



Cook & Society Islands

11 Nights

M/S Paul Gauguin

10 November 2015



Summary

On this South Pacific Odyssey, you'll discover the isle of Huahine, renowned for its spectacular rain forests. Then experience the unique majesty of the Cook Islands. Arid Aitutaki is virtually flat-so much so that you can spot the ocean from nearly any point on the island, sitting in sharp contrast to sister island Rarotonga's jagged peaks and deep valleys. Rarotonga's fertile slopes of red earth and sparkling aquamarine lagoon call to mind the classic Victorian ideal of paradise, which the island was called by its first European explorers. Return to the Society Islands for days in alluring Bora Bora, Taha'a, Moorea, and Papeete.

Overview

Country:	Cook Island – Society Islands
Cities:	Papeete - Huahine – Aitutaki – Rarotonga - BoraBora - Taha'a - Moorea
Season:	March – December 2015
Duration:	12 days / 11 nights
Port of departure:	Papeete
Starting Price:	\$ 5895

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Itinerary

Day	Date	Port	Arrival	Departure
1	TBA	Papeete	TBA	TBA
2	TBA	Huahine	TBA	TBA
3	TBA	At Sea	TBA	TBA
4	TBA	Aitutaki	TBA	TBA
5	TBA	Rarotonga	TBA	TBA
6	TBA	At Sea	TBA	TBA
7	TBA	Bora Bora	TBA	TBA
8	TBA	Bora Bora	TBA	TBA
9	TBA	Taha'a	TBA	TBA
10	TBA	Moorea	TBA	TBA
11	TBA	Papeete	TBA	TBA
12	TBA	Papeete	TBA	TBA

* TBA: To be advised



Day 1: Papeete/Embark the m/s Paul Gauguin

Embark the m/s Paul Gauguin in the afternoon and have time to settle into your cabin before dinner onboard later in the evening. The ship will set sail later that night.

Day 2: Huahine

Huahine is actually two islands, Huahine Iti and Huahine Nui, and the ship anchors between the two in Maroe Bay. This strikingly beautiful pair of islands boasts a crystalline lagoon, colorful villages, and a wealth of Polynesian archaeological sites. Rising 2,200 feet above the sea, Mount Turi is the islands' high point and provides a dramatic backdrop. While you're here, you can cruise the lagoon, explore the island's culture, or picnic on the beach. More vigorous pursuits including a hill trek and SCUBA diving are also available.

Day 3: At Sea

Take a day to enjoy shipboard life: relax poolside, watch the South Pacific pass by, play some table tennis, or read up on our next port at the Reading Gallery.

Day 4: Aitutaki, Cook Islands

Aitutaki's coral reefs enclose a particularly large and beautiful lagoon. Uninhabited, palm-clad islets (motus) dot the reef, and even the main island is only eight square miles in area. Bask in the sun and enjoy breath-taking views of the shimmering lagoon during a lagoon cruise and beach visit. Or venture to a nearby marine reserve for some snorkeling. Arutanga village is the island's town, home to the oldest church in the Cooks, which dates from 1829.

Day 5: Rarotonga, Cook Islands

Call today at Rarotonga, capital of the Cook Islands and the most mountainous of the group. Although this is one of the most beautiful places in the world to do nothing, you have a plethora of options for getting as active as you want. Snorkel in the crystalline waters of Muri Lagoon, or encounter the lushness of tropical nature in the Takitumu Conservation Area. Take an easy ride all the way around the island, or make a rugged hike into its lush interior with "Pa," a local naturalist.

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Day 6: At Sea

Spend another day experiencing Paul Gauguin's Polynesian ambience: casual, leisurely, and graceful. Take in a lecture on local wildlife or history, and relax this evening over classic French cuisine.

Day 7: Bora Bora, Society Islands

Pulitzer Prize-winning author James Michener described Bora Bora as "The most beautiful island in the world." You might wish to explore the island with a number of activities, such as a tour of the island paradise that affords breathtaking island views. Or, glide over crystalline waters on a glass bottom boat to see the island's famous marine life without getting wet, take a thrilling helicopter ride over the ship and island, or simply spend a few hours lolling on the island's beautiful beach.

Day 8: Bora Bora

Bora Bora's lagoon is constantly replenished with ocean water from the swells that crash between sandy motus and over the lagoon's fringing reef. Perhaps today you will discover its charms while swimming, snorkeling, or via an outrigger canoe.

