



VARIETY CRUISES

PRIVATE SHIP PREBOOKED SHORE EXCURSIONS

TAHITI, SOCIETY & TUAMOTU ISLANDS

On board M/S PANORAMA II



From Papeete Port to Papeete Port, Tahiti

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Day 2 | Bora Bora, Society Islands

BORA BORA Mountain 4WD Safari **HALF DAY MORNING TOUR– Duration: 3H30** **Price per person 105 Euros**

Get in a 4WD vehicle to discover the wild interior of BoraBora, its WW2 remaining cannons and bunkers not forgetting the spectacular panoramic views over the lagoon's blue shadings. Discover the rich historic past and archaeological treasures of Bora Bora, unknown sites reachable via private roads only, such as the private marae Hau Puni surrounded by an arboretum and medicinal plants. A unique tour to learn more about Bora Bora unknown cultural sites and history aboard a very comfortable 4WD. Marae Hau Puni: made of several platforms, this huge property is surrounded by an arboretum and medicinal plants. Ancient objects were found on site during the restoration. Cannons and bunkers dating from World War II located on the top of a hill, guns are facing Bora Bora's unique pass. This is also a great viewpoint on Vaitape pier and Bora Bora's lagoon. *Our land tours (Hiking, 4WD vehicles, ATV or similar) may include rough off-road driving/climbing and steep ascents and descents. It is therefore not recommended to pregnant women, persons suffering from motion sickness, vertigo, bad back or joints, excess weight.*

BORA BORA BY LE TRUCK – **HALF DAY AFTERNOON TOUR - DURATION 2H30** **Price per person 38 Euros**

A local, open-air truck with individual cushioned bucket seats takes you on a leisurely guided tour. Your guide will share with you the daily life of the Tahitians, in particular these of Bora Bora. Witness how the popular “pareo” is made, learn about “tupa” crabs, taste locally grown fruits and hear about relics left behind by the U.S. military.

Day 3 | Bora Bora, Society Islands

SHARK & RAY SNORKELLING & LAGOON EXPLORATION BOAT TOUR **HALF DAY MORNING DURATION 4H00** **Price per person: 89 Euros**

In the comfort of a covered motorized boat, you depart from Vaitape pier for a scenic lagoon and reef exploration cruise with many photo opportunities of Bora Bora's famous multicolored turquoise lagoon & green jagged mountain peaks. A brief stop is made at an ideal shallow spot in the lagoon to view schools of sting-rays with black tip reef sharks. Your local guide will introduce you to these gentle creatures and guests are free to join the guide in the lagoon or watch in comfort from the boat. Then discover the most beautiful coral reef garden of the isle and enjoy the breathtaking underwater world: multicolor clams, shoals and colorful fishes and corals. Tour requires a good physical condition. Reef shoes are recommended.

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Day 3 | Taha'a, Society Islands

TAHA'A HALF DAY (AFTERNOON) DISCOVERY LAND TOUR - Duration: 4HRS

Price per person: 69 Euros

Begin with a minivan tour through the island of Taha'a to visit of a pearl farm, a vanilla plantation, a rum factory. Discover the black pearl and the vanilla culture, two precious treasures of Tahaa. On the way, your guide will show you the different fruit plants and flowers that grows on this beautiful rich island. From the graft to the pearl collection, you will learn how to get this precious black pearl. Discover how the vanilla grows and how to get those beans which perfume is so sweet. You'll stop at a beautiful viewpoint and learn the traditional uses of local plants and trees. Sample various local fruits and learn tamure -- typical Tahitian dancing.

Day 4 | Raiatea, Society Islands

A) HIGHLIGHTS OF RAIATEA - MARAE TAPUTAPUATEA BUS TOUR HALF DAY MORNING TOUR– Duration: 3H30

Price per person: 66 Euros

Meet your guide for an informative & intimate tour by minibus. Drive towards the south of Raiatea. Enjoy a panoramic drive through the main town of Uturoa -- the cultural and administrative center of Raiatea. Shortly after leaving town, you will see Mount Temehani -- endemic home to the Tiare Apetahi. This extremely rare flower grows nowhere else on earth. An amazing fact about this flower is that each morning, when the sun touches the flower, the petals open with a slight crackling sound. From the bus, take in the view of the lagoon that is home to some pearl farms. Your scenic drive will pass the coastline and give you a glimpse of Polynesian daily life. Raiatea is a very green island, and your guide will point out flowers and fruits along the way. Our highlight stop is at the main ancient Marae (open-air temple) of Taputapuatea, recently became a UNESCO protected site – your guide will cover the origins & history of this famous land mark.

