



FRENCH POLYNESIA: BEYOND THE POSTCARD

10 Days | National Geographic Orion | 102 Guests | Expeditions in: Apr/Jun/Jul/Aug | \$7,690 to \$16,840



Venture to the heart of Polynesian culture and wildness on this highly immersive expedition where options abound. Choose to kayak, stand-up paddleboard, or take a bike ride for independent exploration and to connect with these people and islands on a personal level. Explore the historic ceremonial site, called a marae, on Raiatea where Polynesian seafarers would begin their bold expeditions sailing into the unknown—expeditions that would eventually lead to populating Hawaii and New Zealand. Sail among some of the 80 atolls of the Tuamotu Archipelago, a string of tiny islands in an azure sea that hides thriving reefs we'll explore while scuba diving and snorkeling.



DAY 1: DEPART U.S.

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Tahiti.



DAY 2: PAPEETE, FRENCH POLYNESIA/EMBARK

Arrive in Papeete, Tahiti early this morning, check into dayrooms and take a brief tour of the island before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (L,D)



DAY 3: BORA BORA, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Begin your voyage with a view of one of the South Pacific's most iconic images, the angular crags of Bora Bora's Mount Otemanu. Explore the island's interior by 4WD, for unparalleled views of the island's turquoise lagoon, then snorkel, dive, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard from one of the motus on the outer reef. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: RAIATEA/TAHAA

Encircled by a single fringing reef, and sharing a common lagoon, Raiatea and Taha'a are islands well worth exploring. One of the most important cultural sites in the Polynesian world, Marae Taputapuatea was a center for Polynesian seafarers and the location from which they set out for Rapa Nui (Easter Island), Hawaii and New Zealand. Spend the morning exploring this site on Raiatea, then refresh yourself with a swim in warm turquoise seas. Watch from on deck as we navigate lagoon channels en route to Taha'a, then go ashore for a visit to a small, family-run vanilla plantation. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: HUAHINE

One of Polynesia's best-kept secrets, Huahine is well off the beaten path. Once the home of Tahitian royalty, Huahine maintains the highest density of ancient marae in French Polynesia. Visit these sites with cultural experts and archaeologists who bring them to life. Venture



into the lush interior of the island on a bicycle, then explore the verdant shoreline by kayak, stand-up paddleboard or Zodiac. Finish the day with a swim in the island's crystal-clear lagoon. (B,L,D)



DAY 6-7: TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO

Spend two days exploring some of the nearly 80 islands and atolls in the "Dangerous Archipelago." Fakarava is one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Snorkel the protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a world-famous drift dive. An uplifted coral atoll, the island of Makatea is one of the most unique landforms in the Pacific. Spend the day exploring limestone caves and grottos with your expedition team and local guides, or search for endemic fruit doves and myriad seabirds, then snorkel and dive among clouds of colorful fish on the nearby reef.



DAY 8: RANGIROA

The atoll of Rangiroa is a ring of slender islands known for some of the best diving and snorkeling in French Polynesia. The turquoise lagoon at its center is the second-largest in the world. Our ship passes between the islets to anchor inside the lagoon near the village of Tiputa, where local musicians greet us. Visit the village, and kayak, snorkel, and scuba dive in the rich waters here, home to large schools of pelagic fish, manta rays, dolphins, sea turtles, and hammerheads. (B,L,D)



DAY 9-10: RANGIROA/DISEMBARK/PAPEETE/ HOME

Disembark this morning and take a short flight back to Papeete, where you'll connect to international overnight flight home. (Day 9: B,L)

2018 DEPARTURE DATES:

Apr 12, Apr 26, Jun 7, Jul 5, Jul 19, Aug 2

Advance Payment: \$1,000

Sample Airfares: Round-trip Los Angeles/Papeete: Economy from \$1,500; Internal airfare from \$250 (Rangiroa-Papeete). *Airfares are subject to change.*

Important Flight Information: Please confirm arrival and departure dates prior to booking flights.

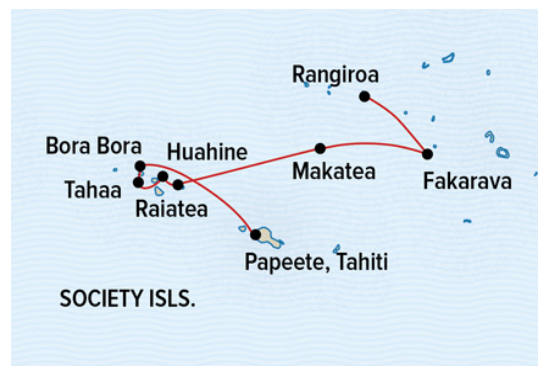
Cost Includes: The rates include accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary or similar; all meals indicated; alcoholic beverages (except premium brands) aboard ship; all shore excursions and sightseeing; entrance fees, transfers to and from group flights; local transportation to/from sites of interest; use of kayaks, snorkeling gear, scuba gear, and stand-up paddleboards; taxes, port charges and service charges; services of the ship's physician; Lindblad Expeditions' Leader, naturalist staff and expert guides; gratuities to local guides and ship's crew. **Not Included:** Airfare (unless indicated as included); charter airfare; travel protection plan; scuba diving fees; passport, visa or immigration fees; personal items such as email, laundry, voyage DVD etc.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

FREE AIRFARE: Book by Jul. 31, 2017 for free round-trip air between Los Angeles and Papeete. Free air is based on round-trip, economy group flights from Los Angeles to Papeete and must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. New bookings only. Call for details.

