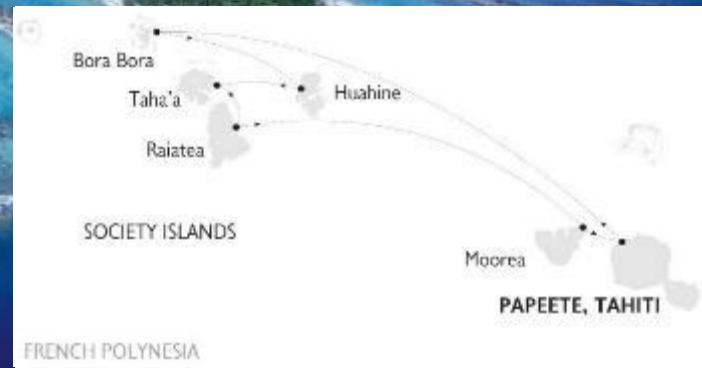
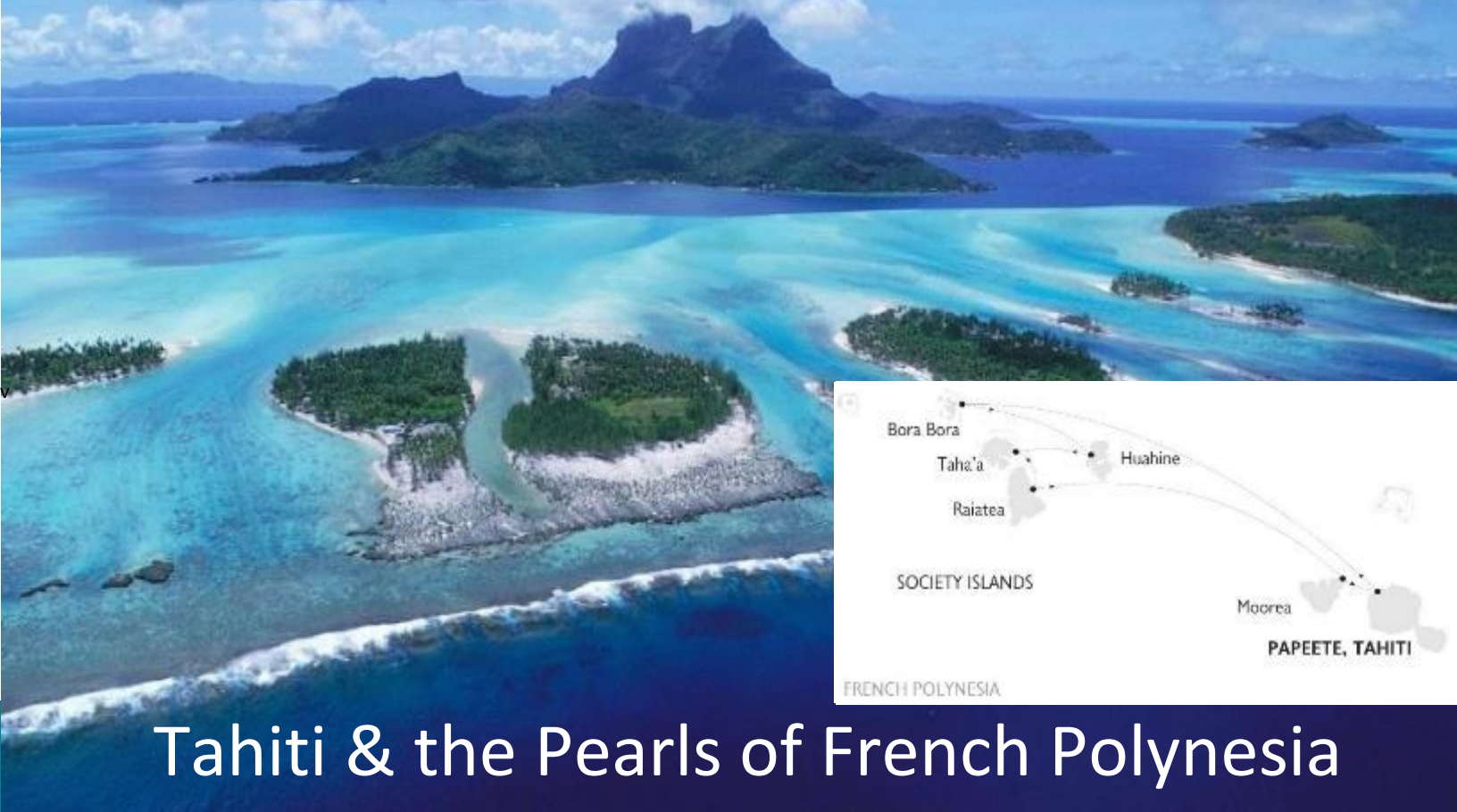




