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Pearls of The Society Islands

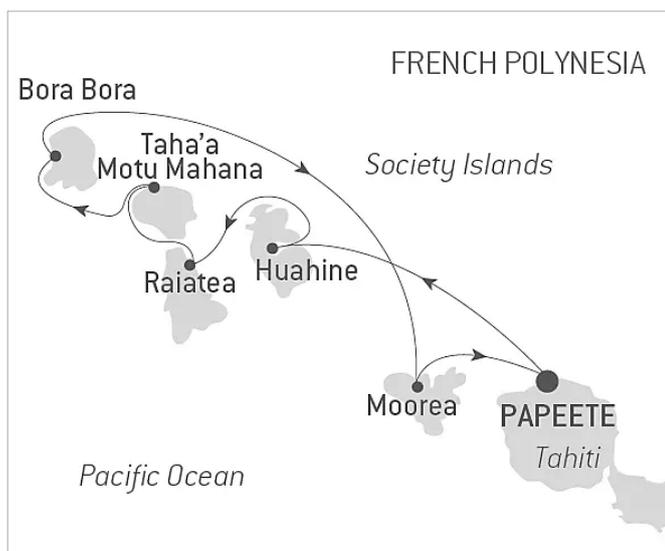
Papeete, Tahiti Island to Papeete, Tahiti Island | 7 nights aboard *Le Paul Gauguin*

2025 departures: 5 July, 2 & 30 August, 18 October & 20 December 2025

2026 departures: 31 January, 18 April, 13 June, 11 July, 29 August, 10 October, 7 November 2026

2027 departures: 22 May, 17 July, 11 September, 23 October, 4 December 2027

A vast expanse dotted with some one hundred heavenly islets and idyllic atolls bathing in stunning, translucent lagoons with a rich marine biodiversity, French Polynesia invites you for an enchanting, intriguing and captivating interlude. PAUL GAUGUIN Cruises is offering an exceptional 8-day voyage leaving from Tahiti to discover the gems of the Society Islands, including extraordinary landscapes and enchanting historical and cultural treasures. You will be captivated by the resolutely Polynesian ambiance that prevails aboard the *Paul Gauguin*: a ship with a relaxed and international atmosphere, especially designed for sailing in these shallow turquoise waters. This marvellous cruise will take you towards destinations that have inspired many artists, such as the novelist Herman Melville, the painters Henri Matisse and Paul Gauguin, the singer-songwriter Jacques Brel and many others. The sweet scent of vanilla and Tahitian gardenias bewitches you and your dreams of escape and contemplation now seem within hand's reach. Marvel at the beauty of Huahine; the cradle of Polynesian culture on the mythical island of Raiatea; the majestic ballet of the colourful fish undulating through the turquoise waters of motu Mahana, our small, private paradise steeped in the scent of vanilla; and Bora Bora's stunning lagoon and distinctive volcanic silhouette. Before disembarking in Papeete, feast your eyes on the incomparable beauty of Moorea.



Voyage highlights:

- A cruise to discover the natural treasures, riches, and age-old traditions of the Society Islands.
- Slow down and let stress float away on secluded Huahine. Explore the local village on foot. Wander through lush rainforests. Float in crystal-clear lagoons.
- The legendary island of Raiatea, combining ancestral wonders and enchanting nature.
- Live the life idyllic with a memorable day on motu Mahana, our own private slice of paradise. On this exclusive islet, treat yourself to sand between your toes, the shade of swaying palm trees, a sumptuous barbecue lunch and, of course, drinks sipped from coconuts.
- Enjoy an overnight in Bora Bora, which gives you ample time to explore this laid-back destination's dramatic mountain peaks, romantic lagoon, and impossibly turquoise waters.
- Moorea, with its emerald lagoon, white sandy beaches and endemic lush gardens.

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Pearls of The Society Islands itinerary

DAY 1 - PAPEETE, TAHITI ISLAND

Capital of French Polynesia, the city of Papeete is on the north-west coast of the island of Tahiti. You'll find a relaxed atmosphere here, where urban buzz combines with the legendary laid-back Polynesian lifestyle. Culture is not lacking. You can enjoy sites narrating the history of the archipelago, including the colonial cathedral and the Maison de la reine Marau. The Vaipahi public gardens will win you over by their abundant plant-life. The large municipal market offers local specialities: fresh fruit, spices and all kinds of fish abound on their stalls.

DAY 2 - HUAHINE, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Located less than 200 kilometres north-west of Tahiti, Huahine Island is a secret gem in French Polynesia. You'll love the mysterious atmosphere emanating from its voluptuous contours, its wild vegetation and stunning remote creeks. If you explore both parts of the island, la Grande Huahine to the north, and la Petite Huahine to the south, will reveal some of its hidden treasures, as well as some archaeological remains from the Polynesian past. You can meet the local population in the main town of Fare, or in the string of villages along the coast.

DAY 3 - RAIATEA, SOCIETY ISLANDS

A volcanic island located halfway between Huahine and Bora-Bora, Raiatea is like the mother of Polynesia. It was on its rocky flanks that the oldest traces of local habitation were found. According to legend, it was even the cradle of the gods... You can admire several sites that bear witness to this past, including the first Polynesian holy site, the Te-Po religious centre, including the marae Taputapuata, a sort of altar made of stone and coral. Although beaches are rare on Raiatea, here nature is totally captivating, and the coral islets offer myriads of ravishing creeks.

DAY 4 - MOTU MAHANA, TAHA'A ISLAND, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Feet in the sand, on the islet of Motu Mahana, our sumptuous little private paradise, you will share a very special experience around an authentic traditional Polynesian barbecue. A veritable jewel in the Taha'a lagoon, pristine atoll of the Society Islands, Motu Mahana offers an infinite palette of shades of turquoise, an idyllic backdrop for observing the majestic ballet

of the tropical fish. The volcanic island of Taha'a, dominated by Mount Ohiri and Mount Puurauti, will reveal its fertile and luxuriant nature, ideal for cultivating the magnificent black pearls of French Polynesia, as well as vanilla. This rare spice, greatly in demand by gourmets, is the main economic resource of what is also known as Vanilla Island.

DAY 5 & 6 - BORA BORA, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Paradisiacal atoll of the archipelago of the Leeward Islands, west of French Polynesia, mythical Bora Bora offers a natural spectacle of captivating beauty. You'll be won over as much by the white sandy beaches as by its famous lagoon, one of the most beautiful in the world, where colourful fish frolic in waters of incomparable turquoise. The island is covered with tropical vegetation, and dominated by the majestic outline of Mount Otemanu. A promenade through this volcanic landscape will enable you to discover a number of villages and meet local communities.

DAY 7 - MOOREA ISLAND

A part of the Windward Island archipelago just to the west of Tahiti, famous Mo'orea will leave you with a series of unforgettable images and memories. Bask on its heavenly beaches, enjoy a dip in the turquoise waters of its lagoon, and soak up its luscious vegetation and the heady flowers that carpet the inland areas. Get the most out of this natural gem with a trip to the Mo'orea Belvedere. Exceptional views of Mount Rotui unfurl before your eyes, with the Opunohu Bay and its valley to the left, and the famous Cook's Bay, surrounded by notched, cathedral-style peaks, to the right.

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