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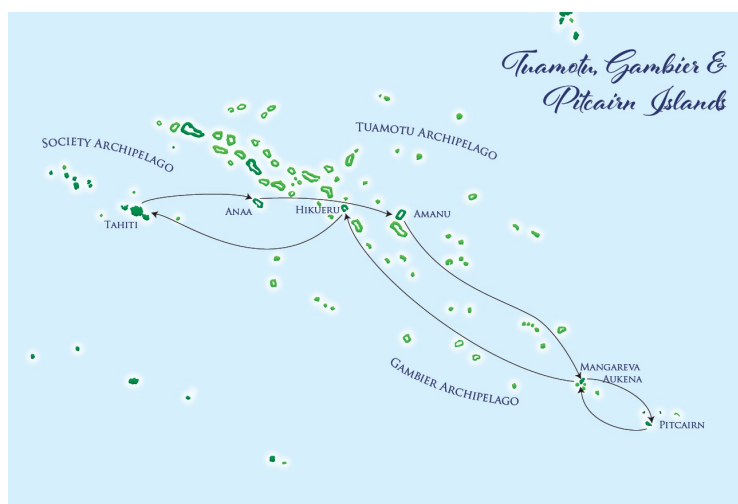


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## TUAMOTU, GAMBIER & PITCAIRN CRUISE

Following in the footsteps of the famed Bounty mutineers, Aranui 5 is offering a special cruise to Pitcairn via some of the most beautiful and untouched islands across three Tahitian archipelagos. Please Note: Port Taxes and Charges vary depending on cabin type. Single supplement, child rates and triple & quad share cabins are available - please contact us for more details. Dormitory cabins can be mixed sex - You should be aware that you may be sharing with males and females in these dormitories.



### ITINERARY

Day 1 Papeete, Tahiti

You will embark on the Aranui between 7:00 and 9:00 am. You will be warmly welcomed by our Polynesian staff and settle in on the ship before the big trip to Anaa.

Day 2 Anaa, Tuamotu

A small atoll with less than 500 inhabitants, Anaa wrote its way into the history books as the birthplace of Tahiti's royal family -- the Pomare Dynasty. These days it's best known for its luminous jade lagoon with green clouds above from the sun rays reflecting off the water and picturesque motus with no less than eleven



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little islands scattered around the atoll. Most of the population is involved in copra or fishing, leading to the island's landmark sustainable fishing programme. Passengers can go swimming in the lagoon which has been compared to a large aquarium. Bring your mask and snorkel. Sea shells and fish in abundance.

### Day 3 Amanu, Tuamotu

Located 900km east of Tahiti, Amanu is an idyllic atoll with palm-fringed crystal-clear lagoons and a charming island village. During a visit to Ikitake, guests can see local handicrafts and explore the village's old lighthouse, church and the 19th century building with walls made of coral stones that doubles as the town hall and a shelter during cyclones. Under a century-old tree known as "tau", a buffet of local specialties will be served.

### Day 4 At Sea (heading to Gambier)

Take advantage of this day at sea to relax by the boat's pool, to participate in one of our conferences or activities organized by our guides.

### Day 5 Mangareva, Gambier

Mangareva is the largest island in the Gambier and its main village, Rikitea, is the chief town of the archipelago. The island has a large lagoon with striking blue and green hues and is also famous for its Tahitian black pearls, which are cultivated in the pristine waters around the island. Once the cradle of Catholicism in Polynesia, a visit to the renovated St Michael's

Catholic Church, where the altar is inlaid with iridescent mother-of-pearl shell, is a must.

