

# Polynesia: the Austral Islands & Bora Bora

From **10/10/2020**  
to **10/19/2020**

Ship: **LE BOREAL**

From **Papeete, Tahiti Island**  
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From Tahiti, **PONANT** invites you to embark on a brand-new **10-day cruise** to discover **French Polynesia**. Set sail for an unforgettable journey to discover idyllic islands and atolls.

Between **pearl farms** and white **sandy beaches**, French Polynesia will reveal its many mysteries to you. Surrounded by superb lagoons of **translucent waters** edged by **exceptional coral reefs**, the islands of Polynesia are undoubtedly some of the most beautiful in the world and home to an astonishing and rich wildlife.

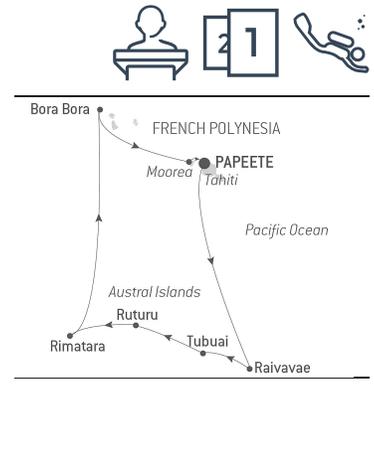
An **experienced diving instructor** is on board for the entire cruise, enabling you to safely enjoy swimming and scuba diving.

First of all, your ship will take you towards one of the most secret and authentic archipelagos in Polynesia: **the Austral Islands**.

Various ports of call will enable you to admire the sumptuous “motu piscine” reef islet of **Raivavae**, the coral reefs of **Tubuai**, the mysterious marine caves of **Rurutu**, and discover the traditional handicraft of **Rimatara**.

On these islands off the beaten path, nature and ancestral traditions are treasures that are shared in all simplicity.

You will then head towards the **Society Islands**. You will be dazzled by the incomparable beauty of **Bora Bora**, with its distinctly recognisable volcanic silhouette, and will also appreciate **Moorea**, with its hillside pineapple plantations and its verdant peaks overlooking the island.





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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### PAPEETE, TAHITI ISLAND

Embarkation 10/10/2020 from 16h00 to 17h00

Departure 10/10/2020 at 19h00

Capital of French Polynesia, the city of **Papeete** is on the north-west coast of the island of Tahiti. You'll find a **relaxed atmosphere** here, where urban buzz combines with the legendary laid-back Polynesian lifestyle. Culture is not lacking. You can enjoy sites narrating the history of the archipelago, including the colonial cathedral and the **Maison de la reine Marau**. The **Vaipahi** public gardens will win you over by their abundant plant-life. The large municipal market offers local specialities: fresh fruit, spices and all kinds of fish abound on their stalls.

### AT SEA

Arrival 10/11/2020

Departure 10/11/2020

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

### RAIVAVAE, AUSTRAL ISLANDS

Arrival 10/12/2020 early morning

Departure 10/12/2020 early evening

### TUBUAI, AUSTRAL ISLANDS

Arrival 10/13/2020 early morning

Departure 10/13/2020 early evening

### RURUTU, AUSTRAL ISLANDS

Arrival 10/14/2020 early morning

Departure 10/14/2020 early evening

Far from the traditional tourist circuits, you'll discover the wildest and most surprising parts of French Polynesia. In

the heart of the Austral archipelago, over 500 km south-west of Tahiti, your ship will make a port of call at Rurutu, an elevated coral island of absolutely unique beauty. Carved with countless caves and surrounded by spectacular cliffs, this land of volcanic origin will reveal its mysterious and preserved landscapes to you. A real geological phenomenon, the troglodyte island also offers magnificent summits covered in lush vegetation that will delight hiking fans.

## RIMATARA, AUSTRAL ISLANDS

Arrival 10/15/2020 early morning

Departure 10/15/2020 early evening

## AT SEA

Arrival 10/16/2020

Departure 10/16/2020

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

## BORA BORA, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Arrival 10/17/2020 early morning

Departure 10/17/2020 early evening

Paradisiacal atoll of the archipelago of the Leeward Islands, west of French Polynesia, mythical **Bora Bora** offers a natural spectacle of captivating beauty. You'll be won over as much by the white sandy beaches as by its **famous lagoon**, one of the most beautiful in the world, where colourful fish frolic in waters of incomparable turquoise. The island is covered with **tropical vegetation**, and dominated by the majestic outline of **Mount Otemanu**. A promenade through this volcanic landscape will enable you to discover a number of villages and meet local communities.

## MOOREA ISLAND

Arrival 10/18/2020 early morning

Departure 10/18/2020 late afternoon

A part of the **Windward Island archipelago** just to the west of Tahiti, famous **Mo'orea** will leave you with a series of unforgettable images and memories. Bask on its **heavenly beaches**, enjoy a dip in the turquoise waters of its lagoon, and soak up its **luscious vegetation** and the heady flowers that carpet the inland areas. Get the most out of this natural gem with a trip to the Mo'orea **Belvedere**. Exceptional views of Mount Rotui unfurl before your eyes, with the **Opunohu Bay** and its valley to the left, and the famous **Cook's Bay**, surrounded by notched, cathedral-style peaks, to the right.

## PAPEETE, TAHITI ISLAND

Arrival 10/18/2020 evening

Disembarkation 10/19/2020 at 07h00

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