- **Live the exceptional:** the ports of call in the Marquesas: Hatihe'u on the island of Nuku Hiva, with its superb valley, and Hakahau on the island of Ua Pou, one of the last of French Polynesia's islands to be explored. With a beach of black sand at its edge and its rocky volcanic pitons, the village offers an unsettling panorama.
- UNESCO World Heritage Site: the biosphere reserve of Fakarava, the world's second-largest lagoon, home to unique flora and fauna, grey sharks and untouched coral reefs.
- The stops in the idyllic atolls of Fakarava and Rangiroa, in the Tuamotus.
- History and culture are in the forefront on the island of Hiva Oa, home to the largest stone sculptures in the Marquesas, which are said to be linked to the famous *tiki* of Easter Island.
- Discover Polynesian culture: ancient crafts in Fatu Hiva, sculpted works in Tahuata, sculpted stone *tiki* and 7,000 petroglyphs in Taiohae (Nuku Hiva).
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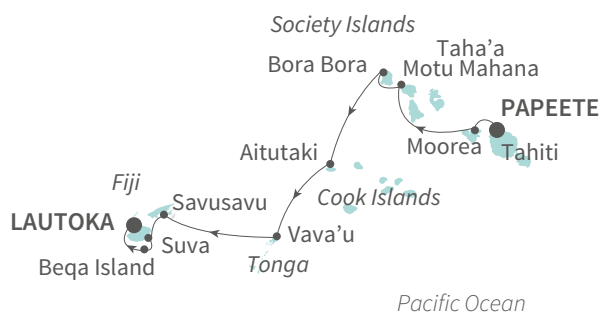
# Fiji, Tonga, Cook Islands & Society Islands



## Papeete • Lautoka

15 days/14 nights | From €6,070 <sup>(2)</sup>

26th October and 10th November\* 2024



Set sail for some of the most iconic islands of the South Pacific and enjoy a completely immersive experience of the four South Seas archipelagos. The encounters you'll have with local peoples will offer opportunities for richly rewarding interactions, including the possibility of attending ancient rites and ceremonies, such as firewalking and the *kava* ceremony (*kava* is a drink made from pepper plants). This voyage will bring out your inner explorer, at the same time procuring you a sense of wellbeing and gentle, easy living at every instant.

*\*Itinerary in the reverse direction.*







*Opposite: shores of the islands of Fiji.  
Below: ray in the waters of Tahiti.*



## Highlights

- **Live the exceptional:** explore the coral islands of the Tonga archipelago and the islands of Fiji, with their traditional villages, reefs teeming with life, and wooded mountains.
- Two separate Fijian ports showcase an intriguing juxtaposition: the refined capital city of Suva and the unspoiled beauty of Savusavu, called the 'Hidden Paradise of Fiji'.
- The opportunity to explore local crafts in Tonga: the weaving of the leaves of the legendary pandanus, the production of noni juice, with its multiple beneficial properties, and the extraction of vanilla essence.
- Experience a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise: treat yourself to sand between your toes and a sumptuous barbecue lunch.
- Crossing the International Date Line.
- Landscapes: superb atolls, transparent waters, turquoise lagoons, white-sand beaches, sugar cane and pineapple plantations, rocky peaks and more.
- Fauna: coral reefs, silvertip sharks, dolphins, sea turtles, common eagle rays, manta rays, ribbon eels, clownfish, colourful fish and more.
- Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).







# A complete journey

To help you explore the islands you visit, we offer a wide range of excursions. And, to complete your trip, our pre- and post-cruise stays help draw out the dream.



## Activities, excursions: our inspirational ideas

A secret trail, an uninterrupted view of the horizon, an inlet that's just right for undersea exploration, smells that precede delicious flavours: we offer you a wide range of optional excursions at every stopover. Here's a varied selection.



### Bora Bora, Society Islands

#### Lagoonarium – Open-air 'aquarium' snorkelling experience

Lightweight outrigger canoes whizz along to the Lagoonarium in Bora Bora and its open-air parks. Sharks, rays, yellow jacks, turtles and parrotfish are just some of the inhabitants of these environments. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced snorkeller, you'll gradually move away from the beach and on to shallow waters. Local instructors will guide you to ensure a respectful and careful approach to these species, which are as varied as they are harmless.

