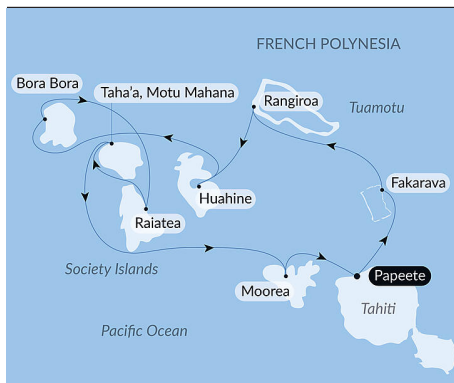


Society Islands & The Tuamotus

From **23/9/2026**
to **3/10/2026**

Ship: *Le Paul Gauguin*

From **Papeete, Tahiti Island**
to **Papeete, Tahiti Island**



PAUL GAUGUIN Cruises is offering an exceptional 11-day voyage leaving from **Tahiti** to discover the **gems of the Society Islands**, including extraordinary landscapes and enchanting historical and cultural treasures.

You will be captivated by the resolutely Polynesian ambiance that prevails aboard the ***Paul Gauguin***: a ship with a relaxed and international atmosphere, especially designed for sailing in these shallow turquoise waters.

In the **Tuamotus**, **Rangiroa**, a gigantic atoll with breathtaking underwater scenery, is most known for the cultivation of its famous **black pearls**. Be sure to try snorkelling in these natural aquariums where colourful fish, rays and friendly sharks can be found playing amid the reefs, or to explore the marvellous depths of the atoll of **Fakarava**, a **UNESCO-classified nature reserve**.

You will discover **the wonderful Society Islands**, with lush rainforests, impossibly clear lagoons, and endless palm trees swaying in the warm breeze.

The sweet scent of vanilla and Tahitian gardenias bewitches you and your dreams of escape and contemplation now seem within hand's reach. Marvel at the beauty of **Huahine**; the cradle of Polynesian culture on the mythical island of **Raiatea**; the majestic ballet of the colourful fish undulating through the turquoise waters of **motu Mahana**, our small, private paradise steeped in the scent of vanilla; and **Bora Bora**'s stunning lagoon and distinctive volcanic silhouette.

Before disembarking in **Papeete**, feast your eyes on the incomparable beauty of **Moorea**.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

PAPEETE, TAHITI ISLAND

Embarkation 23/9/2026 From 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 23/9/2026 at 6:30 pm

Capital of French Polynesia, the city of **Papeete** is on the north-west coast of the island of Tahiti. You'll find a **relaxed atmosphere** here, where urban buzz combines with the legendary laid-back Polynesian lifestyle. Culture is not lacking. You can enjoy sites narrating the history of the archipelago, including the colonial cathedral and the **Maison de la reine Marau**. The **Vaipahi** public gardens will win you over by their abundant plant-life. The large municipal market offers local specialities: fresh fruit, spices and all kinds of fish abound on their stalls.

FAKARAVA, TUAMOTU ISLANDS

Arrival 24/9/2026 early afternoon

Departure 25/9/2026 late afternoon

Listed as a **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve**, **Fakarava's coral ellipsis** is a narrow stretch of land sitting on a crystal-clear sea. Travellers here are surprised by the immensity of the lagoon, whose colours evoke an infinite palette. The atoll, renowned for its pristine beaches and unspoiled nature, is also known for the Gombessa 2 and 4 expeditions, which focused on the study of camouflage groupers and reef sharks.

RANGIROA, TUAMOTU ISLANDS

Arrival 26/9/2026 early morning

Departure 26/9/2026 mid afternoon

A secluded atoll in the Tuamotu Archipelago, **Rangiroa**, meaning "vast sky" in Polynesian, is very aptly named. The lagoon of the largest atoll in Polynesia is reminiscent of the heavens, imprisoned by hundreds of islets formed by sand that veers from immaculate white to pink. But the beauty of Rangiroa, classed by Captain Cousteau as **one of the most beautiful diving spots in the world**, is most evident in its underwater life: you will have the occasion of admiring all the richness of the site on a snorkeling tour or on a glass-bottom boat tour. Rangiroa is also the high seat of **Polynesian pearl culture**.

HUAHINE, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Arrival 27/9/2026 midday

Departure 27/9/2026 late afternoon

Located less than 200 kilometres north-west of Tahiti, **Huahine** Island is a secret gem in French Polynesia. You'll love the mysterious atmosphere emanating from its voluptuous contours, its **wild vegetation** and stunning **remote creeks**. If you explore both parts of the island, la Grande Huahine to the north, and la Petite Huahine to the south, will reveal some of its hidden treasures, as well as some **archaeological remains** from the Polynesian past. You can meet the local population in the main town of **Fare**, or in the string of villages along the coast.

BORA BORA, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Arrival 28/9/2026

Departure 29/9/2026 late afternoon

Paradisiacal atoll of the archipelago of the Leeward Islands, west of French Polynesia, mythical **Bora Bora** offers a natural spectacle of captivating beauty. You'll be won over as much by the white sandy beaches as by its **famous lagoon**, one of the most beautiful in the world, where colourful fish frolic in waters of incomparable turquoise. The island is covered with **tropical vegetation**, and dominated by the majestic outline of **Mount Otemanu**. A promenade through this volcanic landscape will enable you to discover a number of villages and meet local communities.

RAIATEA, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Arrival 30/9/2026 early morning

Departure 30/9/2026 late afternoon

A volcanic island located halfway between Huahine and Bora-Bora, **Raiatea** is like the mother of Polynesia. It was on its rocky flanks that the oldest traces of local habitation were found. According to legend, it was even the cradle of the gods... You can admire several sites that bear witness to this past, including the first Polynesian holy site, the **Te-Po religious centre**, including the marae Taputapuatea, a sort of altar made of stone and coral. Although beaches are rare on Raiatea, here **nature is totally captivating**, and the coral islets offer myriads of ravishing creeks.

MOTU MAHANA, TAHA'A ISLAND, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Arrival 1/10/2026

Departure 1/10/2026 late afternoon

Feet in the sand, on the islet of **Motu Mahana**, our sumptuous little private paradise, you will share a very special experience around an authentic traditional Polynesian barbecue. A veritable jewel in the **Taha'a** lagoon, pristine atoll of the Society Islands, **Motu Mahana** offers an infinite palette of shades of turquoise, an idyllic backdrop for observing the majestic ballet of the tropical fish. The volcanic island of **Taha'a**, dominated by Mount Ohiri and Mount Puurauti, will reveal its fertile and luxuriant nature, ideal for cultivating the magnificent **black pearls** of French Polynesia, as well as **vanilla**. This rare spice, greatly in demand by gourmets, is the main economic resource of what is also known as *Vanilla Island*.

MOOREA ISLAND

Arrival 2/10/2026 early morning

Departure 2/10/2026 late afternoon

A part of the **Windward Island archipelago** just to the west of Tahiti, famous **Mo'orea** will leave you with a series of unforgettable images and memories. Bask on its **heavenly beaches**, enjoy a dip in the turquoise waters of its lagoon, and soak up its **luscious vegetation** and the heady flowers that carpet the inland areas. Get the most out of this natural gem with a trip to the Mo'orea **Belvedere**. Exceptional views of Mount Rotui unfurl before your eyes, with the **Opunohu Bay** and its valley to the left, and the famous **Cook's Bay**, surrounded by notched, cathedral-style peaks, to the right.

PAPEETE, TAHITI ISLAND

Arrival 2/10/2026 early evening

Disembarkation 3/10/2026 at 8:00 am

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