


Aranui 3
Freighter to Paradise



**Adventure Cruises in the Marquesas Islands
Aboard the Aranui**



Explore French Polynesia's enchanting Marquesas Islands aboard the new ship Aranui 3.

The custom-built Aranui III is specially designed with added space and our passengers' comfort in mind. But we have retained our remarkably friendly atmosphere and experienced crew. Join us on an unforgettable South Pacific adventure, discovering the intoxicating beauty of these lush, untouched islands.

Our state-of-the-art ship offers tasteful, spacious suites. All have windows. On the sweeping decks, read, relax or take in the views of pristine lagoons and soaring mountain spires. Take a dip in our sparkling outdoor swimming pool or use our on-board facilities for fishing, swimming, snorkeling and scuba diving. In our expanded dining room, savor fine French and Polynesian cuisine with fellow adventurers from around the world. Lose calories in the gym or exercise your mind in the library. Socialize in the lounge or learn about the rich Marquesan culture and history from our onboard experts.





What better way to spend balmy evenings than star gazing on the upstairs deck?

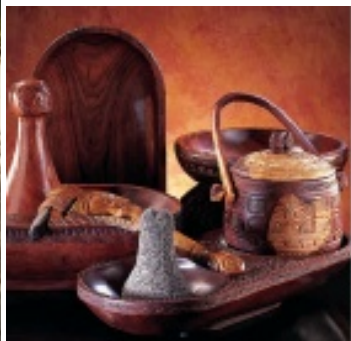
And at our expanded bar-lounge, our spirited crew sing and strum Polynesian rhythms on their hand-crafted ukuleles. They'll teach you to gyrate your hips to rapid, hypnotic beats of the tamure.

Our dedicated crew are descendants of the greatest navigators of all time -- the ancient Polynesians. We've learned about what matters to modern navigators and to our guests -- that's why we've built the technically-advanced Aranui III. This is voyaging at its best -- interior South Sea designs, seafaring

The Aranui III continues our tradition of excellence. Join us for the only and the most unforgettable way to explore the Marquesas Islands.




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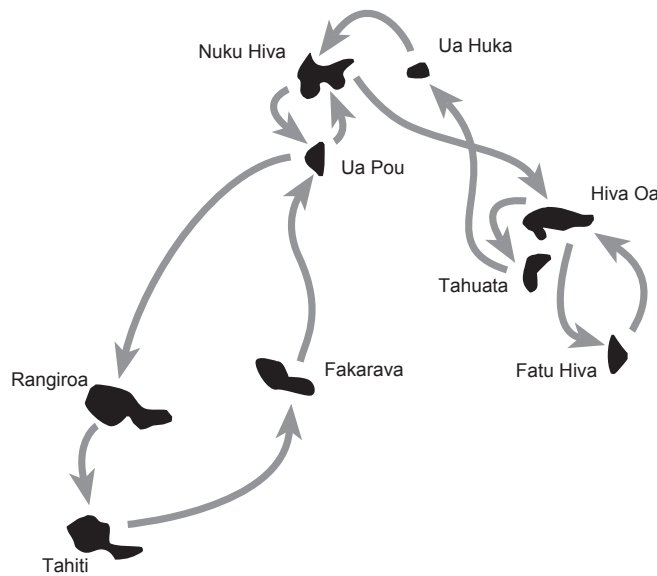


You'll board the Aranui III in Tahiti and sail almost 800 miles to the most spectacular and remote islands in French Polynesia. The first stop on this 16 day voyage starts with the Tuamotu islands, where you'll see pearl farmers harvest rare black pearls from giant oysters.

The Marquesas' six inhabited islands are so remote that the Aranui III is their lifeline to the outside world, bringing supplies and picking up copra, dried coconut and noni fruit. We make 15 stops, so we have plenty of time to explore. Little has changed in these untouched islands, which have few roads or cars. Visitors are very rare and very welcome.