€€€ | 3 h 30



#### Bora Bora off-road adventure

Lovers of wide-open spaces and off-road adventure should head for the hills of Bora Bora for a multi-stage excursion along the island's quietest road, in a four-wheel drive vehicle with driver. The craggy terrain winds through the village of Vaitape in Pofai Bay as far as Pahonu Hill, where you will enjoy an uninterrupted view of Bora Bora's natural harbour. The lush Fa'anui Valley overlooks the spectacular bay of the same name: a favourite spot for photography lovers.

€€€ | 3 h 30



## Fakarava, Tuamotu Islands

### WaveRunner & snorkelling

A wave of freedom washes over Fakarava as you climb aboard your WaveRunner. On the programme: exploration of the crystal-clear Fakarava Lagoon, followed by a tour of a pearl farm, one of the atoll's emblematic businesses. Along the way, a stop for a swim and snorkel, so you can explore beneath the surface and discover the multicoloured fish.

€€€€ | 1 h 30



## Huahine, Society Islands

### Motu picnic

Who better than one of our guests to tell you about this excursion? *"This all-day excursion was truly multi-faceted!"* she told us. *"We took our places in a pirogue to begin snorkelling among the fish. Then, we were welcomed on a private islet with punch and cold drinks to enjoy by the water, along with ceviche prepared during a cookery workshop. Our Polynesian host also wove palm leaf crowns for us and showed us how to open a coconut. It was a wonderful shared experience."* Read the full account on page 24.

€€€€ | 6 h



### Huahine Iti by e-bike

The aim of this e-bike experience is to cycle 27 km around the small island of Huahine. Your guide has created a varied programme combining tours of the archaeological remains of the ancient sacred site *Marae Anini*, of a traditional sarong painting workshop, followed by relaxation and several stops to admire the views. These few hours offer the ideal way to get into the rhythm of the island – that of the life of its inhabitants, or the regular whisper of the waves rolling in the distance.

€€€ | 4 h

## Moorea, Society Islands

### ATV guided tour

Undertaking the ascent of the steep hillside of Moorea in a four-wheel drive vehicle seems to make time stand still, with the jagged peaks as your focal point. Marvelling at the spectacular Cook and Ōpūnohu bays and Mount Rōtūi; crossing the rivers and pineapple plantations in the hollow of a valley; taking a break in a *marae*, an ancient temple in the middle of the countryside where you can reflect on the centres of Polynesian spiritual life... Revitalise yourself in the middle of the most abundant of gardens.

€€€€ | 3h

### Aito off-road safari

The four-wheel drive vehicle goes off-road on the Moorea's beaten trails. The island is fertile and volcanic and produces the most mouthwatering of crops: the scents of vanilla, bananas and pineapples fill the air, while a track edged by grapefruit, lemon and orange trees leads to a lookout point over Ōpūnohu Bay. A profusion of fruit that you simply have to tuck into: the Moorea agricultural school will refresh you with home-made jams and ice creams. Further on, a stop-off at a factory making juices from local fruit, and at Moorea's distillery for a liqueur tasting, complete this panoramic gourmet day out.

€€ | 3h30



## Rangiroa, Tuamotu Islands

### Black pearl farm

Most pearl farms are small, this one is representative of the sector and introduces visitors to a highly prized crop that symbolises Polynesia. Farming, selection, sorting and cleaning of the oysters, evolution of the pearl-production industry... Watch the grafter at work as he skilfully exercises his trade: you'll see these delicate pearls in a different light.

€ | 1h30



## Rarotonga, Cook Islands

### Muri lagoon cruise

Muri, Rarotonga's inland lagoon, reveals its underwater wonders to curious explorers aboard a glass-bottomed boat: coral and colourful fish unceasingly vie for your attention. More adventurous explorers can go snorkelling among the shoals of docile tropical fish.

€€€ | 3h



## Omoa, Fatu Hiva Island, Marquesas Islands

### Omoa petroglyphs walk

The remains of the dwelling or *paepae* of an ancient chief, with a *tiki* carved into the Marquesas' famous *ke'etu* stone; the crest of a ridge carved with images of men, magical *tiki* and ancient pirogues; the petroglyph of 'paoa', one of the biggest in the archipelago, which looks like a huge tuna fish cut into the rock... From one surprise to the next, walking along the Omoa Valley trails, in the footsteps of past generations of Marquesans, evokes elements of wise curiosity and reflection.

