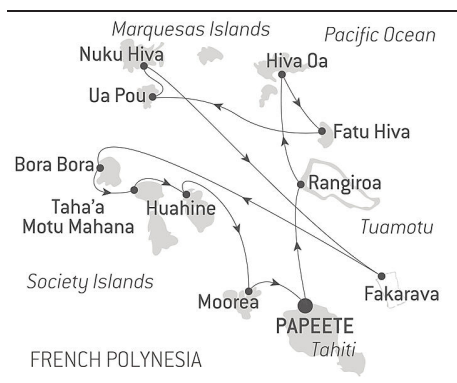


Marquesas, The Tuamotus & Society Islands

From **3/7/2027**
to **17/7/2027**

Ship: **LE PAUL GAUGUIN**

From **Papeete, Tahiti Island**
to **Papeete, Tahiti Island**



PAUL GAUGUIN Cruises is offering an exceptional 15-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.

In the **Tuamotus**, **Rangiroa**, a gigantic atoll with breathtaking underwater scenery, is most known for the cultivation of its famous **black pearls**. Be sure to try snorkelling in these natural aquariums where colourful fish, rays and friendly sharks can be found playing amid the reefs, or to explore the marvellous depths of the atoll of **Fakarava**, a **UNESCO-classified nature reserve**.

Discover the unique charms of the **Marquesas Islands**, a UNESCO-classified. The singer-songwriter Jacques Brel sang about the Marquesas Islands and the painter Paul Gauguin was inspired by these islands which stand like dark green fortresses surrounded by the indigo blue of the Pacific. Here, you will find neither lagoons nor reefs. The archipelago's charm lies in its wild beauty. In the heart of the dense forests of **Nuku Hiva**, droplets from the waterfalls dive off the vertiginous cliffs. As for the islands of **Hiva Oa** and **Fatu Hiva**, they still hide mysterious ancient petroglyphs.

In the **Society Islands**, you will be dazzled by the incomparable beauty of **Huahine**, by the turquoise waters of the **motu Mahana**, our private vanilla-scented little paradise, by the sumptuous lagoon of **Bora Bora**, with its distinctly recognisable volcanic silhouette, and by **Moorea**, with its hillside pineapple plantations and its verdant peaks overlooking the island.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

PAPEETE, TAHITI ISLAND

Embarkation 3/7/2027 From 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Departure 3/7/2027 at 5:00 pm

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.

RANGIROA, TUAMOTU ISLANDS

Arrival 4/7/2027

Departure 4/7/2027 mid afternoon

A secluded atoll in the Tuamotu Archipelago, **Rangiroa**, meaning "vast sky" in Polynesian, is very aptly named. The lagoon of the largest atoll in Polynesia is reminiscent of the heavens, imprisoned by hundreds of islets formed by sand that veers from immaculate white to pink. But the beauty of Rangiroa, classed by Captain Cousteau as **one of the most beautiful diving spots in the world**, is most evident in its underwater life: you will have the occasion of admiring all the richness of the site on a snorkeling tour or on a glass-bottom boat tour. Rangiroa is also the high seat of **Polynesian pearl culture**.

AT SEA

Arrival 5/7/2027 early morning

Departure 5/7/2027

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

ATUONA, HIVA OA ISLAND

Arrival 6/7/2027

Departure 6/7/2027 evening

You'll immediately understand why this remote and unusual chain of islands bathing in the **crystal-clear waters** of the Pacific Ocean inspired Jacques Brel's final album. During your cruise, we will stop at **Hiva Oa**, considered to be the "**garden of the Marquesas Islands**." A special kind of power and charm emanate from its craggy skyline and black sand beaches. This port of call will provide you with an opportunity to visit the small village of **Atuona**, home to the tombs of **Jacques Brel** and **Paul Gauguin**, as well as a cultural centre devoted to the memory of the famous French painter.

OMOA, FATU HIVA ISLAND

Arrival 7/7/2027 midday

Departure 7/7/2027 mid afternoon

Your ship will take you to **Omoa**, a peaceful fishing village far from all civilisation, nestling in a magnificent bay on the island of **Fatu Hiva**. In the valley, you will be able to spot some **tohua**, former sacred sites, as well as the many burial caves lost in the island's abundant tropical forest. During your port of call, you'll be able to discover the Maison Grelet, a museum that houses remarkable **wooden sculptures** and local works of art. Right in front of you, the village's artisans will **demonstrate how they make tapa**, a bark cloth obtained through the technique of beating layers of wood, and explain the manufacturing processes of *umu hei*, a bouquet garni made from a **delicious mix of fragrances**.

HAPATONI, TAHUATA ISLAND

Arrival 8/7/2027

Departure 8/7/2027 evening

Located on Tahuata, the smallest of the inhabited Marquesas Islands, the village of **Hapatoni** will open its doors to you. A road built in old stones will lead you from the seashore to **the village cathedral**. You will also find a craft centre presenting various sculptures and engravings in bone or wood. **Marquesan art** is, in fact, recognised all over French Polynesia. Further on, vegetation takes over, inviting you to walk among its beautiful green valleys. Here, the population will give you a proper welcome, with traditional singing and dancing. A moment of conviviality you'll remember!

TAIOHAE, NUKU HIVA ISLAND

Arrival 9/7/2027

Departure 9/7/2027 late afternoon

Taiohae Bay welcomes you in a sumptuous setting. Your ship will drop anchor a few kilometres from the **black sandy beaches**, nestled between majestic valleys. You will find yourself in the middle of the main village on the **island of Nuku Hiva**. You can follow the footpaths on foot or in an all-terrain vehicle. From the top of the hill of **Mount Muake**, a breathtaking panorama allows you to clearly identify the rocky islands that emerge on either side of the bay. Further on, the site of **Piki Vehine** shows its *tikis*, sacred statues used for religious practices. In addition, do not miss the **Notre Dame des Marquises cathedral**. Its distinguishing feature is that it was built using stone taken from the six Marquesa Islands.

AT SEA

Arrival 10/7/2027 early morning

Departure 10/7/2027

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FAKARAVA, TUAMOTU ISLANDS

Arrival 11/7/2027

Departure 11/7/2027 late afternoon

Listed as a **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve**, **Fakarava's coral ellipsis** is a narrow stretch of land sitting on a crystal-clear sea. Travellers here are surprised by the immensity of the lagoon, whose colours evoke an infinite palette. The atoll, renowned for its **immaculate beaches** and preserved nature, is home to rare bird species, plants and crustaceans.

AT SEA

Arrival 12/7/2027 early morning

Departure 12/7/2027

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

BORA BORA, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Arrival 13/7/2027

Departure 13/7/2027 evening

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.

MOTU MAHANA, TAHA'A ISLAND, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Arrival 14/7/2027 early morning
Departure 14/7/2027 late afternoon

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 Puuraui, 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*.

HUAHINE, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Arrival 15/7/2027 early morning
Departure 15/7/2027 late afternoon

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.

MOOREA ISLAND

Arrival 16/7/2027 early morning
Departure 16/7/2027 late afternoon

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.

PAPEETE, TAHITI ISLAND

Arrival 17/7/2027 early morning
Disembarkation 17/7/2027 at 8:00 am

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