



# *Aranui 3*

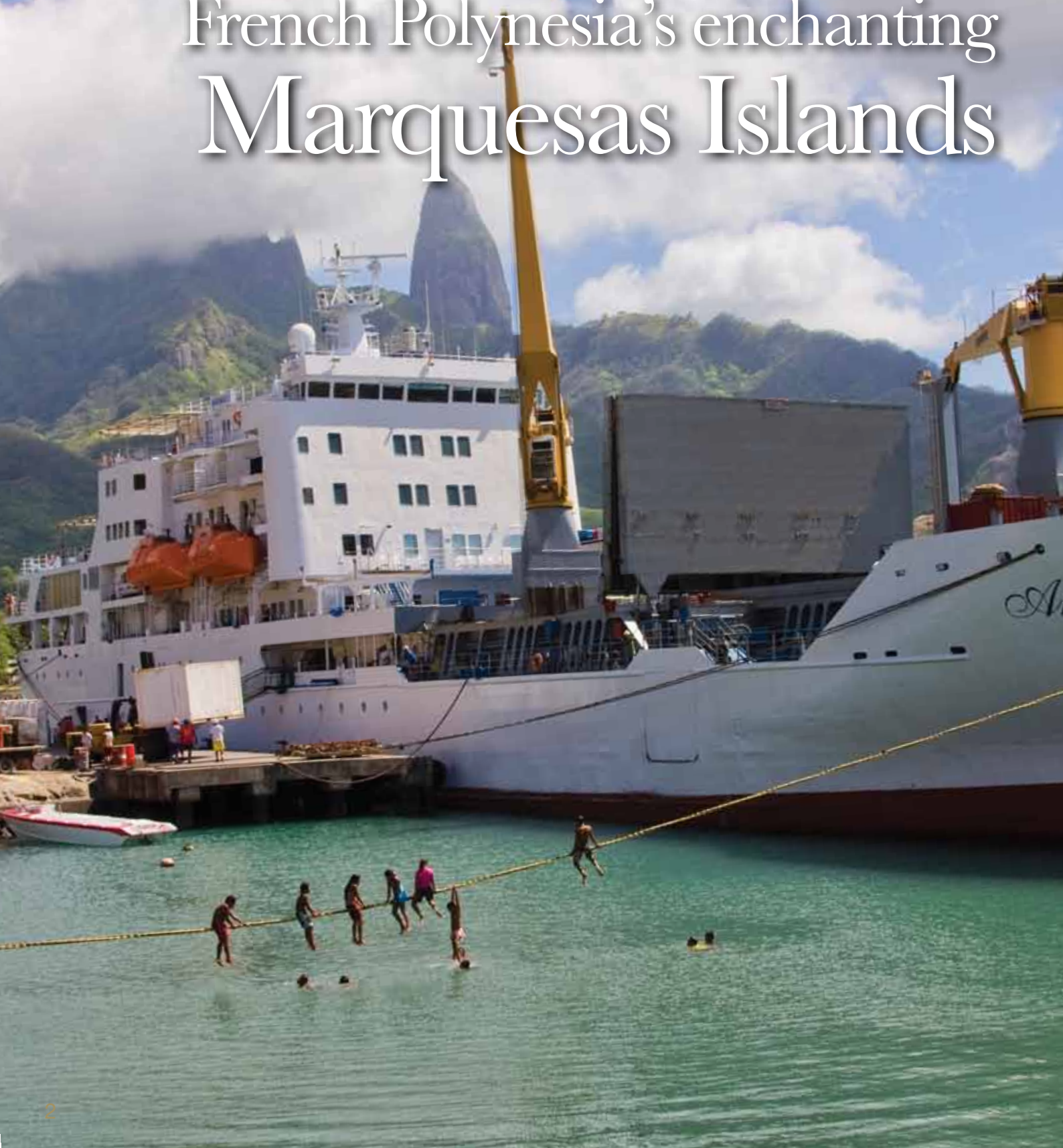


*Discover Paradise  
the Aranui Way*



# Explore

French Polynesia's enchanting  
Marquesas Islands





The beautiful Marquesas have been part of my family for 60 years and I'd like to invite you and your family to travel with us aboard our ship, the Aranui 3. The journey has proven to be one of the most fascinating voyages anywhere on the planet, a chance for you to visit these remote islands rich in culture, history and scenic beauty as we go about our task of resupplying these tiny communities so far from civilisation.