€€€ | 3h



## Taha'a, Society islands

### Catamaran sail

With its flat base, the catamaran clears a way between the shallow waters in multiple shades of turquoise. Filling your lungs with ocean breeze, contemplating the beauty of Taha'a: these are the words that best describe the real joy you will experience. On board, the Tahitian hostesses will delight in sharing their culture, then, once you reach the coral garden, Taha'a's most famous snorkelling spot, the fast-moving craft will pause so guests can enjoy a refreshing dip.

€€€ | 3h30

### Taha'a cultural tour

Known as 'the vanilla island', it's only natural that the discovery of Taha'a should begin through the prism of this black gold. The plantation tour, combined with a presentation, offers the perfect opportunity to get a better understanding of the challenges of this symbolic crop. A stop-off at the 'Motu Pearl Village' where the famous black pearl of Tahiti will reveal its secrets. History, legends and contemporary life on the island: no stone will be left unturned and curiosity is welcome!

€€ | 3h30



Price: € = less than € 50, €€ = from € 50 to 100, €€€ = from € 100 to 150, €€€€ = more than € 150.

Tours on board Le Paul Gauguin are sold in US dollars. The dollar/euro conversion is made according to the exchange rate above as of August, 2021, and is likely to change. The final price of the excursion will be communicated to you in your travel book.



## Vava'u, Tonga Islands

### Ene'io Tongan feast

The island's inhabitants prepare a magnificent banquet in your honour, composed of local desserts and specialities, international dishes and seasonal fruit (papaya, watermelon, pineapple, banana) awaiting you in Tailulu, accompanied by traditional songs and dance. The simple specialities offered include a selection of local products: roast suckling pig, chicken, fish, *lu pulu* – corned-beef cooked in coconut cream, with baby taro leaves –, *kumara* (Tongan sweet potatoes)... A feast designed to awaken all your senses.

€€ | 4 h



## Savusavu, Vanua Levu Island, Fiji Islands

### Nukubalavu village tour

A picturesque coastal road leads to the village of Nukubalavu, where the Supreme Chief of Savusavu lives. There, you will be greeted by the village elders and invited to take part in the *kava* ceremony: a plant that is similar to pepper, the powder of which is mixed with water, presented in a *bilo* – a coconut shell cup – and offered to those brave enough to taste the beverage. To learn more about their culture and traditional craft techniques, simply mingle with the villagers: sharing of human warmth guaranteed.

€€€ | 3 h



## Taiohae, Nuku Hiva Island, Marquesas Islands

### Taipivai Valley excursion

Made famous by the writer and former mariner Herman Melville, who deserted his ship and hid there, the Taipivai Valley is one of the Marquesas' richest archaeological sites. Melville spent three weeks there observing the locals' way of life, an experience that inspired his first novel *Typee* (1846). This off-road adventure in local vehicles ventures through farming villages and offers many contemplative pauses, so guests can note their own impressions and observations...

€€€ | 4 h

Full tour programme is available on our website [en.ponant.com](https://en.ponant.com) 12 months prior to your cruise departure. You can also pre-book your PONANT shore-excursions up to 2 months before your cruise, and have them billed on board. Final programme will be sent with your cruise documents.

## Extend the dream

Combine the flights and the pre- and post-cruise stays that we offer and treat yourself to a complete trip, where you can explore the Society Islands or the Marquesas by land.



AIR TAHITI NUI

Air Tahiti Nui is a historic partner of PAUL GAUGUIN Cruises and offers you the best fares and a flight plan adapted to a Paris departure.

Voted 'Best Airline in the South Pacific' several times by readers of *Global Traveler* magazine and rewarded as a five-star airline in the official APEX (*Airline Passenger Experience Association*) ranking, Air Tahiti Nui guarantees you the service and comfort of an all-inclusive trip: luggage, meals, snacks, drinks and feel-good kit.





A spacious room with a view of the lagoon, the huge pool designed for peaceful contemplation, the warm welcome: **your first night** in French Polynesia, at the **four-star InterContinental Tahiti**, will immerse you in the delightful ambiance of Polynesia.



**After your cruise**, enjoy a day mixing culture with relaxation. On the programme: an excursion to the home of James Norman Hall, known for *The Bounty Trilogy*, a scenic tour, **lunch and an afternoon at the four-star Hilton Tahiti**. The newest hotel on the island with the largest pool, the Hilton offers a refreshing break before your flight home.