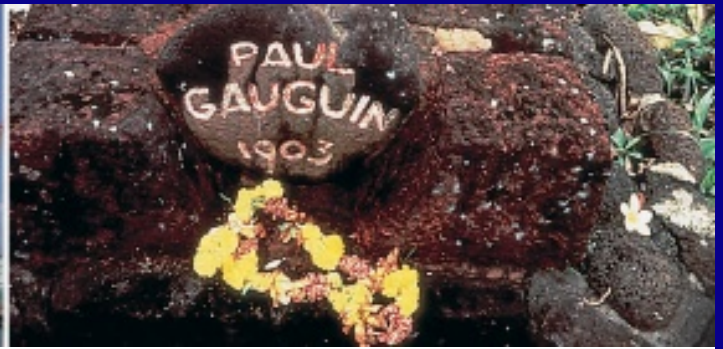
The first view of the Marquesas are the mountain spires of Ua Pou, "volcanic needles like the pinnacles of some ornate church," as Robert Louis Stevenson wrote in 1880. Whenever the Aranui III docks, villagers gather on the pier to greet us. As our muscular crew unloads supplies -- from cement to sugar -- and loads sacks of copra (dried coconut meat), our well-trained, multi-lingual guides bring you to meet traditional artists and take you on breathtaking hikes to hidden jungle ruins.

You'll never forget sailing into Nuku Hiva's spectacular bay, a giant volcanic amphitheater dominated by towering cliffs streaked with majestic waterfalls. There are dramatic dive sites or heart-stopping views by helicopter. A decade before he wrote Moby Dick, 23-year-old Herman Melville jumped his whaling ship here in 1842. We'll retrace his escape route on a spectacular Jeep safari over the mountains to mysterious jungle river valley, still much the same as Melville described it in his autobiographical first novel -- Typee. Hidden amidst the bamboo and vanilla vines, you'll see



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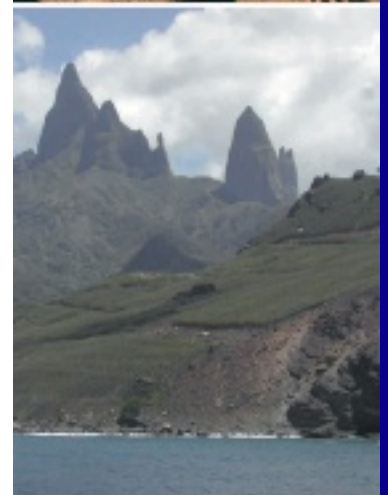


stone tiki gods, sacred ritual sites and enigmatic petroglyphs of birds, fish and sacred turtles and fish carved on boulders

Hiva Oa is where Paul Gauguin's search for an unspoiled island ended. This artist with a lust for life painted his final masterpieces here. In the hill top cemetery where Gauguin is buried is the gravestone of another European who also was seduced by these islands -- singer-composer Jacques Brel. Our guides will show you mysterious jungle ruins -- the largest tikis outside the Easter Islands. Once used for religious rites, these human-like stone sculptures are reminders of that a great civilization flourished here before the Europeans invaded.

Even though Fatu Hiva is a center of Marquesian culture, Aranui passengers usually are the only visitors to this remote, verdant island. We'll see artists painting ancient designs on tapa cloth, making pareos (sarongs) and monoi, coconut oil scented with tiare blossoms. We'll see woodworkers carving intricate bowls and spears. After hiking past towering cliffs with dizzying views of majestic waterfalls, cool off with a plunge in a secluded river pool.

On Ua Huka, the wild horses outnumber the 300 residents. Explore by horse or by jeep -- either way, you'll have magnificent views. Along the way, you'll enjoy bounteous Marquesan buffets: barbecued rock lobster, poisson cru (raw fish marinated in lime juice and soaked in coconut milk), curried goat, breadfruit, taro and sweet red bananas.



