



A DIFFERENT SUMMER HOLIDAY IN  
**FRENCH  
POLYNESIA**

**THE MARQUESAS BY PASSENGER FREIGHTER**

10-25 January 2017 | 15 days

We are holding a limited number of cabins on the Aranui 5, the ultimate passenger freighter, for a cruise around French Polynesia's remote and ruggedly beautiful islands. Over the years, this has been one of the most popular tours we have offered.

The mystical far flung Marquesas archipelago at the northern most tip of French Polynesia comprise 12 islands. They are known for dramatic cliffscapes plunging into the deep blue ocean and green forested mountains rising directly out of the sea.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM PREVIOUS TOURS**

One of our tour managers, Peter Oettli, describes this tour as his favourite. *'I am still under the spell of these enchanted islands. When you think about the Marquesas, don't imagine low-lying atolls with placid palm-fringed lagoons. Think craggy cliffs rising out of the deep sea, or steep pinnacles of basaltic rock, some of them up to 1,000 metres high, forming the backdrop to villages nestled in shady valleys or sheltered bays along the coast.'*

Participants on a previous tour described their highlights:

- I loved learning about culture and history and meeting the local people and getting a glimpse into their daily lives
- Visiting the different islands and seeing historic sites was a highlight
- These lonely islands are magnificent as are their friendly but reserved people
- I enjoyed the low key, easy pace, aboard ship and on tour
- The trip was wonderfully planned and organised as were the daily excursions
- I was impressed with the staff's commitment to the job and their friendliness... always ready to help, with a good sense of humour.



**THE FREIGHTER – ARANUI 5**

The Aranui is a mixed passenger/cargo ship that combines the exciting elements of a working ship with the sophistication of a modern cruise ship. It features a reception area, restaurant, bars, conference rooms, lounges, a library, media room, boutique, swimming pool with whirlpool, fitness room and spa. Our accommodation will be in comfortable, air-conditioned state room cabins. Each day various experts give lectures on everything from marine diversity in French Polynesia to cultural identity.

Because the Aranui 5 isn't simply a cruise ship, the voyage has a tangible sense of purpose. Presence in ports creates a buzz, the locals on land eager to get their hands on a wide range of goods. The cruise offers the opportunity to explore the islands while watching the crew in action as they unload essential supplies to this remote archipelago.

We can hold the cabins until the beginning of August so contact us now if you would like to receive a copy of the itinerary.



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