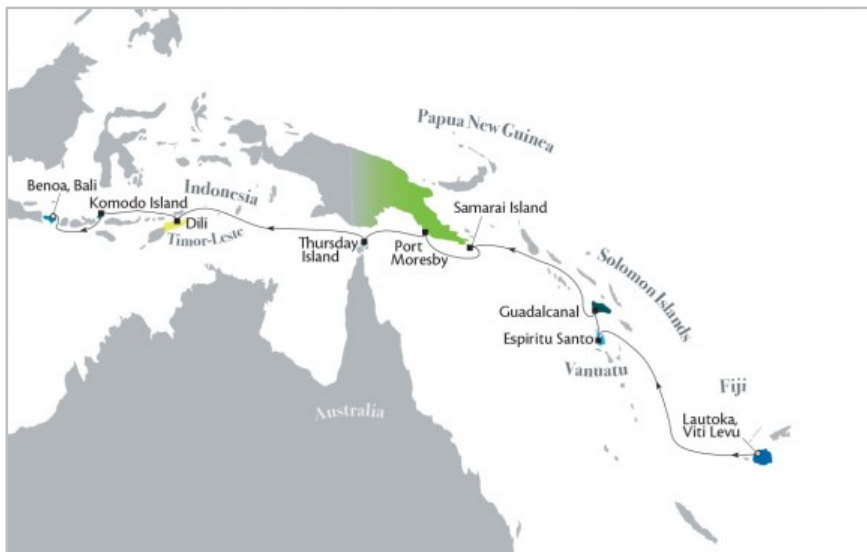


FIJI to BALI



Take a westward voyage deep into the Far East on this one-time, one-of-a-kind itinerary. Embark *The Gauguin* in the “Sugar City” — Lautoka, the heart of Fiji’s sugarcane-growing region — and sail to exotic ports in Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, and the tiny new nation of Timor-Leste. Along the way, you’ll encounter World War II relics, superb snorkeling and diving, quaint villages, and the welcoming people of many different cultures — all while enjoying the luxury and comfort of one of the world’s most highly acclaimed ships.



DATES: 2020 –April 11

DURATION: 17 DAYS/16
NIGHTS

EMBARK: LAUTOKA, VITI
LEVU, FIJI
DISEMBARK: BENOA, BALI,
INDONESIA

SHIP: *Paul Gauguin*
FROM: \$7,945 (Includes air
from LAX)

HIGHLIGHTS –

- History buffs will thrill to the many landmarks of World War II that dot this itinerary, including Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu; Samarai Island, Papua New Guinea; Thursday Island, Australia; and, most famously, Guadalcanal, the Solomon Island where combat marked a turning point in the Pacific theater.
- Visit the capital of Timor-Leste, one of the youngest countries in the world. In Dili, you can climb to the Cristo Rei (Christ the King) statue, stroll the waterfront, and enjoy excellent diving and snorkeling.

ITINERARY –

Day 1 – Embark the m/s *Paul Gauguin* Lautoka, Viti Levu, Fiji

Known as “Sugar City” for the green-gold sugarcane that surrounds it on three sides, the town of Lautoka is the largest in the Fijian islands and the place where your South Pacific sojourn begins. Save some time to browse the shops along the city’s stately, royal palm-lined main thoroughfare and visit the botanical garden.



Day 2 – At Sea

The time you spend onboard *The Gauguin* offers endless opportunities for relaxation and enjoyment, whether that means sampling gourmet cuisine, indulging in a spa treatment, watching the sunset from a chaise lounge on the sun deck, or simply making the most of your in-room amenities.

Day 3 – Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu

A stunning island of palm-lined beaches, spring-fed swimming holes, lush rainforests, and lofty mountains, Espiritu Santo also played an important role in World War II. Perhaps you’ll explore this heritage, or

experience the island’s traditional village life. You can also enjoy exceptional swimming and snorkeling here. Or simply relax on the beach.

Day 4 – At Sea

Take a day to enjoy shipboard life: relax poolside, watch the South Pacific pass by, play some table tennis, or learn about our next port in the Reading Gallery.



Day 5 – Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands

The largest of the Solomon Islands, Guadalcanal is best known for the six-month battle between Allied and Japanese forces that marked a turning point in the Pacific theater during World War II. The island still brims with World War II relics, monuments, and memorials, as you may discover. Perhaps you’ll explore its tropical interior, with its excellent birdwatching. Or see for yourself why the island is revered for its superior snorkeling and diving.

Day 6 – 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 7 - Samarai Island, Papua New Guinea

Once an important trading center, Samarai Island was evacuated and its buildings were destroyed to prevent it from falling into Japanese control during World War II. It has since been rebuilt — though not to the same scale as its glory days. Take a stroll along the pleasant pathway that encircles its pretty town, view spectacular marine life on a SCUBA diving expedition, or simply relax on the beach.



Day 8 – Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Historically made up of tribal peoples making their living from the sea, Port Moresby became the capital of Papua New Guinea when the country gained its independence in 1975. While here, perhaps you'll admire the mosaic façade of the National Parliament House, inhale the fragrance of tropical blooms at the Port Moresby Nature Park, or marvel at the depth and diversity of the local culture at the National Museum and Art Gallery.

