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# **Tahiti and the Society Islands**

Discover your own island inspiration in Tahiti and the Society Islands, the destination that enchanted painter Paul Gauguin, author James A. Michener, and countless others. You'll find your own little piece of paradise in this stunning part of the South Pacific!





# 9 days/8 nights

# ITINERARY

### Day 1: Depart from Los Angeles, CA

Board your overnight flight in Los Angeles, bound for breathtaking Tahiti! We can offer airfares from other cities in the US or an air credit should you want to purchase your airfare separately.

#### Day 2: Embark the MS Paul Gaugin, Papeete, Tahiti

Transfer from the airport to the port where you will join the ship, the MS Paul Gaugin. A gorgeous collection of volcanic islands strewn across the blue Pacific, Polynesia paints a stunning picture. And, as the capital city on the largest of all 118 islands, Papeete offers endless opportunities for exploration and relaxation. Dynamic dining, nightlife, and shopping can be found around every corner, and Papeete serves as a departure and arrival port for most cruises in the South Pacific.

#### Day 3: Huahine, Society Islands

Known as "The Garden Island," Huahine's lush rainforests and dramatic terrain surround sacred sites and legendary landmarks that are among the best-preserved archaeological sites in French Polynesia. If Huahine's expansive lagoon is calling your name, enjoy a SCUBA diving excursion or picnic on the beach.

#### Day 4: Taha'a (Motu Mahana), Society Islands

Embark on your choice of exciting shore excursions today, or spend your whole day relaxing on Motu Mahana, our very own private islet. Enjoy swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking, or simply lounge on the beach with a chilled beverage from our floating bar. Les Gauguines will also be on hand to provide musical entertainment and demonstrate traditional Polynesian crafts. A delicious barbecue lunch is provided.

#### Day 5: Bora Bora, Society Islands

A bucket list destination for many, stunning Bora Bora welcomes you for two full days of exploring lush peaks, white sand beaches, colourful coral reefs, and romantic lagoons. Immediately recognizable by Mount Otemanu rising from the ocean, this half-atoll, half-mountain is surrounded by a spectacular lagoon and a series of smaller islands. Ancient Polynesians called it Parapora, or "firstborn," because they thought it was the first island created after Raiatea. Experience the natural beauty of the island with an optional snorkeling excursion, sunset jet boat ride, or a helicopter tour that flies you over Bora Bora's iconic Mount Otemanu. You can also spend time at our private beach which offers volleyball, snorkelling, kayaking and paddle boarding.

#### Day 6 & 7: Bora Bora - Moorea, Society Islands

From Bora Bora sail on to Moorea. Vibrant colors abound on Moorea, in everything from fresh fruits and flowers to multi-hued lagoons, and from spectacular mountain peaks to palm-fringed beaches. Shop for local handicrafts, embark on an optional dolphin-watching expedition with a marine biologist, and sample the local pineapples, said to be the most delicious in all of French Polynesia.

#### Day 8: Moorea, Society Islands - Papeete, Tahiti, Society Islands

Sail today from Moorea back to Papeete.

#### Day 9: Disembark in Papeete, Tahiti, Society Islands

Tahiti's capital city of Papeete welcomes you back with emerald hillsides, sapphire waters, and warm breezes. Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Los Angeles and onwards to your home city. If you're not ready for your South Pacific vacation to end, spend a few days here experiencing resorts, spas, restaurants, nightlife, and shopping.

### Details

#### **Trip Code:**

009337 - R12

#### INCLUDED

- Roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles
- Airport/pier transfers
- All shipboard meals, in a choice of venues
- Complimentary room service
- All beverages, including select wines and spirits
- On-board gratuities for room stewards and dining staff
- Complimentary watersports
- Day at a Private Islet, Motu Mahana
- Access to a private beach in Bora Bora

# NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to Los Angeles from your home city and return
- Port, security and handling fees of US\$129-260 per person
- Optional shore excursions
- Travel Insurance
- Items of a personal nature

## TOUR NOTES

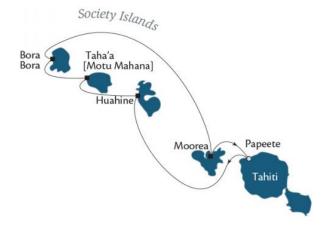
#### Extend Your Trip in the stunning South Pacific islands:

Spend a few days before or after your cruise in one of the stunning island locations to round out what is sure to be a perfect trip! Three-night airfare and accommodation packages are available to add on to your cruise reservation in Tahiti, Bora Bora, Moorea, Taha'a and Tetiaroa, including the option of fabulous over-water bungalows! We can quote you the pre and post cruise extensions that fit around your cruise dates and co-ordinate your airfare accordingly.

Other cruise itineraries and dates are available on the m/s Paul Gauguin including Society Islands and Tahiti Iti (7 nights); Society Islands and Tuamotus (10 nights); Cook Islands and Society Islands (11 nights); Fiji, Tonga, Cook and Society Islands (12-13 nights); Marquesas, Tuamotus and Society Islands (14 nights). Ask us for details on these alternate programs.

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