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ARANUI-5 CRUISE – MARQUESAS ISLANDS UNESCO HERITAGE

\$ 9,779

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Price per person, Double occupancy, Cruise package
Set departures 2026 / Applies to a Standard Cabin
Other categories available \$

The Marquesas Islands were designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site on July 26, 2024, in recognition of their cultural and natural riches. Mythical and mystical. A land that has beckoned explorers and inspired writers, painters, and artists. A rugged and breathtaking landscape of peaks, valleys, plateaus, and cliffs. A nation of proud and formidable warriors long ago, distinct from the Tahitians, with their own language and culture. A people whose hearts can be won with a simple smile. The Marquesas Islands are a world unto themselves.

The Aranui 5 is a supply ship designed to offer all the comforts of a cruise ship. It is classified as a small ship, accommodating 230 passengers with a total of 103 cabins.

Featuring 8 different decks for passengers, the ship's interior design reflects the Polynesian heritage of its owners and crew. The ship has a dining room where meals are served in a casual setting, two lounges, two conference rooms where speakers will offer presentations on the Marquesas, four bars including a Sky Bar with stunning panoramic views, an outdoor pool, a boutique, a massage room, a gym and a tattoo parlor. Passengers are accommodated in cabins with private balconies, Standard cabins with portholes and also in dormitories.



DAY 1 : DEPARTURE FROM TAHITI (PAPEETE)

In the afternoon, board the Aranui 5 and complete all the check-in procedures as you depart from Papeete, with a warm welcome from the crew. Rest of the evening at leisure as you navigate toward the Tuamotu Archipelago.

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DAY 2 : FAKARAVA

Classified as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve for its role in preserving rare species, Fakarava is the second-largest atoll in French Polynesia. After a buffet lunch on board, the Aranui will dock at Rotoava. Passengers will have time to explore the charming village, visit the coral-built church, browse local crafts, and attend a demonstration showcasing the many uses and benefits of coconut. Enjoy a relaxing day of sunshine, beaches, swimming, or snorkeling among vibrant tropical fish.

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DAY 3 : AT SEA

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea, whether lounging on the Pool Deck or in the air-conditioned lounge, with endless views of the South Pacific Ocean. Enrich your journey with lectures on Marquesan culture and history, and try your hand at Tahitian dance. The Polynesian crew will entertain you with traditional music played on ukulele, guitar, and drums. Before bed, set your watch 30 minutes ahead—you're now on Marquesas time.

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DAY 4 : NUKU HIVA (TAIOHAE – HATIHEU – TAIPIVAI)

Pendant que l'Aranui décharge sa cargaison, partez à la découverte de Taiohae, la petite capitale administrative des Marquises, et lieu historique où Herman Melville a déserté son navire en 1842. Après le petit-déjeuner, débarquez et montez à bord de véhicules 4x4 pour l'excursion de la journée. Visitez la cathédrale de Taiohae ou flânez au marché artisanal local. Ensuite, explorez le site archéologique de Tohua Kamuihei, célèbre pour ses immenses banians et ses pétroglyphes anciens. Dîner au son de la musique locale en savourant vos premiers plats typiques marquisiens. L'après-midi, partez en visite du spectaculaire amphithéâtre volcanique de la baie de Taiohae, entourée de falaises et de cascades. De retour au village de Taiohae, profitez d'un moment libre avant de regagner le navire — à pied ou en voiture.

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DAY 5 : UA POU (HAKAHAU)

From the decks, witness the dramatic basalt peaks unique to Ua Pou. As the crew unloads supplies like cement and sugar, and loads bags of copra (dried coconuts) and fresh fruit, take time to explore the picturesque village of Hakahau. Meet some of the island's talented sculptors and artists, or hike up to La Croix for panoramic views of the surrounding mountains, lush valleys, and the main village. Another delicious Marquesan lunch will be served, showcasing regional specialties: breadfruit (a local staple), goat curry (a Marquesan favorite), raw fish marinated in lemon juice and coconut milk, taro, and red bananas. Enjoy an authentic dance performance, featuring the iconic "bird dance," unique to Ua Pou.

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DAY 6 : UA HUKA (VAIPAE – HANE – HOKATU)

This arid island—home to wild horses, goats, and pigs—was the site of the first Marquesan airstrip, built in 1972. Early in the morning, watch from the deck as the Aranui performs a spectacular 180-degree turn in the narrow Invisible Bay of Vaipae, a true display of crew skill.

Then, board your 4x4 vehicle to explore the island. Enjoy scenic viewpoints, visit an arboretum created by the island's former mayor, and continue to the peaceful village of Hane. Lunch will be served at a local family restaurant, followed by time to browse handicrafts, wood carvings, and engraved coconut shells. Return to the ship by 4x4 or take a 3 km walk for a more active option.

As the Aranui departs, make your way to the deck to enjoy stunning coastal views of Ua Huka.

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DAY 7 : TAHUATA (VAITAHU) – HIVA OA (ATUONA)

The Aranui will anchor in the small bay of Tahuata, accessible only by sea. This leaf-shaped island is filled with the scent of tiare Tahiti and frangipani. In Vaitahu, where Spanish explorers tragically killed 200 islanders in 1595, you'll visit the large Vatican-built church, decorated with stunning stained glass and Marquesan carvings. Tahuata is also renowned for bone and helmet shell carvings—you'll find plenty of beautiful pieces in the village.

After lunch on board, arrive in Hiva Oa and explore Atuona, the Marquesas' second-largest village and home of Paul Gauguin. By 4x4, visit the Tohua Ta'oa archaeological site, Gauguin's "House of Pleasure" replica, the colonial store, and the Gauguin Museum.

