

Tahiti, Society islands & Tuamotus

7 Nights

M/S Paul Gauguin

February 2016



Summary

Visit the stunning Society Islands and the Tuamotu Archipelago – a diver's paradise – in just one week! In the low-lying atolls of the Tuamotus – none of the which rise more than ten feet above sea level – you'll visit Fakarava, a UNESCO-Classified Nature Reserve, and Rangiroa, home to the second-largest lagoon in the world. You'll also explore the Society Islands renowned for their exquisite beauty: the "Garden Island," Huahine … legendary Bora Bora … Moorea, said to be the inspiration for Bali Hai … and our own private islet off the coast of Taha'a. One departure only, so don't miss this chance to see highlights of two French Polynesian island groups on a unique, 7-night itinerary!

Overview

Country:	Society Islands
Cities:	Papeete, Huahine, Taha's, Bora Bora, Moorea
Season:	06 February 2016
Duration:	08 days / 07 nights
Port of departure:	Tahiti
Starting Price:	\$ 5345

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Itinerary

Day	Port	
1	Tahiti	
2	Huahine	Bora Rangiroa Tuama
3	Fakarava	
4	Rangiroa	Taha'a [Motu Mahana]
5	Taha'a	
6	Bora Bora	Sacian Papeere
7	Moorea / Papeete	Suchen Islands Moorea Tahiti
8	Papeete	

Day 1: Embark the m/s Paul Gauguin in Papeete, Tahiti, Society Islands

Begin your voyage through paradise in the capital of Tahiti, the largest and most populated of the French Polynesian islands. Here you'll embark the luxurious yet casual m/s *Paul Gauguin*. With an endless choice of things to do, from relaxing poolside with a book to playing the slots in the casino, you will never be bored.

Day 2: Huahine

Today, you'll call on Huahine, known as the "Garden Island" for its lush rainforests and dramatic terrain. While here, you might explore the island's sacred sites and legendary landmarks that are among the best-preserved archaeological remains in French Polynesia. Enjoy snorkeling or SCUBA diving in the expansive lagoon. Or picnic on the beach.

Day 3: Fakarava, Tuamotus

Known in the days before modern navigation as the "Dangerous Archipelago" for its shallow passages, the Tuamotus islands are a diver's paradise. You'll call first on Fakarava, whose diverse ecosystem has earned it the designation of a UNESCO-Classified Nature Reserve. There are two massive passes on the island where experienced divers can descend up to 130 feet into a world of cauliflower coral, gray sharks, and fish schooling by the thousands. Or stay on land and explore the island's charming villages, ancient temples, and 19th-century coral church.

Day 4: Rangiroa

Rangiroa is the largest atoll of the Tuamotu Archipelago, which comprises 78 coral atolls scattered over several hundred miles of the eastern Pacific Ocean. Life on these remote atolls is simple, quiet, and peaceful. In the small villages, the visitor can discover the true flavor of the Tuamotu, often participating in the daily activities of the Paumotu people. The interior lagoons are a haven for black pearl farms, fish breeding farms, snorkeling, and SCUBA diving.

Day 5: 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 Cruises event, you will spend a full day on this idyllic island, pursuing your own pleasures from swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking in the turquoise lagoon to playing volleyball, learning Tahitian cooking secrets, and simply relaxing on the beach. Also included is a delicious barbecue lunch and Polynesian entertainment featuring strolling musicians and singers.

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Day 6: Bora Bora

Pulitzer Prize-winning author James Michener called Bora Bora "the most beautiful island in the world." Dominated by towering Mount Otemanu and surrounded by a lagoon protected by low-lying coral reefs, this is indeed a spectacular destination. Explore this quintessential Pacific paradise on your own or on a choice or shore excursions. Embark on an off-road safari that offers breathtaking island views. Glide over crystalline waters on a glass-bottom boat to see the island's famous marine life without getting wet. Or simply spend a few hours basking and snorkeling on our own private beach on a motu off the coast.

Day 7: Moorea/Papeete (Tahiti)

Graced with an abundance of fresh fruits and flowers, spectacular mountain peaks, peaceful multihued lagoons, and palm-fringed beaches, Moorea boasts an awesome beauty that is unsurpassed. During your visit, you might wish to shop for local crafts, embark on a dolphin-watching expedition with a marine biologist and witness these fascinating animals in their amazing natural habitat, or try out some of the local pineapples, said to be the most delicious in all of French Polynesia. Late this afternoon, The Gauguin cruises to Papeete, docking for the night.

Day 8: Disembark in Papeete

Cap off your epic journey where it all began. You won't be the same as when you first set sail – these exotic isles are said to touch people in magical ways. If you want to explore more of this side of paradise, perhaps you will choose our pre- and post-cruise hotel programs in Bora Bora, Moorea, Taha'a, and Papeete.

Prices Include

7-night accommodation on full board basis All activities on board

Prices Exclude

Round trip ticket (economy class) Round trip transfer: airport – pier – airport Airport & port taxes Travel insurance Drinks & tips on board Optional tours

Starting price per person sharing double in US\$			
Type of Cabin	Price		
F Porthole Stateroom	5345		
E Window Stateroom	5545		
D Balcony Stateroom	6545		
C Balcony Stateroom	6695		
B Veranda Stateroom	7745		
A Veranda Suite	8945		
Grand Suite	10995		
Owner's Suite	11395		
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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

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.

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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.

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