For two full weeks, our modern and comfortable vessel will be your home-away-from-home and you can enjoy the amenities and facilities we have provided to make Aranui 3 as enjoyable and enriching as any similar cruise ship currently available. There's a freshwater swimming pool, gym, library and impromptu entertainment.

I'm also immensely proud of our gracious and hospitable staff, many of whom have been with us for years. They will delight in introducing you to our Polynesian paradise and the centuries-old customs and way-of-life that so enthralled early explorers like James Cook. You've probably also heard tales about other famous artists and writers like Paul Gauguin, Robert Louis Stevenson, Herman Melville and Jacques Brel who fell under the charm of these islands and chose to live out their days in blissful isolation. Our skilful, multilingual lecturers and guides will be on hand at all times to answer your questions as you explore and discover these islands.



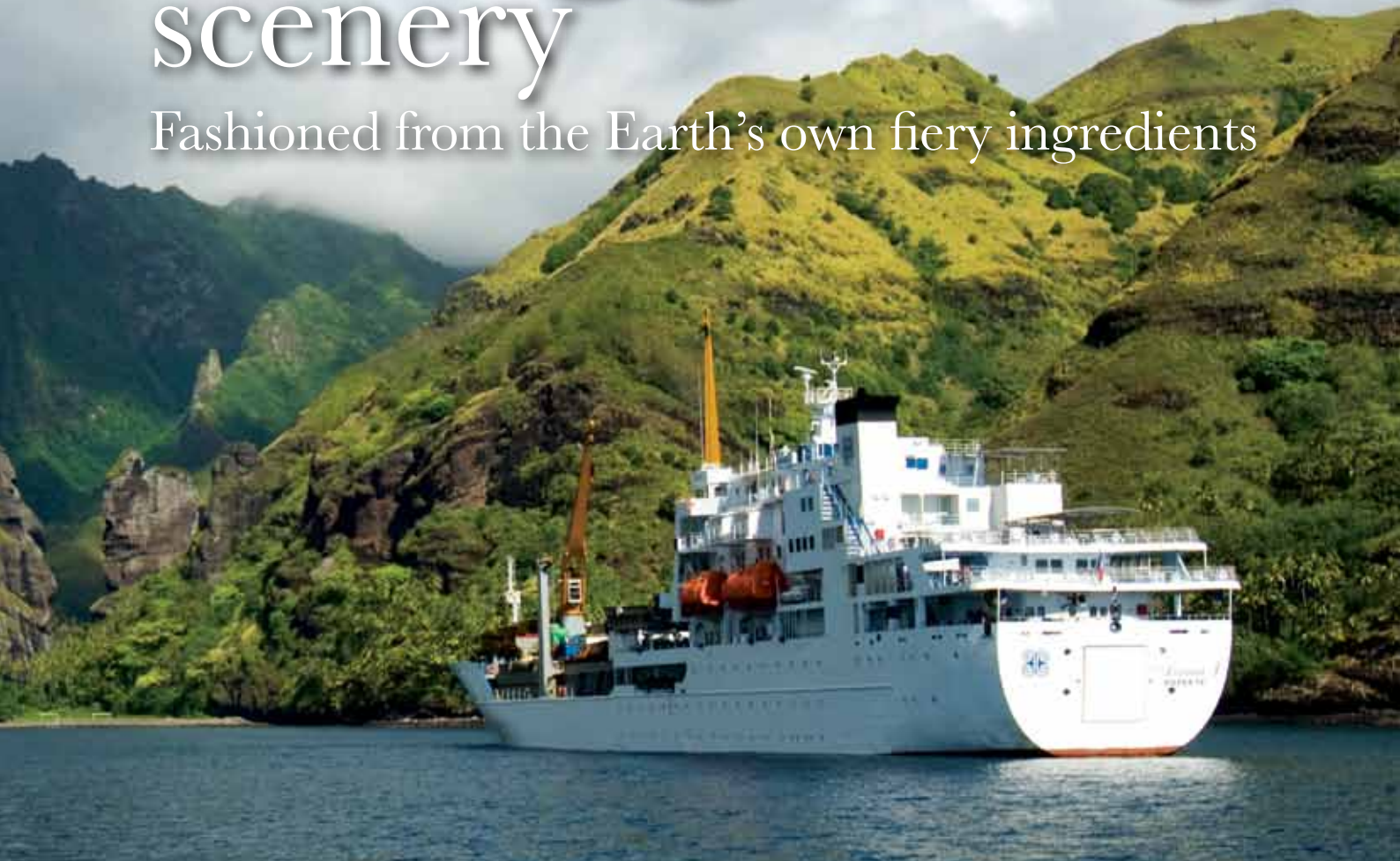
Please join us for an unforgettable adventure aboard Aranui 3 in French Polynesia.

