

TAHITI & THE TUAMOTU ISLANDS CRUISE

Tahiti has captivated sailors since the days of Captain Cook with emerald massifs, sparkling lagoons, and welcoming islanders. The water is impossibly clear, refracting off white sand in shimmering shades of jade, aquamarine, and turquoise. And while the islands themselves are impossibly beautiful, there's a whole other world to explore beyond shore. Drift snorkel along coral reefs teeming with rainbow-colored angelfish, butterfly fish, parrotfish, clown fish, and an occasional manta ray or sea turtle. Then venture to the remote and less-visited Tuamotus where the real show begins. These low-lying atolls save their drama for the world below, where canyons, passes, and valleys offer a fertile wonderland for marine residents. Well-ventilated lagoons offer exceptional visibility, and the blender effect ensures that reef residents eat well. The Tuamotus are one of the best places in the world to see reef sharks, grey sharks, sturgeons, lemon sharks, white tip sharks, perch, barracudas, tunas, manta rays, and dolphins. And in certain months, eagle rays and hammerheads. In fact, Fakarava's reef is such a unique ecosystem it's been named a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. And with glass-bottom boats, AquaSafaris, snorkeling and SCUBA excursions, you can explore this magical world even if you don't want to get wet.



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Day 1 Papeete

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Day 2 At Sea

Day 3 Fakarava

Here is a rare opportunity to experience one of earth's most beautiful – and most rare – places. Fakarava, a place so stunning, an ecosystem so diverse it has been named a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. This diver's paradise welcomes you to a world of magnificent cauliflower coral, sleek grey sharks, and neon schools of tropical fish. This "Island of Dreams" is home to rare species of nesting birds and rare marine life living in tranquil harmony.

Day 4 Rangiroa

Some people call this place heaven. You will call it perfect. The huge lagoon surrounded by beautiful coral and filled with colorful fish, rays, and dolphin is a diver's dream. Explore, with an optional tour, in a glass bottom boat, take a dive that matches your level of expertise, or enjoy the magic of drift snorkeling. This is a place like no other on earth.

Day 5 At Sea

Days 6 - 7 Motu Mahaea (Tahaa) & Raiatea

We will spend the day on a private island complete with swaying palm trees and white-sand beaches. Swim, snorkel and enjoy a variety of water sports in the crystal-clear waters. There will be a delicious barbecue lunch and tropical drinks waiting for you. Explore Tahaa with optional excursions to discover the vanilla plantations and sacred sites of the island. Raiatea, "The Sacred

Island," is located just across the lagoon from Tahaa and shares the same barrier reef. (Legend claims the two were a single island until a conger eel possessed by the spirit of a princess separated them.) It used to be the center of religion and culture in the Society Islands. Taputapuatea, on the southeast coast, was once the most important marae around, the place where kings from the neighboring islands would gather for important ceremonies. Uturoa, the main town, reminds some people of Papeete in its younger days with its quaint low-rise buildings. Raiatea is also home to the only navigable river in the islands, the Fa'aroa. Explore Polynesian history or climb Mount Temehani in search of the rare tiare apetahi flower, which grows only here.

Days 8 - 9 Bora Bora

Our stay here allows plenty of time to capture the beauty in photographs — and you'll want plenty. These stunning waters will show a different kaleidoscope of blue in each frame. You'll have lots of options for exploration, whether you prefer the access provided by a 4-by-4, or the thrill of riding in the open air. Stretch out on stunning white-sand beaches, dive and swim in brightly colored seas, or sail among the tiny islands and lagoons. But the highlight here will be the Windstar Exclusive Destination Discovery Event on a private mote complete with fird dancers. This is the stuff that dreams are made of and available to small ships.

Day 10 Huahine

Anchor here in the place whose nickname is "Garden of Eden." Take your time to explore the lush forests, the tropical landscapes, and the quaint villages to discover one of Polynesia's best kept secrets. Here, at a slower pace, see a glimpse of the authentic South Pacific island lifestyle. Stop by the Maeva archaeological site and wander around the 150-odd





marae (temple sites) and 400-year-old stone fish traps that are still in use And you'll have your pick of the world's best snorkeling once again.

Day 11 Moorea & Papeete

Welcome to paradise, where your stunning surroundings soak up superlatives and call for more. In our stay here you'll have plenty of time to do it all. Be sure to consider the opportunity to hone your photography talents on an optional tour of the island in the company of a professional photographer. Your choices here are endless. Hike the majestic Three Coconut Trail. Visit dolphins in their native habitat. Or spend your time swimming and kayaking from Wind Spirit's Watersports Platform as we lay at anchor in these beautiful sapphire seas.

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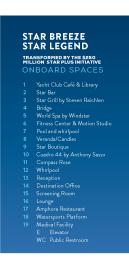
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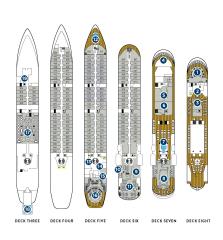


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