Cook & Society Islands 2028 - Cruise Only

An idyllic island combo!

11 nights on board	Departure dates	Starting from (AUD)
12 Days	**See Schedule**	**A$8,630**
PKG No. UC172		pp twin share

Solo Travel Option

Single Pricing Starts From (AUD)

Contact Agent

pp twin share

Special Offer

Paul Gauguin Cruises

Tahiti

Overview

A beautiful 11-night voyage from Papeete calling on Aitutaki, Rarotonga, Bora Bora and Moorea. Book early and save up to 30%! Plus Free Solo Supplement on select sailings!

PAUL GAUGUIN Cruises is offering an exceptional 12-day voyage leaving from Tahiti to discover the gems of the Society Islands, including extraordinary landscapes and enchanting historical and cultural treasures.

You will be captivated by the resolutely Polynesian ambiance that prevails aboard the Paul Gauguin: a ship with a relaxed and international atmosphere, especially designed for sailing in these shallow turquoise waters.

Between pearl farms and white sandy beaches, French Polynesia will reveal its many mysteries to you. Surrounded by superb lagoons of crystal-clear waters edged by exceptional coral reefs, the islands of Polynesia are undoubtedly some of the most beautiful in the world and are home to an astonishing and rich wildlife.

You will be dazzled by the incomparable beauty of Huahine, by the turquoise waters of the motu Mahana, our private vanilla-scented little paradise, by the sumptuous lagoon of Bora Bora, with its distinctly recognisable volcanic silhouette, and by Moorea, with its hillside pineapple plantations and its verdant peaks overlooking the island.

You will also sail further south towards the Cook Islands, to discover the incredibly clear waters of the Aitutaki lagoon and the magnificent silhouette of Rarotonga. You will be enchanted by the wild beauty and abundant nature of this island and its marine environment.

This is truly the best way to experience several islands in one visit, each with a different character and vibe.

On-board, enjoy the relaxed yet elegant island ambiance of *Le Paul Gauguin*, with included meals and beverages, an array of activities and watersports, a visit to a private motu and entertainment led by the famous Les Gauguins et Gaugines.

A magical island combo!

Special Offers:

Save up to 30% - Book early and save up to 30%! Ask us for details.

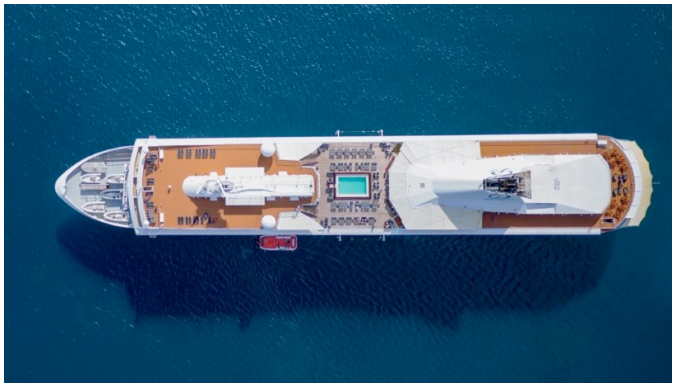
Free Solo Supplement - Free Solo Supplement on selected cabins on selected sailings. Please ask for best available options.

Additional PONANT Savings - Cruised with PONANT before? Ask us about PONANT's additional special offers for which you may be eligible.

Book your fly/stay/cruise package for additional savings! Book your flights and pre/post cruise accommodation with Ultimate Cruising and we'll include complimentary chauffeur driven luxury car transfers from your home to the airport and return (within 35km).

Terms and conditions apply. Please ask for full details.