Finish with a short walk up to the cemetery, offering stunning views over Hanakee Motu. Visit the graves of Gauguin (1903) and Jacques Brel (1978), both drawn to the beauty and spirit of Hiva Oa.

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DAY 8 : FATU HIVA (OMOA – HANAVAVE)

The most lush and remote of the Marquesas Islands, Fatu Hiva is also known for its traditional crafts. In Omoa, women will demonstrate how to make tapas (bark cloth) and 'Umuhei, a fragrant blend used to perfume the hair.

After visiting the village, active passengers can join a 15 km hike from Omoa to Hanavave, with lunch served at the top and stunning views of the cliffs.

Non-hikers will cruise aboard the Aranui to Virgin Bay in Hanavave, one of the most beautiful bays in the world.

Upon arrival, enjoy a village visit and welcome the hikers.

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DAY 9 : AT SEA

A day to unwind after the unforgettable experiences in the Marquesas. During the crossing to the Tuamotu Islands, enjoy onboard lectures and activities throughout the day. Before bed, set your watch back 30 minutes—you're returning to Tahiti time.

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DAY 10 : RANGIROA (JULY 4, 18, DECEMBER 19, 2026) (OR MAKATEA)

From the deck, watch as you arrive at Rangiroa, the largest atoll in French Polynesia. Dolphins often greet the ship as it enters the Tiputa Pass.

Optional glass-bottom boat and scuba diving excursions are available (sign up at reception). Rangiroa is world-renowned for diving—certified divers only. Prefer to relax? Enjoy the white sand beach and crystal-clear lagoon, and browse local crafts sold by the “mamas” right on the beach. The Aranui departs after lunch, bound for the mythical island of Bora Bora.

MAKATEA : (JULY 4, 18, DECEMBER 19, 2026)

The Aranui offers a rare opportunity to visit Makatea, a raised coral atoll once rich in phosphate mining history. Explore the island’s caves, hike or drive across the island, and enjoy a picnic under the cliffs or on the beach.

Makatea is a unique geological formation—an elevated atoll with remnants of an ancient volcanic island at its center. After the picnic, the Aranui will sail along the dramatic coast of Makatea before continuing toward the Society Islands.

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DAY 11: BORA BORA

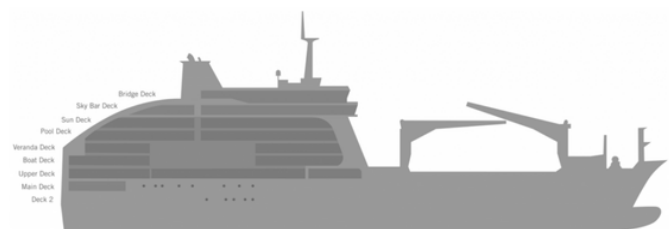
Arrive in the world-famous lagoon of Bora Bora, with its stunning shades of blue and green, and be greeted by the iconic Mount Otemanu.

Spend the day on a private motu—Motu Tapu—enjoying a beach barbecue and swimming in crystal-clear waters. Optional excursions are available at an extra cost, including scuba diving, lagoon tours by boat or canoe, and swimming with sharks and rays. Bora Bora also holds WWII history, with cannons and bunkers still visible from the American military presence. Evening departure for Papeete.

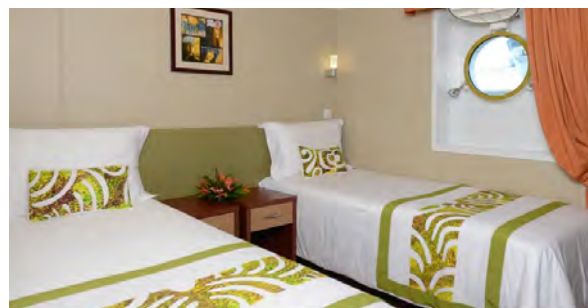
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DAY 12 : END OF CRUISE - TAHITI (PAPEETE)

This is the end of your journey. It is time to say Nānā! (goodbye) to your fellow travellers, the Polynesian staff and the Aranui guides. Arrive in Papeete early morning and end of services.



STANDARD STATEROOM



DELUXE





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THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 11 nights in the selected cabin, double occupancy
- 32 meals: 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners with complimentary wine (1 bottle for every 4 guests) onboard
- Services of expedition staff including lectures, briefings, slide/film presentations, and other group activities
- Group transfers during the cruise
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Shore excursions include meals, a picnic lunch or a meal at a local restaurant
- English-speaking guide
- Landing fees and port taxes

THE PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights
- Meals not included, beverages
- Optional excursions such as scuba diving, horseback riding, fishing and helicopter tours (\$)
- Beverages not mentioned
- Gratuities to cruise personnel and guides
- City tax in Papeete
- Travel insurances and personal expenses

CRUISE PACKAGE 12 DAYS /11 NIGHTS, PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

DEPARTURE DATES 2026

January 17*, 31*, February 28, March 14, April 11, 25, May 9, 30, June 13, July 4, 18, August 1, 15, 29, September 26, October 10, November 7, 21, December 5, 19

CABIN TYPE	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY		
Standard Stateroom	\$ 9,779		
Deluxe	\$ 12,399		
Superior Deluxe	\$ 13,349		
Junior Suite	\$ 13,749		
Premium Suite	\$ 13,999		
Royal Suite	\$ 15,349		
Presidential suite	\$ 19,379		

*10% discount promotion on these departures.
Single room supplement on request

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