**JULES WONG**  
Chairman



# Staggering scenery

Fashioned from the Earth's own fiery ingredients



Ever since the Marquesas were first discovered by European explorers, artists, travellers and dreamers, they have shared the sense of beauty and wonder that is fundamental to this rugged volcanic archipelago forged from the furnace within our Earth. Thrust up from the floor of the Pacific islands millions of years ago, the Polynesian people have made it their home for over 2000

years developing and nurturing their ancient customs, energetic and enthusiastic dancing and exquisite arts, crafts and tattoos.

Aranui 3 carries just 200 passengers, ensuring a personalised and intimate experience for all. Dine on expertly prepared fresh local produce; fish, meat and seafood as part of your relaxing journey. We provide a complimentary bottle of wine

for you to share at each onboard meal with your new friends. After dinner, join our crew in the bar for nightly entertainment with ukuleles and guitars for an evening of impromptu singing and dancing, or if you just want some quiet time to yourself, there's the library, video room or saloon where you can relax with a good book or just chat. There's something for everyone aboard Aranui 3.



# Itinerary

- Day 1 Departure from dock in Papeete at 10.30am
- Day 2 Fakarava, Tuamotu Islands
- Day 3 At Sea
- Day 4 Nuku Hiva (Taiohae-Hatiheu-Taipivai)
- Day 5 Ua Pou (Hakahau-Hakahetau) Marquesas
- Day 6 Hiva Oa (Atuona)
- Day 7 Fatu Hiva (Omoa-Hanavave)
- Day 8 Hiva Oa (Puamau-Hanaiapa)
- Day 9 Tahuata (Vaitahu-Hapatoni)
- Day 10 Ua Huka (Vaipaee-Hane-Hokatu),
- Day 11 Nuku Hiva (Taiohae), Ua Pou (Hakahau)
- Day 12 At Sea
- Day 13 Rangiroa, Tuamotu Islands
- Day 14 Arrival back in Papeete at around 9.30am



CTPM reserve the right to alter or curtail the itinerary or the ports of call as deemed necessary.

# Adventure

## in the Tuamotu & the Marquesas Islands with Aranui 3



When travelling aboard Aranui 3, please bear in mind that any itinerary is dependent upon tidal and prevailing weather conditions as well as the specific freight needs of each port, as such, the order of port visits can change without notice. Updated daily schedules ensure you always have the latest information. Similarly, there is no obligation to undertake any of the planned activities and alternatives are offered where possible. Not feeling up to a strenuous hike to the summit? Then take a retail expedition to the markets or simply enjoy a couple of hours of deep sea fishing (optional).

