

TAHITI & THE PEARLS OF FRENCH POLYNESIA 2023

- All year round aboard the 25-cabin M/S Panorama II
- 7-night/8-day cruises in Tahiti & French Polynesia



AT A GLANCE



Sailing round-trip from Papeete port, Tahiti, uncover the world-famous Society islands of French Polynesia by small ship. Bora Bora, Taha'a, Moorea, Huahine, Raiatea - islands sculpted by sky-piercing, moss-green peaks and lined with vivid turquoise lagoons. Island hopping allows you to see every landscape, from geometric ridges strung with waterfalls on the high islands to flat, desert-like atolls where lagoons far outsize the landmass. There are many sides to the Islands of Tahiti, yet they are all connected by Mana. Mana is a life force and spirit that surrounds us. You can see it. Touch it. Taste it. Feel it.

Highlights include:

Bora Bora - Moorea - Huahine - Taha'a - Raiatea

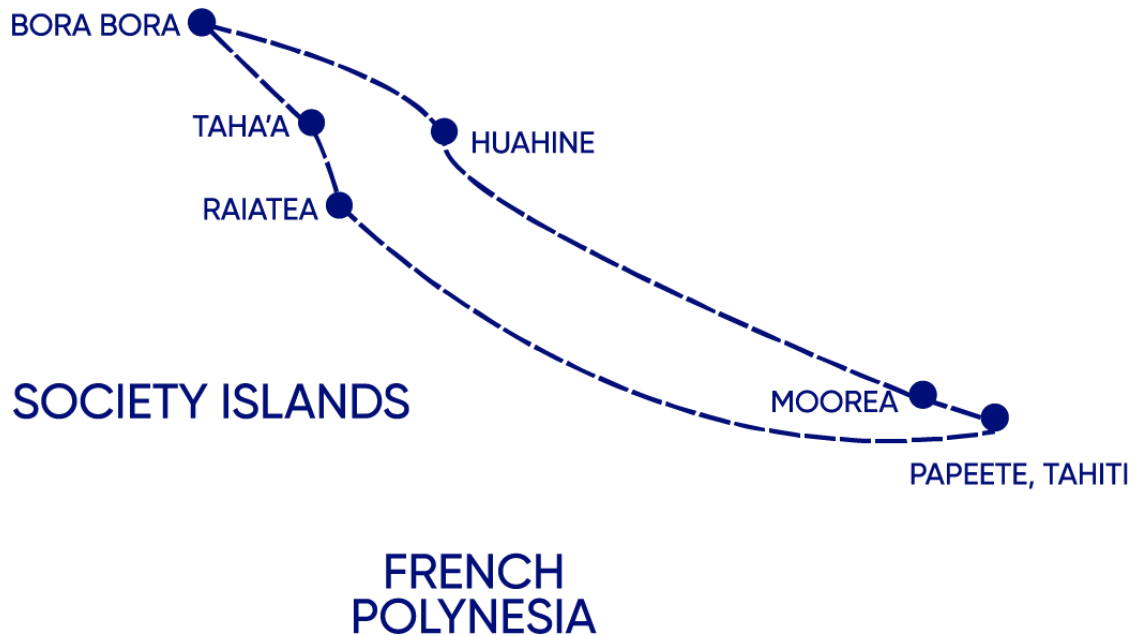




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7-NIGHTS/8-DAYS DEPARTURES ALL YEAR ROUND

ON THE M/S PANORAMA II | 2023



DAY 1 - PAPEETE, TAHITI

Embark the Panorama II in Papeete Port between 2pm and 3pm. After a welcome briefing and safety drill, we will set sail for Moorea. Late evening arrival and overnight at anchor.

DAY 2 - MOOREA

This morning we are in Moorea, which 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. Morning and afternoon optional half day excursions; a/ Dolphin watching expedition by Dr Poole's biologist team b/ Culture Eco Tour. Late evening departure to Huahine.

DAY 3 - 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 optional half-day tour takes us around the island to visit the small villages of 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. Late night departure to Bora Bora. Overnight at sea.



