

DAILY PROGRAM 2027

TUAMOTU 5 DAYS

MAKATEA • MATAIVA • ANAA • VAIRAO

DAY 1 - TAHITI (PAPEETE) - DEPARTURE 4:30 PM

Boarding: NOON - 2 PM

DAY 2 - MAKATEA

Surrounded by sheer cliffs rising nearly 240 feet above sea level, Makatea is the only atoll in the Tuamotu Islands with potable water, which comes from its underground caves. Once a prosperous atoll due to the exploitation of phosphates from 1917 until 1964, it has become almost completely deserted, with only a few families left. Today, the inhabitants live from copra cultivation, fishing and the trade of the coconut crab, the "Kaveu".

Aranui offers the opportunity to visit the remains of Makatea's past and its phosphate mining. Passengers will disembark by tender at the Temao wharf and begin the journey across the island on foot or by car. Visit the sacred caves of Makatea and picnic under the cliffs or on the beach.



DAY 3 - MATAIVA

Mataiva has everything to dazzle travelers. Its unique lagoon and white sand beaches make it one of the most sumptuous atolls in French Polynesia. Mataiva, which is easily accessible from Tahiti, has preserved its authenticity and tranquility. Here, there is little tourism, and the inhabitants are welcoming, kind and warm. Passengers will disembark by tender at the Pahu wharf and will be greeted by a performance of "Orero". The village is a 5-minute walk from the dock, and you can visit it at your own leisure. Optional excursions will be offered such as the visit of the "Turtle Rock", the "Paure" marae, the phosphate pond, the bird motu and the "pito" of Mataiva (sign-up at the reception). 4x4 vehicles will take you to a private beach for a picnic and to enjoy the lagoon.



DAY 4 - ANAA

Anaa, the birthplace of Tahiti's royal family, the Pomare dynasty, has entered the history books. Today, Anaa is best known for its sparkling green jade lagoon and the picturesque white sand motus surrounding it. Most of the population is engaged in copra oil production or fishing, which has led to the development of the island's sustainable fishing program. Look out for the "feo", the gigantic, fossilized coral blocks that are characteristic of the atoll.

Passengers will disembark by tender at the Tukahora pier. By bus or on foot, they will be able to visit the village and its specificities. The shallow, translucent lagoon is ideal for fly fishing, an activity offered at Anaa. A picnic lunch is offered on the beach in Tukahora village. Optional activities: discovery and swimming at the pito "Ogoogo"; visit of the village of Temarie or the motu Putuhara.

Recommendations: As the sun's rays are particularly intense in the Tuamotu Islands, we recommend that you protect yourself with sunscreen (SPF 40 minimum), sunglasses, a hat and light clothing. Water shoes are recommended.



DAY 5 - VAIRAO

The associated municipality of Vairao stretches from PK 8.4 to PK 14.4. It has a population of 2,890. It has been the administrative capital of Taïarapu-Ouest since 1972. The Tapuaeraha Pass, considered the deepest in Polynesia, witnessed the arrival of the aircraft carriers Foch and Clémenceau in 1966 and 1968.

TAHITI, PAPEETE

ARRIVAL 6.PM