### Day 1

Depart Papeete – Tahiti

On board welcome with refreshment cocktail and a Marquesan dance show around the swimming pool.

### Day 2

Tuamotu Archipelago – Fakarava

In contrast to the mountainous landscape of Tahiti, the geologically older Tuamotus consist of enormous lagoons, surrounded by a small area of land around the fringe. Fakarava is the largest atoll in the archipelago and home to rich pearling grounds as well as an ideal location for swimming and snorkelling in the perfectly clear waters. When possible, scuba diving is also offered. At the village, the owner of the local pearl farm will display his wares and you can peruse these gems for yourself.

### Day 3

At Sea

During the crossing from the Tuamotu to the Marquesas, you will have the opportunity to attend lessons for dancing, and singing, or join a session with our onboard lecturer, followed by a Karaoke night.

### Day 4

The Marquesas – Island of Nuku Hiva, towns/ports of Taiohae, Hatiheu and Taipivai

Today we arrive at the principal port and administrative centre of the Marquesas. Taiohae is the location of famous author, Herman Melville's famous 1842 escape, when he jumped ship to hide out with the local Typee people in the Taipivai Valley. Melville wrote at length about these tribes and their struggle against subjugation. We'll overlook his lush hideout as we traverse the island on 4x4 convoy to the village of Hatiheu past ancient stone platforms. After a dance performance and feast we head back past mighty Meae Peak and more spectacular scenery.





## Day 5

The Marquesas – Island of Ua Pou, towns/ports of Hakahau and Hakahetau

The staggering basaltic peaks of Ua Pou is a vista that will stay with you forever. These majestic monoliths thrust up into the clouds with the largest, Mont Oave, towering to more than 1200m. We come ashore at Hakahau and there is an opportunity for the energetic to hike to the imposing crucifix monument overlooking the port or for those less inclined, stroll downtown to the historic wooden church or restored archaeological sites. One of the cultural hubs of the archipelago, there will be dancing and cultural display as well as a traditional lunch at the local restaurant follow by a 40 minutes hike to a viewing point.



## Day 6

The Marquesas – Island of Hiva Oa, town/port of Atuona

Our visit to the second village on the island, Atuona, reveals the abode of two famous European expatriates who fell under the charm of Hiva Oa. The troubled French artist, Paul Gauguin and Belgian pop idol, Jacques Brel, are both buried in the Calvaire Cemetery on the hill overlooking the town and it's one of the major drawcards of the Marquesas. A popular museum celebrates Gauguin's time on the island and Brel's famous aircraft is the centrepiece of another display. You can even visit the preserved colonial-era store where Gauguin once shopped. Lunch will be ashore on the island at a local authentic restaurant.



## Day 7

The Marquesas – Island of Fatu Hiva, towns/ports of Omoa and Hanavave

This island was made famous in Thor Heyerdahl's 1937 book and is also one of the major centres for Marquesas arts and crafts. We begin our visit at the village of Omoa where a large selection of traditional handicrafts will be available for sale as well as demonstrations of carving and tapa (bark) cloth making. As the ship repositions to the secluded hamlet of Hanavave, hikers can take the challenging 17 kilometres trek across the top of the island finishing with the breathtaking "Bay of Virgins" where Aranui 3 and its crew will be waiting for you.



# Discover

the history and culture the Tuamotu &  
the Marquesas Islands with

## Day 8

The Marquesas – Island of Hiva Oa, town/port of Puamau

Puamau is perhaps the most significant and beautiful archaeological site in the entire archipelago. Here we will see dancers recreate a sacred dance lost for decades after the arrival of Europeans. Your expert guides will explain the importance of this site and ceremony being performed. Be sure to have your cameras ready. Swimming is also available.

