

Tahiti & Pitcairn Island

Follow In The Footsteps of the Bounty Mutineers

10 nights on board

15 Days

PKG No. UC004

Departure dates

See Schedule

Starting from (AUD)

A\$12,299

*Per person twin share

Aranui Cruises

Tahiti

Overview

A very special adventure cruise around Tahiti's Tuamoto and Gambier Islands and remote Pitcairn Island with the Aranui 5! Just two departures - Oct 2023 and Feb 2024. Don't delay, spaces are limited!

Every now and then an exceptional, not-to-be-missed opportunity presents itself. This voyage is a combination of Tahiti's stunning Tuamoto and Gambier Islands with the rare opportunity to visit remote Pitcairn Island, home of just 50 people. Departing from Papeete, you'll experience parts of Tahiti that are off the typical tourist beaten track. Enjoy the spectacular scenery of lush islands, fringed with white sand beaches and enjoy the welcoming Tahitian hospitality. Then it's off to Pitcairn Island, an intriguing community with an incredible history and absolutely fascinating lifestyle. Pitcairn Island is only accessible by ship with supply ships visiting once a month and taking very limited passengers so this opportunity to visit with Aranui Cruises is very rare.

The Aranui 5 is custom built to combine delivering freight with cruise ship, however please note that this voyage does not involve delivering freight and is cruise only. With pool, bars, restaurant and more, the Aranui 5 is a unique cruising experience where guests will get to know the friendly crew and see an amazing, remote part of the world.

Vessel



Aranui 5 is a custom-built, dual-purpose passenger/freighter ship designed to offer all of comforts of a cruise liner, while operating as a supply ship. Aranui 5 is classified as a small

vessel, accommodating approximately 230 passengers in 103 cabins.

With eight different guest decks, the interior decor reflects the Polynesian heritage of her owners and crew. The ship features a restaurant where all the meals onboard are served in a casual setting; one lounge; two conference rooms, where guest lecturers will offer presentations on various topics related to The Marquesas; three bars, including the Sky Bar with sweeping panoramic views; an outdoor swimming-pool; a boutique; a spa; a gym and the first tattoo studio at sea.

Passenger accommodations range from Premium exterior staterooms, of which more than 90% have a private balcony; to Standard exterior staterooms with a picture window or porthole; and Class C, shared dormitory style cabins with occupancy for four or eight people. Aranui 5's registry is France and thus sails under French pavilion. As such, she operates under the strictest building and safety guidelines, including the requirements of international SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) regulations and the French Coast Guard (CCS).

Features:

- All meals provided on board
- Wine with lunch and dinner (1 bottle per table)
- Pool /or spa
- Shore Excursions included
- Fitness room/gym
- Spa/Treatment room
- Tattoo studio

Tonnage 10944

Build date 2013

Crew 140

Capacity 264

Length 126m

Itinerary



Day 1 Papeete, Tahiti Island

Embark Aranui 5 this morning for a 12pm departure.

Day 2 Anaa, Tuamotu

A small atoll with less than 500 inhabitants, Anaa wrote its way into the history books as the

birthplace of Tahiti's royal family — the Pomare Dynasty. These days it's best known for its luminous jade lagoon with green clouds above from the sun rays reflecting off the water and picturesque motus with no less than eleven little islands scattered around the atoll. Most of the population is involved in copra or fishing, leading to the island's landmark sustainable fishing programme. Guests can explore the village of Tukahora and try traditional javelin throwing and handicrafts. Look out for 'feo', giant fossilized blocks of coral which are characteristic of the atoll. The shallow clear lagoon is ideal for fly fishing, an optional activity offered in Anaa.

Day 3 Amanu, Tuatmotu

Located 900km east of Tahiti, Amanu is an idyllic atoll with palm-fringed crystal-clear lagoons and a charming island village. During a visit to Ikitake, guests can see local handicrafts and explore the village's old lighthouse, church and the 19th century building with walls made of coral stones that doubles as the town hall and a shelter during cyclones. Under a century-old tree known as "tau", a buffet of local specialties will be served and a group of local singers and musicians will perform.

Day 4 At Sea

Take advantage of this day at sea to relax by the boat's pool, to participate in one of our conferences or activities organized by our guides.

Day 5 Aukena, Gambier

Aukena is home to pristine lagoons perfect for black pearl farming, idyllic beaches and the first church constructed out of stone in all of French Polynesia – Saint-Raphaël Church was built in 1839. Guests can visit a pearl farm, do some sightseeing, and enjoy a barbeque on a white sand beach.

