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TAHITI

ARANOA'S TUAMOTU ESCAPE: PEARLS, REEFS & ISLAND RHYTHMS

(TOUR CODE: 15409)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Tahiti

TRAVEL PERIODS

05 May 2027 - 09 May 2027

EXPERIENCE

Cruising
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Ocean Cruising

Sail the Tuamotus with Aranoa—crystal lagoons, pearl heritage, coral reefs, and vibrant Polynesian culture.

Highlights

- **Cruise through the pristine Tuamotu archipelago aboard Aranoa** – a new eco-conscious vessel offering comfort and cultural immersion.
- **Swim, snorkel, and picnic on untouched motus** – surrounded by jade-green lagoons and coral reefs.
- **Explore Makatea, Anaa, and Mataiva** – each with unique features like sacred caves, fossilized coral blocks, and vibrant village life.
- **Discover pearl heritage, historic churches, and local crafts** – with guided excursions and warm Polynesian hospitality.
- **Relax pre- and post-cruise at Te Moana Resort Tahiti** – a tranquil retreat with lagoon views and infinity pool.

Set sail on a serene 5-day voyage through the Tuamotu Islands aboard *Aranoa*, a new eco-friendly passenger-freighter designed for immersive exploration.

This unique itinerary blends cultural discovery with lagoon-side relaxation as you visit remote atolls such as Makatea, Anaa, and Mataiva. Explore sacred caves, fossilized coral formations, and the heritage of pearl farming, with plenty of time for daily swims, snorkelling, and tranquil beach picnics.

Your journey begins and ends with a 3-night pre-/post-stay at Te Moana Resort Tahiti, where Polynesian warmth, modern comfort, and lagoon views set the perfect tone. With guided excursions, onboard hospitality, and breathtaking scenery, this experience takes you deep into the untouched beauty of French Polynesia.

INCLUSIONS

- Return economy airfares from Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne with Air Tahiti Nui
- 4-night cruise aboard Aranoa in a Standard Cabin (Obstructed View)
- 3 nights at Te Moana (3*) with daily breakfast
- Airport meet & greet with traditional flower lei
- All transfers between airport, hotel, and cruise terminal
- All onboard meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Wine included during onboard lunches and dinners
- All shore excursions with English-speaking guides
- Port charges and government taxes
- Resort fee

ITINERARY

Day 1 Airport Te Moana Tahiti Resort

Arrive at Tahiti International Airport and our representative will welcome and escort you to your transfer to Te Moana Tahiti Resort. This is a short 10 minutes drive from the airport.

Overnight stay in Tahiti at **Te Moana Tahiti Resort** in a Standard Room.

Day 2 Te Moana Tahiti

Spend a relaxing morning at the Te Moana Tahiti Resort perhaps taking a dip in the stunning infinity pool with views over to Moorea. Take a swim in the stunning lagoon or enjoy the bars and restaurants the resort has to offer.

Overnight stay in Tahiti at **Te Moana Tahiti Resort** in a Standard Room.

Breakfast



STUNNING POOL AT TE MOANA TAHITI RESORT

Day 3 Te Moana Tahiti Papeete Moorea

Enjoy a leisurely morning at the Te Moana Tahiti before checking out of the hotel.

At the Papeete Cruise Terminal, you'll board in true Polynesian style, greeted with fragrant flower garlands, lively ukulele music, and warm smiles. As the ship sets sail, the lush mountains of Tahiti gradually fade into the distance, making way for your next Pacific adventure.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day

4

Makatea

Surrounded by cliffs rising nearly 240 feet, Makatea is the only atoll in the Tuamotus with potable water from underground caves. Once prosperous from phosphate mining (1917–1964), it is now sparsely inhabited, with locals living from copra cultivation, fishing, and trading the coconut crab (*Kaveu*).

Passengers will disembark by tender at Temao Wharf and explore the island on foot or by car. Highlights include the sacred caves and the remains of Makatea's phosphate mining era. A picnic is served under the cliffs or on the beach.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



ARANO

Mataiva

Mataiva is a stunning atoll, known for its unique lagoon and white-sand beaches, offering an authentic and tranquil experience with minimal tourism. Locals are warm and welcoming.

Passengers will disembark by tender at Pahua Wharf and be greeted with a traditional “Orero” performance. The village is just a 5-minute walk from the dock and can be explored at your leisure.

Optional excursions include visits to Turtle Rock, the Paure marae, the phosphate pond, the bird motu, and the “pito” of Mataiva (sign-up at reception). 4×4 vehicles will transport guests to a private beach for a picnic and lagoon activities.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Anaa

Anaa, birthplace of Tahiti’s Pomare royal family, is renowned for its sparkling jade lagoon and white-sand motus. Most locals are engaged in copra production or fishing, supported by a sustainable fishing program. Look out for the *feo*, the giant fossilized coral blocks unique to the atoll.

Passengers will disembark by tender at Tukahora Pier. Explore the village by bus or on foot, and try fly-fishing in the shallow, crystal-clear lagoon. A picnic lunch is served on the beach in Tukahora village.

Optional activities: Swimming and discovery at the “Ogoogo” pito.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Papeete Te Moana Tahiti Resort

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

Morning arrival into Papeete by around 7:00 AM and guests disembark. Our representative will be waiting for you as you disembark to transfer you to the Te Moana Tahiti Resort. Spend a relaxing afternoon, wander through scenic coastal spots, admire local architecture, and explore open-air viewpoints and historic sites that capture the island’s charm.

Overnight stay in Tahiti at **Te Moana Tahiti Resort** in a Standard Room.

Breakfast



Day **8**

Te Moana Tahiti Resort Airport

It's time to wrap up our journey. Please check out and take the transfer to Tahiti International Airport for your international flight back home.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Aranoa

Aranoa will offer voyages to the Austral Islands — Rimatara, Rurutu, Tubuai, Raivavae, and Rapa — known for their lush mountains, turquoise lagoons, and white sandy beaches. Like the Aranui 5, it will be a mixed passenger-freighter vessel carrying fewer than 200 guests, designed for comfort and minimal environmental impact. Continuing Aranui's 40-year legacy of inclusive tourism, Aranoa aims to support the Austral Islands by fostering sustainable tourism, promoting inter-island connections, and showcasing the region's breathtaking landscapes and rich Polynesian culture.

Specifications:

- Length: 116m
- Breadth: 21m
- Number of passengers: 198
- Number of cabins: 93, including 62 with balcony
- 2 Restaurants
- 2 Bars
- 2 Whirlpools
- 1 Boutique
- 1 Spa & Tattoo area
- 1 Fitness centre



Te Moana Tahiti Resort

Puna'auia

Located between land and sea, the Te Moana Tahiti Resort hotel offers the ideal setting for your stopover in Tahiti in an authentic Polynesian setting. Relax by the infinity pool, enjoy a meal in one of our two restaurants and enjoy the sunset over the island of Moorea every evening.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
French	CFP franc

Excluded

- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Local City Taxes (where applicable - payable locally on check in)
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package i.e. mandatory festive dinners
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package