B) KAYAK THE FAAROA RIVER HALF DAY AFTERNOON TOUR– Duration: 3H30

Price per person: 60 Euros

Discover the pristine natural beauty of Raiatea along the same route as New Zealand's Maori settlers during this unique kayak adventure on the Faaroa River. Departing the pier, you'll drive directly to the Faaroa River -- the only navigable river in French Polynesia. Upon arrival, listen to safety instructions and take your equipment; then, hop into your kayak. Led by your guide, you will paddle gently along the river, beginning in the fjord-like inlet of Raiatea known as the Faaroa Gorge. Continue up the scenic Faaroa River, where the steep riverbanks are clad in lush jungle foliage and are home to a diverse range of bird species. Wild hibiscus (purau) trees are found along the sheer cliffs at the edge of the rain forest.

Notes: This active tour includes approximately 1¾ hours of paddling. Participants must know how to swim and be in good physical condition. Pregnant women and guests with neck or back problems are not allowed to participate. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, biodegradable sunscreen, insect repellent and a hat. Kayaks are doubles and will be shared. Minimum age is 12 years. Maximum weight is 260 lbs. You will be required to follow the guide and wear your lifejacket (provided). A waterproof bag will be available on the kayak to store your small items.

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Day 5 | Huahine, Society Islands

Sacred Sites & Legendary Places: 4WD TOUR INCL. MOTU LUNCH: Maeva Village, the Faie FULL DAY – Duration: 7HRS

Price per person: 105 Euros per person

Set off on an educational exploration of the island and learn all about Polynesian geology, botany, anthropology, archaeology, sociology, economy, history and traditions. Your driver-guide and will share his knowledge, experience and passion for this beautiful island with such a rich culture. Village of Maeva: Huahine is renowned for its village of Maeva, where all district chiefs once lived side by side and worshiped their ancestors at their respective marae. Marae are places including stone structures set aside for religious rites and ceremonies. 200 archaeological stone structures have survived centuries of natural destruction. These structures lie within yards of one another along the shore of Lake Fauna Nui and on the sacred and scenic Matairea Hill. Visit the museum with your guide and learn about the arrival of the first navigators in Polynesia. The village of Maeva is also sheltering the remains of stone fish traps unique in French Polynesia. There are still fishermen using stone traps in the village. Your return route will take you through the village of Faie for a visit with the giant blue-eyed eels, and then up the mountain to the Belvedere Lookout where you will have a wonderful photo opportunity of the beautiful Bay of Maroe. Head to a Motu where delicious lunch will be served.

Day 6 | Makatea, Tuamotu Islands

EXPLORATION TOUR: ENDEMIC BIRDS, ROCKPOOLS & THE GROTTO

HALF DAY – Duration 4hrs

Price per person: 65 Euros

The island of Makatea is like no other found in French Polynesia. It is not a coral atoll but rather a raised island of coral. The limestone cliffs tower over the coast and the island's interior shows significant vegetation, complete with a few species of endemic birds and a peculiar expanse of limestone holes. In the early 20th century, important reserves of phosphate were discovered in these naturally occurring holes, and for over 50 years the island was the centre of a thriving phosphate mining business. The mining ceased in the 1960s, and the island went from a home to thousands to that of less than 100 inhabitants. Today, this sleepy but spectacular island is home to three species of threatened endemic birds: the beautiful Makatea fruit dove, the impressive imperial pigeon, and the comely appearing singer extraordinaire, the reed warbler.

Activities this morning will take us across this unique island to a magnificent beach with rockpools to explore before we visit an incredible grotto. Swimming deeper inside the grotto, this underwater cave system will slowly open out to reveal a spectacular watery cathedral, full of weird and wonderful stalagmites and stalactites.

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Day 7 | Rangiroa, Tuamotu Islands

THE BLUE LAGOON TOUR AND MOTU LUNCH INCLUDED

FULL DAY TOUR – Duration 6hrs

Price per person: 120 Euros

At one hour boat ride away from the main village of Rangiroa stands the amazing spot known as the Blue Lagoon. Literally a lagoon within a lagoon. In the program of your day: swim in a turquoise water, stroll among the motu birds, enjoy demonstrations and braiding workshops or just relax on a beautiful pink sand beach. At noon, a delicious barbecue (non-alcoholic drinks included) will be prepared by the team on site. On your way back, snorkeling among sharks and in Avatoru pass if the current allows it.

Day 8 | Rangiroa, Tuamotu Islands

RANGIROA BLACK PEARL FARM

HALF DAY MORNING TOUR – Duration 1,5hrs

Price per person: 40 Euros

Transfer by bus along the main road of Rangiroa, passing the airport just before turning into the Black Pearl Farm. Most pearl farms are small in size, and the number of staff here is quite typical of the farms in this region. On arrival at the farm, the staff will provide a 20-minute introduction to pearl farming and explain how black pearls are produced. Learn about the chronology and evolution of the industry, how oysters are selected, grown and then grafted for production. Grafting is the key element, as this requires a skilled craftsman to perform precise surgery on each oyster. The real highlight of the excursion is the opportunity to view a selection of unset black pearls that are also available for purchase. Here your guide will be able to show you the criteria by which the pearls are graded for quality. You will see the round, baroque and semi-baroque pearls that range in grade from C to A+. This tour is ideal for those who have an interest in learning about pearl cultivation or for those who are shopping for black pearls.

