



# Tahiti & French Polynesia



**March 3 – 13, 2026**

**E**xperience a glimpse of paradise on Earth as you set sail for the idyllic islands and motus of one of French Polynesia's most beautiful archipelagos. Formed over millennia by underwater volcanic activity, Tahiti and the celebrated Society Islands distill the essence and allure of the South Pacific. Explore French Polynesia's spectacular history, rich culture and unique topography on a luxury itinerary that includes a stay at the deluxe *InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa* and a 7-night cruise aboard the deluxe *Star Breeze*. Choose from a list of optional excursions at an additional cost to curate your own adventure. Enjoy unmatched small-ship sailing amid the splendor of the South Pacific. Extolled for their mesmerizing landscapes and rich cultural traditions, these serene isles exude a mystical pull that is impossible to resist. Extend your time in paradise with the optional Mo'orea Post-Tour Extension.

### Exclusive Highlights

- An unforgettable sailing experience aboard *Star Breeze* — a small ship featuring fresh, delectable cuisine and ocean-view accommodations for each of its 312 guests.
- Specially arranged traditional French Polynesian feast on a private motu of Bora Bora.
- Enjoy a wide range of optional excursions throughout the cruise, from pearl-harvesting to snorkeling adventures.

**Above: Bora Bora lagoon with view of Otemanu mountain**

**Cover: Aerial view of Bora Bora**







Dear University of Michigan alumni travelers,

Travel is an enriching part of our lives, connecting us to new worlds, new friends, and each other. At the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, we've spent more than 60 years planning, perfecting, and executing extraordinary, exclusive trips for U-M travelers — trips you'd expect from, and for, the Leaders and Best. These adventures will take you beyond an ordinary visit and dive into the culture, history, cuisine, and lives of the locals at your destination.

Here are a few of the highlights you can expect from us:

**Convenience:** Our experience pays off. Every detail is planned and taken care of for you; all you have to do is pack your bag. The hardest part is selecting where to go next.

**Educational Enrichment:** All trips include educational content, with some featuring expert U-M faculty and staff traveling with your group.

**Unique Explorations:** Our tours are specially designed for U-M travelers, providing opportunities for spontaneous encounters and a great deal of independence wherever your journey takes you.

We invite you to explore our collection at [alumni.umich.edu/travel](http://alumni.umich.edu/travel).

Our travel team is also happy to assist you at 855-764-0064 or [alumnitravel@umich.edu](mailto:alumnitravel@umich.edu).

**NOTE:** The Alumni Travel program is a member benefit of the Alumni Association. Travelers, regardless of alumni status, must be a member to participate in our trips.

Sincerely,

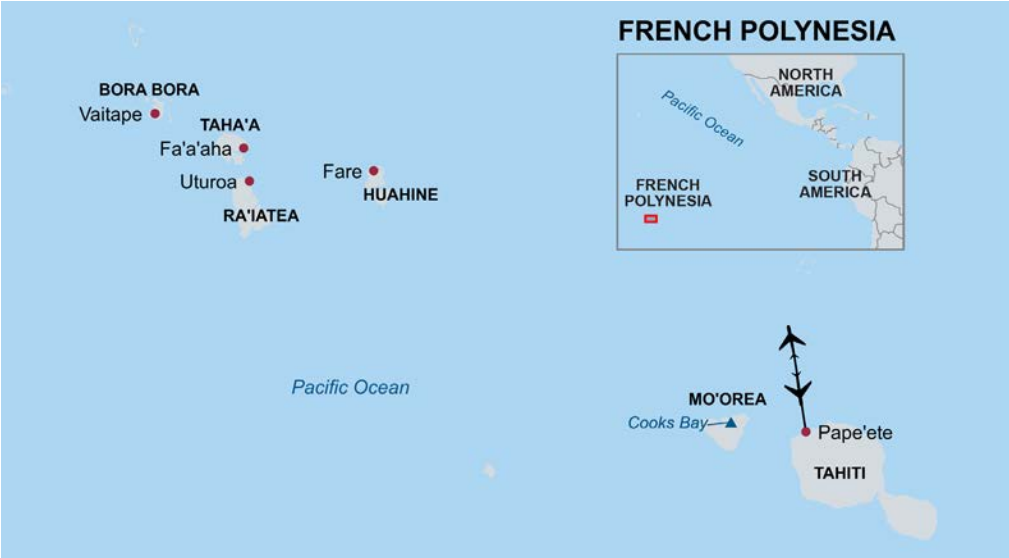
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachele Neu'.

Rachele Neu, '08, MA'12

*Outrigger boating near Pape'ete*



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Day 1 | March 3

Depart your home city. Arrive either late tonight or tomorrow morning at Faa'a' International Airport in Pape'ete and transfer to the deluxe *InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa*.

Day 2 | March 4

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Pape'ete, Tahiti

Spend your first day in Tahiti at your leisure. Enjoy the hotel's luxury amenities or explore Pape'ete on your own. Pape'ete has a wonderful market to pick up handicrafts, foods and other locally made items.

