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DAY 1 — PAPEETE & MOOREA

PAPEETE

Boarding 7am - 9am, depart at noon

MOOREA

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 & 3 — 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. After lunch onboard, guests will have a free afternoon to explore the peaceful village of Moerai and shop for some local handicrafts.

After an overnight at anchorage off Rurutu, guests are welcomed ashore on their second day by a floral, musical welcome. Climb aboard local trucks to visit the wonders of the island including basalt and limestone cliffs dotted with caves where islanders once lived, lush tropical jungle, white sand beaches and magnificent bays offering breathtaking views. The island's fertile soil and cooler climate are ideal for growing coffee and taro and a traditional Rurutu meal is served at the mayor's house starting with the opening of the 'umu'ai, an underground oven. There will be the chance to swim at the white-sand beach of Vitaria.

From August to September, humpback whales can be seen and heard in Rurutu, where they come to mate and give birth. Calls during these months include an optional whale watching excursion.

DAY 4 — RIMATARA (Austral Archipelago)



Rimatarā is a small circular volcanic plateau and the last island of the Austral Islands to be discovered in the 19th century by Captain Samuel Pinder Henry.

The island has preserved its old traditions, including its own dialect, and is home to a colourful, endemic bird known as the 'Ura', which can be found on an optional birdwatching excursion in the forest. After disembarking at the Taanini dock, guests pass through a purification smoke ceremony, an ancient tradition of welcome on the island. A local bus will take guests to discover the main villages, including the old cemetery of Amaru which is where the entire lineage of Rimatarā kings and queens were laid to rest. An old legend states that anyone who pulls a face in front of a royal tomb could stay like that forever. A barbecue will be served on the beach of Motuaura, with the chance to swim or snorkel in the crystal-clear waters in the afternoon.

DAY 5 — TUBUAI (Austral Archipelago)

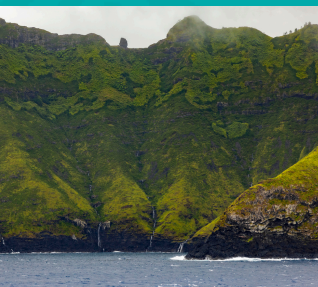
Tubuai is the most populated island in the Austral Islands. Its lagoon is said to be the most beautiful in Tahiti and its islands. Arriving by barge at the Sanglante Bay landing stage, passengers



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 6 — 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 7 — RAPA

(Austral Archipelago)

Rapa is the most isolated and preserved island of the Austral Archipelago. It is shaped like a crescent with a

coastline cut by 12 very deep bays. It has a temperate climate, no coral or coconut trees, but fruits and vegetables other than tropical ones are plentiful here: apples, peaches, nectarines... The Aranoa will disembark at the dock in Ahurei. Passengers will be greeted with flowers lei, to the typical sounds and rhythms of Rapa. Truck will be waiting for you, heading to the cultural center. You will discover how the «mamas» make local crafts: hats and baskets made of reed (a fragile material) or «kakaë» in the local language. You will discover the small museum of the island, the various techniques for growing local taro «roki». We also offer a variety of cultural workshops, such as making taro-based «Popoi» and reed baskets. A local meal will be served at the Temotouri Wharf Cultural Center. On Rapa, we propose a two and a half hour walk to Fort Morango Uta.



DAY 8 & 9 — RAIKAVAE

(Austral Archipelago)

Rumor has it that Raikavae 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 Aranoa 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 Raikavae 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 Raikavae 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 «Vaïamanu», more commonly known as the «Motu Piscine», and an excursion to the «coral garden».

DAY 10 — 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 as we make our way back to the Society Islands.

DAY 11 — RAIATEA

(Society Archipelago)

In the Polynesian triangle, Raiatea, formerly known as Havaï'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 Aranoa 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 Tevairoa». You can also choose from a variety of optional excursions at an additional cost: scuba diving, boat 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

Arrive 7am

Important note: These itineraries are provided for guidance only and may be subject to change for technical, weather or cargo-related reasons. Due to sea conditions, some landings may be impossible for safety reasons.