2019
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CRUISING TAHITI & FRENCH POLYNESIA
Tahiti • Mo’orea • Taha’a • Ra’iatea • Bora Bora • Huahine
February 5-15, 2019
with David Armitage, the Lloyd C. Blankfein Professor of History
Explore the mysterious underwater world of Bora Bora’s reefs and look for graceful double-saddle butterfly fish, dazzling corals and myriad exotic marine life.

The evolution of ancient volcanic activity beneath the sea, sculpted by waves and wind over millennia, created the islands of Tahiti and her sisters, idyllic in their carved intricacies: majestic peaks emerging from emerald green jungles, chalk-white atolls, and beryl-blue lagoons.

During this nine-night land and sea sojourn, enjoy two nights (air schedules permitting) in Pape’ete, Tahiti, and seven nights sailing aboard the Five-Star Wind Spirit.

The Wind Spirit provides unmatched small ship sailing amidst the unparalleled beauty of the Society Islands. Enjoy complimentary features, including all shipboard gratuities, complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages, complimentary watersports, and a specially arranged excursion included on every island.

On the islands of Tahiti, Huahine, Ra’iatea, Taha’a, Bora Bora, and Moorea, visit ancient marae, tour a vanilla plantation and learn more about Polynesia’s unique history, environment, and culture. You can observe—and even snorkel or swim with—stingrays, lagoon sharks, and colorful fish and breathe in the fresh fragrances of vanilla, gardenia, and jasmine that delicately permeate the island air.

This opportunity featuring round-trip air included from Los Angeles¹ and Low Air Add-Ons¹ from select U.S. cities sells out quickly, so book now.

¹Included air from Los Angeles and Low Air Add-Ons may be offered until September 27, 2018, and have limited availability and are not guaranteed.

What to Expect

Though the activity level of this program is easy, walking excursions may last approximately three hours in length and cover two miles in distance. Your ship may tender ashore by small boat; tenders may involve a dry landing—stepping directly onto the docking site—or a wet landing—stepping into knee-deep water and wading ashore.

This program is offered during the summer, when the average daily temperature is 85 degrees Fahrenheit and periods of rain on any given day are not unexpected.

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Study Leaders

David Armitage, is the Lloyd C. Blankfein Professor of History and former chair of the Department of History at Harvard University, where he teaches intellectual history and international history. He is also an affiliated faculty member in the Department of Government at Harvard and at Harvard Law School, as well as an Honorary Fellow of St Catharine’s College, Cambridge. David is a prize-winning teacher and writer who has lectured on six different continents. His articles and essays have appeared in publications around the world, including the Wall Street Journal, the Guardian, and the Sydney Morning Herald, and they have been translated into over a dozen languages.

David is a frequent visitor to the Pacific region and for more than a decade he has been an Honorary Professor of History at the University of Sydney. He has a long-standing interest in the history of oceans and among his books are Oceanic Histories (co-ed 2018), Pacific Histories: Ocean, Land, People (co-ed 2014) and The British Atlantic World, 1500-1800 (co-ed 2009). On this program David’s lecture topics will include the Pacific Ocean in world history, navigation and migration in a “sea of islands,” and the European “discovery” of Tahiti.
Enjoy complimentary kayaking and snorkeling opportunities in the sparkling waters of French Polynesia from the retractable watersports marina.

Schedule by Day

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AND 6

U.S./Pape’ete, Tahiti
Depart the U.S. for lively Pape’ete, the cosmopolitan capital of French Polynesia, located on a natural harbor cooled by trade winds and set against a backdrop of verdant, forest-clad peaks. This breathtaking gateway to the South Pacific is complemented by the cultures of its people, a vibrant blend of native Tahitian, French, and Chinese.

Upon arrival, check into the ideally located, Five-Star InterContinental Tahiti Resort and Spa.

Wednesday, explore Pape’ete on your own and return to the resort for the evening’s Welcome Reception. (1b,1r)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Pape’ete
Travel along Tahiti’s west coast, and tour the Museum of Tahiti and Her Islands, where significant archaeological finds trace the island’s ecology and customs. Walk through the sacred Arahurahu Marae, Polynesia’s only fully restored marae (temple), and the beautifully landscaped Spring Garden of Vaipahi. In this tranquil haven of 75 different plant species, a natural waterfall flows through gardens flanked by tropical flowers and canopied by a lush tangle of precious mape (chestnut), and pine wood vines.