Day 3 | March 5

B-L-R-D

Pape'ete | Embark

Depart Pape'ete for a tour of Tahiti's scenic west coast. Walk through the sacred Arahurahu site and visit the Mara'a Grotto with its freshwater pools and small caves. Continue to the Spring Garden of Vaipahi, a heaven of tranquility where rare species of wood and tropical flowers can be found.

Transfer and board the deluxe *Star Breeze*. Unpack and settle in for a delicious lunch on board the ship. This afternoon you'll receive your personalized snorkeling equipment and have a safety drill. Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening.

Day 4 | March 6

B-L-D

Cook's Bay, Mo'orea

Welcome to Mo'orea, a jaw-dropping oasis! Soak up this ethereal paradise and beautiful volcanic landscape during time at leisure. You might wish to swim and snorkel in the crystal-clear waters, host to an abundance

of marine life. You also have a choice of optional excursions this morning and this afternoon, including a visit to Belvedere Point for views of Mount Rotu'i. Tonight, settle in for dinner on board; then head to the deck and enjoy an evening under the stars.

Day 5 | March 7

B-L-D

Uturoa, Ra'iatea

Delve deeper into Polynesian lifestyles in Ra'iatea, the second-largest island of the Society Islands. This slice of paradise is home to rare flora and fauna, including the Tiare Apetahi, a flower found nowhere else on Earth. One of





**Garden of Vaipahi**

today's optional excursions is an enriching Opa Heritage tour that takes you to visit French Polynesia's only UNESCO World Heritage site, the well-preserved marae complex of Taputapuatea. Finish this amazing day with a special barbecue beneath the stars. Partake in line dancing and a deck party by the pool afterwards.

**Day 6 | March 8 B-L-D**

Ra'iatea | Fa'a'aha, Taha'a  
Spend time at leisure on this low-key island or choose an optional excursion to discover the traditional use of native plants and trees. You can also opt to tour the grounds of a vanilla plantation, which includes time to

snorkel and potentially encounter stingrays. Next, dig your bare feet in the sand and savor an included beach barbecue lunch on a private motu, where you can also swim, snorkel or kayak in the turquoise water.

**Day 7 | March 9 B-L-D**

Vaitape, Bora Bora  
Today the ship arrives in glorious Bora Bora, where you may choose an optional excursion to tour the island in an open-air truck. Discover relics left behind by the U.S. military during WWII — all while admiring the colors of Bora Bora's famous lagoon. Or enjoy a day at leisure on board the ship, simply relaxing under the sun.

**Day 8 | March 10 B-L-D**

Bora Bora  
Another blissful day in Bora Bora awaits! Opt to take a snorkel safari and stingray excursion, which includes a guided tour on a lagoon cruiser. Once past the famous Motu Tapu, you will stop at a shallow sandbank, a favorite spot for stingray sightings. With your guide's assistance, you will be able to touch these gentle creatures as they swim an effortless ballet around you. This afternoon's excursion takes you on a catamaran cruise to the private Motu Tapu for a Tahitian-inspired dinner!

**Day 9 | March 11 B-L-R-D**

Fare, Huahine  
Welcome to Huahine!  
The optional Sacred Sights and Cultural Walk excursion gives you the opportunity to ride on an open-air truck between the ocean and a woodland of mape trees to the settlement of Maeva — the ancient religious center of Huahine. Join your fellow passengers this evening for a Farewell Reception, followed by a delicious dinner.



**Tahitian musicians**





**Fire dancing**



**Marae complex of Taputapuātea**

## Day 10 | March 12

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Pape'ete, Tahiti |  
Return to Home City

After disembarking the ship, venture out to discover Tahiti's east coast. Visit the former home of American author James Norman Hall,

best known for "Mutiny on the Bounty." See Point Venus, named for the observatory Captain Cook established here in 1769 and witness the huge spray from a blow hole. Continue to the Tahara'a Viewpoint for some final

photo opportunities. Later, transfer to the airport for your overnight flight home.

## Day 11 | March 13

Today, arrive in your home city. Welcome home!

*Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.*



## The Lure of the South Pacific

The turquoise waters and pristine white-sand beaches of French Polynesia have captivated visitors for centuries. A dreamscape long before explorers Captain James Cook, Samuel Wallis and Louis de Bougainville fell under its spell in the 1700s, this fabled earthly paradise was among the last places in the world to be settled by humans.

Today, Tahitian folklore traditions and mythology are entwined with the legacy of Ma'ohi ancestors, ancient Samoan mariners and European explorers who used the stars, sun, tides and flight patterns of birds to navigate the Pacific Ocean to these idyllic shores.

Seared into the collective consciousness by the paintings of Post-Impressionist artist Paul Gauguin, this fantasia of 118 islands and atolls remains steeped in the legends of a polytheistic society.



