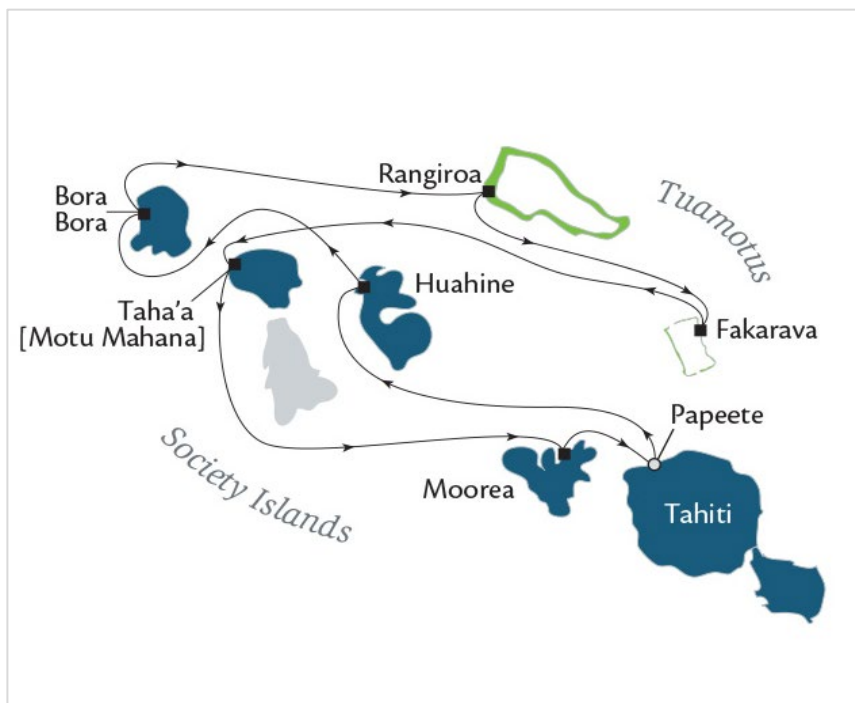


# SOCIETY ISLANDS & TUAMOTUS



*Beauty surrounds you on this 10-day sojourn, both on land and underwater. The Society Islands beckon with lush rainforests, crystal-clear lagoons, and warm breezes that encourage nothing but indulgent beachside lounging. Continue on to the Tuamotu Archipelago, a collection of low-lying atolls known the world 'round for their vibrant underwater ecosystem.*



## **DATES:**

**2023:** Nov 8

**2024:** Jan 24 | Mar 6 | Apr 24 | May 29 |  
Oct 9 | Dec 11

**DURATION:** 11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** PAPEETE, TAHITI

**DISEMBARK:** PAPEETE, TAHITI

**SHIP:** *Paul Gauguin*

**FROM:** \$5,500  
All-Inclusive

## HIGHLIGHTS –

- Diving enthusiasts traveling with us on this sailing to Fakarava will have the opportunity to witness the annual grouper spawning. They gather by the thousands, making it also a great opportunity to spot other predatory fish and sharks.
- Enjoy two full days in the quintessential Pacific paradise of Bora Bora including our exclusive white-sand beach on a motu off the coast. Marvel at towering Mount Otemanu, snorkel in sapphire lagoons, or get a bird's-eye view of the island with a scenic helicopter ride.
- Visit Fakarava, a UNESCO-classified Nature Reserve where experienced divers can descend up to 130 feet to visit a world inhabited by gray sharks, schools of colorful fish, and untouched coral.
- Spend a relaxing day on Motu Mahana, our very own private islet, complete with white-sand beaches, swaying palm trees, a barbecue lunch, drinks served in coconuts, and a floating lagoon bar.

## ITINERARY –

### Day 1 – Embark the m/s Paul Gauguin in Papeete, Tahiti, Society Islands

The islands of Polynesia are a gorgeous collection of volcanic atolls strewn across the grand Pacific Ocean, and the island of Tahiti is the largest of all 118. Explore the dynamic dining, nightlife, and



shopping in the capital city of Papeete before embarking on The Gauguin.

### Day 2 – Huahine, Society Islands

Known as “The Garden Island,” Huahine’s lush rainforests and dramatic terrain surround sacred sites and legendary landmarks that are among the best-preserved archeological sites in French Polynesia. If Huahine’s expansive lagoon is calling your name, enjoy a SCUBA diving excursion or picnic on the beach.

### Days 3 & 4 – Bora Bora, Society Islands

Immediately recognizable by Mount Otemanu rising from the ocean, this half-atoll, half-mountain is surrounded by a spectacular lagoon and a series of smaller islands. Ancient Polynesians called it Parapora, or “firstborn,” because they thought it was the first island created after Raiatea. A bucket list destination for many, stunning Bora Bora welcomes you to explore lush peaks, white-sand beaches, colorful coral reefs, and romantic lagoons. Experience the natural beauty of the island with an optional snorkeling excursion, sunset jetboat ride, or a helicopter tour that flies you over Bora Bora’s iconic Mount Otemanu. You can also spend time at our private beach which offers volleyball, snorkeling, kayaking and paddleboarding.



