TAHITI TO THE MARQUESAS: FRENCH POLYNESIAN DISCOVERY
10 Days | Nat Geo Orion | 102 Guests | Expeditions in: May | From $8,360 to $18,450

DAY 1: Depart U.S./Papeete, French Polynesia
Depart the U.S. and land in Tahiti in the evening.
Check into your room at the InterContinental Tahiti Resort and Spa.

DAY 2: Papeete, French Polynesia
Wake up to a view of Tahiti's azure lagoon, and spend the day discovering the resorts many amenities. Or, join us for a leisurely afternoon excursion. This evening, connect with your fellow travelers for a welcome cocktail party.

DAY 3: Papeete/Embark
Today, join an island tour and have lunch at a local restaurant before embarking National Geographic Orion. (B,L,D)

DAY 4-5: Tuamotu Archipelago
Spend two days exploring this idyllic archipelago. Experience with all your senses while learning the geological distinction between volcanic islands and atolls. The atoll of Rangiroa is a ring of slender islands known for some of the best diving and snorkeling in French Polynesia. The turquoise lagoon at its center is the second-largest in the world. Visit the village, and kayak, snorkel, and scuba dive in the rich waters here, home to large schools of pelagic fish, manta rays, dolphins, and sea turtles. Snorkelers will revel in the protected reefs of gorgeous Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Conditions permitting, ride the current into the vast lagoon on a world-famous drift dive or snorkel. (B,L,D)

2020 Departure Dates:
18 May

2021 Departure Dates:
16 May

Advance Payment:
$1,000

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DAY 6-7: At Sea/Fatu Hiva, Marquesas
A relaxing day at sea brings us to one of the most remote and historic island groups on Earth, the Marquesas. One never forgets the first sight of lovely Hanavave Bay, fronting one of the world’s most soul-stirringly beautiful islands—Fatu Hiva. Be sure you’re on deck and camera-armed as we arrive at one of the most storied shorelines in the entire Pacific. Enjoy a warm Polynesian welcome on a visit to a remote village where you’ll see displays of well-made, uniquely Marquesan arts and crafts. Choose a challenging hike through landscapes studded with sculptural granite and stunning flora to a remote waterfall, or Zodiac to the next bay where local transport takes you birdwatching deep in the Omoa Valley. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: Nuku Hiva, Marquesas
If you read Herman Melville’s Typee in prep for your voyage, you’ll thrill doubly to the green-mantled, rugged silhouette of Nuku Hiva, the largest and most imposing of the Marquesas. Visit ancient petroglyphs and witness a spectacular dance performance at a Marquesan me’ae, or hike up the valley with the naturalists and local guides in search of rare birds and spectacular views. Later, sample local foods in the village, and peruse unique arts and crafts. (B,L,D)

DAY 9-10: Hiva Oa, Marquesas/Disembark/Tahiti/Home
At Hiva Oa, we plan to land at Atuona. We’ll visit the village of Puamau to explore a well-maintained Marquesan sacred site, a me’ae lipona. Accompanied by our team and knowledgeable local guides, we’ll learn about religious rites, and photograph one of the largest, most arresting ancient tikis in Polynesia. Choose to end your Polynesia adventure here, and fly back to Papeete, where you’ll connect to your flight home. Or continue: spend seven relaxing days at sea following in the wake of the great Polynesian explorers north to Hawai’i. (Day 9: B,L,D)

Special Offers

BOOK 2 OR MORE AND SAVE 10%
Book two or more South Pacific voyages aboard National Geographic Orion and take 10% off each voyage. Savings is applicable to back-to-back or non-consecutive voyages. *This savings is available on voyage fare only, and is not valid on airfares or extensions.

FREE BAR TAB AND CREW TIPS INCLUDED
We will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew on all National Geographic Explorer and National Geographic Orion voyages.

FREE AIRFARE OR $1,500 AIR CREDIT
Receive free round-trip air from Los Angeles to Tahiti if traveling on the first part of this itinerary, Tahiti to Marquesas. If extending your voyage from Marquesas to Hawai’i, you will receive a $1,500 air credit per person. Must book by July 31, 2020. Baggage fees may be additional. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability. Call for details.

SOLO PREMIUM WAIVED FOR SOLO EXPLORERS
For solo travelers who choose to stay aboard and extend their voyage to Hawai’i, the solo premium will be waived for the entire journey (Categories 1S and 3S only). Book by July 31, 2020. Call for details.

COMPLIMENTARY STAY IN HAWAII
We’ve also enhanced your experience with three additional complimentary nights in Hawaii. Enjoy three additional nights on Kona after disembarking the National Geographic Orion. Valid on new bookings only.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION
Add a Crossing to Hawaii. Join our captain, officers and master navigator, Tua Pittman, for an informative sea voyage—following in the wake of the great Polynesian explorers. Read, relax, unwind as you discover the skills required to master and ocean. Call for details.
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