



TAHITI

ARANOA EXPEDITION: PITCAIRN & THE ECHOES OF REBELLION

(TOUR CODE: 15301)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Australia

TRAVEL PERIODS

until September 2027

EXPERIENCE

Cruising
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Ocean Cruising

Sail aboard Aranoa to remote Pitcairn Island, home to the descendants of the Bounty mutineers, for a cultural journey like no other.

Highlights

- **Sail aboard Aranoa to one of the world's most remote islands** – Pitcairn, home to descendants of the HMS Bounty mutineers.
- **Explore Adamstown and the Bounty Museum** – uncover stories of rebellion, survival, and Polynesian heritage.
- **Enjoy immersive cultural experiences** – from traditional dances and local crafts to village picnics and storytelling.
- **Cruise through untouched Pacific islands** – including Anaa, Amanu, Mangareva, and Hikueru, each with its own unique charm.
- **Relax pre- and post-cruise at Kon Tiki Tahiti** – a stylish eco-conscious hotel in the heart of Papeete.

Entire Bonus

Peace of Mind, Every Step of the Way

This holiday package is carefully designed by our team to give you complete Peace of Mind, with access to trusted local partners and expert support at your destination.

Australia's Only Industry-Accredited Tahiti Specialists

Tahiti Travel is Australia's only industry-accredited Tahiti specialist, combining genuine destination expertise with the strength and stability of an established travel group - so you can book with total confidence.

Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to Pitcairn Island, a remote outpost steeped in legend and living history. Aboard the eco-friendly *Aranoa*, set sail across the South Pacific on an unforgettable 11-night voyage to meet the descendants of the HMS *Bounty* mutineers and their Polynesian

companions.

This immersive cruise blends cultural encounters, historical exploration, and scenic sailing through rarely visited islands such as Anaa, Amanu, Mangareva, and Hikueru. From dramatic landscapes to intimate island communities, each stop reveals a unique chapter of Pacific heritage.

Your adventure begins and ends with a relaxing 3-night stay at Kon Tiki Tahiti, ideally located in Papeete for a comfortable and seamless start and finish. With guided shore excursions, onboard lectures, and warm Polynesian hospitality, this journey is more than a cruise—it's a voyage into living history.



TAHITI
SPECIALISTS



20+ YEARS
EXPERIENCE



ACCREDITED
& TRUSTED



ESTABLISHED
PARTNERSHIPS



TAILORED
ITINERARIES



ON GROUND
SUPPORT

INCLUSIONS

- Return economy airfares from Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne with Air Tahiti Nui
- 11-night cruise aboard Aranoa in a Standard Cabin (Obstructed View)
- All onboard meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- 3 nights at Kon Tiki Tahiti in a Tahitian Room - ★★★
- Airport meet & greet with traditional flower lei
- All transfers between airport, hotel, and cruise terminal
- Daily American breakfast at Kon Tiki
- Wine included during onboard lunches and dinners
- All shore excursions with English-speaking guides
- Port charges and government taxes

ITINERARY

Day 1 Airport Kon Tiki

Arrive at Tahiti International Airport, where our representative will welcome and escort you to your transfer to Reva Tahiti, a short 15-minute drive from the airport.

Overnight stay in Tahiti at **Kon Tiki** in a Tahitian Room.

Day 2 Kon Tiki

Take time to discover the rich culture and natural beauty of Tahiti and its surroundings. Wander through scenic coastal spots, admire local architecture, and explore open-air viewpoints and historic sites that capture the island's charm. Enjoy casual walks, sample local cuisine, and soak up the vibrant atmosphere of the capital at your own pace.

Overnight stay in Tahiti at **Kon Tiki** in a Tahitian Room.

Breakfast

Day 3 Kon Tiki Papeete Moorea

Enjoy a leisurely morning at the Kon Tiki before checking out of the hotel.

At the Papeete Cruise Terminal, you'll board in true Polynesian style, greeted with fragrant flower garlands, lively ukulele music, and warm smiles. As the ship sets sail, the lush mountains of Tahiti gradually fade into the distance, making way for your next Pacific adventure.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **4**

Anaa

Once a stronghold of the Pomare family, Anaa is home to a striking jade lagoon, powdery white-sand motus, and dramatic coral formations known as *feo*. The locals live sustainably from fishing and copra production, preserving the island's natural beauty.

In Tukahora, you can wander through the village on foot or join a local bus tour. For those keen on adventure, the shallow lagoon offers excellent fly-fishing, while a beachside picnic sets the scene for a relaxed afternoon. Optional experiences include a refreshing swim at the "Ogoogo" pito, excursions to Temarie and Putuahara, or exploring the island by bike.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **5**

Amanu

Framed by crystal-clear lagoons, swaying coconut palms and a welcoming village, your arrival in Ikitake will be celebrated with children's dances and fragrant flower garlands.