Embrace the Wind Spirit and attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board this evening. (b,l,r,d)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Mo’orea
James A. Michener once wrote that Mo’orea, the remnant of a long-extinct volcano, was a “monument to the prodigal beauty of nature”; the heart-shaped island inspired his unforgettable Tales from the South Pacific and stirred famous visitors including Captain Cook in 1777 and Herman Melville in 1842. Drive through a landscape of ancient volcanic peaks, and stop at Belvedere Point for an unforgettable panoramic view of the impressive Mount Rotui and the crystalline waters of Cook and Opunohu Bays.

Impressive temples evoke Mo’orea’s Polynesian heritage while European churches underscore its role as a center for 19th-century missionary activity, and contemporary islanders continue the ways of their forefathers, farming pineapples and papayas and crafting fine art from seashells and indigenous wood.

Learn more about the interplay between the culture and the ecosystem at the Richard B. Gump Pacific Research Station and Atitia Outreach Center. Following spectacular views of the lagoon at the Toatea Lookout, board the ship for an enriching lecture by naturalist Frank Murphy from the Research Station. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure for snorkeling opportunities in Mo’orea’s turquoise lagoons. (b,l,d)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Ra’iatea
In the pre-colonial era, Ra’iatea served as the political and spiritual center of the Society Islands and was beloved by Captain Cook, who called here on each of his three voyages. It was the hub for the colonization of Hawaii, the Marquesas and New Zealand, and according to local legend, the birthplace of Oro, god of war and fertility. Visit well-preserved Marae Taputapuatea, constructed of coral and black volcanic rock. Aboard a motorized va’a (outrigger canoe), cruise upstream along Ra’iatea’s serene Fa’aroa River, the only navigable river in Polynesia, as it threads through a realm of wild hibiscus, bamboo, and Tahitian chestnut trees.

Gather on deck for a barbecue under the “ash-blue sky alive with stars,” as Henri Matisse described the Tahitian night. (b,l,d)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Taha’a
Taha’a is dominated by the profile of Mount Ohiri, named for Hiro, the Polynesian god of sailors, and thieves.
Today, harvesting the world’s most flavorful vanilla beans and the region’s distinctive black pearl oysters provides the islanders’ livelihoods. Gain a deeper understanding of traditional Polynesian agriculture as you tour the fragrant grounds of a vanilla plantation.

Visit a farm where lustrous black pearls are meticulously cultivated underwater. Savor a specially arranged barbecue on a private motu (islet), where you can also swim, snorkel, or kayak. (b,l,d)

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AND 12

Bora Bora
Bora Bora is the proverbial vision of a South Seas paradise—its black basalt peaks cloaked in a thick tropical forest and silhouetted against turquoise waters. Alongside glittering Fa‘anui Bay, see the ceremonial site of the Fare Opu marae adorned with petroglyphs of turtles—a sacred creature in ancient Polynesia—and keep an eye out for bunkers constructed by American soldiers during World War II.

The islanders of Bora Bora have preserved the ways of their forebears and still wear the colorfully hand-dyed pareo (sarong). In the forested interior, villagers cultivate breadfruit, coconuts, and taro; preserve the ancient ruins of stone marae; and respect the legacy of ancestral Polynesian deities. Learn about the art of dyeing the traditional Polynesian pareo and taste some of the island’s abundant fruits.

From a lookout point, admire Bora Bora’s highest peak, Mount Otemanu, perched like a natural beacon over the “Pearl of the Pacific”; then enjoy time at leisure to explore the island.

An optional excursion cruises the island’s iridescent lagoon to encounter graceful stringrays, black-tipped lagoon sharks, and a coral garden where parrotfish, butterfly fish, and triggerfish flourish.

Dinner Monday night will be an authentic Polynesian feast on a private motu. (2b,2l,2d)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Pape’ete/Tahiti
Disembark the ship and explore the east coast of Tahiti. Visit the former home of American author James Norman Hall, best known for Mutiny on the Bounty, and admire Tahiti’s only lighthouse at Point Venus, named for the observatory Captain Cook established here in 1769.

Day-room accommodations have been reserved in the InterContinental Tahiti Resort and Spa.

This evening, transfer to the airport to continue on to the Bora Bora Post-Program Option or board your flight home. (b)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

U.S.
Arrive in the U.S.
Seafaring in its Most Timeless Form: The intimate, four-masted Wind Spirit offers an unforgettable Five-Star sailing experience. A harmonious alliance of nautical history and elegant style, this small ship is designed to sail among the islands, atolls and motus of Tahiti and French Polynesia, making it feel like your own private yacht.

