

FRENCH POLYNESIA'S SOCIETY ISLANDS: EMERALD PEAKS AND TURQUOISE LAGOONS

Discover French Polynesia's idyllic Society Islands, where emerald volcanic peaks rise above turquoise lagoons and Polynesian traditions remain deeply rooted in daily life. From the sacred marae of Ra'iatea and Huahine to the iconic beauty of Bora Bora and the untamed atoll of Tupai, each island reveals its own distinct character shaped by centuries of life connected to the sea. Explore coral reefs and crystalline lagoons, encounter centuries of seafaring history and experience the warmth of Polynesian culture across some of the South Pacific's most breathtaking islands.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia / Embark Ship

Arrive in Papeete, the vibrant capital of French Polynesia. Transfer from the airport to the meetup hotel for breakfast before embarking the ship.

Day 2 Huahine

Huahine is one of French Polynesia's lesser-visited islands, where lush mountains, sacred archaeological sites and crystalline lagoons offer a glimpse into the region's deep history and enduring traditions. Discover ancient marae--ceremonial stone temples that once served as important centers of Polynesian spiritual and community life--and learn about the island's connection to generations of Polynesian navigators and royalty. There will also be opportunities to explore the island's



dazzling lagoon.

Day 3 Taha'a / Ra'iatea

Arrive in Taha'a and spend the morning snorkeling its turquoise waters, where you may encounter black-tipped reef sharks. Or choose to go ashore and visit a family-run vanilla farm. In the afternoon, visit Ra'iatea, including a stop at one of the most important cultural sites in the Polynesian world: the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Marae Taputapu tea. This large complex was once a center for Polynesian seafarers and the location from which they set out for Hawaii, New Zealand and Rapa Nui (Easter Island). As you explore, you'll learn about the site's significance in Polynesian history.

Day 4 Bora Bora

Awake this morning as the iconic crags of Mount Otemanu come into focus. Today, choose to explore Bora Bora either on land or in the water, and enjoy a barbecue dinner accompanied by Polynesian music on a private motu under the stars.

Day 5 Tupai / Bora Bora Outer Lagoon

Awake this morning to the stunning blue waters surrounding Tupai, an uninhabited coral atoll rarely visited by travelers and known for its distinctive heart-shaped lagoon visible from above. Spend a day exploring powder-white beaches, crystalline lagoons and coral gardens. Snorkel alongside tropical fish in remarkably clear water, stroll deserted motus edged with coconut palms or simply relax in one of the most remote corners of the South Pacific.

Day 6 Mo'orea

This morning, arrive at the lush volcanic island of Mo'orea, where towering emerald peaks, deep bays and vibrant lagoons create a breathtaking backdrop for your final day of exploration. Venture inland through tropical forests to panoramic viewpoints overlooking Cook's and Opunohu Bays, or opt to explore the island's calm turquoise waters, laced with coral reefs that teem with marine life. Back on board this evening, gather with fellow travelers for a farewell dinner as you celebrate your journey through the Society Islands.

Day 7 Mo'orea / Papeete / Disembark Ship

Begin the day with one final opportunity to explore the lush landscapes and crystalline waters of Mo'orea.

Disembark in Papeete this afternoon, and enjoy a dinner ashore before transferring to the airport for flights home.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

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VESSEL TYPE:	**Luxury Expedition**
LENGTH:	**103 metres**
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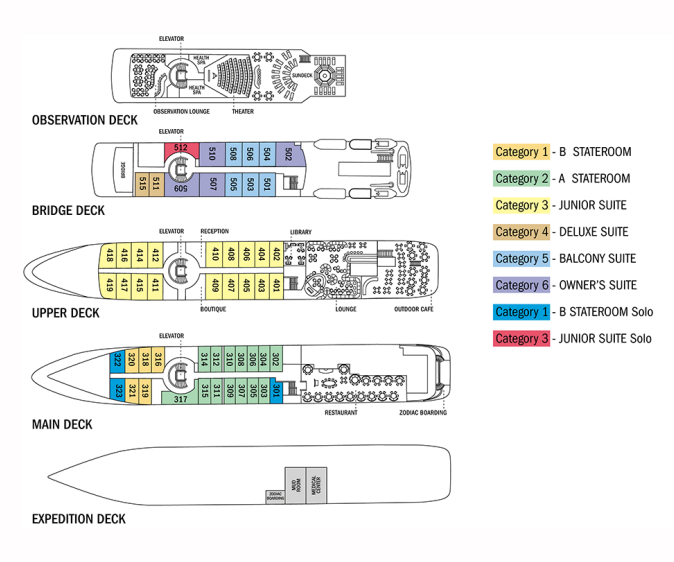
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