## Relaxing getaway in Papeete

Flight Paris/Papeete  
↓  
**1 or 2 nights in a hotel in Tahiti**  
↓  
Cruise aboard *Le Paul Gauguin*  
↓  
Excursions included  
↓  
**Daytime use of hotel room in Tahiti**  
↓  
Flight Papeete/Paris



An unspoilt setting facing the legendary Matavai Bay is the lush natural setting that surrounds **Le Tahiti by Pearl Resorts four-star hotel**. Overlooking the 900-metre-long Lafayette black sandy beach, it offers you peace and quiet in luxury for **two nights before your cruise**.

## Tranquil getaway in Moorea

Flight Paris/Papeete  
↓  
1 or 2 nights in a hotel in Tahiti  
↓  
Cruise aboard *Le Paul Gauguin*  
↓  
3 nights in a hotel in Moorea  
↓  
Ferry  
↓  
Daytime use of hotel room  
in Tahiti  
↓  
Flight Papeete/Paris

*The services offered in Tahiti are identical to those on the 'Relaxing getaway in Papeete' programme.*

Garden view or sea view? Offering bungalows in the middle of the natural environment or over the water, **the five-star Sofitel Kia Ora Moorea Beach Resort** welcomes you for three nights, after your cruise.



**On the programme: relaxation and attentive services**, with the opportunity to have your breakfast delivered by canoe (for the bungalows over the water), to enjoy Temae Beach, the longest on the island, and to explore the depths of this protected marine area.



We're not making it up: the **five-star InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa** is located on Motu Piti Aau, 'the islet of two hearts' – a perfect name for one of the most romantic and idyllic islands in the world. You can spend **three nights there after your cruise**, situated opposite the legendary Mount Otemanu.



Hydrotherapy, soft energy, Algotharm facials, specialist in marine dermo-cosmetology, and body treatments using water drawn from the depths of the ocean... Spread over 4,000 m<sup>2</sup> in the middle of nature, Deep Ocean Spa offers **unalloyed relaxation experiences**.



Polynesian flavours, refined cuisine, restaurants in harmony with the lagoon: all you have to do is allow yourself to be carried away by the sheer pleasure of these **extraordinary gastronomic experiences**.

## Exquisite getaway in Bora Bora

Flight Paris/Papeete



**1 or 2 nights in a hotel in Tahiti**



Cruise aboard *Le Paul Gauguin*



Flight Papeete/Bora Bora



**3 nights in Bora Bora**



Flight Bora Bora/Papeete



**Daytime use of hotel room  
in Tahiti**



Flight Papeete/Paris

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## A beautiful getaway to the Marquesas

Flight Paris/Papeete  
↓  
**1 night in a hotel in Tahiti**  
↓  
Flight Papeete/Hiva Oa  
(Marquesas Islands)\*  
↓  
**3 nights in a hotel in Hiva Oa  
with excursions included**  
↓  
Flight Hiva Oa/Nuku Hiva  
↓  
**3 nights in a hotel in Nuku Hiva  
with excursions included**  
↓  
Flight Nuku Hiva/Papeete  
↓  
Cruise aboard *Le Paul Gauguin*  
↓  
After disembarking,  
extend your trip with  
**one day in Papeete** (see page 55),  
**three nights in Moorea** (see page 56)  
or in **Bora Bora** (see page 57).

*The services offered in Tahiti are identical to those on the 'Relaxing getaway in Papeete' programme. \*The stays before the cruise to the Marquesas Islands are subject to a limited number of guests. For more details on each of the programmes offered, please contact our travel consultants.*

**First stopover in Hiva Oa**, with an uninterrupted view of Atuona Bay from one of the 14 bungalows at **Hanakee Lodge**. A discreet establishment facing the Pacific Ocean, this hotel offers an enchanting first glimpse of the Marquesas.



The topography of the island, with roads winding through lush scenery, lends itself to exploration. **Enjoy the included excursions** to the village of Atuona, where Paul Gauguin is buried, and to archaeological sites such as Upeke, one of the largest ceremonial centres in French Polynesia, or Te Lipona with its *tiki* approaching 2.5 metres in height, to unlock the mysteries of Hiva Oa.



On a hillside, between the sea and the mountains, the **Nuku Hiva by Pearl Resorts**, a Relais & Châteaux hotel, offers an uninterrupted view of Taiohae Bay and a chance to switch off totally from the modern world, in harmony with nature.



**Excursion to Taiohae**, the island's main village, the archaeological site of Koueva, ride in an off-road vehicle over the island's hills, which offer extraordinary views over Taipivai Valley, or **meet with a local sculptor**: these are the **activities that will punctuate your three days in Nuku Hiva**.

## Rates

Choose your flights and stays before and after the cruise to extend your trip to French Polynesia as you please.