### Day 6 Pitcairn, Pitcairn Islands

More than 200 years after the Bounty arrived, Aranui 5 will call at Pitcairn. The tale of the mutiny of His Majesty's Armed Vessel Bounty is one of the best known in history. After the master's Mate Fletcher Christian cast adrift Commander Lieutenant William Bligh in the ship's boat, the mutineers sailed the Bounty back to Tahiti then onwards to the Austral Islands, eventually seeking refuge on an uninhabited island, secure from the outside world. Pitcairn. As part of their crew, they took with them six Polynesian men and twelve women, the beginnings of the current Pitcairn community. Upon their arrival on January 17, 1790, the crew found Pitcairn to be an inaccessible and uninhabited place with fertile and warm conditions. After removing their possessions and lugging everything up the aptly named Hill Of Difficulty, the Bounty was run ashore and set alight so that no trace of her would remain visible from the sea. A village was established on the lower plateau, situated above Bounty Bay, where the village of Adamstown still stands. Although he lived in this isolated sanctuary only a few years, Fletcher Christian is fondly remembered as the founder and first leader of modern-day Pitcairn.

### Days 7 Pitcairn, Pitcairn Islands

Home to just 50 people, Pitcairn is one of the most isolated islands in the world. During their visit, guests can immerse themselves in the living history and culture of the island, walking



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in the footsteps of the Bounty settlers from the landing at Bounty Bay to Adamstown; meeting the descendants of the mutineers at the curio market; visiting the grave of the last surviving mutineer John Adams; learning about an earlier Polynesian civilisation and viewing artefacts from the Bounty at the Museum.

### Day 8 Aukena, Gambier

Aukena is home to pristine lagoons perfect for black pearl farming, idyllic beaches and the first church constructed out of stone in all of French Polynesia - Saint-Raphael Church was built in 1839. Guests can visit a pearl farm and enjoy a picnic on the beautiful Aukena beach. A hike offering breathtaking views of the lagoon is included in the program.

### Day 9 At Sea (heading to Tuamotu)

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### Day 10 Hikueru, Tuamotu

Located in the Central Tuamotu Archipelago, Hikueru was once a large natural pearl oyster reserve. A cyclone in 1903 caused considerable damage to the atoll, which Jack London described in great detail in his South Sea Tales. The first pearl farm to produce high quality Tahitian pearls was established here in the 1960s. Today, the population relies on the production of copra.

Activities at the cultural center, visit of the cathedral Saint-Michel and outdoor activities around city hall. Guests will enjoy a lunch on shore featuring local specialties followed by activities at the beach.

### Day 11 At Sea (heading to Papeete)

Enjoy this day at sea to relax by the boat's pool, to participate in one of our conferences or activities organized by our guides

### Day 12 Papeete - disembark approx 7am

This is the end of our journey. It's time to say N n ! (Goodbye) to your travel companions, to the Polynesian staff and Aranui guides.

### Please Note:

This itinerary may be modified due to technical or meteorological reasons. In the case of bad weather, disembarkment may not be possible for safety reasons. Please note that the Aranui will not transport any freight during this Tuamotu- Gambier- Pitcairn voyage.



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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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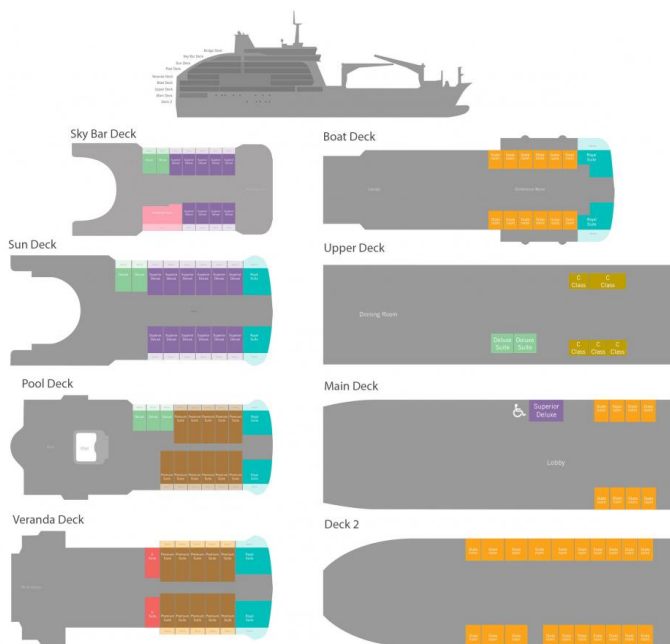
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