### Day 5 – Rangiroa, Tuamotus

Rangiroa is the largest island in the Tuamotu Archipelago, which is made up of 78 coral atolls scattered over several hundred miles. Experience

the simple, quiet, and peaceful life on these islands by participating in the daily activities of the Paumotu people.



### **Day 6 – Fakarava, Tuamotus**

Before modern navigation, this region was known as the “Dangerous Archipelago” for its shallow passages. Today, that same characteristic makes Fakarava a diver’s paradise. Those who prefer to stay on dry land can explore charming villages, ancient temples, and a 19th century coral church.

### **Day 7 – At Sea**

Spend the day enjoying The Gauguin’s Polynesian ambiance: casual, leisurely, and graceful. Perhaps you’ll take in a lecture by one of our special guests, and then reflect on your day over classic French cuisine at L’Etoile.

### **Day 8 - Taha’a (Motu Mahana), Society Islands**

Embark on your choice of exciting shore excursions today, or spend your whole day relaxing on Motu Mahana, our very own private islet. Enjoy swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking, or simply lounge on the beach with a chilled beverage from our floating bar. Les Gauguines will also be on hand to provide musical entertainment and demonstrate traditional Polynesian crafts. A delicious barbecue lunch is provided.

### **Day 9 – Moorea, Society Islands**

Vibrant colors abound during two leisurely days in Moorea, in everything from fresh fruits and flowers to multi-hued lagoons, and from spectacular mountain peaks to palm-fringed beaches. Shop for local handicrafts, embark on an optional dolphin-watching expedition with a marine biologist, and sample the local pineapples, said to be the most delicious in all of French Polynesia.

### **Day 10 – Moorea, Society Islands / Papeete, Tahiti, Society Islands**

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### **Day 11 - Disembark in Papeete, Tahiti, Society Islands**

Tahiti’s capital city of Papeete welcomes you back with emerald hillsides, sapphire waters, and warm breezes. If you’re not ready for your South Pacific vacation to end, spend a few days here experiencing resorts, spas, restaurants, nightlife, and shopping.





**PAUL GAUGUIN**

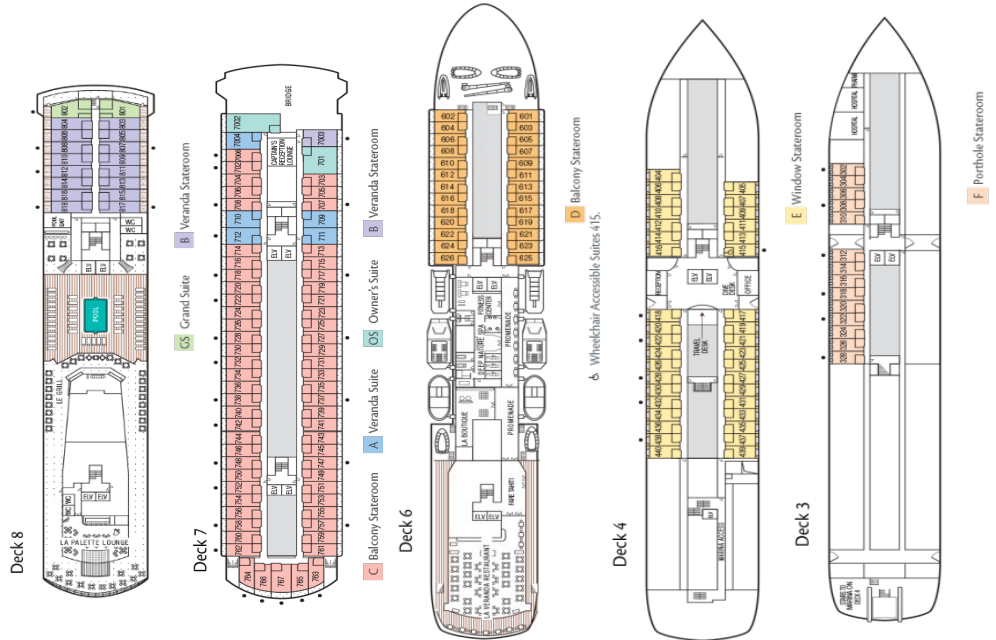
**GUESTS: 332**

**SHIP: PAUL GAUGUIN**

**INCLUDES-**

- All shipboard meals, in a choice of venues
- Complimentary room service
- All beverages, including select wines and spirits
- Onboard gratuities for room stewards and dining staff
- Complimentary watersports

• Denotes suite with two twin-beds that convert to queen. Suite 801 has king.



**RATES PER PERSON -**

DATE/CATEGORY	F	E	D	C	B	A	GS	OS
11/8 - 2023	\$5,880	\$6,180	\$8,520	\$8,690	\$11,270	\$13,740	\$13,140	WL
1/24 & 12/11 - 2024	\$5,500	\$5,790	\$7,900	\$8,240	\$10,470	\$12,870	\$17,160	\$17,860
3/6, 4/24, 5/29, 10/9 -2024	\$5,880	\$6,190	\$8,450	\$8,820	\$11,210	\$13,780	\$18,380	WL



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