**Your return flights Paris/Papeete**  
from €1,590 <sup>(3)</sup>

### Pre-cruise programmes

Your 1-night stay in Tahiti  
from €370 <sup>(4)</sup>

Your 2-night stay in Tahiti  
from €1,000 <sup>(4)</sup>

Your 7-night stay in the Marquesas Islands  
from €3,760 <sup>(4)</sup>

### Post-cruise programmes

Daytime use of your hotel room in Tahiti  
from €370 <sup>(4)</sup>

Your 3-night stay in Moorea  
from €1,330 <sup>(4)</sup>

Your 3-night stay in Bora Bora  
from €3,070 <sup>(4)</sup>

All transfers between hotels, airports and ports are included.

*Pre-cruise stays of one or two nights in Tahiti are determined by the months of departure. From January to April and from November to December, the two-night programme is available. From April to November, only a one-night stay in a hotel is possible before the cruise.*

# Your ship



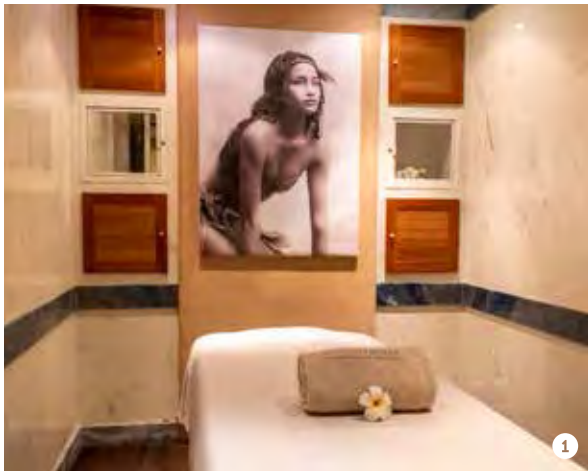




Length: 156 m  
Width: 22 m  
Draft: 5.15 m  
Average cruising speed: 18 knots

Number of staterooms and suites: 165  
Crew members: 209  
Propulsion: diesel electric  
Year of delivery: 1998, renovated in 2021





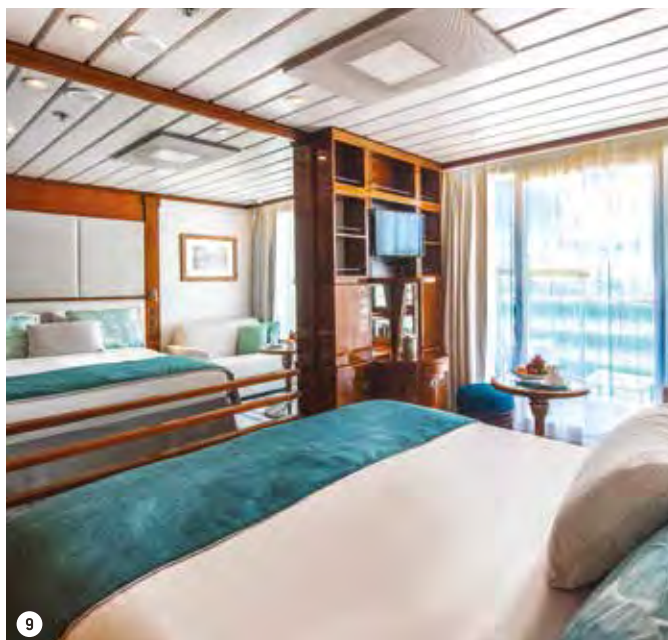
## Le Paul Gauguin

The **165 suites and staterooms** of *Le Paul Gauguin* all benefit from **exterior views** and are tastefully furnished and decorated.

The use of **fine materials** such as expensive woods and *tiki* design elements pays homage to Polynesian culture and combines elegantly with bright pop art colours. The atmosphere on board is suffused with its unique style, and permeates into the cruise guests. Result: the ambiance is relaxed and easy going!