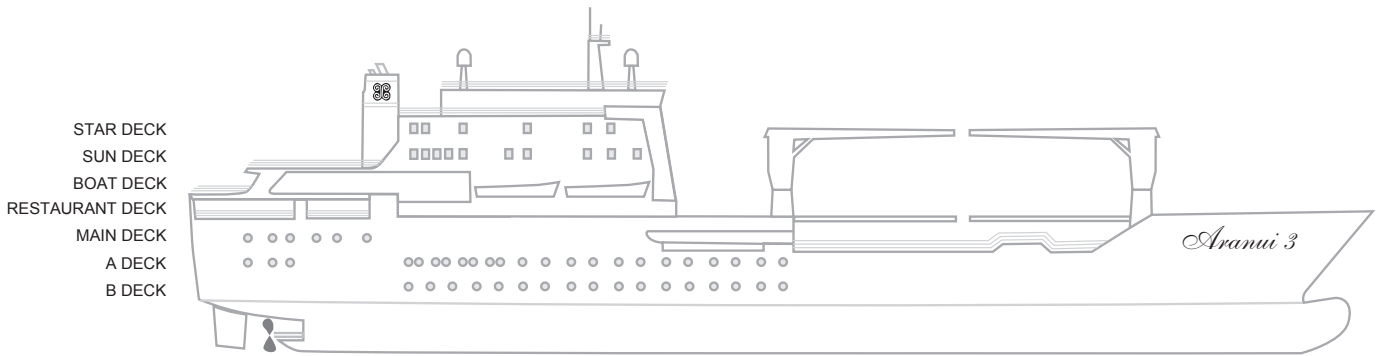
Typical Itinerary

Day 1	Departure from dock in Papeete, Tahiti at 11:00 am
Day 2	Fakarava, Tuamotu Islands
Day 3	At sea
Day 4	Ua Pou (Hakahau-Hakahetau), Marquesas
Day 5	Nuku Hiva (Taiohae-Taipivai)
Day 6	Hiva Oa (Atuona)
Day 7	Fatu Hiva (Omoa-Hanavave)
Day 8	Hiva Oa (Puamau-Hanaiapa)
Day 9	Tahuata (Vaitahu-Hapatoni)
Day 10	Ua Huka (Vaipaee-Hane-Hokatu)
Day 11	Nuku Hiva (Hatiheu-Aakapa-Anaho)
Day 12	Nuku Hiva (Taiohae), Ua Pou (Hakahau)
Day 13	At Sea
Day 14	Rangiroa, Tuamotu Islands
Day 15	Arrival back in Papeete at around 9:30 am



Arrival and departure times may vary. Itinerary is subject to change. Please consult Papeete office.

The above itinerary is applicable in January 2006.



Aranui 3 features:

- Length: 386 feet
- Dreadth: 58 feet
- Cruising Speed: 15 knots
- Dead Weight: 3,800 tons
- Capacity: 200 passengers

There are many types of cruise ships, but only one Aranui III. Our passengers love our gracious staff who make them feel part of their extended family. The Aranui III maintains the warmth and intimacy of the old Aranui, with our high staff to passenger ratio. Unlike larger boats, it's easy to meet fellow guests. From dining room to stateroom, you'll quickly feel the Aranui III is your floating home away from home.

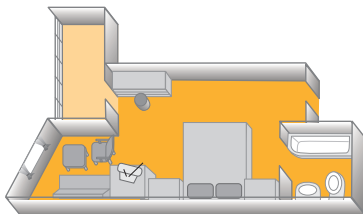
The spacious cabins are tastefully designed with windows, queen or twin beds, bathrooms with showers, personal safes, mini-bars and are fully air-conditioned. Deluxe cabins and suites are larger and feature additional amenities with picture windows. The suites have balconies with your own private panorama. Our large, family-style dining room offers views as varied as the menus. Relish the ever-changing scenery and our imaginative chefs' French and Polynesian cuisine with new friends from all over the world. Dressing for dinner means a pareo (sarong-like wrap around skirt) or shorts, sandals and a white tiare (hibiscus blossom) behind the ear.

The swimming pool is the place for the perfect plunge. In our well-equipped gym, you can stretch your muscles while getting an ocean-view.

