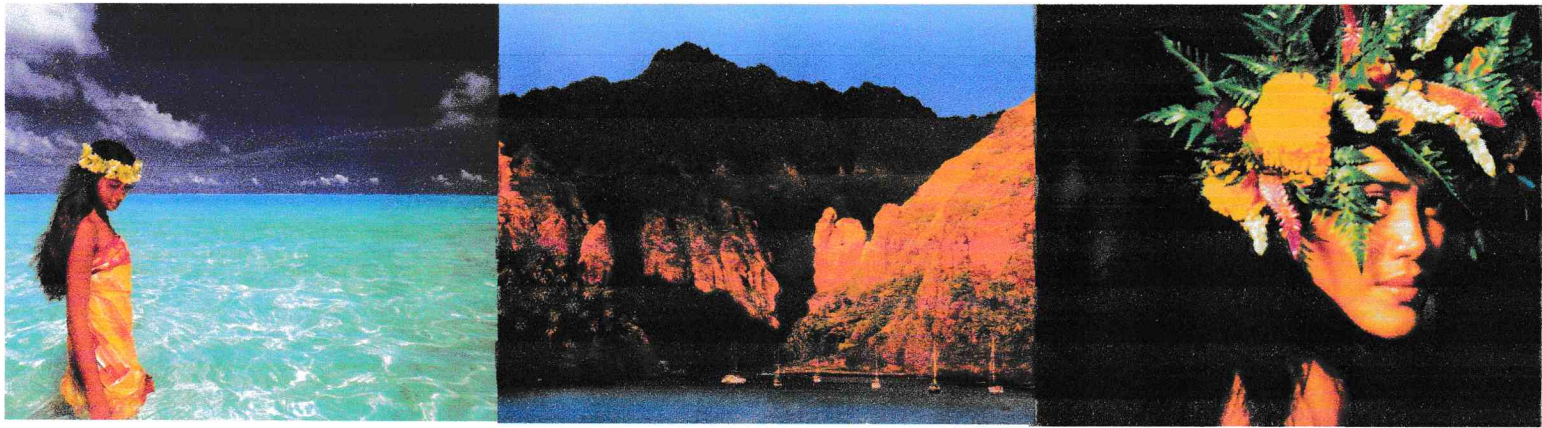


Voyage to the exotic Marquesas via Bora Bora, French Polynesia



An exceptional trip that explores these remote and spectacular islands

13 days from €4,089 in standard cabin ex flights

Explore French Polynesia's enchanting islands aboard the Aranui 5. These remote and spectacular islands lie 800 miles north-east of Tahiti and consist of a group of 12 volcanic islands of which half are inhabited by approximately 7000 people. You will board the Aranui 5 in Tahiti and one of your first stops will be in the Tuamotu islands where you will see black pearls being harvested from giant oysters. Sailing into Nuku Hiva will leave you breathless with its towering cliffs and waterfalls. It was here that Herman Melville jumped his whaling ship in 1842 and immortalised the islands in his book Typee. Hiva Oa is where Paul Gauguin painted his final masterpieces. His simple tombstone lies beneath the shade of a scented frangiapani tree. Others seduced by these unspoilt and unique islands were Jacques Brel, Robert Louis Stevenson and Thor Heyerdahl. Our guides will show you mysterious jungle ruins and the largest tiki statues outside Easter island – a reminder of a great civilisation that once flourished here. Today you can see artists painting tapa bark cloth, intricate woodcarving and tattooing whilst women make manoi, a coconut oil scented with tiare blossoms and in December 2019 we will visit the famous Marquesan Art festival held once every 4 years.

The Aranui 5 is 126 meters long and has 103 spacious cabins that are full air-conditioned. There are many different types of cabins from economy to luxury including suites with balconies. During the voyage there will be around 15 stops with plenty of time to explore although if you prefer to relax there is a swimming pool on board and facilities for fishing, snorkeling and scuba diving and there will be interesting talks to compliment the island visits.

The above price includes: Full board and shore excursions based on 2 sharing a cabin. Departures are twice monthly and currently we are offering a 10% discount on the following seasonal departures: 26 January, 02 March and 14 April 2019 and 06 and 22 February 2020 and 10% senior discounts for departures on 14 September 2019 and 10 September 2020. Additionally, if you want to follow in the footsteps of the infamous Bounty mutineers, we have a few selected departures to Pitcairn island. For availability and prices please contact us.

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