1. The Algotherrm Spa, for treatments and massages based on marine cosmetics
2. The swimming pool area, for relaxing in the sunshine, also features a bar
3. The Grill restaurant, on deck 8
4. L'Étoile gastronomic restaurant
5. The lounge-bar La Palette, open to the outside

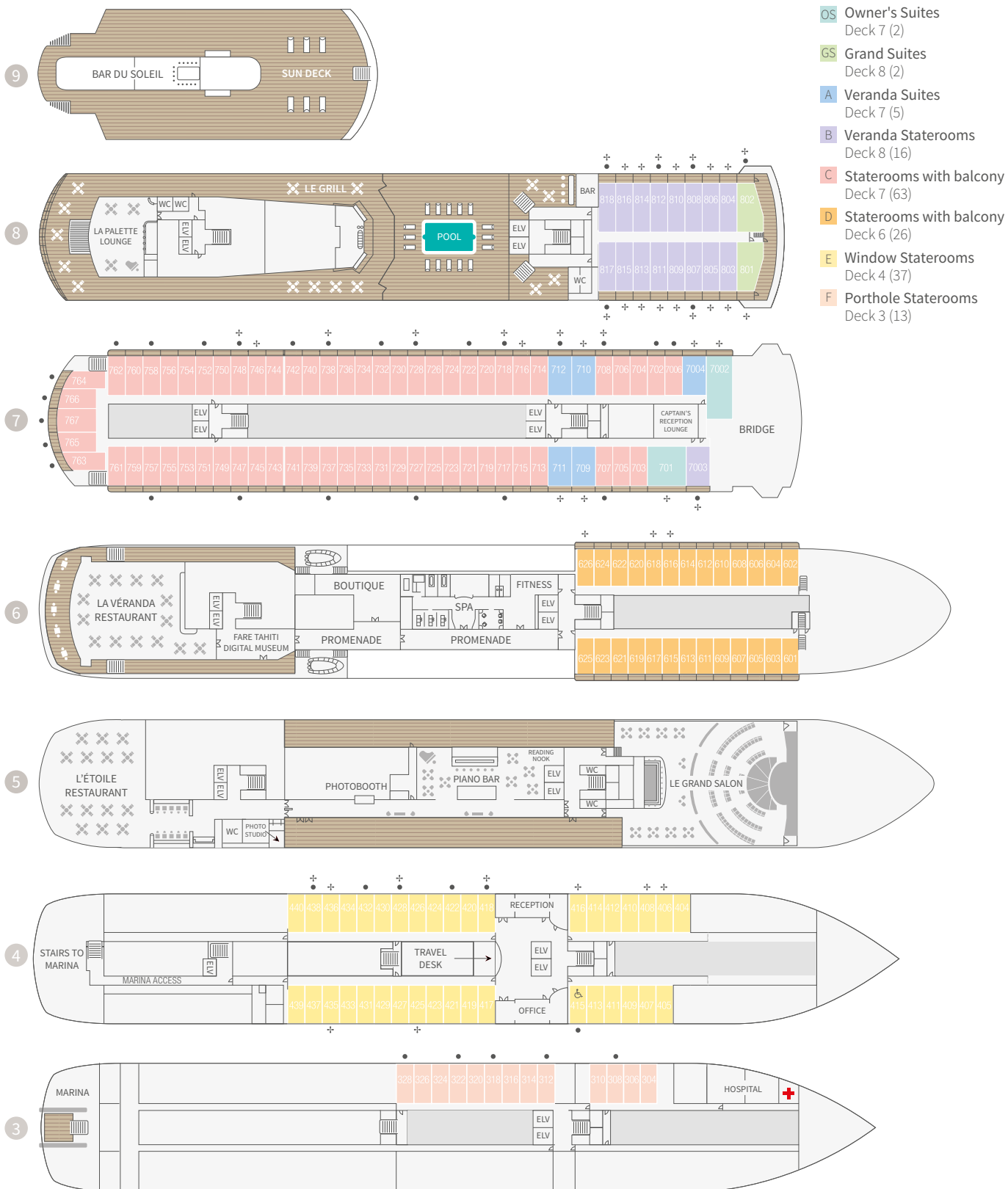
6. Le Paul Gauguin
7. GS Grand Suite
8. The Owner's Suite 701
9. C balcony stateroom

## Amenities

- Queen-size or king-size bed. In some staterooms the bed can convert to two single beds. Some staterooms also have a sofa bed.
- Minibar
- 110 V/220 V electrical sockets
- Flat-screen TV, CD/DVD player
- Telephone
- Safe
- Individual airconditioning

- Marble bathroom with bathtub (except seven staterooms with shower only)
- Algotherrm toiletries and hairdryer
- 24-hour service
- Butler service for the Owner's Suites, the GS Grand Suites, A and B Veranda Suites and Staterooms
- Free Wi-Fi access\*

*\*Depending on the navigation areas, the Wi-Fi may not be accessible for reasons beyond our control.*



- Denotes stateroom with two twin beds that convert to a large double bed.
- + Denotes stateroom with triple occupancy.
- ♿ Stateroom 415 is wheelchair accessible.