VARIETY CRUISES

The Yacht Cruise Experience



# Tahiti & the Pearls of French Polynesia

Tahiti /Papeete to Tahiti/Papeete on board the M/S PANORAMA II

**ALL YEAR ROUND Aug. – Dec. 2022**

- 7-Night cruises in the Society Islands
- 10-Night cruises in the Society and Tuamotu Islands

Highlights: Bora Bora, Moorea, Huahine, Taha'a, Raiatea, Makatea, Tikehau and Rangiroa





## M/S PANORAMA II

### MOTOR SAILER

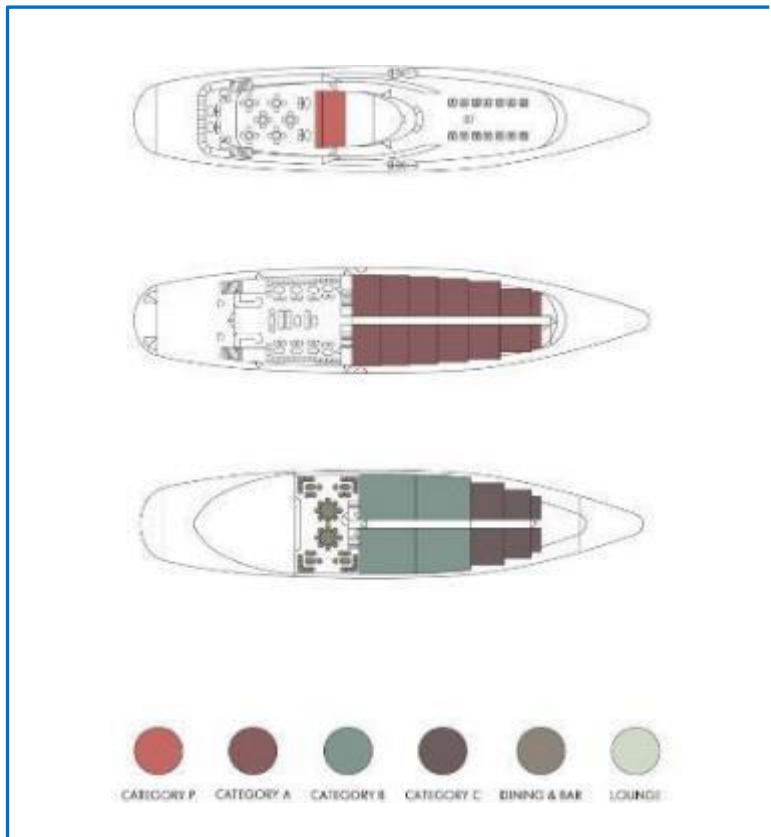
The Panorama II is a 164 ft Motor Sailer which complies with the latest SOLAS regulations for International Voyages. Her state of the art twin masts with 600 m<sup>3</sup> of sails allow safe and comfortable sailing.

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

Length: 50 m (164 ft)  
Launch Year: 2004 (renovated: 2015)  
Cabins: 25  
Capacity: 49 passengers  
Crew: 16-18

The two-mast M/S Panorama II, launched in 2004, carries just 49 passengers and offers high standard accommodation, comfort and safety. This state of the art Motorsailer has performed several Atlantic Ocean crossings, from the Seychelles to Monte Carlo and from the Black Sea to Tunis. The public areas include a main bar and lounge, which was renovated in 2015 to feature wood flooring and new furniture with soft fabrics in warm coral tones. Service on board is provided by your Captain, the Cruise Coordinator and your experienced Marine and Hotel crew members.

Deck Plan  
M/S PANORAMA II





## Motor Sailer: PANORAMA II

Photos:

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### CABIN SPECIFICATIONS:

The M/S Panorama II outside cabins are located at the Upper, Main and Lower decks and are handsomely designed, finished with lustrous wood trims and warm fabrics. They all have marble-appointed en suite bathrooms with showers and are equipped with windows (Upper & Main deck cabins) and portholes (Lower deck cabins). All cabins have individually controlled A/C and fitted with Flat screen TV, telephone (for internal use), hairdryers, mini-fridge, central music, public address system and safe deposit boxes. 4 Main Deck cabins are convertible into 2 suites. 4 Lower deck cabins can be offered as Triple cabins.



