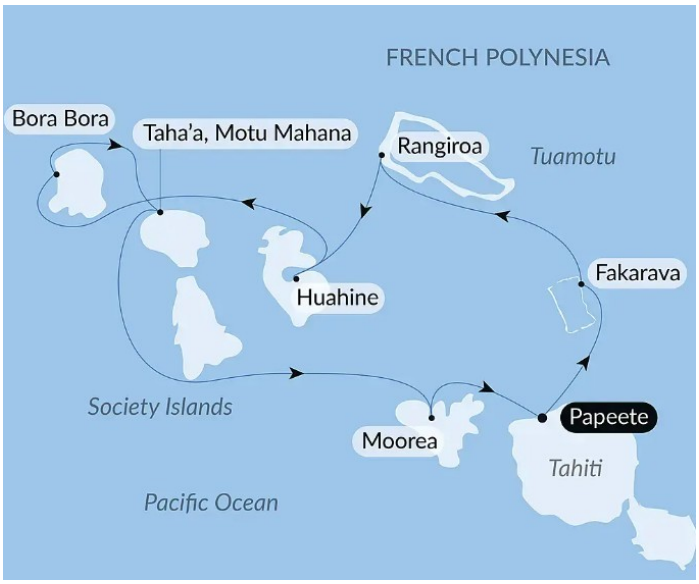


CRUISING FRENCH POLYNESIA: TAHITI, BORA BORA, AND THE TUAMOTUS — WITH SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS

In alliance with Smithsonian Journeys. _This cruise is part of a collection of PONANT voyages that are specially-tailored for English-speaking travelers who want to engage with the world. In addition to the usual elements of the PONANT experience, the listed price for this voyage includes transfers to and from the ship, talks and discussions aboard ship by world class experts, and a US $500 onboard credit to be used towards the purchase of excursions and activities in certain ports of call that encourage guests to embrace the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of the local environment and culture._ Set sail to discover French Polynesia , considered one of the most beautiful places in the world. From Papeete , we invite you to embark the Paul Gauguin on an 11-day cruise to the heart of idyllic islands and atolls hemmed by stunning clear-water lagoons and surrounded by an exceptional coral reef. Discover the wonderful Society Islands , with lush rainforests, impossibly clear lagoons, and endless palm trees swaying in the warm breeze. On Huahine , delight in the incomparable beauty of the island. Spend two days along the sumptuous lagoon of Bora Bora , with its distinctly recognizable volcanic silhouette. On Moorea , with its hillsides covered with pineapple plantations and luxurious peaks, choose from an array of optional excursions, from whale watching to an off-road safari. In the Tuamotus , Rangiroa , a gigantic atoll with breathtaking underwater scenery, is renowned for the cultivation of its famous black pearls. Be sure to try snorkeling in these natural aquariums where colorful fish, rays, and friendly sharks can be found swimming amid the reefs. Explore the marvelous depths of the atoll of Fakarava , a UNESCO-classified nature reserve. Motu Mahana, our private



vanilla-scented paradise with turquoise waters, will undoubtedly be the highlight of your cruise. Treat yourself to sand between your toes, the shade of swaying palm trees, a sumptuous barbecue lunch, and, of course, drinks sipped



from coconuts.

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Day 2 - 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 3 - Fakarava, Tuamotu Islands

Listed as a **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve** , **Fakarava 's coral ellipsis** is a narrow stretch of land sitting on a crystal-clear sea. Travellers here are surprised by the immensity of the lagoon, whose colours evoke an infinite palette.The atoll, renowned for its pristine beaches and unspoiled nature, is also known for the Gombessa 2 and 4 expeditions, which focused on the study of camouflage groupers and reef sharks.

Day 4 - Rangiroa, Tuamotu Islands

A secluded atoll in the Tuamotu Archipelago, **Rangiroa** , meaning "vast sky" in Polynesian, is very aptly named. The lagoon of the largest atoll in Polynesia is reminiscent of the heavens, imprisoned by hundreds of islets formed by sand that veers from immaculate white to pink. But the beauty of Rangiroa, classed by Captain Cousteau as **one of the most



beautiful diving spots in the world** , is most evident in its underwater life: you will have the occasion of admiring all the richness of the site on a snorkeling tour or on a glass-bottom boat tour. Rangiroa is also the high seat of **Polynesian pearl culture**.

Day 5 - 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.

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Day 8 - 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.

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Designed specifically to glide 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 an onboard experience that is nothing short of luxurious. Guests aboard luxury cruises enjoy 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 onboard 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 Gauguines and Gauguins--local Tahitians who serve as cruise staff, entertainers, and storytellers. Ship Features All oceanview accommodations, nearly 70% with balconies, measuring from 200 to 500 sq. ft., including balcony Butler service, in-suite bar setup, and iPod® music system in suite/stateroom category B and above A choice of three dining venues Complimentary 24-hour room service, including selections from L'Etoile restaurant during regular dining hours Complimentary beverages, including select wines and spirits, beer, soft drinks, bottled water, and hot beverages Onboard gratuities for room stewards, dining and bar staff Full entertainment program including Polynesian artists, musical entertainment, a pianist, and a professionally operated casino with slot machines Spa and beauty services, including hand and foot treatments, body treatments, facials, and spa programs Optional PADI SCUBA diving program and certification Watersports marina for complimentary kayaking and paddleboarding, and Zodiacs® for optional dive excursions 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) Wi-Fi hot spots throughout the ship to cover most suites/staterooms and common areas, as well as guest-accessible computers, available 24 hours a day for a nominal fee Laundry services available Certified medical services 166 suites/staterooms on Decks 3-8, including one wheelchair-accessible stateroom and select staterooms that can accommodate





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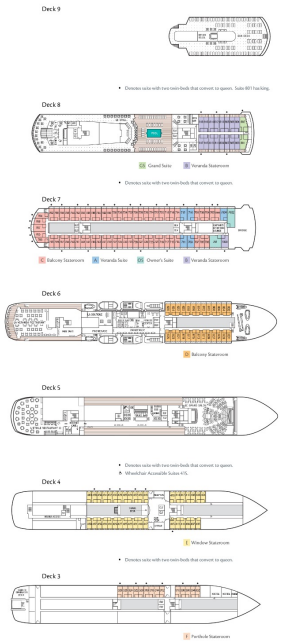
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