Savor award-winning recipes and enjoy culinary demonstrations as part of an partnership with the James Beard Foundation of chefs. The elegant dining room accommodates all guests in a single seating—you may enjoy breakfast and lunch in the indoor-outdoor restaurant or reserve a table for alfresco evening dining.

Each of the 74 deluxe, ocean-view Staterooms features one queen bed or two twin beds (Owner’s Suite has a queen bed), a private granite-finished bathroom with shower, luxurious amenities, individual climate control, flat-screen television with DVD player, Wi-Fi access, safe, minibar.

Offering educational presentations, panoramic views, nightly entertainment and quiet retreat, the ship’s appointed public areas include a lounge, two bars, library, spa, fitness center, boutique and casino.

Rates† Per Person

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Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel are included.

†Round-trip Air Tahiti Nui economy-class air is included from Los Angeles to Pape’ete, Tahiti (may be offered only until September 27, 2018). Low Air Add-Ons are available from select U.S. and Canadian cities.
What is Included:

- Round-trip Air Tahiti Nui flight from Los Angeles³
- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by David Armitage
- Two nights (air schedule permitting) in the five-star InterContinental Resort & Spa Tahiti
- Seven-night cruise round trip Pape’ete, Tahiti, with port calls at the Society Islands of Huahine, Taha’a, Ra’iatea, Bora Bora, and Mo’orea
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise

- All activities, excursions, entrance fees and meals for detailed itinerary (optional excursions not described in itinerary are available at additional cost)
- Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel, guides, and drivers
- Services of a tour manager throughout the program
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance

InterContinental
Bora Bora Le Moana Resort

Extend your sojourn in French Polynesia with two nights in a five-star seaside resort on Bora Bora, providing an authentic Polynesian experience. On dazzling Matira Point, enjoy magnificent ocean views from your deluxe beachfront or overwater bungalow—choose from three categories. Observe the abundant marine life on a reef excursion, dine in one of the island’s gourmet restaurants for fresh local seafood prepared with French Polynesian flair, or enjoy the resort’s wide array of watersports and white-sand beach. Includes breakfast daily and round-trip air between Tahiti and Bora Bora.

Post-Program Option
from $1685 per person, double occupancy
from $2520 per person, single occupancy

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Trip Sampling

LAND

TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® IN FRANCE’S LANGUEDOC
SEP 22–30, 2018
Thomas W. Simons Jr.
VILLAGE LIFE® IN DORDogne
MAY 16–24, 2019
Robert J. Kiely
VILLAGE LIFE® AROUND THE ITALIAN LAKES
SEP 21–29, 2019
Sue Schopf

CRUISES

EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA ON LE BORÉAL
JAN 5–18, 2019
Joyce Chaplin
A CRUISE OF THE PANAMA CANAL & COSTA RICA ON LE CHAMPLAIN
FEB 2–10, 2019
Don Pfister
CUBA BY LAND & SEA ON LE PONANT
FEB 3–12, 2019
Lizabeth Cohen & Herrick Chapman

RIVERS & LAKES

THE PRIDE OF SOUTH AFRIcA, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA & ZIMBABWE
MAR 14–30, 2019
Julie Buckler
DUTCH WATERWAYS ON AMADEUS SILVER II
APR 25–MAY 3, 2019
Peter Bol
PASSAGE ALONG THE DANUBE RIVER: VIENNA TO BLACK SEA ON AMADEUS QUEEN
OCT 12–24, 2019
Thomas W. Simons Jr.
GENERAL INFORMATION
TOUR COST INCLUSIONS: Airfare from Los Angeles; taxes; all transfers and baggage handling abroad for all participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s); all activities, excursions, entrance fees, accommodation, and meals per detailed itinerary; complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise; gratuities to ship personnel, local guides, and drivers; tour manager throughout; $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance.

TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS: Airfare from home city to Los Angeles; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes; associated local taxes; airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Inclusions” section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, and Internet access; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the “Inclusions” section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Inclusions” section.

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Please return this form by mail to:
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124 Mount Auburn Street, 6th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138
Or by FAX: 617-496-4011

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How did you hear about this trip?

Registration Form

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BEACH BUNGALOW
$1,685 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
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$3,235 PER PERSON, SINGLE OCCUPANCY