### LIFE ON BOARD

During the day life on board centers around the indoor Lounge area and the indoor dining room, as well as the open and inviting deck areas, natural gathering places, perfect for enjoying your meals al fresco, settling into a chair with a good book, or gather with your fellow passengers and enjoy the views of the places you visit. The swim platform on PANORAMA II's stern enables you to swim off the yacht when weather and anchorage conditions permit.



### MAIN DECK

The main lounge with comfortable sofas has a full-service bar and a plasma TV screen and is the hub of social activities such as the daily briefings on the destinations visited and other gatherings. This area is ideal for enjoying the company of your fellow travelers or simply for reading a good book from the library. The area was beautifully renovated in 2015 to feature wood flooring and new furniture and comfortable sofas with soft fabrics in warm coral tones.



### INDOOR AND OUTDOOR DINING ROOMS

Located on the Lower deck, the indoor dining room seat all passengers in a single, unassigned seating and offer generous buffet space. The aft area at the Upper Deck provides generous semi-covered area where guests can enjoy their meals al fresco in a single, unassigned seating, with wonderful views, weather permitting. Food is served at the table or displayed on the state of the art hot & cold buffets, also including an "a la minute cooking" section. The menu is international, with a focus on local specialties.

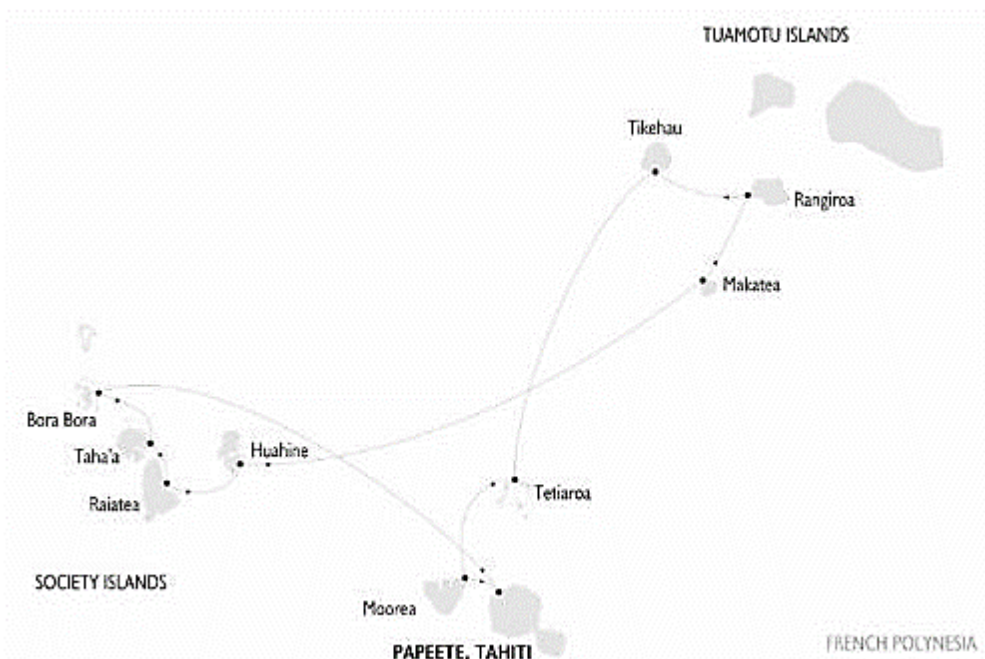
### SUN DECK

The bow area at the Upper deck provides generous space and comfortable sun loungers are available to sunbathe in total comfort.



