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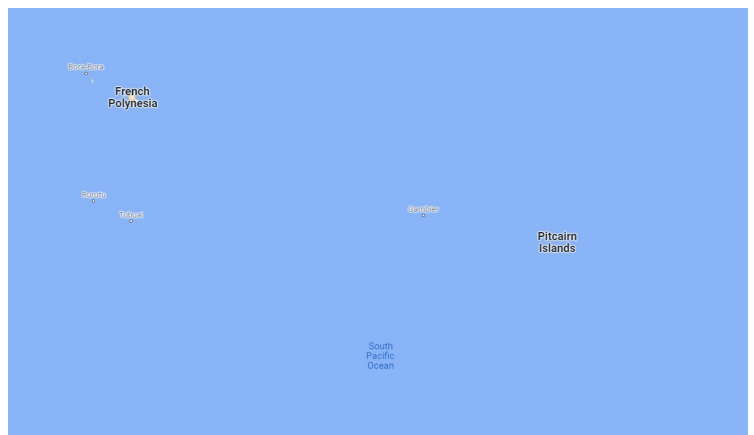


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## AUSTRAL ISLANDS CRUISE

Discovered by Europeans in the 18th Century, the Austral islands are located 600 km south of Tahiti. Off the beaten track, the Australs are an untouched and mysterious land where white sand clashes with the intense blue of the lagoons. Breathtaking landscapes, from sheer mountains to valleys, these islands are famous for their farming activities. The Austral islands will certainly offer a memorable and unique experience. this trip does not carry freight.



### ITINERARY

Day 1 SATURDAY – Departure from Tahiti (Papeete)

You will embark on the Aranui 5 in the morning, receive a warm welcome from our crew and begin the long journey to the Austral Islands.

Day 2 SUNDAY – Rurutu, Austral Islands

Rurutu, one of the two largest raised atolls in French Polynesia, is unique because of its geological structure which is surprising as one does not expect to discover such landscapes in the South Pacific. Basalt and limestone cliffs dotted with caves where islanders once lived, a volcanic interior with lush tropical jungle, white sand beaches and beautiful bays offer breathtaking views. FROM August to October each year,

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humpback whales can be seen and heard in Rurutu, where they come south to mate and give birth.

### Day 3 MONDAY - Rurutu, Austral Islands

The Aranui is adrift - tenders to the pier of Moerai. Welcome in the village of Moerai. Visit of the Mitterand cave, the handicraft center with weaving demonstrations. Local coffee for sale. Visit to the Royal House, well known for the confection of local patchwork quilts, the « tifaifai », followed by a demonstration of "stone lifting" (traditional custom). Circle island tour by « truck », starting from the Northern or Southern coast. In the North, visit to the « cave Mitterand », the marae in Vitaria's village. In the South, swimming at Naairoa's beach, taro plantation visit with explanation about the cultivation system, old houses made of lime stone.

### Day 4 TUESDAY - Rimataru, Austral Islands

The Aranui is adrift - tenders to the dock. Welcome with a walk through purification smoke (ancient tradition of Rimataru's inhabitants). Although Rimataru is the smallest of the Austral Islands, it charms the visitors with its hidden treasures. In the hollow of this circular island, one has the impression that time has stopped. Departure for a circle island tour by bus and visit to the villages of Amaru, Anapoto and Matuaura. Visit of handicraft centers. In Rimataru, the main occupation of the inhabitants, apart from agriculture, is basket weaving and especially the preparation of fara pae'ore leaves (a variety of pandanus without thorns) which are used to make cloth.

### Day 5 WEDNESDAY - Tubuai, Austral Islands

Tubuai is the largest island of the archipelago and is the administrative and economic capital of the Australs. The huge lagoon, nearly twice as large as the island itself, offers 33 sq. mi. (85 km<sup>2</sup>) of pure aquatic fun. The mild climate also makes these islands ideal for farming. The first explorers were struck by the island's beauty. Toward the end of the 19th Century, explorers Wallis and Cook took a liking to the lush vegetation and crystal-clear water of the island. However, the area did not look appropriate for good anchorage given the large barrier reef around the coast. This disadvantage turned into an incredible advantage in the eyes of the famous mutineers of the HMS Bounty.

### Day 6 THURSDAY - At sea

Enjoy a day at sea to relax by the pool and participate in one of the lectures or activities offered by our guides.