Day 9 – At Sea

The Gauguin was designed with your comfort in mind, from her spacious staterooms and elegant public spaces to the host of amenities available for you to while away the days at sea. Work out at the ship's Fitness Center or pick up a souvenir at La Boutique.

Day 10 – Thursday Island, Australia

Immerse yourself in the island's cultural mix of Asian, European, and Pacific Island influences at the Gab Titui Cultural Centre. At Green Hill Fort, built as a defense against Russian invasion and later a World War II military base, admire military artifacts and splendid views, as well as exhibits that pay homage to the island's pearl fishing history. Or join a deep-sea fishing expedition.

Day 11-12 – At Sea

The next two days will be at sea, which affords you plenty of time to relax and enjoy the amenities and entertainment onboard *The Gauguin*, like the award-winning spa, casino, and lectures by onboard experts.

Day 13 - Dili, Timor-Leste

The capital of Timor-Leste (formerly East Timor) — one of the youngest countries in the world — Dili is still a sleepy colonial town ... but also one that is modernizing

rapidly. If you're feeling energetic, you might climb the 580 steps to the Cristo Rei, the world second-largest statue Christ the King. Stroll the waterfront in the colonial heart of town. Find a wide assortment of goods at the Dili Tais Market. And enjoy the city's many fine white-sand beaches with excellent diving and snorkeling.

Day 14 – at Sea

Spend the last sea day experiencing casual, leisurely, and graceful ambience. Take in a lecture on local wildlife or history, and relax this evening over classic French cuisine.

Day 15 - Komodo Island, Indonesia

Home of the famous Komodo dragon, Komodo is one of three islands that comprise Komodo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Man and Biosphere Reserve. While here, enjoy the tropical climate and beautiful beaches — including one of only seven pink-sand beaches in the world. Perhaps you'll visit the park, take a walk along the walking trails (because of the dragons, it is required that you be accompanied by a guide), or take a cruise in a glass-bottom boat to admire the abundant marine life.



Day 16 - Benoa, Bali, Indonesia

Arrive in the afternoon and spend the rest of the day exploring. Perhaps you'll take advantage to indulge in watersports activities, including jet skiing, banana boating, parasailing, snorkeling, diving, and reef fishing. Visit Ubud, renowned for its temples, shrines, artists' workshops and galleries, and the Sacred Monkey Forest.

Day 17 - Disembark in Benoa, Bali, Indonesia

This morning, you'll bid farewell to your crew and disembark *The Gauguin*.

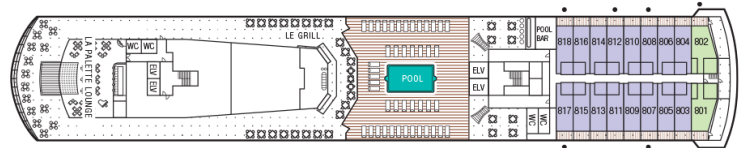


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GUESTS: 332

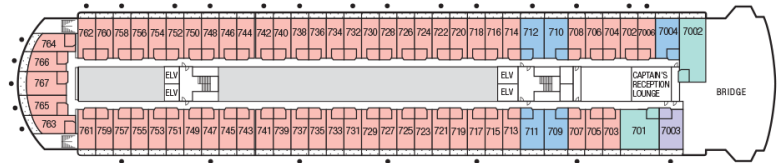
FROM: \$7,945 (Includes air from LAX)
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 Pre and or Post stays are available.

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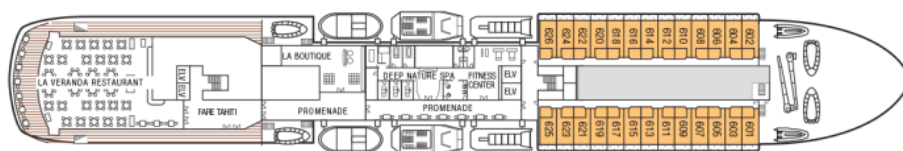
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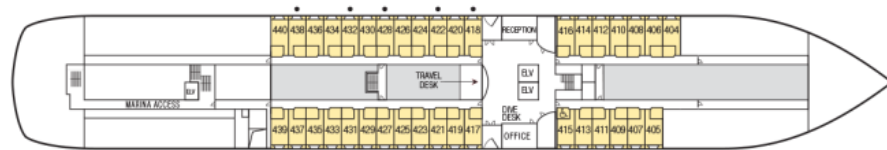
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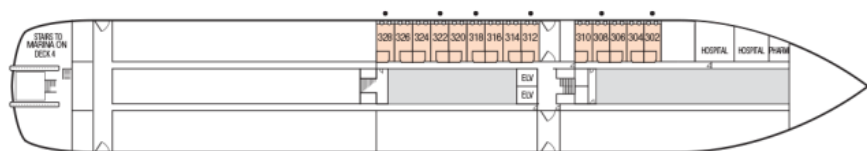
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Deck 4



E Window Stateroom

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