Day 9: Taha'a (Motu Mahana)

Motu Mahana, an islet adjacent to Taha'a, is our very own South Seas paradise featuring white sand beaches with swaying palms, crystal-clear waters and gentle breezes. As an exclusive Paul Gauguin event, guests will spend a full day exploring this idyllic, isolated island, and relaxing with a delicious barbecue lunch and Polynesian entertainment featuring strolling musicians and singers.

Day 10: Moorea

Covered in an abundance of fresh fruits and flowers, spectacular mountain peaks, peaceful multi-hued lagoons and palm-fringed beaches, Moorea's awesome beauty is unsurpassed. White-sand beaches lapped by the translucent shimmering lagoon water and shaded by palm, coconut, and ironwood groves stretch for miles. Moorea is another haven for humpback whales at this time of year, and during your visit, you might wish to take an optional whale-watching cruise. Or embark on an optional air-conditioned coach ride around the island to admire the stunning views.

Day 11: Moorea/Papeete, Tahiti

Perhaps today you will try an optional SCUBA diving excursion among the sea turtles and the staggering number of fish species that call Moorea's waters home. Or simply relax and revel in the island's natural splendor.

Day 12: Disembark in Papeete

In the morning you'll have brunch aboard ship, then disembark in the spot where you began your trip of a lifetime.

Itinerary may vary slightly depending on sailing date



Starting price per person sharing double in Euro

Departure	Type of Cabin	Price
07 March 2015	F-Porthole Stateroom	5895
	E-Window Stateroom	6095
	D-Balcony Stateroom	7645
	C- Window Stateroom	7845
	B- Window Stateroom	9545
	A - Balcony Stateroom	11595
11 April 2015	F-Porthole Stateroom	5895
	E-Window Stateroom	6095
	D-Balcony Stateroom	7645
	C- Window Stateroom	7845
	B- Window Stateroom	9545
	A - Balcony Stateroom	11595
30 May 2015	F-Porthole Stateroom	5895
	E-Window Stateroom	6095
	D-Balcony Stateroom	7645
	C- Window Stateroom	7845
	B- Window Stateroom	9545
	A - Balcony Stateroom	11595
18 July 2014	F-Porthole Stateroom	5895
	E-Window Stateroom	6095
	D-Balcony Stateroom	7645
	C- Window Stateroom	7845
	B- Window Stateroom	9545
	A - Balcony Stateroom	11595
05 December 2015	F-Porthole Stateroom	5695
	E-Window Stateroom	5845
	D-Balcony Stateroom	7345
	C- Window Stateroom	7545
	B- Window Stateroom	9145
	A - Balcony Stateroom	11295

- *Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking*
- Single supplements 100% (category A), 75% (category B & C), 25% (category C, staterooms 402 & 301).

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Booking terms & conditions

Cancellations and refunds:

The following cancellation charges will apply to any cancellation by guests:

Date of cancellation charge:

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 this purpose, “Departure Date” means the date the sea, air/sea or air/sea/land program first departs and “Full Fare” means the full cost of any cruise, hotel or air component purchased from PGS or PGPS. Some components may have different refund and/or cancellation policies and penalties and, if so, these will be explained at time of booking.

Children:

Any child under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 21. If the adult accompanying the child is not a parent, a “Parental Consent Guardianship Form” must be signed by a parent or legal guardian and received by PGC prior to sailing. The ships are not able to accommodate children under one year of age and reserve the right to restrict the number of those under three years of age on board. Babysitting services cannot be arranged in advance, and the availability of such services is not guaranteed. Parents must be diligent to guard their children while on or near the balconies or any railing. The ships are not equipped to provide pre-natal, post-natal or pediatric services.

Deposit and payment:

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. Payment may be made by bank wire, personal check, American Express, Visa or MasterCard. Once a deposit is made, all changes are subject to an administrative/cancellation fee.

PGPS arrangements will require payment at time of reservation/booking. Payments cannot be transferred to an alternative booking within 120 days of travel. Once payment is made, all changes are subject to an administrative/cancellation fee.

Dress code for evenings:

Evenings on board are elegant, yet they are not formal. “Country Club Casual,” or resort wear, is appropriate for all evenings. For gentlemen, slacks and a button-down or traditional polo shirt, for example. No ties are required at any time, although gentlemen may wish to bring one blazer to wear on the evening of the Captain’s Welcome Reception. For ladies, slacks, skirts or informal dresses are recommended. Please note that jeans, shorts, T-shirts and for gentlemen open shoes (such as flip flops, crocs or sandals) are not appropriate for evening wear on board.

Payment facilities available with CFC and Byblos Bank

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