## Day 9

The Marquesas – Island of Tahuata, towns/ports of Vaitahu and Hapatoni

In 1595 the island of Tahuata bore witness to a tragic encounter between Spanish explorers and local villagers when 200 were massacred by Álvaro de Mendaña. After conducting the first Christian mass, de Mendaña sailed away. A church built by the Vatican stands on the site today. While in the village, watch as the tattoo master goes to work or pick up one last souvenir from one of the bone carvers this island is renowned for. After a reposition to Hapatoni, a meal is served and more leisure events planned.

## Day 10

The Marquesas – Island of Ua Huka, towns/ports of Vaipae, Hane and Hokatu

Early risers will be treated to a most unusual sight as Aranui 3 performs a complete turnaround with only metres to spare. Your captain will explain how this remarkable manoeuvre is completed. The unusually barren landscape is the result of decades of grazing by wild horses and goats. Once ashore, you will be treated to a traditional welcome at Vaipae and a visit to the fascinating ethnological museum. We cross this island too, by horseback if you wish, via the botanical gardens and orchards at Hane to our final destination of Hokatu where lunch is waiting at Chez Celine Fournier. Before embarking Aranui 3, there is time for a hike and a refreshing dip in the surf.





# Aranui 3

## Day 11

The Marquesas – Island of Nuku Hiva, town/port of Taiohae

The Marquesas – Island of Ua Pou, town/port of Hakahau

## Day 12

At Sea

Departure from these memorable Marquesas islands to the Tuamotu Archipelago with full day at sea.



## Day 13

Tuamotu Atoll – Rangiroa

As Aranui 3 enters the harbour at Rangiroa, the largest atoll in French Polynesia, be sure to be out on deck to witness the pod of excited dolphins escort us in. We've returned to the Tuamotus, the land of the sublime *Pinctada margaritifera* pearls and a visit to the famous Gauguin Pearl Farm is a highlight of this excursion. Learn how pearls are grown, harvested and selected before making your choice in the bewildering showroom. Choose your own setting and make a truly personal gift for your loved one or yourself. There are activities for those who want to get wet and for those who don't. Scuba diving, snorkelling or a glass bottom boat tour will reveal the vivid colours of the coral wonderland beneath the surface. Lunch is provided ashore and there's time to relax on the beach until the last tender departs.

## Day 14

Arrival in Papeete – Tahiti



# Shops and art

Experiencing the rich Polynesian culture is one of the many reasons people come from all over the world to travel aboard the Aranui 3. Traditional arts and crafts are experiencing a healthy revival through the Marqueses thanks to the interest of intelligent travellers like yourself.



There are numerous opportunities to acquire exquisite wood and stone carvings, bark cloth, paintings or jewellery. For those wanting a permanent souvenir of this once-in-a-lifetime journey, there is even the opportunity to get a tattoo from one of the islands' masters.

As you wander the quaint villages throughout the archipelago, numerous markets and stalls offer reasonably priced handicrafts and souvenirs, with many items made by the stallholders themselves. Bargain by all means, but not too vigorously. The act of negotiation is much more subtle compared to the riotous haggling seen in Asia for example. A gentle glance and a tilt of head is often enough to gain a modest discount.

Keep an eye out for the distinctive tiki (idol) carvings or the rare flower stone items made from this highly unusual and distinctive volcanic rock.

One of the true treasures of these islands are the fabled black pearls (*Pinctada margaritifera*). With their magnificent dark, multi-hued sheen, these exquisite aquatic gems are distinct from the lustrous white pearls of Australia (*Pinctada margaritifera*). Study the pearl charts carefully to help you choose a gem that suits your taste and budget.

Your journey aboard Aranui 3 takes you through one of the most famous pearling regions in the world. The Tuamoto Islands are home to the legendary Tahitian black pearl and you'll get the chance to visit the ports of Fakarava and Rangiroa to obtain a lasting and valuable memento of you trip. While some believe Fakarava offers less expensive items, the pearls from Gauguin's Pearl farm have higher quality control and wider choice in settings and variety of gems. Some bargaining is possible here too, but it depends on stock levels and seasonal demand. As always, it pays to ask.