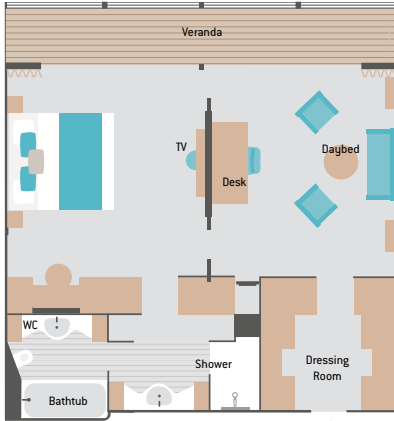
The sofa beds are slightly smaller than the standard twin beds.  
Suites and staterooms range from 200 to 588 square feet.  
This measurement includes balconies and verandas in categories D and above.



# Discover your stateroom

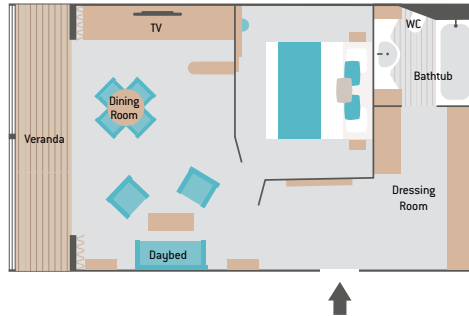
## OWNER'S SUITE 701

(42 sq.m/457 sq.ft + 7 sq.m/77 sq.ft veranda)  
The bathroom boasts a separate shower and a dressing area.



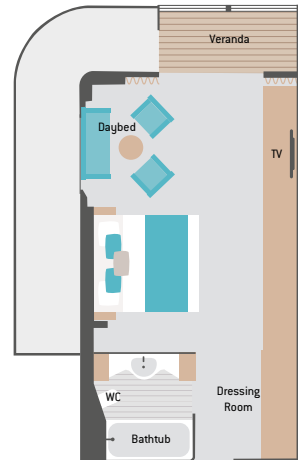
## OWNER'S SUITE 7002

(49 sq.m/531 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/57 sq.ft veranda)  
The bathroom boasts a bathtub and a dressing area.



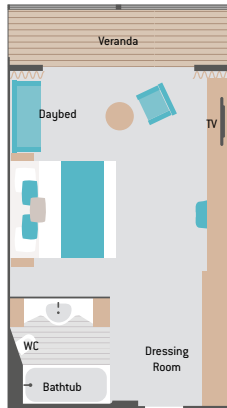
## GS GRAND SUITE

(30 sq.m/332 sq.ft + 18 sq.m/197 sq.ft veranda)  
Two suites available: the Paul Gauguin Suite (801) and the Flora Tristan Suite (802).



## A VERANDA SUITE

(28 sq.m/300 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/58 sq.ft veranda)  
Suites available: Tahiti Suite (709), Pont-Aven Suite (710), Atuona Suite (711), Arles Suite (712).



## B VERANDA STATEROOM

(24 sq.m/249 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/56 sq.ft veranda)  
Cabin 7003 has a shower cubicle and a double bed.

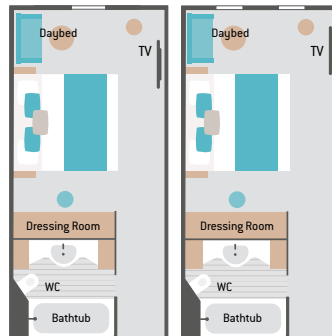
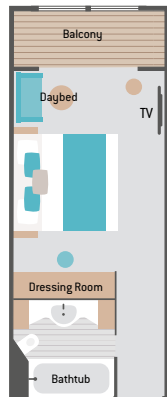


## C BALCONY STATEROOM

(19 sq.m/202 sq.ft + 3 sq.m/37 sq.ft balcony)  
Balcony Staterooms 708, 716, 718, 728, 738, 746 and 748 can accommodate a guest in a sofa bed.  
Stateroom 7006 features a very small bathroom with shower only. Staterooms 763, 764, 765, 766 and 767 vary in size and feature shower stall with no tub.



**D BALCONY STATEROOM**  
(19 sq.m/202 sq.ft + 3 sq.m/37 sq.ft balcony)  
The following Balcony Staterooms can accommodate a guest in a sofa bed: 616, 618 and 626.