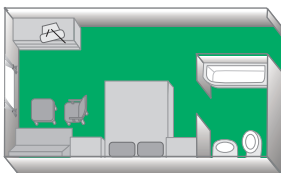
We have special marine facilities for fishing, swimming, snorkeling and scuba diving.

On board, time passes quickly. There are two charming bars, two lounges and a full program of activities. You'll learn about Marquesan history, culture and art from our guest lecturers. And our spirited crew will teach you to weave hats, wear our national dress, the pareo and dance the tamure.

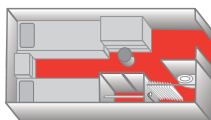
In our library you can read how Herman Melville, Robert Louis Stevenson and Thor Heyerdahl described these alluring islands. Their words and the Gauguin prints on the walls will spring to life when we dock.



Suites 10 cabins Large outside cabin with one queen sized bed, refrigerator, private facilities with bathtub and with or without balcony. (2 suites are without balcony)



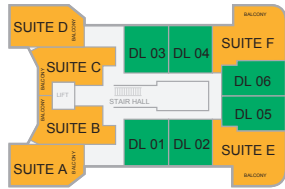
Deluxe 12 Cabins Large outside cabin with one queen sized bed, refrigerator, private facilities with bathtub.



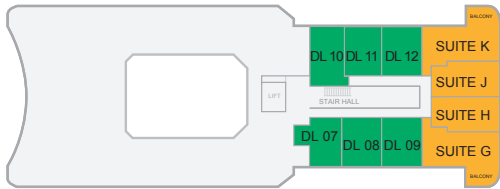
Standard 63 Cabins Two lower berths, outside cabin with private facilities.

Diagrams are for illustration only. Actual ship suite configuration may vary.

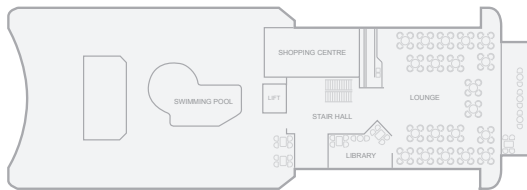
Class C Dormitory style, upper and lower berths, air conditioned, share facilities, located on restaurant deck.



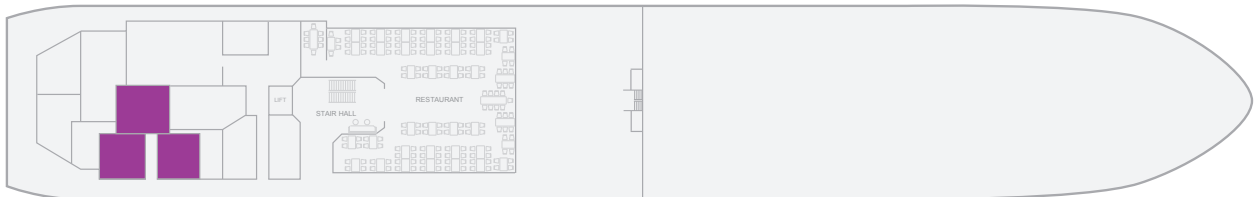
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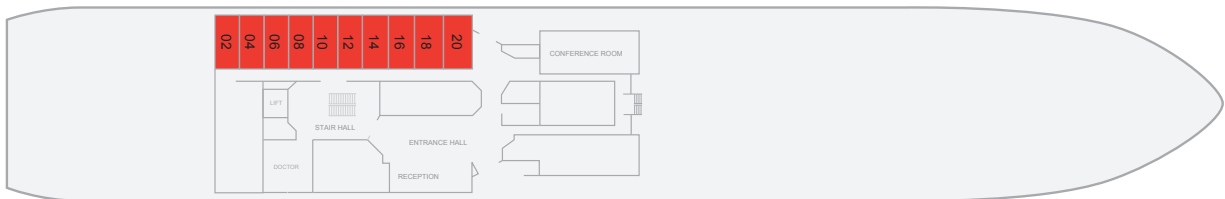
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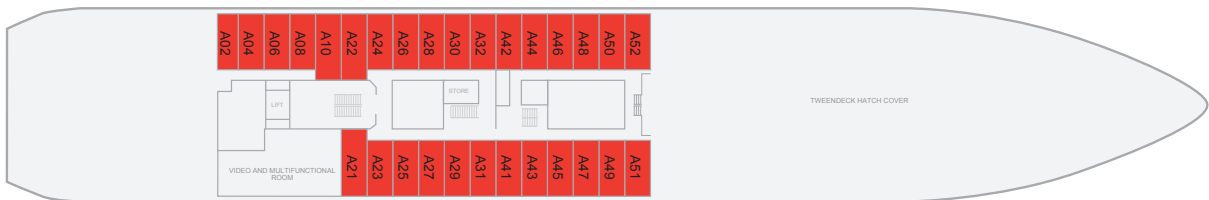
BOAT DECK