### Day 7 FRIDAY - Rapa, Austral Islands

As you approach Rapa, only accessible by sea, the Captain may announce: "Welcome to Rapa. Next stop Antarctica". As the southernmost inhabited island of French Polynesia, this crescent shaped land mass -- with a fjord-like coastline deeply indented by 12 bays -- is as remote as it gets. Rapa-Iti, or "small Rapa" as the island is also called, has a strong cultural connection to Easter Island, known as Rapa-Nui or big Rapa to the Polynesians. Legend tells of the settlement of Rapa-Nui by the



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people of Rapa-Iiti. Once home to fierce warriors who lived in fortified settlements built on terraces among volcanic peaks, the islanders now live off farming and fishing. During our visit, you will be greeted by the unique dances of Rapa. You may choose one of two different hikes offered. The first goes from the village of Area around the stunning bay to the main village of Ahurei and the second ends at the ruins of an old mountaintop fort. A traditional lunch will be served on shore.

Day 8 SATURDAY – Rapa, Austral Islands

Among the other activities on offer during our one and a half day stopover in Rapa, you will visit Ahurei, the main village of the island, explore ancient fortresses, visit an agricultural production centre, discover local arts and crafts, meet the inhabitants of this isolated island, and share a ma'a over a wood fire in the village.

Day 9 SUNDAY – At sea

Enjoy a day at sea to relax by the pool and participate in one of the lectures or activities offered by our guides.

Day 10 MONDAY – Raivavae, Austral Islands

Raivavae's white sand beaches, large emerald lagoon and 28 motus encircling the lush green main island, have earned it the title of the "Bora Bora of the Austral Islands". Giant stone tikis, including an unusual smiling tiki, resembling those in the Marquesas and on Easter Island, wood sculptures, an open-air

marae temple and Polynesian canoes are some of the archaeological elements you will discover during a circle island tour. If you wish, you can relax on one of the motus and swim in the crystal-clear lagoon. An excursion by speed boat is available. A beach barbecue featuring local dishes will be served for lunch.

Day 11 TUESDAY – At sea

Take advantage of this day at sea to relax by the ship's pool or participate in one of our lectures or an activity organised by our guides.

Day 12 WEDNESDAY – Return to Tahiti (Papeete)

This is the end of our journey. We will arrive in Papeete around 08.00 am. It's time to say N n ! (Goodbye) to your travel companions, to the Polynesian staff and Aranui guides.

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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## YOUR SHIP: ARANUI 5

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regulations and the French Coast Guard (CCS).

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

Aranui 5 is a new custom-built, dual-purpose passenger/freighter that sails from Tahiti to the Marquesas, Tuamotu and Society Islands in French Polynesia on a 14 day all-inclusive cruise. Designed to offer all of the comforts of a cruise liner, while operating as a supply ship, Aranui 5 is classified as a small vessel, accommodating approximately 254 passengers and 103 cabins. With 8 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; 2 lounges; 2 conference rooms, where guest lecturers will offer presentations on various topics related to the Marquesas; 4 bars, including the Sky Bar with sweeping panoramic views; an outdoor pool; a boutique; a massage room and a gym. Passenger accommodations range from Premium exterior staterooms, more than 90 percent with a private balcony; to Standard exterior staterooms with a picture window or porthole; to Class C, shared dormitory style cabins with occupancy for 4 or 8. 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)



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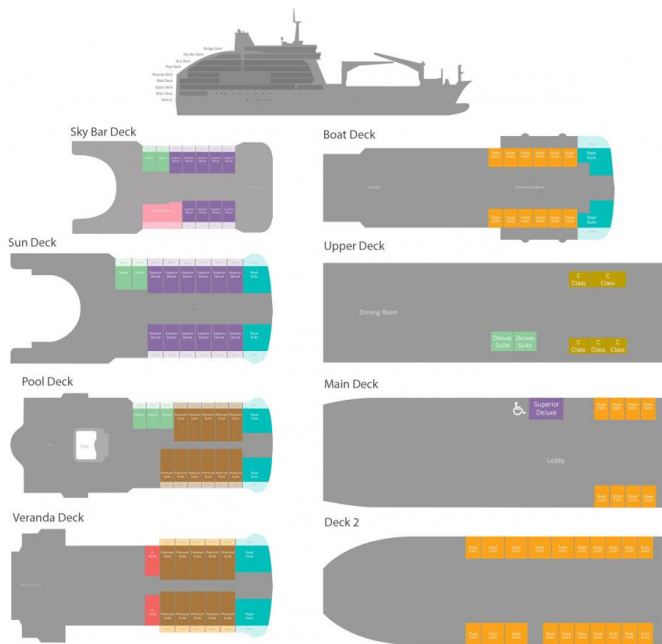
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### DOUBLE STATEROOM

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### PREMIUM SUITE

### ROYAL SUITE



### PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

### ROYAL SUITE WITH OBSTRUCTED VIEW





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DELUXE	£5446 GBP pp
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DOUBLE STATEROOM	£4745 GBP pp
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DORMITORY - CLASS C - 4 BEDS	£2945 GBP pp
DELUXE	£5635 GBP pp
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