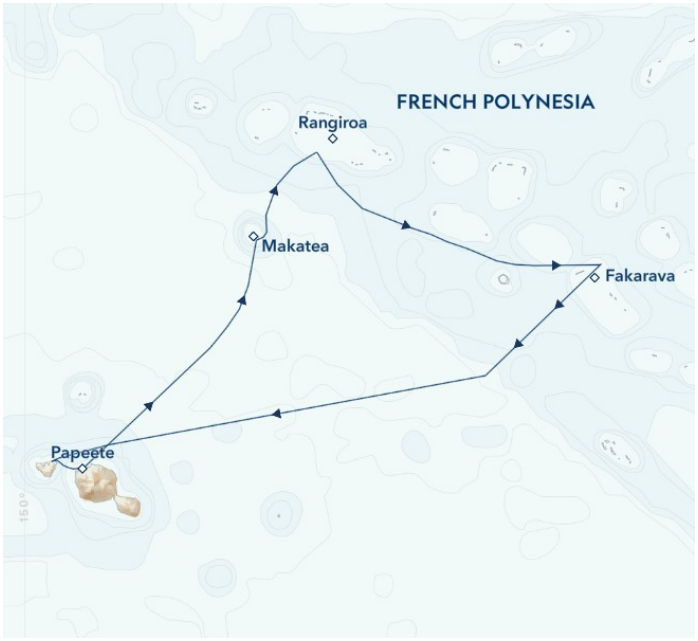


FRENCH POLYNESIA'S TUAMOTUS: HIDDEN ATOLLS AND CORAL SEAS

Venture deep into the remote Tuamotu Archipelago, where coral atolls, luminous lagoons and thriving marine ecosystems define one of the most spectacular regions of French Polynesia. From the uplifted cliffs and limestone caves of Makatea to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed reefs of Fakarava and the sweeping lagoon of Rangiroa, discover stunning islands shaped by volcanic forces. Explore crystalline waters and coral passes, search for endemic seabirds and experience the slower rhythms of life across some of the South Pacific's most remote and untamed atolls.



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 Makatea

An uplifted coral atoll, the island of Makatea is among the Pacific's most unusual and geologically fascinating landforms. Raised dramatically from the sea by tectonic forces, Makatea stands in striking contrast to the region's low-lying atolls, with towering limestone cliffs and rugged elevated terrain. So distinctive is this rare formation that the island's name has



become the term used for uplifted coral atolls around the world. Spend the day with your naturalists and local guides, in search of endemic fruit doves and a myriad of seabirds. Explore the island's limestone caves and swim in the crystal-clear waters of its stalactite- and stalagmite-filled grotto.

Day 3 Rangiroa

The atoll of Rangiroa is a necklace of slender islands surrounding one of the world's largest lagoons, renowned for some of the finest snorkeling in French Polynesia. Beneath the turquoise waters, marine ecosystems harbor large schools of reef fish, dolphins and other marine life. Spend the day exploring this stunning blue lagoon in an extraordinary South Pacific paradise.

Day 4-5 Fakarava

Arrive at Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve renowned for its extraordinary marine life and biodiversity. Go ashore in the village of Rotoava, where opportunities to explore by bicycle, browse local pearl shops or stroll the waterfront offer a glimpse into daily life on this remote island.

Day 6 At Sea / Mo'orea

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 explore calm turquoise waters teeming with marine life. Back on board this evening, gather with fellow travelers for a farewell dinner as you celebrate your journey through French Polynesia.

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.

In the afternoon, disembark in Papeete 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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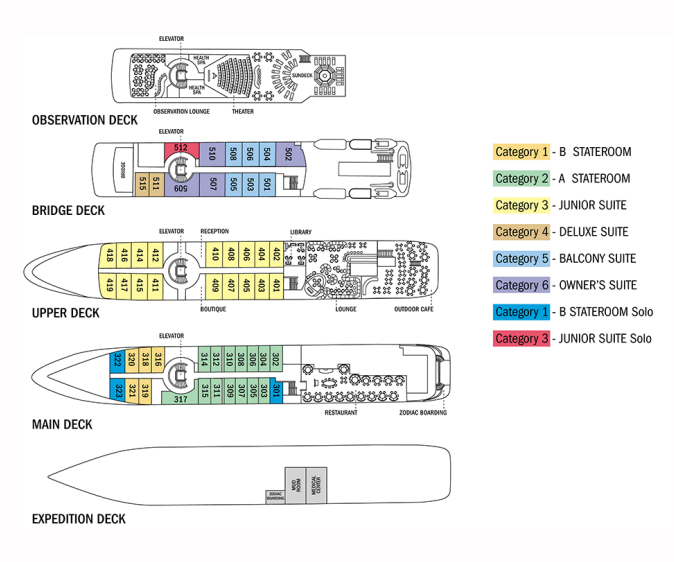
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