RESTAURANT DECK



MAIN DECK



A DECK



B DECK

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- SUITES
- DELUXE
- STANDARD
- CLASS C



Ship Information

Food Meals are served in an informal, family-style setting in our dining facilities. Depending upon the number of passengers booked per voyage, there may be two seatings per meal scheduled. Special consideration for medically prescribed diets must be requested at the time of booking or not less than three weeks in advance of sailing date.

Local Currency The unit of exchange is the French Pacific Franc (CFP).

Local Time The Marquesas are half an hour ahead of Tahiti. Thus, when it's noon in Tahiti, it's 12:30 PM in the Marquesas.

Climate and Packing Suggestions Clothing which is informal, comfortable and easily washable is most practical aboard the ship. In addition to shorts, jeans or slacks, T-shirts and a bathing suit, a rain poncho or coat and warm sweat shirt or light sweater for chilly evenings are recommended. Comfortable shoes are essential for walking ashore over coral reefs. Tennis shoes or sandals are recommended. For women, the native "pareo", made of colorful fabric which can be wrapped in a variety of styles, is a versatile choice for both casual and festive occasions.

Ship's Boutiques The ship's boutique sells a variety of supplies including mosquito repellent, sundries, clothing, and local souvenirs.

Electrical Current Each cabin is equipped with 220 volt, 50 cycle AC.

Emergency Telephone In an emergency, it is possible to place the telephone calls through our shipboard communications and to contact the vessel through CPTM's office in Tahiti.

Laundry Washing and drying machines are available on board; dry cleaning is not available.

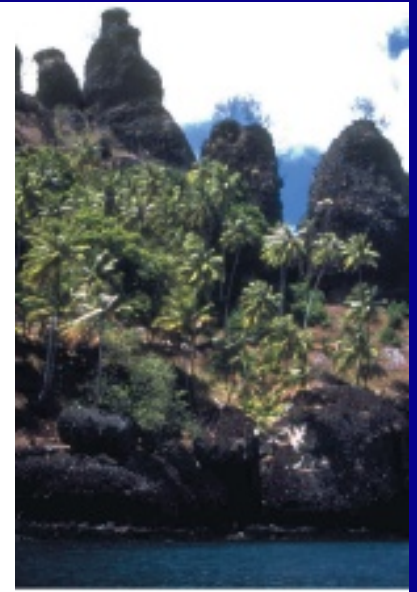
Medical There is a doctor or physician on board of the vessel. If any person has or is suffering from a serious ailment or condition, they should seek the advice and consent of their personal physician prior to embarking on board of the vessel. The right is reserved to refuse passage to anyone in such a state of health or physical condition as to be unfit to travel or whose condition, for whatever reason, might be dangerous to the individual or other passengers.

Shore Visits Visits ashore are limited to the time required by cargo operators and port restrictions. Port time may range from just a few hours to a day or more. While shore excursion may be available at some ports of call, Compagnie Polynesienne de Transport Maritime neither owns nor operates nor exercises any control of shore excursions arranged at any port of call. The company, its agents and servants do not assume any responsibility in connection with the operations of said programs. The company accepts no responsibility or liability for the failure of any operator to perform any said program and/or for any injury, damage or loss however caused or arising therefrom.