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DAY 4 – 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. In Bora Bora we will have a variety of optional activities to choose from, such as: a) A Bora Bora Cultural Safari by 4x4; b) An excursion to snorkel with sting rays and sharks and explore the lagoon c) The Bora Bora tour by "Le Truck" and more. Late night departure to Taha'a. Overnight at sea.



DAY 5 – TAHA'A

Early morning arrival in 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 optional morning excursion will allow us to explore the beautiful interior of the island by 4x4 vehicle, through the island of Taha'a to visit a pearl farm, a vanilla plantation and a rum factory. Discover the black pearl and the vanilla culture, two precious treasures of Taha'a. In the afternoon, we will have plenty of time for swimming and snorkeling from a "motu", or reef islet. Overnight in port.



DAY 6 – RAIATEA

Early in the morning 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. We will have a variety of optional activities to choose from, such as: a) Morning tour with local truck to Marae Taputapuatea b) Morning or afternoon visit to Anapa Pearl farm. Tonight we will enjoy our Farewell Dinner. Overnight in port.

DAY 7 – RAIATEA TO PAPEETE

This morning, discover the local market of Raiatea or join our optional Faaroa river and Motu Beach break excursion. After lunch, we sail to Papeete. Overnight at sea.

DAY 8 – PAPEETE, TAHITI

Morning arrival in Papeete. Disembarkation at 9:00 am after breakfast.

Variety Cruises' itineraries are contingent upon weather and sea conditions as well as local port authorities. In cases where wind speeds reach 6/7 Beaufort or high swells occur, itinerary changes may be necessary. It is upon Captain's discretion to alter the itinerary or skip port calls due to adverse weather or sea conditions to ensure the safety and comfort of passengers and crew. Such changes do not entitle passengers to any kind of refunds. Variety Cruises guarantees that passengers will be disembarked at the advertised port of disembarkation on time for their flights.



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 automatically entitle passengers to any refunds, but Variety Cruises guarantees that passengers are disembarked at the advertised port of disembarkation on time for their flights.



SAILING DATES

From Papeete to Papeete
7 nights

*LOW SEASON: JAN, FEB, DEC
(except Xmas and New Year's Eve)*

MID SEASON: MAR, APR, NOV

*HIGH SEASON: MAY-OCT, DEC
(within Xmas and New Year's Eve)*

Feb. 03, 10
Mar. 10, 17
May 05
June 02, 09, 16
July 21
Aug. 04
Sep. 15, 22
Oct. 13, 20, 27
Nov. 24
Dec. 01, 08

YOUR BOAT



M/S PANORAMA II

Motor Sailer

GENERAL INFORMATION

Length: 50 m

Launched: 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.



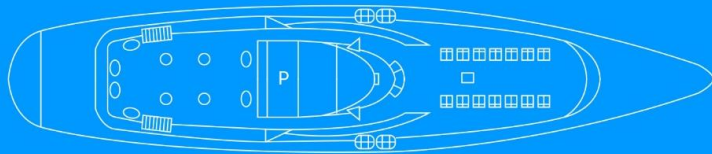
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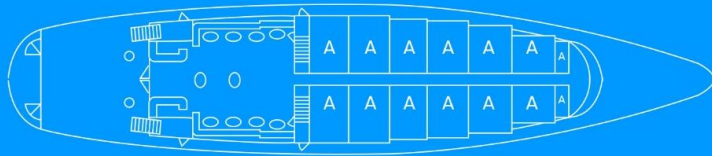
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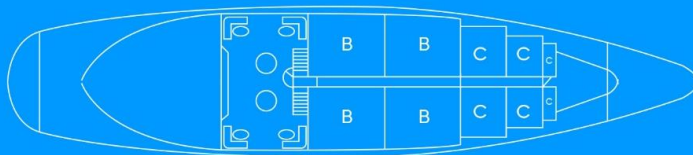
360°
SUN DECK



RIVIERA
MAIN DECK



OCEANS
LOWER DECK



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 m³ of sails allow safe and comfortable sailing.

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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.



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Main deck lounge

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 room

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.