Vessel



Designed specifically to glide in luxury through the shallow seas of the South Pacific, The Gauguin is a small-ship cruiser’s dream. She delivers travelers to intimate ports inaccessible to larger cruise ships, all the while providing a travel experience that is nothing short of luxurious. Once on board, guests enjoy newly-decorated spacious suites and staterooms (more than 70% with private balconies), an onboard watersports marina, three dining venues, an extensive spa, and five-star service. Life on The Gauguin also reflects the beauty and rich cultural heritage of the islands she calls upon, with a warm, friendly feel, informal setting, and even a beloved troupe of Les Gauguin and Les Gauguines—local Tahitians who serve as onboard hosts and hostesses, entertainers, and storytellers.

Features:

- All meals provided on board
- Complimentary beverages, including select wines and spirits, beer, soft drinks, bottled water, and hot beverages
- Complimentary 24-hour room service, including selections from L’Etoile restaurant

during regular dining hours
- Butler Service, in-suite bar setup, and iPod® music system in suite/stateroom category B and above
- Onboard gratuities for room stewards, dining and bar staff
- Full entertainment program including Polynesian artists, musical entertainment, and a pianist
- Watersports marina for complimentary kayaking and paddleboarding, and Zodiacs® for optional dive excursions
- A day at Motu Mahana, Paul Gauguin Cruises' exclusive retreat off the coast of Taha'a, featuring Polynesian hospitality, snorkeling, watersports, bar service, and a delicious feast
- Access to the exclusive, private beach located on a motu off the coast of Bora Bora, which offers an idyllic white-sand beach, excellent snorkeling, and bar service on French Polynesia itineraries
- Fully-equipped fitness center
- Presentations by local naturalists and a variety of special guests
- Spacious outdoor decks and pool
- La Boutique duty-free shop
- Book Library (open 24 hours a day)
- Laundry services available
- Certified medical services

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Tonnage: 19200
Build date: 1997
Crew: 217
Capacity: 330
Length: 154m

Itinerary

Day 1 Papeete, Tahiti Island

Capital of French Polynesia, the city of Papeete is on the north-west coast of the island of Tahiti. You'll find a relaxed atmosphere here,where urban buzz combines with the legendary laid-back Polynesian lifestyle. Culture is not lacking. You can enjoy sites narrating the history of the archipelago, including the colonial cathedral and the Maison de la reine Marau. The Vaipahi public gardens will win you over by their abundant plant-life. The large municipal market offers local specialities: fresh fruit, spices and all kinds of fish abound on their stalls.

Day 2 Huahine, Society Islands

Located less than 200 kilometres north-west of Tahiti, Huahine Island is a secret gem in French Polynesia. You'll love the mysterious atmosphere emanating from its voluptuous contours, its wild vegetation and stunning remote creeks. If you explore both parts of the island, la Grande Huahine to the north, and la Petite Huahine to the south, will reveal some of its hidden treasures, as well as some archaeological remains from the Polynesian past. You can meet the local population in the main town of Fare, or in the string of villages along the coast.

Day 3 At Sea

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

Day 4 Aitutaki, Cook Islands

Aitutaki is a little island of 16 km², with a small fishing port with few motor boats, where a simple and peaceful life endures. During your visit, don't miss the opportunity to walk along this magnificent lagoon, reputed as one of the most beautiful and spectacular in the world. Snorkelling fans will discover the treasures of underwater life here. The island is specialised in the sale of black pearls and the production of coloured sarongs, as well as "tivaevae" — patchwork quilting and handiworks. This local manufacture has great value because of its careful artisanal fabrication, and the pieces made are generally offered at important occasions.

Day 5 Rarotonga, Cook Islands

You will be dazzled by the magnificent volcanic silhouette of Rarotonga, the largest of the Cook Islands. Perfectly circular, Rarotonga is closely surrounded by a coral reef over which break the endless waves of the south Pacific Ocean. The undulating profile of its sheer mountains standing out against the deep blue of the sky gives a glimpse of its summits at more than 600 metres altitude, such as Te Manga peak. The abrupt and vertiginous slopes are covered with luxuriant vegetation, a precious natural resource for the inhabitants of the island who have learnt to take advantage of this abundant nature and have developed a thriving agricultural sector.