Travel Funds Traveler's checks and credit card may be used to pay for shipboard expenses. American Express, Visa and Master Card will be accepted. Traveler's checks can be cashed on board, personal checks cannot.

Valuables Lock boxes are available on board, however C.P.T.M. cannot accept custody or responsibility for passenger's money or other valuables while aboard the vessel.

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Standard Cabin

Suite Cabin

General Information and Conditions

Reservations Policies

Reservations See your Travel Agent or contact Compagnie Polynesienne de Transport Maritime, P.O. Box 220, Papeete, Tahiti. Telephone (689) 42.36.21. Fax (689) 43.48.89. Email = reservations@aranui.com

Passenger contract Passengers are carried subject to the stipulations of the Passage Contract Ticket of Compagnie Polynesienne de Transport Maritime. The passage ticket is non-transferable and is valid only for person(s) who originally purchased the ticket.

Changes After CPTM issues a confirmation, changes to the confirmed departure date made at passenger's or travel agent's request, less than 60 days prior to the confirmed departure date, will be subject to the same penalties applied to cancellations.

Cancellations The following cancellation fees will be applied: cancellation after confirmation of space by CPTM - 63 Euros per person or equivalent

- If cancelled 60 to 45 days before scheduled departure date - 1/3 of the total fare
- If cancelled 44 to 30 days before scheduled departure date - 2/3 of the total fare
- If cancelled less than 30 days and non-appearance at Cruise departure date - the total fare will be retained

Insurance Insurance is available to help recover non-refundable travel expenses for trip cancellations or interruption, baggage damage or loss and trip accident. We recommend that passengers consider these coverages. Consult your travel agent or insurance agent for specific details concerning coverage and exceptions.

Cruise Information

Rates include Cruise transportation and shipboard accommodations, meals and excursions fares are based on per adult double occupancy. All published fares are quoted in Euros unless otherwise specified.

Rates do not include Shipboard purchases, liquor, gratuities, port taxes other than those specifically provided for, and other personal items. Rates quoted at the time of printing are based on current costs and are subject to change up to and including the date of sailing.

Schedule and extra cost provision If, due to weather or other uncontrollable reasons, you are required to spend one or more additional nights, you will be responsible for your own hotel and meal costs. In addition, because the primary function of vessels in the service of Compagnie Polynesienne de Transport Maritime is to carry freight, their departure dates, ports of call, and duration of cruises may be subject to variation both prior to departure and en route. Freighter passengers should have a flexible time schedule and anticipate the foregoing possibilities. While we do everything possible to inform and assist our clients, neither CPTM nor its agents will assume additional expenses, hotel or meal costs associated with delays or changes in itinerary and schedules.

Transfers All cruise arrangements originate and terminate from the specified pier or departure point. Transportation is not provided between airport locations, and the vessel, or vice versa, unless specified.

Baggage All personal luggage is to be stored in passenger's cabin as we are unable to store it in other areas aboard the ship. Passengers should clearly label all luggage with their name, vessel, cabin number or deck assignment number and date of sailing. Valuables should be hand carried on board. We recommend that travelers take out a baggage damage or loss policy through their insurance agent or travel agent.

Travel documents and entry requirements All passengers must have valid passports for entry into French Polynesia. Those visitors who are not citizens of the United States or Canada or from the European Economic Community and those planning to stay in French Polynesia more than one month should contact their travel agent for visa requirements. All visitors must have a round trip ticket.

Inoculations At time of printing, vaccinations were not required. Passengers should consult their travel agent for latest requirements. All visitors must have a round trip ticket.

Refunds Requests for refunds should be directed to the agency which sold you the cruise. No refunds will be made on unused features, such as meals, voluntarily omitted by the passenger.

Responsibility All cruises outlined herein are carried out under the business management of Compagnie Polynesienne de Transport Maritime (CPTM) and are governed by the terms and conditions printed on the Passage Contract Ticket which may also be inspected at the Company's office:

Website www.aranui.com




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