## E WINDOW STATEROOM F PORTHOLE STATEROOM

(19 sq.m/200 sq.ft)  
The following Window Staterooms can accommodate a guest in a sofa bed: 406, 408, 416, 418, 425, 428, 435, 436 and 438.

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**Conditions for entering Polynesia:** to see the latest entry and stay conditions for Tahiti and its surrounding islands regarding Covid, please check the Tahiti Tourism website: <https://tahititourisme.uk/en-gb/covid-19/>

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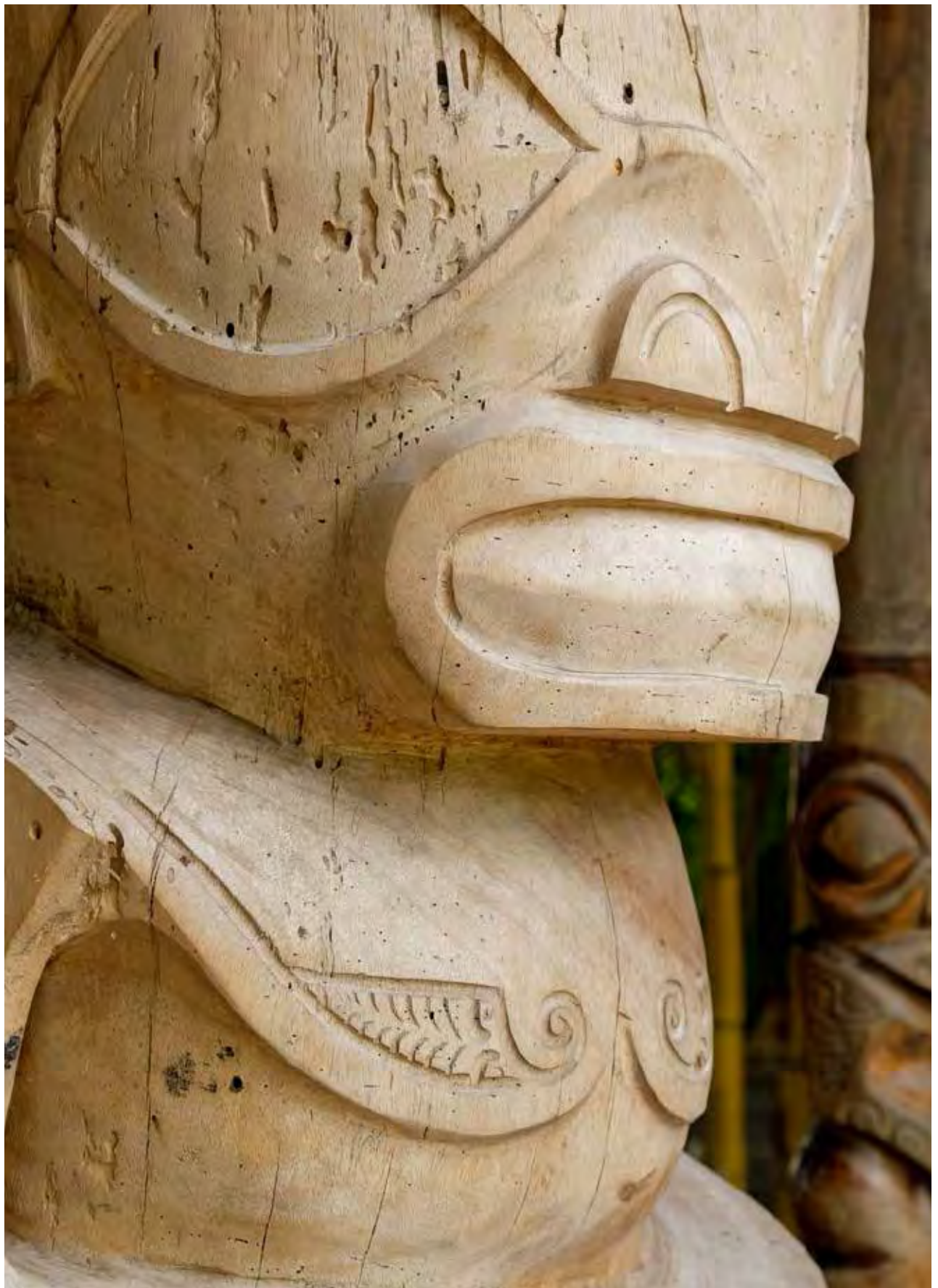


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