

# TAHITI TO FIJI: REEFS, LAGOONS AND VOLCANIC ISLES

14 Days | National Geographic Orion | 102 Guests | Expeditions in: Mar/Apr/Sep | From \$15,160 to \$32,940 \*



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### DAY 1: Lautoka/Embark

Arrive in Lautoka. Take a tour of western Viti Levu Island before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (L,D)

### DAY 2-4: Exploring Fiji

Explore Taveuni, Fiji's third largest island, known as "The Garden Island" for its rich vegetation—which includes several species found nowhere else in the world. Experience warm Fijian welcomes at the village of Waitabu, and snorkel in one of the Pacific's most successful community marine parks. Explore the waterfalls of nearby Bouma National Heritage Park, and dive nearby reefs. Witness a dramatic firewalking ceremony, at Beqa Island. (B,L,D Daily)

### DAY 5-7: Wallis and Futuna

One of France's South Pacific territories, the tiny island nation of Wallis and Futuna lies between Samoa and Fiji. In Wallis, we are greeted with local dancing and singing. Visit the beautiful crater lake Lalolalo and a cathedral built of blue volcanic stone, chiseled by hand. In Futuna, stop at a historic "cannibal oven" and learn of the history of these fascinating people, before a warrior dance performance in front of the Cathedral of Poi. (B,L,D Daily)

### DAY 8-9: Samoa

With its spectacular beaches and dense green foliage, hidden waterfalls and lava-sculpted landscapes, Samoa captures the essence of the South Pacific. During our time on these islands, hike through rain forests vibrant with flowers and birds, take a dip in a swimming hole, go snorkeling or diving, and soak up the languid rhythms of island life that drew Robert Louis Stevenson to these shores. (B,L,D Daily)

### DAY 10-11: Aitutaki, Cook Islands / At Sea

Known for its turquoise central lagoon, Aitutaki has been described as the perfect South Pacific island. Board Zodiacs to enter the lagoon via the pass on the western side of this "almost atoll." Once ashore, you'll step over sacred welcome stones to be greeted with a traditional Polynesian welcome. Explore the lagoon, walk palm-fringed beaches and finish with a swim in the warm, clear lagoon. Or, meet the friendly residents and experience traditional Polynesian food, culture and hospitality on a visit to an interior village. Then enjoy life aboard *National Geographic Orion* as we spend two days sailing east toward French Polynesia. (B,L,D Daily)

### DAY 12-14: At Sea / Ra'iatea / Taha'a

Spend the morning on deck while at sea, mesmerized by deep, sea-blue water while scanning the horizon for marine mammals and seabirds. One of the most important cultural sites in the Polynesian world, Marae Taputapuatea was a center for Polynesian seafarers and the location from which they set out for Rapa Nui (Easter Island), Hawaii, and New Zealand. Spend time exploring this site on Ra'iatea, then refresh yourself with a swim in the island's lagoon. We



### 2022 Departure Dates:

10 Apr   
14 Sep

### 2023 Departure Dates:

24 Mar 

### Advance Payment:

\$3,000

### Cost Includes:

Accommodations; meals indicated; alcoholic beverages (except premium brands); excursions; services of Lindblad Expeditions' Leader, Naturalist staff and expert guides; use of kayaks; entrance fees; all port charges and service taxes; gratuities to ship's crew.

### Cost Not Included:

Immigration fees are not included. Air transportation; personal items such as emails, laundry, voyage DVD etc.

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transit to the nearby island of Taha'a overnight. Surrounded by a sparkling turquoise lagoon, Taha'a waters beckon: choose to snorkel, swim, kayak or just enjoy your surroundings from the white sandy beach. (B,L,D Daily)

**DAY 15: Papeete/Disembark/Home**

Disembark in Papeete and connect to the airport for flights home.

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