RANGIROA GLASS-BOTTOM BOAT TOUR

HALF DAY AFTERNOON TOUR – Duration 1hrs

Price per person: 60 Euros

Get acquainted with the coral gardens and tropical fish of Rangiroa during this scenic glass-bottom boat tour. Depart the pier aboard a glass-bottom boat, then slowly float over the huge coral heads that cluster in shallow areas inside the Tiputa Channel. Along the way, you will see a colorful world full of parrot fish, butterfly fish, and surgeon fish through the large windows. You may also encounter black-tipped sharks, and catch a glimpse of the majestic Napoleon fish.

During the tour, your Polynesian boat crew will attract the fish directly under the glass panels to make it easy for you to observe and photograph them. A cover will provide protection from the sun and eliminate glare, enabling you to take home great photographs.

Following your tour, you will be transferred back to the pier. Please note: This is not a snorkeling tour.

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Day 9 | Tikehau, Tuamotu Islands

TUHENAHERA VILLAGE & FISH-FARM EXPLORATION

HALF DAY – Duration 3hrs

Price per person: 43 Euros

Our optional walking tour will take to one of the family-owned fish farm where they trap different species of fish in a maze of underwater fencing. Much of their catch is then shipped to Papeete and sold at the local markets. We will visit Tuherahera at the southern side where most locals live, leaving the remainder of the atoll virtually untouched. In fact, the northeastern quarter is mostly uninhabited. Naturally adorned with colorful flowers such as hibiscus and bougainvillea, Tuherahera is one of the most attractive villages in the Tuamotu Atolls.

Day 10 | Tetiaroa, Society Islands

TAHINA ITI WALKING TOUR

HALF DAY – Duration: 3 hours

Price per person: 40 Euros

A haven for birds, sea turtles and all kinds of marine life, Tetiaroa is treasured among Tahitians who know it as a sacred place. Enjoy an optional guided walking tour to the islet of Tahuna Iti, the Birds' Island. The islet shelters one of the largest colony of birds in Tahiti and is a national reserve for seabirds, frigates, terns, phaetons (straw tails), brown gannets and other petrels, White terns, red-tailed tropic birds and the amazing great crested birds – whose colony is the only one in the Windward Islands – all coexist in Tetiaroa. Birds come to breed in this uninhabited haven, and their environment has to be respected and preserved in all possible ways.

Day 11 | Moorea, Society Islands OVERNIGHT

A) NATURE & CULTURE IN MOOREA BY JEEP OR VAN

HALF DAY MORNING TOUR– Duration: 3H30

Price per person: 65 Euros

Discover the beauty of Moorea island during this half day tour. Your guide will gladly share with you her wide knowledge on the history of Moorea: the peculiar relief of the island, its formation, the name of its mountains, while taking you to the famous sightseeing point Le Belvédère overlooking Cook and Opunohu's bays, the volcano crater and the plateau de la Bounty. You will pass through the pineapple fields and vanilla plantations, discover the tropical fruits of the agricultural school and will taste their exquisite flavor at the fruit juice factory. Your guide will explain their medicinal properties and their use by Polynesians in everyday life. Many ancient remains such as altars, religious temples, old habitat platforms are still visible today, and your guide will share insight on their role in the ancient Polynesian society.

B) SNORKEL SAFARI

HALF DAY AFTERNOON TOUR– Duration: 3H

Price per person: 79 Euros

Board a comfortable boat with a cover to protect you from the direct rays of the sun and travel along a colorful lagoon. The boat will take you near a gorgeous sandy islet surrounded by transparent turquoise waters.

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You will be able to enjoy time for snorkeling and even glide with stingrays and sharks in clear waters...Before heading back to the pier refreshment will be served.

*Prices are NET, estimated at this stage and are subject to change in case of a major increase in site entrances, vehicle charges or other governmental taxes. **Our excursions are exclusively run for our Variety cruises guests. A minimum of 15 guests is required for above operation and prices.** The tours are subject to changes due to site restorations, weather, heavy traffic or other conditions. Should sites or museums be closed on our visiting days, alternative visits will be offered instead. The tours are quite active and require good physical condition. Due to slippery sites we recommend comfortable shoes, sun tan lotion, a hat and water. **Tips** for the local guides and drivers are not included.*

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