Your day's highlights include shell craft displays, a visit to the old lighthouse, the historic Saint-Paul churches, a fish park, and coral structures dating back to the 19th century. Beneath the shade of a century-old "Tou" tree, you'll savour a traditional buffet accompanied by the rhythms of local music.

Travel tip: Pack sun protection (SPF 40+), sunglasses, a hat, light clothing and swim sandals for comfort throughout the day.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **6**

At Sea

Unwind on the Pool Deck or retreat to the air-conditioned Lounge, all while taking in sweeping views of the South Pacific. Enrich your journey with fascinating lectures on Pitcairn Island culture and the legacy of the Bounty mutineers.

As evening falls, gather with fellow travellers in the bar for a relaxed and friendly night. The Polynesian crew will proudly share their traditions, filling the air with the lively sounds of ukuleles, guitars, and drums.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7 Mangareva (Rikitea - Gambier islands)

Rikitea, the capital of the Gambier Islands, greets you with its dazzling blue-green lagoon, famed for producing some of the world's finest black pearls. At Karorua Quay, you'll be welcomed with flowers and treated to tastings of local specialities.

Be sure to visit the beautifully restored Saint-Michel Cathedral, decorated with mother-of-pearl and celebrated as a symbol of Polynesian Catholicism. Afterwards, enjoy lunch on board before setting sail for Pitcairn.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Pitcairn

Two centuries after the famous landing, the *Aranoa* drops anchor in Bounty Bay, at the heart of one of the world's most remote islands. Step ashore to explore Adamstown, meet the descendants of the Bounty mutineers at the local market, visit the Bounty Museum, and pay respects at the grave of John Adams.

You'll also enjoy a picnic lunch in the village, shared with the warm and welcoming locals.

Travel tip: Bring non-slip shoes, rain protection, and plenty of water for a comfortable day ashore.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 Pitcairn

On your second day, take time to explore the village at your own pace or join a walk to the "Highest Point" — the tallest peak in the territory, offering breathtaking views. After lunch on board, the journey continues back to the village of Rikitea on Mangareva.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 Mangareva (Rikitea - Gambier islands)

In Karorua, you'll be welcomed with the vibrant "PE'I" dance show. Then, set out by truck or on foot to discover the island's

highlights, including Collège Saint-Raphaël, where students learn the art of mother-of-pearl engraving. For those seeking adventure, a hike to the belvedere and the tomb of the kings offers both history and sweeping views.

Afterwards, return on board for lunch, followed by a leisurely afternoon of swimming and relaxation at Teauopapa.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 At sea

Spend a relaxing day on the Pool Deck or in the comfort of the air-conditioned Lounge, taking in the stunning views of the South Pacific Ocean. Your journey to Hikueru is punctuated with engaging lectures and activities that bring the island's culture and history to life.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 12 Hikueru

Once a Tuamotu pearl reserve, Hikueru was struck by the cyclone of 1903, a story recounted by Jack London in *South Sea Tales*. Today, this copra-growing island welcomes you to the marina with music and fragrant flower garlands.

Explore the village and the abandoned Saint-Michel Church — the tallest in the Tuamotus — by truck or on foot, or rent a bike to discover the island at your own pace. Along the way, listen to local legends shared by the islanders.

Lunch is served on board before the journey continues back to the Society Islands.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13 At Sea

A day to relax and reflect on your journey. On the way to Papeete, you can take part in a range of engaging conferences and activities throughout the day.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **14** Papeete Kon Tiki

This is the end of our journey. It's time to say *Nānā!* (Goodbye) to your travel companions, to the Polynesian staff and Aranui guides.

Morning arrival into Papeete by around 7:00 AM and guests disembark. Our representative will be waiting for you as you disembark to transfer you to the Kon Tiki. Spend a relaxing afternoon, wander through scenic coastal spots, admire local architecture, and explore open-air viewpoints and historic sites that capture the island's charm.

Overnight stay in Tahiti at **Kon Tiki** in a Tahitian Room.

Breakfast



Day **15** Kon Tiki Airport

It's time to wrap up our journey. Please check out and take the transfer to Tahiti International Airport for your international flight back home.

ACCOMMODATION

Kon Tiki Tahiti

Tahiti

A peaceful haven for travelers seeking an authentic French Polynesian experience, the hotel blends modern comfort with a deep respect for the environment. Its contemporary architecture, inspired by Ma'ohi culture, creates an immersive, authentic atmosphere from the moment you arrive.

Perfectly located in the heart of Papeete, directly opposite the ferry terminal, the hotel offers a true timeless escape—where retro charm meets modern comfort, all within easy reach of the city's attractions.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

LOCAL CURRENCY

CFP franc

FROM price reflects the lowest available price within the advertised travel period (e.g. April to October). Pricing varies depending on travel dates, availability and demand, and may not be available on all departures. Higher pricing applies during peak and shoulder periods. Final pricing is confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking. Please refer to [Pricing & Price Conditions](#) for full details, including inclusions, exclusions and other conditions.

IN PARTNERSHIP



THE ISLANDS of
TAHITI