*Paul Gauguin painting of Polynesian life*

## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

### Customize Your Adventure

Choose from a robust list\* of optional excursions that are available at an additional cost. In addition to the many options to scuba, snorkel and explore the emerald-green peaks and blue lagoons of the Society Islands are the following standout experiences:

- **Photographer's Eye View of Mo'orea** walking and 4x4 driving tour accompanied by a professional photographer, who offers tips for the best shots on the island.
- **Harvest Your Own Pearl** adventure that sends you swimming over oyster beds and coral gardens, then diving for your own Tahitian black pearl in Ra'iatea.
- **Vanilla Plantation and Snorkeling** excursion in Taha'a to visit a small plantation, followed by snorkeling.
- **Snorkel Safari and Stingray Encounter** in Bora Bora's coral gardens to see butterfly fish, groupers and a multitude of rainbow-hued species.
- **Huahine By Jet Ski** to enjoy magnificent views of the island's lagoon on a jet ski, followed by a swim in the waters near Motu Tefareari'i.

\*A full list of optional excursions will be provided prior to departure.

## POST-TOUR EXTENSION



### Mo'orea

**March 12 to 15** (Program Ends: March 14)

Extend your sojourn in paradise for two nights and stay in the deluxe *Hilton Mo'orea Lagoon Resort & Spa* in a spacious bungalow. Observe colorful marine life on a reef excursion and savor delicious fusion cuisine. Enjoy the hotel's overwater Toatea Bar, spectacular views, turquoise lagoons and a wide array of water sports. This post-cruise extension includes accommodations, breakfast daily and a round-trip ferry between Tahiti and Mo'orea.

*Overwater Bungalow*

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,695**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,895**

*Garden Bungalow*

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,295**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,995**

*Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- 1 night in Pape'ete, Tahiti, at the deluxe *InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa*.
- 7-night round-trip cruise from Pape'ete aboard the deluxe *Star Breeze*.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Included Meals | 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 7 dinners.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director accompanies you throughout the program. (1 for every 40 guests).
- Expert lecturers or faculty leaders enrich your experience with their knowledge and insight.
- During included excursions, our experienced, English-speaking local guides will teach you about the history, culture and natural splendor of the destination.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
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## TERMS

**\*The Special Savings Rate is valid if booked by 7/23/25 and paid in full at booking.**

**These Special Savings consist of \$500 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.**

- All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes.
- Single supplements apply in select categories at 160% of the per person cabin fare, plus taxes, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Special Savings still apply. (Cabin fare is the standard rate less taxes.)
- Deposit amount is \$1,500 per person. Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.
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# STAR BREEZE

Leave the crowds behind on this small, elegant ship that carries fewer than 350 pampered guests. In your well-appointed suite, enjoy fine Egyptian linens, a marble bathroom and gorgeous ocean views. Our restaurant menus are crafted to highlight the spectacular flavors of regional cuisine, with fresh food sourced from local ports.

**2026 DEPARTURE DATE | March 3 to 13 | Program Begins: March 4**

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Special Savings Rate*
H	Stateroom with one picture window; most with convertible bedding. 277 sq ft   Deck 4; mid, fwd & aft.	\$7,095	\$6,095
G	Stateroom with one picture window; most with one fixed queen-sized bed. 277 sq ft   Decks 4, 5, & 6, mid.	\$7,295	\$6,295
F	Stateroom with one picture window; most with one fixed queen-sized bed. 277 sq ft   Deck 5; fwd, mid & aft.	\$7,495	\$6,495
E	Stateroom with one picture window; most with one fixed queen-sized bed. 277 sq ft   Deck 6, fwd & mid.	\$7,895	\$6,895
D	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling glass door, French balcony; most with convertible beds. 277 sq ft   Deck 5, mid.	\$8,295	\$7,295
C	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling glass door, French balcony; most with one fixed queen-sized bed. 277 sq ft   Deck 5, mid.	\$8,695	\$7,695
B	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling glass door, French balcony; most with convertible beds. 277 sq ft   Deck 6, mid.	\$9,295	\$8,295
A	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling glass door, French balcony; most with one fixed queen-sized bed. 277 sq ft   Deck 6, mid.	\$9,895	\$8,895
DS	Suite with either two picture windows or French balcony; one fixed queen-sized bed; separate bathtub & shower. 468 sq ft   Decks 4, 5, & 6, mid.	\$10,495	\$9,495
CS	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; double sinks & tub; walk-in closet; living room with sofa & vanity. Butler service. 465 sq ft   Deck 6, mid.	\$11,495	\$10,495
OS	Suite with one fixed queen-sized bed; separate living room & dining areas; private veranda; full master bath with bathtub & shower. Deck 6, views vary depending on deck location Fwd. 575 sq ft, no restrictions   Mid. 820 sq ft, restricted views from windows.	\$13,495	\$12,495

All suites and staterooms are ocean-view and feature: luxurious linens; waffle-weave robe & slippers; flat-screen TV with DVD player; fully stocked minibar/refrigerator; in-room safe; direct dial telephone; L'Occitane bath amenities; complimentary Wi-Fi; fresh flowers; fresh fruit; mirrored closet & ample drawer space; bathroom with granite countertop & shower (some with bathtubs); granite vanity with magnifying mirror; 220 outlets with one 110 outlet.

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