

# TAHITIAN CRUISE

May 23-June 2, 2023

Uncover the world-famous Society Islands of French Polynesia by small ship! Bora Bora, Huahine, Taha'a, Raiatea, and Mo'orea are gorgeous islands sculpted by sky-piercing, moss-green peaks and lined with vivid turquoise lagoons. Island hopping will allow you to see every landscape, from geometric ridges strung with waterfalls on the high islands to flat, desert-like atolls where lagoons far outsize the landmass. The Islands of Tahiti are a slice of paradise with unrivaled culture, history, natural beauty, and marine life!

## INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip airport transfers
- Round-trip air to Pape'ete, Tahiti
- 2 nights' accommodations on land
- 7-night cruise in cabin category of choice
- 3 meals on land and all onboard meals
- Porter service of one bag per person at hotel
- Taxes and gratuities for included services on land and cruise
- Complimentary beverages on board (including alcohol)
- 5 shore excursions
- Professional tour manager

### Not included in the price of this tour:

Meals/beverages other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea or coffee with included meals on land, premium wines and spirits aboard the ship, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, shore excursions, excursion driver/guide gratuities, phone calls and faxes from hotel/ship, travel protection plan, passport fees, visa fees (if applicable), current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline, fees related to any COVID-19 requirements for this destination, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.

### Activity Level: Moderate to Energetic

In order to participate in this tour, **you must:**

- Be able to walk/stand 4-6 hours at a time at an easy pace in all weather conditions
- Be able to maneuver frequent stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces without assistance

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## TOUR PRICING

per person, double

**Cat. C** Lower Deck (114-119 ft<sup>2</sup>) **\$7,535**

**Cat. B** Lower Deck (108-140 ft<sup>2</sup>) **\$7,635**

**Cat. A** Main Deck (97-130 ft<sup>2</sup>) **\$7,835**

(cabins subject to availability at time of registration)

## OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION

Farmers State Bank **RECOMMENDS** all travelers purchase a Travel Protection Plan. For your convenience, we offer a travel protection plan provided by Travellex Insurance Services:

**\$736** per person, double

(Please include insurance payment with your deposit to Farmers State Bank)

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### NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS

1. **\$800** per person is required with your registration form to reserve your spot.
2. An additional **\$700** per person is required by: **JULY 1, 2022**
3. An additional **\$1,500** per person is required by: **SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**

**FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE:**  
**JANUARY 10, 2023**

**DAY 1 TUESDAY, MAY 23****FLIGHT TO TAHITI**

Today we will transfer to the Des Moines airport for our overnight flight to **Pape'ete, Tahiti**.

**DAY 2 WEDNESDAY, MAY 24****PAPE'ETE, TAHITI****(Dinner)**

Welcome to Tahiti! Upon arrival in Pape'ete, we will meet our waiting motorcoach and transfer to our hotel. Take time to relax before we gather for dinner.

**DAY 3 THURSDAY, MAY 25****PAPE'ETE, TAHITI****(Breakfast)**

Today is at your leisure. Consider shopping in the vibrant market and trying local cuisine at a roulotte (food truck)!

**DAY 4 FRIDAY, MAY 26****PAPE'ETE, TAHITI****(Breakfast, Dinner)**

Enjoy a leisurely morning before we **board the *Panorama II* for our seven-night cruise** around the collection of French Polynesian islands known as the Society Islands. The ship is just ours, as we have chartered the *Panorama II* for the week! After settling into our comfortable cabins, we will set sail for Bora Bora.

**DAY 5 SATURDAY, MAY 27****BORA BORA****(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

Early this morning we will arrive in **Bora Bora**, perhaps the most photographed place on earth! The ship will sail into the Bora Bora lagoon and drop anchor for an overnight stay set against the backdrop of Mount Otemanu rising proudly from the lagoon's center. Today's included excursion will be an island tour by "Le Truck." We'll board a comfortable, open-air truck and embark on a leisurely tour to explore the daily life of Bora Bora's Tahitians, witness the making of pareo, learn about tupa crabs, taste local fruits, and hear about relics left behind by the U.S. Military.

**DAY 6 SUNDAY, MAY 28****HUAHINE****(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

The morning is yours to do as you wish in paradise! After lunch we will sail to **Huahine** and overnight at anchor in the lagoon.

**DAY 7 MONDAY, MAY 29****HUAHINE****(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

Once home to Tahitian royalty, **Huahine** is considered the cradle of Polynesian culture. Its 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 filled with coconut plantations, vanilla orchids, banana groves, breadfruit trees, and watermelon fields. Our **full-day excursion** will take us to many of Huahine's sacred sites and legendary places. We will set off to explore the island and learn about Polynesian geology, botany, anthropology, archaeology, sociology, economy, history, and traditions. Visits to the small villages of Maeva and Fare, an archaeological site, a vanilla plantation, and the home of the sacred blue-eyed eels are included, along with a delicious lunch on a beautiful motu (small island).

**DAY 8 TUESDAY, MAY 30****TAHA'A****(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

We will set sail this morning to the island of **Taha'a**, which shares a magnificent lagoon with Raiatea Island. The fertile island is covered with bananas, watermelons, and coconuts, and it also acts as a vast natural greenhouse for the treasured Tahitian vanilla orchid. Today's half-day tour will have us exploring the beautiful interior of the island by 4x4 vehicle. We'll have the opportunity to taste the local fruit and admire the breathtaking views of the magnificent turquoise waters of Ha'amene Bay. The highlights of the tour will be a visit to a pearl farm and a traditional vanilla plantation. There will also be plenty of time this afternoon for swimming and snorkeling. Tonight we will overnight at anchor.

**DAY 9 WEDNESDAY, MAY 31****RAIATEA****(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

A short sail across the lagoon will bring us to **Raiatea**, which translates to "faraway heaven" and "sky with soft light." Originally known as Hava'i'i, Raiatea is considered the homeland of ancient Polynesians. Our tour this morning will introduce us to the highlights of Raiatea with a panoramic drive through the main town of Uturoa and stunning views of Mount Temehani. This mountain is the only place on earth where the *tiari apetahi* flower grows. When the sun touches this extremely rare flower each morning, the petals open with a slight crackling sound! The highlight of the tour will be the ancient Marae Taputapuatea, a UNESCO-protected site with a fascinating history. Late in the evening, we will set sail for Mo'orea.

**DAY 10 THURSDAY, JUNE 1****MO'OREA****(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

This morning we'll reach **Mo'orea**, believed to be the inspiration for the mythical Bali Hai from James Michener's *Tales of the Pacific*. Eight gargantuan mountain peaks rise from its magnificent lagoon, creating a distinctive silhouette visible from the western coast of Tahiti. This morning's excursion will be filled with pineapple fields, vanilla plantations, a volcanic crater, and ancient relics. Tonight we will gather for a delicious farewell dinner to cap off our spectacular cruise through paradise!

**DAY 11 FRIDAY, JUNE 2****HOME****(Breakfast)**

We will sail to Pape'ete early this morning, disembarking after breakfast and transferring to the airport for our flight home.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

For full tour terms and conditions, please visit [www.stardestinations.com/terms-and-conditions-fsb-tahiti](http://www.stardestinations.com/terms-and-conditions-fsb-tahiti).

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