

# TAHITI WITH M/S PAUL GAUGUIN

## 9 DAYS



Radisson Seven Seas' M/S Paul Gauguin

**P**alm trees and white sand beaches on islands en circled by coral reefs .....these are visions you may have in your mind as you go about your daily routine at home. Take a week off and fly to Tahiti to see the islands for yourself. Your first stop is Papeete, where you spend your first night at a luxury resort overlooking the South Seas.

Once you have adjusted to "island time", you board the M/S Paul Gauguin (Radisson Seven Seas) and spend six peaceful days sailing in and around the islands of French Polynesia. You will explore native villages, swim in the clear turquoise lagoons, and dive to see the incredible variety fish and coral formations in the underwater world. At the end of the day, your gourmet dinners on board are followed by dancing and entertainment.

### COMBINE THIS TRIP WITH NEW ZEALAND!

- Each departure limited to 20 guests
- Luxury hotel and cabin on 'M/S Paul Gauguin'
- Three a la carte meals a day
- Arrival and departure transfer by private car
- Portorage of 2 suitcases per passenger
- Airport departure taxes

Port fees and shore excursions during the cruise are not included.

and work embodies the romanticism of French Polynesia. It is a stylish seven-deck vessel – the most luxurious ever to sail in these islands. She carries 320 passengers in spacious, well-appointed outside cabins.

Two fine dining rooms feature international cuisine – **L'Etoile**, with classic furnishings and fluted shell light fixtures, is a refined Parisian-style room; and **La Veranda's** ambiance recalls the Cote d'Azur. An outdoor bistro, espresso bar, and 24-hour room service are also at

your disposal. There are folkloric shows, guest lecturers, and dancing in the evenings.

Other facilities include a lounge and casino for entertainment, observation area, library, business center, boutiques, beauty salon and fitness center. In addition to the pool, when at anchor the retractable marina permits water skiing, snorkeling, and diving directly from the ship. (B,L,D)

### Day 4 (Sunday)

#### RAIATEA

This morning you arrive at the island of Raiatea, the "sacred island"; Tahitians believe Raiatea is the birthplace of their religion and culture. According to legend, it was from these shores that ancient Polynesian explorers set off for Hawaii and New Zealand and possibly Easter Island. This island and another separate island called Taha'a share the same lagoon. Raiatea is the second largest island of French Polynesia after Tahiti. There are eight villages on the island - the main one, called Uturoa, is a sleepy little town, much like Papeete was once. You see beautiful mountains, lush green valleys, numerous waterfalls, and pineapple and vanilla plantations. On the slopes of Mount Temehani, you may catch a rare glimpse of the Tiare Apetahi, a flower that grows no place else on earth. (B,L,D)

### Day 5 (Monday)

#### TAHA'A (MOTU MAHANA)

Taha'a, the "vanilla island", shares the lagoon with Raiatea. There is no



Young Tahitian girl

### Day 1 (Thursday)

#### USA – PAPEETE

Depart the States on a trans-Pacific flight; your on your way to the tropical paradise of French Polynesia.

### Day 2 (Friday)

#### PAPEETE, TAHITI

Upon your arrival at Papeete, on the island of Tahiti, you check into the **Beachcomber Parkroyal**, the island's finest resort, set on 24 tropical acres, overlooking the ocean and the serrated skyline of neighboring Moorea Island. (D)

### Day 3 (Saturday)

#### PAPEETE

After a restful day on Tahiti, you board the M/S Paul Gauguin to begin your island cruise. Launched in France last year, this sleek ship, maintained by Radisson, is named for the man whose life

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airport on this island; but it is only a short speedboat trip away from Raiatea. Nevertheless, Taha'a's charm is that it is almost untouched by the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is a round island with fjord-like inlets. Eighty percent of all vanilla in French Polynesia is produced here. (B,L,D)

**Day 6 (Tuesday)**

**BORA BORA**

For many visitors, the island of Bora Bora (the "marvelous island") is the most stunning in all the Pacific; it is actually a main island surrounded by several offshore motu islets inside a protective coral necklace. The volcanic peaks stand over 2,000 feet above the multi-shaded blue and turquoise colored lagoon, with a barrier reef that provides incredible snorkeling. Look for dolphins, which frequently race boats and play in the wake at the opening to the channel leading into Bora Bora lagoon. (B,L,D)

**Day 7 (Wednesday)**

**BORA BORA**

Beaches on Bora Bora are flawless and the colorful villages are quaint; brilliant hibiscus bloom in the hills and along the valleys. Visit the underwater world of the reef; there is a kaleidoscope of fish and marvelous "gardens" of coral. Relax on the exquisite white sand of Matira Beach, beside lush vegetation; you are in a most beautiful piece of paradise. (B,L,D)

**Day 8 (Thursday)**

**MOOREA**

Moorea, called the "garden island", is often compared to James Michener's mythical island of Bali Hai. You see spectacular bays here - the crystal clear waters of Cook's Bay and Opunohu Bay reflect the island's jagged volcanic peaks. Mountain slopes are covered with pineapple plantations. This is a good place to shop for the renowned black pearls of the South Pacific; and the calm waters in the bay are superb for windsurfing or water skiing. (B,L,D)

**Day 9 (Friday)**

**MOOREA - PAPEETE**

After spending the day swimming and sunning at Moorea, the ship sets out for the island of Tahiti. Your farewell dinner with travel companions is on board



Bora Bora

this evening as you cruise toward Papeete. (B,L,D)

**Day 10 (Saturday)**

**PAPEETE**

After breakfast, you disembark and are escorted to the airport for your flight back to the States. (B)

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Papeete - Beachcomber Parkroyal (1)**

The Tahiti Beachcomber Parkroyal is a world-class resort situated on 30 acres of lush tropical gardens, with its own private white sand beach, on the western shore of Tahiti.

**Cruise - M/S Paul Gauguin (6)**

The M/S Paul Gauguin incorporates the six-star standards of service and comfort, for which Radisson Seven Seas is renowned, and features spacious staterooms.

**DATES**

<b>Depart-THU</b> (from USA)	<b>Return-SAT</b>
May 18	May 27
<b>2001 Dates:</b>	
Feb 22	Mar 03

**COST PER PERSON**

	Double	Single Supplement
Suite / Verandah	\$ 6,695	\$ 6,695
Verandah/Deck 8	\$ 5,695	\$ 5,695
Balcony/Deck 7	\$ 4,695	\$ 4,695
Window/Deck 6	\$ 3,995	\$ 995
Window/Deck 4	\$ 3,795	\$ 995
Portholes/Deck 3	\$ 3,295	\$ 995
International Airfare (West Coast)	\$ 295	

*(If you also take the New Zealand trip, your cruise cost is reduced by \$ 550 per person and "International Airfare" does not apply.)*

*All airfares are subject to availability and to change by the airlines. Cancellation penalties and surcharges may apply. Fares from other U.S. cities, as well as First and Business Class rates, are also available.*