BOOK 2 OR MORE AND SAVE 10%: Book two or more South Pacific voyages aboard *National Geographic Orion* and take 10% off each voyage. Savings is applicable to back-to-back or non-consecutive voyages. *This savings is available on voyage fare only, and is not valid on airfares or extensions.

FREE BAR TAB AND CREW TIPS INCLUDED



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COST PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY						
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2018	\$ 7,690	\$ 9,380	\$ 10,990	\$ 11,990	\$ 14,520	\$ 16,840
COST PER PERSON SINGLE OCCUPANCY						
	1S		3S			
2018	\$ 11,540		\$ 16,490			



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

CAPACITY: 102 guests in 53 outside cabins. **REGISTRY:** Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 338 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, global gallery, observation lounge and library, sundeck, marina platform, and whirlpool hot tub that doubles as a plunge pool in warm climates.

OPEN BRIDGE: Provides guests with an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: All meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. The cuisine is international with local flair, featuring tastes of the regions we explore.

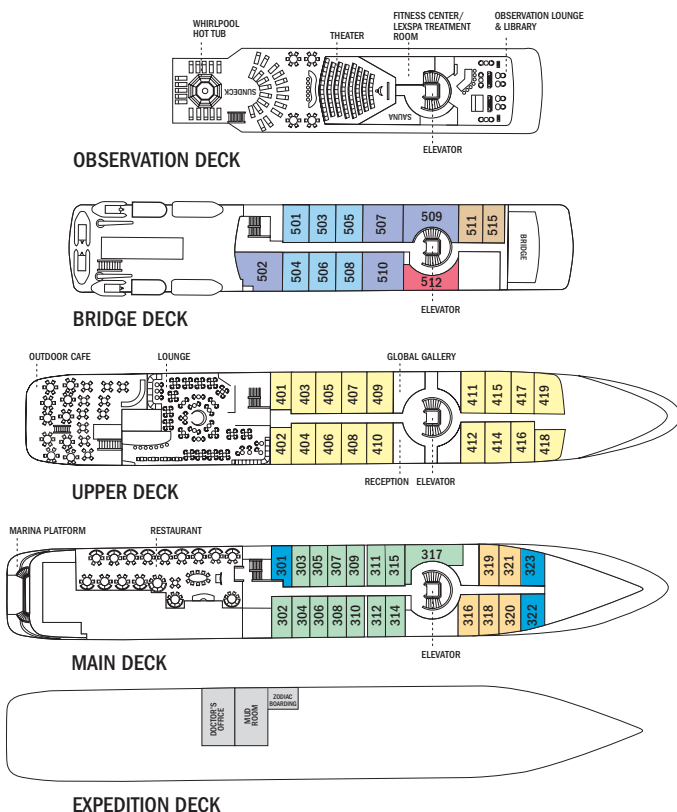
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, a fleet of 24 double kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), snorkeling gear for all guests, scuba gear for 24 guests, glass-bottom Zodiac, hydrophone, underwater video cameras, Splash-Cam, video microscope, & crow's nest camera.

WELLNESS: The ship is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a fitness center, massage/LEXspa treatment room, and sauna.

SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, divemasters, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and a video chronicler. Global Perspectives guest speakers on select voyages. Laundry service available.



Top: Category 6 French balcony suite. Middle: Category 3 cabin. Bottom: Observation lounge and library.



CATEGORY 1: Main Deck with oval window #316, 318, 319-321

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck with oval window #302-312, 314, 315, 317

CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck—Suite with window #401-412, 414-419

CATEGORY 4: Bridge Deck—Deluxe suite with window #511, 515

CATEGORY 5: Bridge Deck—Suite with French balcony #501, 503-506, 508

CATEGORY 6: Bridge Deck—Owner's suite with French balcony #502, 507, 509*, 510
*Cabin 509 has two windows in lieu of a French balcony.

CATEGORY 1 SOLO: Main Deck with oval window or two portholes #301, 322, 323

CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Bridge Deck—Suite with two windows #512

NOTE: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories 1 and 3. Shared accommodations available in Categories 1 and 2.

NOTE: Third person rates available at one-half the double occupancy rate in designated triple occupancy cabins.