



TAHITI & THE PEARLS OF FRENCH POLYNESIA

8 DAY CRUISE AROUND TAHITI AND THE SOCIETY ISLANDS ON BOARD M/S PANORAMA II



1 **PAPEETE, TAHITI ▶ BORA BORA**

Embark the Panorama II in Papeete Port between 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm. After a welcome briefing and safety drill, we will set sail for Bora Bora. Overnight at sea.

🍴 Dinner 🚢 M/S Panorama II

2 **BORA BORA**

Early morning arrival in Bora Bora, possibly the most photographed place on earth. Our ship sails into Bora Bora lagoon with Mount Otemanu rising proudly at the center. Over the following two days, we will have a variety of optional activities to choose from, such as:

- A Bora Bora Cultural Tour by 4x4.
- An excursion to snorkel with sting rays and sharks and explore the lagoon.
- The Bora Bora tour by "Le Truck" and more.

Overnight at anchor.

🍴 Full Board 🚢 M/S Panorama II

3 **BORA BORA ▶ HUAHINE**

Today, we continue our Bora Bora optional activities. After lunch, we cruise the Bora Bora lagoon and sail to Huahine, arriving late in the evening. Overnight at anchor inside the lagoon.

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4 **HUAHINE**

Huahine, once home to Tahitian royalty, is considered the cradle of Polynesian

culture. The two islands maintain the largest concentration of ancient marae (temples) in French Polynesia, some of which are believed to date back to around 700 AD. Huahine is a colossal tropical jungle burgeoning with coconut plantations, vanilla orchids, banana groves, breadfruit trees and watermelon fields. Our optional half-day tour takes us by 4x4 vehicle around the island to visit the small villages of Fare and Maeva, an archaeological site, and a vanilla plantation. There will also be an opportunity to see and feed the sacred blue-eyed eels of Faie Bay.

Overnight at anchor.

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5 **HUAHINE ▶ TAHA'A**

We leave Huahine early this morning and sail to the island of Taha'a, which shares a magnificent lagoon with Raiatea Island. The fertile island is covered with banana, watermelon and coconut groves. The island also acts as a vast natural greenhouse for the treasured Tahitian vanilla orchid.

Our optional half-day excursion will allow us to explore the beautiful interior of the island by 4x4 vehicle. Taste the local fruit and admire breathtaking views of the magnificent turquoise waters of Ha'amene Bay. This excursion also includes a visit to a pearl farm and a traditional vanilla plantation. In the afternoon, we will have plenty of time for swimming and snorkelling

from a "motu", or reef islet.

Overnight at anchor.

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6 **TAHA'A ▶ RAIATEA ▶ MOOREA**

We sail across the lagoon to reach nearby Raiatea, which translates to "faraway heaven" and "sky with soft light". Originally known as Havai'i, Raiatea is considered the homeland of the ancient Polynesians. Our morning optional excursion will introduce you to the highlights of Raiatea. Meet your guide for an informative & intimate tour by minibus. Enjoy a panoramic drive through the main town of Uturoa -- the cultural and administrative center of Raiatea. Shortly after leaving town, you will see Mount Temehani -- endemic home to the Tiare Apetahi. Our highlight stop is at the main ancient Marae (open-air temple) of Taputapuatea, recently became a UNESCO protected site -- your guide will cover the origins & history of this famous land mark. Here, we will learn about its Polynesian origins and historical relevance. Optional afternoon tour includes an exploration by kayak of the Faaroa River, French Polynesia's only navigable river, with an expert guide leading the way through Raiatea's verdant interior. Late in the evening we sail to Moorea.

Overnight at sea.

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MOOREA



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RAIATEA & TAHA'A

7 **MOOREA**

This morning, we reach Moorea, believed to be the inspiration for the mythical Bali Hai from James Michener's Tales of the South Pacific. Eight gargantuan mountain peaks rise from its magnificent lagoon, creating a distinctive silhouette visible from the western coast of Tahiti. Morning and afternoon optional half day excursions;

- A snorkelling and ray tour.
- A nature & culture tour taking you to admire magnificent views in the interior of the island.

Tonight we will enjoy our Farewell Dinner. Overnight at anchor.

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8 **MOOREA ▶ PAPEETE, TAHITI**

Early morning sailing to Tahiti. Morning arrival in Papeete. Disembarkation at 9:00 am after breakfast.

🍴 Breakfast

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation in double or twin cabins with private SH/WC and air conditioning.
- Full Board: Buffet breakfast and two meals daily, including a Welcome Cocktail, a local Theme Evening, fun BBQ (weather permitting) and Captain's Dinner.
- Regular (filter) coffee, tea and drinking water free all day.
- Use of fishing and snorkelling equipment (subject to availability).
- English speaking cruise escort.

EXCLUSIONS

- International flights and airport taxes.
- Transfers from and to the airport.
- Beverages (except what is included).
- Shore excursions on the islands or other land arrangements.
- Tips for members of the crew.
- Personal items and expenses.
- Wi-Fi (available at an extra charge).

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