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Day 9 Motu Mahana, Taha’a Island, Society Islands

Feet in the sand, on the islet of Motu Mahana, our sumptuous little private paradise, you will share a very special experience around an authentic traditional Polynesian barbecue. A veritable jewel in the Taha’a lagoon, pristine atoll of the Society Islands, Motu Mahana offers an infinite palette of shades of turquoise, an idyllic backdrop for observing the majestic ballet of the tropical fish. The volcanic island of Taha’a, dominated by Mount Ohiri and Mount Puurauti, will reveal its fertile and luxuriant nature, ideal for cultivating the magnificent black pearls of French Polynesia, as well as vanilla. This rare spice, greatly in demand by gourmets, is the main economic resource of what is also known as Vanilla Island.

Day 10 Moorea Island

A part of the Windward Island archipelago just to the west of Tahiti, famous Mo'orea will leave you with a series of unforgettable images and memories. Bask on its heavenly beaches, enjoy a dip in the turquoise waters of its lagoon, and soak up its luscious vegetation and the heady flowers that carpet the inland areas. Get the most out of this natural gem with a trip to the Mo'orea Belvedere. Exceptional views of Mount Rotui unfurl before your eyes, with the Opunohu Bay and its valley to the left, and the famous Cook's Bay, surrounded by notched, cathedral-style peaks, to the right.

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Activities

Watersports
The custom built watersports marina offers easy access to complimentary kayaking and paddleboarding, and Zodiacs® for optional dive excursions.

Motu Mahana
Just offshore lies Motu Mahana, Paul Gauguin Cruises' private South Seas island, where you'll spend a day (or maybe two, depending on your itinerary) doing exactly as you please.

There's no end to the indulgences of this private island paradise. Go for a swim in the warm waters. Snorkel with colorful tropical fish among the green and purple blooms of coral. Or paddle out farther in one of the kayaks that have been brought to shore from *The Gauguin's* watersports marina.

Ashore, you might engage in a game of volleyball or watch as your hosts, Les Gauguines and Les Gauguins, demonstrate how to open a coconut or tie a *pareo*. Perhaps you'll treat yourself to an overwater massage. And when the time comes for refreshments, delight in a sumptuous barbecue feast—complete with cocktails from the floating bar.

Bora Bora – Private Beach
You can spend as much time as you'd like during the day on Paul Gauguin Cruises'private beach in Bora Bora. The specialists from the watersports marina will be on hand to help you enjoy kayaking or paddleboarding from the beach, or don the equipment you packed and enjoy exceptional snorkeling to view tropical fish and manta rays in the azure lagoon.

Or you might simply stay on the warm white sands of the beach, sunbathing or engaging in a game of volleyball. But this Bora Bora island retreat especially speaks to those seeking that quintessential remote Tahitian beach with few signs of the outside world. A place to daydream, nap, read, or just be. A fair amount of time should be spent just marveling at the postcard-perfect views of Mount Otemanu towering over the main island in this exclusive Bora Bora getaway.

Optional Shore Excursions
Choose from a range of optional shore excursions in each port.

Fitness Centre
A fully equipped fitness centre is available for guest use.

Swimming Pool
Le Paul Gauguin boasts spacious outdoor deck areas as well as a swimming pool.

Special Inclusion

- 11 night cruise onboard Paul Gauguin from Papeete
- All meals onboard
- Complimentary beverages on-board including select wines, spirits and beer served throughout the ship
- Onboard gratuities
- Complimentary watersports
- 24 hour room service onboard
- All relevant taxes

Packing Suggestions

Country Club Casual, or elegant resort wear, is appropriate dress for all evenings aboard The Gauguin. A dress, or skirt or slacks with a blouse or sweater for ladies, and slacks and collared shirts for gentlemen.

Special Information

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Please contact us for the latest information on entry and visa requirements.

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

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