TAHITI & THE PEARLS OF FRENCH POLYNESIA 7-Nights / 8-Days		
Departures all year round		
DAY	PORT	DETAILS
1	Papeete, Tahiti	<b>Embark the Panorama II in Papeete Port between 2:30pm and 4:00pm.</b> After a welcome briefing and safety drill, we will set sail for Bora Bora. Overnight at sea.
2	Bora Bora	Early morning arrival in Bora Bora, possibly the most photographed place on earth. Our ship sails into Bora Bora lagoon with Mount Otemanu rising proudly at the center. Over the following two days, we will have a variety of <b>optional activities</b> to choose from, such as: <b>a)</b> A Bora Bora Cultural Tour by 4x4; <b>b)</b> An excursion to snorkel with sting rays and sharks and explore the lagoon; <b>c)</b> The Bora Bora tour by "Le Truck" and more. Overnight at anchor.
3	Bora Bora - Huahine	Today, we continue our Bora Bora <b>optional activities</b> . After lunch, we cruise the Bora Bora lagoon and sail to Huahine, arriving late in the evening. Overnight at anchor inside the lagoon.
4	Huahine	Huahine, once home to Tahitian royalty, is considered the cradle of Polynesian culture. The two islands maintain the largest concentration of ancient marae (temples) in French Polynesia, some of which are believed to date back to around 700 AD. Huahine is a colossal tropical jungle burgeoning with coconut plantations, vanilla orchids, banana groves, breadfruit trees and watermelon fields. Our <b>optional half-day tour</b> takes us by 4x4 vehicle around the island to visit the small villages of Fare and Maeva, an archaeological site, and a vanilla plantation. There will also be an opportunity to see and feed the sacred blue-eyed eels of Faie Bay. Overnight at anchor.
5	Huahine - Taha'a	We leave Huahine early this morning and sail to the island of Taha'a, which shares a magnificent lagoon with Raiatea Island. The fertile island is covered with banana, watermelon and coconut groves. The island also acts as a vast natural greenhouse for the treasured Tahitian vanilla orchid. Our <b>optional half-day excursion</b> will allow us to explore the beautiful interior of the island by 4x4 vehicle. Taste the local fruit and admire breathtaking views of the magnificent turquoise waters of Ha'amene Bay. This excursion also includes a visit to a pearl farm and a traditional vanilla plantation. In the afternoon, we will have plenty of time for swimming and snorkeling from a "motu", or reef islet. Overnight at anchor.
6	Raiatea	We sail across the lagoon to reach nearby Raiatea, which translates to "faraway heaven" and "sky with soft light". Originally known as Havai'i, Raiatea is considered the homeland of the ancient Polynesians. Our <b>morning optional excursion</b> will introduce you to the highlights of Raiatea. Meet your guide for an informative & intimate tour by minibus. 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. 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. Here, we will learn about its Polynesian origins and historical relevance. <b>Optional afternoon tour</b> includes an exploration by kayak of the Faaroa River, French Polynesia's only navigable river, with an expert guide leading the way through Raiatea's verdant interior. Late in the evening we sail to Mo'orea. Overnight at sea.
7	Mo'orea	This morning, we reach Mo'orea, believed to be the inspiration for the mythical Bali Hai from James Michener's <i>Tales of the South Pacific</i> . Eight gargantuan mountain peaks rise from its magnificent lagoon, creating a distinctive silhouette visible from the western coast of Tahiti. <b>Morning and afternoon optional half day excursions;</b> a/ a Snorkeling and ray tour b/ a Nature & Culture Tour taking you to admire magnificent views in the interior of the island. Tonight we will enjoy our Farewell Dinner. Overnight at anchor.
8	Papeete, Tahiti	Early morning sailing to Tahiti. Morning arrival in Papeete. Disembarkation at 9:00 am after breakfast.

*Itineraries can be changed at the discretion of Variety Cruises and of the Vessel's Captain in case of adverse weather conditions - winds of 6/7 beaufort or more depending on the vessel- on port authorities not allowing a vessel to leave port or in case of other extraordinary conditions. Such itinerary changes do not entitle automatically passengers to any refunds but Variety Cruises guarantees that passengers are disembarked at the advertised port of disembarkation on time for their flights.*



## Tahiti, the Society and Tuamotu Islands - 2022

10-Nights / 11-Days

Departures all year round

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3	Bora Bora - Taha'a	We continue our Bora Bora activities. After lunch we cruise the Bora Bora lagoon and sail to nearby Taha'a, a true botanical paradise. The fertile island is covered with banana, watermelon and coconut groves. The island also acts as a vast natural greenhouse for the treasured Tahitian vanilla orchid. Our <b>optional half-day excursion</b> will allow us to explore the beautiful interior of the island by 4x4 vehicle. Taste the local fruit and admire breathtaking views of the magnificent turquoise waters of Ha'amene Bay. This excursion also includes a visit to a pearl farm and a traditional vanilla plantation. In the afternoon, we will have plenty of time for swimming and snorkeling from a "motu", or atoll. Overnight at anchor.
4	Raiatea	In the morning we sail across the lagoon and reach nearby Raiatea, which translates to "faraway heaven" and "sky with soft light". Originally known as Hava'i'i, Raiatea is considered the homeland of the ancient Polynesians. Our <b>morning optional excursion</b> will introduce you to the highlights of Raiatea. Meet your guide for an informative & intimate tour by minibus. 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. 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. Here, we will learn about its Polynesian origins and historical relevance. <b>Optional afternoon tour</b> includes an exploration by kayak of the Faaroa River, French Polynesia's only navigable river, with an expert guide leading the way through Raiatea's verdant interior. Overnight at anchor.