Day 6 Pitcairn, Pitcairn Island

More than 200 years after the Bounty arrived, Aranui 5 will call at Pitcairn. The tale of the mutiny of His Majesty's Armed Vessel Bounty is one of the best known in history. After the master's Mate Fletcher Christian cast adrift Commander Lieutenant William Bligh in the ship's boat, the mutineers sailed the Bounty back to Tahiti then onwards to the Austral Islands, eventually seeking refuge on an uninhabited island, secure from the outside world. Pitcairn. As part of their crew, they took with them six Polynesian men and twelve women, the beginnings of the current Pitcairn community. Upon their arrival on January 17, 1790, the crew found Pitcairn to be an inaccessible and uninhabited place with fertile and warm conditions. After removing their possessions and lugging everything up the aptly named Hill Of Difficulty, the Bounty was run ashore and set alight so that no trace of her would remain visible from the sea. A village was established on the lower plateau, situated above Bounty Bay, where the village of Adamstown still stands. Although he lived in this isolated sanctuary only a few years, Fletcher Christian is fondly remembered as the founder and first leader of modern-day Pitcairn.

Day 7 Pitcairn, Pitcairn Island

Home to just 50 people, Pitcairn is one of the most isolated islands in the world. During their visit, guests can immerse themselves in the living history and culture of the island, walking in the footsteps of the Bounty settlers from the landing at Bounty Bay to Adamstown; meeting the descendants of the mutineers at the curio market; visiting the grave of the last surviving

mutineer John Adams; learning about an earlier Polynesian civilisation and viewing artefacts from the Bounty at the Museum.

Day 8 Mangareva, Gambier

Mangareva is the largest island in the Gambier and its main village, Rikitea, is the chief town of the archipelago. The island has a large lagoon with striking blue and green hues and is also famous for its Tahitian black pearls, which are cultivated in the pristine waters around the island. Once the cradle of Catholicism in Polynesia, a visit to the renovated St Michael's Catholic Church, where the altar is inlaid with iridescent mother-of-pearl shell, is a must.

Day 9 At Sea

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Day 10 Tuamotu

The Tuamotu Islands are made up of 76 coral atolls that are only a few meters above sea level. In Polynesian mythology, one version states that the god Tukeraï, by shaking the sea, would have spun the string of 78 atolls of this archipelago spread over 800,000 km² of ocean, for only 880 km² of emerged land. In 1521, Magellan crossed the labyrinth of these islands at the water's edge and came across Pukapuka, the first atoll in the Pacific that the Europeans discovered! It took nearly three centuries for the navigators to list the 78 atolls that make up the archipelago. For a long time, the archipelago was called Pa'umotu ("low islands") and since the middle of the last century, the Tahitian name of Tuamotu has been used.

Day 11 Papeete

This is the end of our journey. It's time to say Nānā! (Goodbye) to your travel companions, to the Polynesian staff and Aranui guides.

Departure Schedule

Activities



Guided Shore Excursions

At each port, the Aranui crew will offer a shore visit which may include a visit to historical, cultural or archaeological sites, a hike, a visit to a market or an opportunity to enjoy a

performance of local songs and dance.

Shore visits are restricted to the time the ship is in port so while you may like to arrange an alternative activity (such as fishing or diving), Aranui Cruises (CPTM) neither owns, operates or exercises any control over shore excursions arranged at any port of call. The company, its agents and employees do not assume any responsibility in connection with the operations of said programmes. The company accepts no responsibility of liability for the failure of any operator to perform any said programme and/or for any injury, damage or loss however caused or arising therefrom.

Spa Treatments

The Aranui Spa offers a variety of treatments by a fully trained wellness and massage therapist. Pamper yourself with a facial, body scrub and massages using the traditional oils of French Polynesia. Treat yourself to a manicure or pedicure or a relaxing foot massage — perfect after a day exploring.

Tattoo Studio

A licensed Marquesan tattoo artist is available onboard by appointment. He will help you design a personalised tattoo using traditional Marquesan symbols to represent the story you wish to tell. Tattooing is done in a clean and sterile environment using modern equipment. A tattoo is the ultimate souvenir from the Marquesas.

Special Inclusion



- Return economy class fares from Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane to Papeete
- Transfer from airport to hotel
- 4 nights pre/post accommodation in Tahiti at Manava Suite Resort including Continental breakfast
- Transfer from hotel to wharf
- 10 night cruise onboard Aranui 5
- All meals onboard the Aranui 5
- Shore excursions
- Transfer from wharf to hotel

- Transfer from hotel to airport
- All pre-payable taxes

Packing Suggestions

Clothing which is informal, comfortable and easily washable is most practical aboard the ship. In addition to shorts, jeans or trousers, T-shirts and a bathing suit, a rain poncho or coat and warm sweatshirt or light sweater for chilly evenings are recommended. Comfortable shoes are essential for walking ashore over coral reefs. Tennis shoes or sandals are recommended. For women, the native pareo, made of colourful fabric, which can be wrapped in a variety of styles, is a versatile choice for both casual and festive occasions and can be purchased onboard or during port visits.

Special Information



TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please contact us for the latest information on entry and visa requirements.

INCLUATIONS

At time of publishing, vaccinations were not required. Passengers should consult their travel agent for the latest requirements.

RATES

Rates are per adult, in double or single occupancy. These fares are correct at the time of printing and are subject to change; with or without notice.

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

Shipboard purchases, gratuities, port taxes other than those specifically provided for, and other personal items. Rates quoted at the time of printing are based on current costs and are subject to change up to and including the date of sailing.

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