SOCIETY ISLANDS
Tahiti, “Queen of the Pacific,” and sister islands—Huahine, Taha’a, Bora Bora and Moorea—have appealed to visitors ever since Captain James Cook landed here in 1769. This tropical paradise has captivated explorers and mariners, artists and writers alike—Captain Cook returned twice more, H.M.S. Bounty’s Fletcher Christian chose to remain for a time and master Impressionist Paul Gauguin abandoned his family and career in France to embrace the seductive lifestyle of Polynesia. Experience the allure of Tahiti and the Society Islands for yourself.

FEATURED STUDY LEADER
As this brochure goes to print, we have not yet confirmed the faculty study leader for this program. We intend, however, that you will be joined by a Harvard lecturer who will enhance your travel experience. You will discover that our lecturers are not only first-rate scholars and teachers but also friendly traveling companions, eager to share their insights through conversation as well as in scheduled presentations. Dartmouth study leader Katherine W. Hart, Senior Curator of Collections at the Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth, will also give lectures during this program.
THE EVOLUTION OF ANCIENT VOLCANIC ACTIVITY BENEATH THE SEA, SCULPTED BY WAVES AND WIND OVER MILLENNIA, CREATED THE IDYLIC ISLANDS OF TAHITI, HUAHINE, TAHA’A, BORA BORA, AND MOOREA. Experience an earthly paradise—majestic volcanic peaks rising from emerald green jungles, chalk-white atolls, pristine beaches and turquoise lagoons—that have beckoned travelers, artists and writers for centuries. Enjoy two nights in colorful Papeete, Tahiti, and seven nights aboard the five-star, 166-stateroom m.s. Paul Gauguin, specially designed to cruise the clear aquamarine waters of the South Pacific.

The deluxe m.s. Paul Gauguin provides an unmatched small ship experience amid the distinctively beautiful islands, atolls, and motus of Tahiti and French Polynesia. A whole host of complimentary features aboard ship are included: all onboard gratuities; complimentary wine, spirits, and soft drinks served throughout the ship, including at every lunch and dinner, and replenished in your Suite or Stateroom throughout the cruise; complimentary water sports; and even complimentary personal butler service in Suite Category 1 and Stateroom Category 2. Most exceptionally, airfare from Los Angeles to Papeete is also included*.

You can observe—and even snorkel and swim with—extraordinary marine life, and breathe in the fresh fragrances of vanilla, gardenia and jasmine that permeate the island air.

Also, cultural enrichment abounds in the natural environment of French Polynesia. During your stay on Tahiti, explore the west coast of the island and learn more about the history, environment and culture of Polynesia and admire the unique private collection in the Museum of Tahiti and Her Islands. An onboard naturalist will provide a variety of talks and demonstrations about the islands’ history and cultural heritage throughout the cruise.

The mid-winter is the perfect time to enjoy magical Tahiti and French Polynesia aboard the five-star m.s. Paul Gauguin, cruising in its “home ports.” As this program features air included from Los Angeles*, we encourage you to book now while space is available.

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PAPEETE, TAHI TI
Bustling, cosmopolitan Papeete, the breathtaking capital of French Polynesia and the gateway to the treasures of the South Pacific, has extended a hospitable welcome to visitors since its founding as a missionary settlement in 1824. Located on a natural harbor cooled by trade winds, Papeete enjoys one of the finest natural settings in the South Pacific, set against a backdrop of verdant, forest-clad peaks. Its tropical ambiance is complemented by the charm and diversity of its inhabitants, a vibrant blend of native Tahitian, French and Chinese. During the exclusive included excursion along Tahiti’s west coast, tour the Museum of Tahiti and Her Islands to view its significant archaeological finds and learn more about the island’s geology and its flora and fauna. Visit the beautifully landscaped Spring Garden of Vaipahi, a haven of tranquility, waterfalls and walking paths and home to 75 different species of plants, including precious woods and tropical flowers.

TAHA’A (MOTU MAHANA)
Idylically set across a blue lagoon to the north of Huahine, Tahaa is dominated by the profile of Mount Ohiri, named for Hiro, the Polynesian god of sailors and thieves. Today, two exotic enterprises provide the islanders’ livelihoods—the production of the world’s most flavorful vanilla beans and the farming of lustrous black pearls. Spend the day on the private South Pacific paradise of Motu Mahana, where you can swim, snorkel or kayak, and enjoy a traditional Polynesian feast complemented by entertainment.

BORA BORA
Described as “the most beautiful island in the world” by author James A. Michener, Bora Bora is the proverbial vision of a South Seas paradise. Its distinctive black basalt peak is cloaked in a lush tropical forest and silhouetted against turquoise lagoon waters, where a coral reef and an outlying fringe of motu teem with multicolored fish. Bora Bora was settled by adventurous Polynesian mariners in the 10th century A.D. The islanders have preserved the ways of their forebears and still wear the traditional colorfully hand-dyed pareo or sarong. In Bora Bora’s forested interior, villagers cultivate breadfruit, coconuts and taro and preserve the ancient ruins of stone marae, the legacy of ancestral Polynesian deities.

MOOREA
Impressive temples in Moorea evoke its Polynesian heritage while European churches underscore its role as the center for 19th-century missionary activity in the Society Islands. Contemporary islanders continue the ways of their forefathers, farming pineapples and papayas and crafting fine works of art from seashells and indigenous wood. In Moorea’s village of Papetoai, a unique octagonal-shaped church is the oldest European structure in the South Seas still in use.
BORA BORA AND Moorea
Post-Program Options
Five-Star Hotels
An extended stay on Bora Bora or Moorea in a five-star seaside resort provides an authentic Polynesian experience.

FEBRUARY 21-24
INTERCONTINENTAL MOOREA RESORT
from $575 Double Occupancy
from $965 Single Occupancy
Enjoy legendary Polynesian hospitality in an ideal paradise setting between Moorea’s verdant lush mountains and a crystal-clear lagoon. Elegant accommodations overlook the resort’s lush flourishing gardens and deluxe bungalows are set on the beach or over the water. Choose to visit the Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Center and/or the Moorea Dolphin Center, snorkel or dive at the best sites of Moorea, explore the daily craft market or walk along the idyllic white-sand beach. Daily breakfast and a round-trip ferry transfer are included between Tahiti and Moorea.

FEBRUARY 21-24
INTERCONTINENTAL LE MOANA BORA BORA RESORT
from $1,720 Double Occupancy
from $2,530 Single Occupancy
On Bora Bora’s dazzling Matira Point, admire the magnificent, expansive ocean views from your deluxe beachfront or overwater bungalow. Observe the abundant marine life on a reef excursion, dine in one of the island’s gourmet restaurants or enjoy the resort’s wide array of water sports and two white-sand beaches. This resort option includes breakfast daily and round-trip air between Tahiti and Bora Bora.

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