

DAILY PROGRAM
2027
AUSTRALS ISLANDS
WITH MAUPITI
ANGLAIS

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RIMATARA • RURUTU • RAIVAVAE • TUBUAI

DAY 1 — PAPEETE & MOOREA

PAPEETE - DEPARTURE 12:00 PM

Boarding : 07:00 AM -09:00 AM

MOOREA - ARRIVAL 02:00 PM

Close to the island of Tahiti, Aranoa arrives at Moorea at 2pm. Part of the Society Islands, this unique destination is distinguished by the presence of two bays, Cook's Bay and Opunohu Bay, separated by Mount Rotui, which give it a trident shape. With dazzling lagoons and a lush mountainous interior, Moorea is a beautiful island to explore and guests will have the chance to visit a pineapple plantation and learn about the harvesting process for this fruit.

DAY 2 — AT SEA

A day to relax on the Pool Deck or in the comfort of our air-conditioned Salon. Or why not simply enjoy the view of the South Pacific Ocean during our crossing to the island of Tubuai. Lectures on the culture and history of the Austral Islands will give you a comprehensive insight into this civilization. During the cruise, the spirited Polynesian crew will proudly introduce you to their way of life and entertain you with Polynesian songs and rhythms on their "ukulele", guitars and drums.

DAY 3 — RIMATARA (Austral Archipelago)



The Aranoa disembarks at the «Taanini» dock. A small circular volcanic plateau, Rimatara, the last island of the archipelago to be discovered in the 19th century by Captain Samuel Pinder Henry, has preserved its old traditions, including its own dialect. It is home to an endemic bird, the amazing and colorful Kuhl's Lori,

the «Ura», which is also found in the Cook Islands. After passing through a purification smoke ceremony, an ancient tradition of welcome, discover the main villages by bus. In the old cemetery of Amaru, facing the sea, lies the entire lineage of kings and queens who ruled the island of Rimatara. An old legend says that you should never make faces in front of the royal tomb, otherwise you will remain disfigured for the rest of your life. A barbecue will be served on the beach of Motuaura. Its crystal-clear waters invite you to dive in and discover it with a mask and snorkel. Covered with taro plants and fruit trees, Rimatara is a flower garden with a fresh water well. A bird watching excursion to discover the red parakeet «Ura» is offered as an optional activity (sign-up at the reception).

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DAY 4 & 5 — RURUTU (Austral Archipelago)

Rurutu is known throughout Polynesia for the exceptional quality of its basketry, including magnificent hats, bags, baskets and rugs made from pandanus leaves and other natural materials. With the Aranoa at anchor off Rurutu, after lunch on board, passengers will disembark in barges at the "Moerai" quay, where they will be greeted by a performance of local songs. Enjoy free time in the peaceful village of Moerai.

On the second day, a flowery welcome accompanied by Polynesian songs and rhythms on their "ukulele", guitars and drums will fascinate you. Climb aboard the trucks, it's time to visit the wonders of the island. Basalt and limestone cliffs dotted with caves where islanders once lived, lush tropical jungle, white sand beaches and magnificent bays offer breathtaking panoramas. The island's fertile soil and cooler climate are ideal for growing coffee and taro. A traditional Rurutu meal will be served at the mayor's house with the opening of the "umu'ai". Enjoy the white-sand beach of Vitaria and its lagoon. Every year, from August to September, humpback whales can be seen and heard in Rurutu, where they come to mate and give birth. As the Aranoa is there in September, it should be a delight for your eyes and ears. This activity is offered as an optional extra (please register at reception).

DAY 6 — TUBUAI (Austral Archipelago)

Tubuai is the most populated island in the Austral Islands. Its lagoon is said to be the most beautiful in Tahiti and its islands. Arriving by barge at the Sanglante Bay landing stage, passengers are welcomed with



flower crown around their necks, to the sound of ukuleles. The island's fertile soil and cooler climate are ideal for growing cabbage, lettuce, and potatoes. Activities for the day include a truck tour of the island's cultural sites and a visit to the "Hari Ta'ata" marae. Meals are served at the town hall, under its large marquee. Enjoy the local crafts on offer. A tour of the island in a 4x4 and a boat trip to discover eight motu are available as optional extras (sign up at reception).



DAY 7 & 8 — RAIVAVAE (Austral Archipelago)

Rumor has it that Raivavae is the “Bora Bora of yesteryear”, with its many motu around the island. A jewel preserved by its inhabitants, the island is a veritable Garden of Eden where

visitors fall under its spell. With the Aranova at anchor, passengers disembark in barges on the “Rairua” quay, where they are greeted with a wreath of flowers around their necks, to the sound of Raivavae songs and rhythms. Depart by bus for a tour of the island. Be sure to visit the “Smiling Tiki” and the “marae” scattered around the island. The locals will treat you to a tasting of clams (an island specialty). Of course, a typical Raivavae buffet will be served in the village of “Rairua”. Take advantage of the remaining time to stroll through the village. On the second day, you’ll enjoy free time on Mahanatoa beach. Optional activities include a visit to the motu “Vaiaimanu”, more commonly known as the “Motu Piscine”, and an excursion to the “coral garden”.

DAY 9 — TUBUAI (Austral Archipelago)

Tubuai, a lush island in the Austral Islands, charms visitors with its gentle mountains, turquoise lagoon, and unspoiled Polynesian authenticity.

DAY 10 — MAUPITI

Maupiti, the most secluded of the Society Islands, is often compared to Bora Bora in days gone, before mass tourism transformed its neighbour. Nestled in the heart of a deep blue lagoon surrounded by motu (white sand islets), this small volcanic island welcomes only a handful of visitors, giving it a rare charm and a timeless atmosphere. In Maupiti, you can swim with the manta rays that peacefully inhabit its waters, or simply let yourself be carried away by the gentle Polynesian way of life in its villages with their flower-filled gardens.

DAY 11 — RAIATEA (Society Archipelago)

In the Polynesian triangle, Raiatea, formerly known as Havai’i, is considered the cradle of Polynesian civilization. As the first Polynesian island to be populated by sailors and navigators, it is here that all migrations to the three points of the triangle, New Zealand, Hawaii and Easter Island, began. The Aranova will disembark at the dock, and passengers will be greeted, with a tiare flower, to the sounds of the «to’ere». Buses will be waiting for you to visit the most spectacular marae in the Polynesian triangle, Taputapuātea, a 1,000-year-old open-air temple now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is considered the religious and spiritual center of all Polynesia.



DAY 12 — BORA BORA (Society Archipelago)

As you arrive in Bora Bora’s world-famous lagoon of opalescent blues and greens, you will be greeted by the majestic «Mount Otemanu», the highest peak on the island. In this perfect island paradise, you can enjoy a day at the beach and a barbecue on a private Motu surrounded by crystal clear waters, the «Motu Tapu». You can also choose from a variety of optional excursions at an additional cost: scuba diving, boat and motorized canoe tours of the lagoon or swimming with sharks and rays! Bora Bora was an America military outpost during World War II and remnants of the war such as cannons and bunkers can be seen on a 4X4 tour. Departure in the evening for Papeete.

DAY 13 — TAHITI, PAPEETE ARRIVAL 7:00 AM

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