5	Raiatea - Huahine	Morning sailing to Huahine. Huahine, once home to Tahitian royalty, is considered the cradle of Polynesian culture. The two islands maintain the largest concentration of ancient marae (temples) in French Polynesia, some of which are believed to date back to around 700 AD. Huahine is a colossal tropical jungle burgeoning with coconut plantations, vanilla orchids, banana groves, breadfruit trees and watermelon fields. Our <b>optional full-day tour</b> takes us by 4x4 vehicle around the island to visit the small villages of Fare and Maeva, an archaeological site, and a vanilla plantation. There will also be an opportunity to see and feed the sacred blue-eyed eels of Faie Bay. Evening sailing to Makatea, overnight at sea.
6	Makatea	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. 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. <b>Our half-day optional tour</b> 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. Late afternoon departure to Rangiroa. Overnight at sea.
7	Rangiroa	Morning arrival in Rangiroa, the largest atoll in the Tuamotu Archipelago and one of the largest in the world. One of the best destinations for scuba diving, Rangiroa is composed of 240 islets, more than 110 miles, encompassing a deep lagoon. Our <b>full-day optional excursion</b> will take us to the Blue Lagoon, a natural pool formed by islets and reefs within the central lagoon. At only 16 feet deep, the Blue Lagoon is an ideal location for swimming, snorkeling, and observing the vast assortment of marine life. Enjoy a traditional Polynesian picnic before returning to the ship. Overnight at anchor.
8	Rangiroa-Tikehau	Early morning sailing and arrival at Tikehau also called the Pink Sand Island. This small atoll consists of countless tiny white and pink sand islets engulfed in coconut groves and hidden alcoves. In Tikehau, which actually means "peaceful landing," you will find nothing but absolute serenity on her calm and graceful shores. The lagoon, formed by an almost unbroken ring of continuous coral, resembles an immense natural swimming pool. This underwater aquarium is teeming with marine life. According to the legendary marine researcher Jacques Cousteau, it has a higher concentration of fish than any other lagoon in French Polynesia. Our <b>optional walking tour</b> will take us 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. Afternoon sailing to Tetiaroa.
9	Tetiaroa - Mo'orea	A haven for birds, sea turtles and all kinds of marine life, Tetiaroa is treasured among Tahitians who know it as a sacred place. So sacred, that at one time the coconut-dotted white sand beaches and crystalline lagoon of this uninhabited atoll was an exclusive getaway for Tahitian royalty. It's not surprising that actor Marlon Brando fell under its spell during the filming of "Mutiny on the Bounty" in 1960 and later went on to become its owner. Under his direction a luxury eco-resort was designed and it operates in 100 % sustainable manner. We will spend the morning in this charming island, exploring the lagoon and snorkeling in its crystal clear waters. Enjoy an <b>optional guided walking tour</b> 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. Afternoon sailing and evening arrival at Moorea.
10	Mo'orea	Mo'orea is believed to be the inspiration for the mythical Bali Hai from James Michener's Tales of the South Pacific. Eight gargantuan mountain peaks rise from its magnificent lagoon, creating a distinctive silhouette visible from the western coast of Tahiti. <b>Morning and afternoon optional half day excursions</b> ; a/ a Snorkeling and ray tour b/ a Nature & Culture Tour taking you to admire magnificent views in the interior of the island. Tonight we will enjoy our Farewell Dinner. Overnight at anchor.
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<b>PAPEETE to PAPEETE, TAHITI - <u>10 nights</u></b>  <i>LOW SEASON: JAN, FEB, MAR</i> <i>MID SEASON: APR, MAY, OCT, NOV</i> <i>HIGH SEASON: JUNE, JULY, AUG, SEP, DEC</i>	<b>26 Aug. 2022</b> <b>06 Sep. 2022</b> <b>04, 15 Nov. 2022</b> <b>16, 27 Dec. 2022</b>

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