# Life onboard Aranui 3

Adventure doesn't have to mean strenuous. You can be as active (or lazy) as you want. Aboard the Aranui 3 you'll find a well equipped gym with weights and walking machines to help work off the chef's famous desserts, or the graceful moves of the Polynesian dancers are another way to keep the calories at bay. Sign up for one of the Marquesan dance classes aboard and you may even find yourself dancing and singing along in the bar as the crew raise a storm with ukulele and guitar after dinner. Life aboard Aranui 3 is as much about the experience as the fascinating excursions ashore.

Throughout history, the allure of the Marquesas has drawn and captivated some of the great minds of our time. Writers, explorers, artists, dreamers and hopeless romantics have all played their part in forming the islands' mystic persona. While aboard you'll learn about the history of the Marquesas from our guides and lecturers and the part played by Europeans and Polynesians alike in creating the many legends and fables.

As the great Pacific Ocean rolls by every day, there is still nothing to replace a simple deckchair, a cool drink and a good book to take your mind on a relaxing journey. Around the freshwater swimming pool, you can take a refreshing dip or join the conversation with any of your new international friends. Just

as the Marquesas drew colourful characters from history, so it continues to do today.

All dining is taken care of aboard Aranui 3 with three meals served daily in the spacious, free-seating restaurant. There's a wide and varied choice served with a glass of red or white wine at dinner, and there's complementary self-serve 24 hour tea and coffee in the welcoming lounge.

Choose a private table for just your love and yourself, or join a communal table of four or more to keep the conversation going, that's all part of the fun of cruising aboard Aranui 3.

Daily fare comprises your choice of a light continental or fully cooked hot breakfast with lashings of fresh fruit, cereal, juices and bottomless tea and coffee.

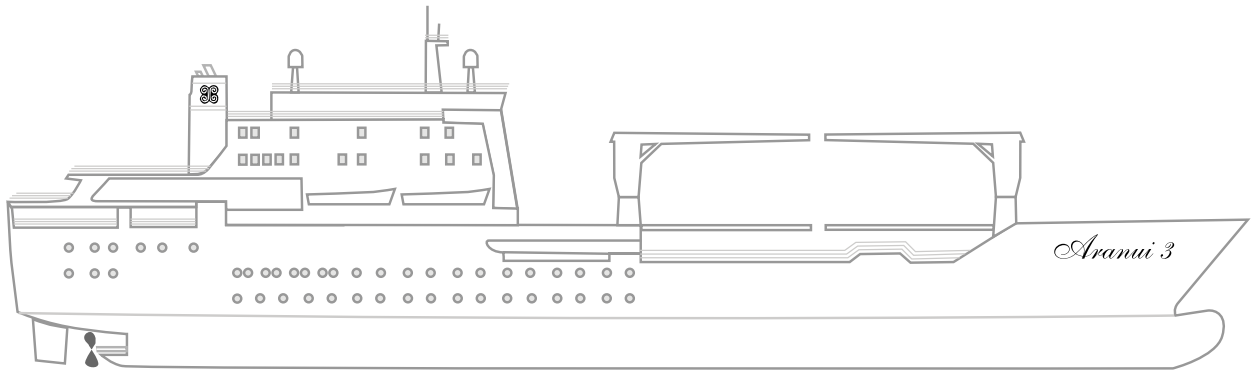
Lunches are typically lighter with lots of crisp salads and fruit. Desserts make their appearance too – if you've been good. Dinners begin with light starters followed by a hearty main course comprising either pork, beef, fish, seafood or chicken in creative rotation throughout the voyage. Vegetarians are welcome too and then, of course, there's always more dessert!

No Polynesian ocean voyage would be complete without an authentic Marquesan feast. Gather around the pool as traditional food such as coconut, spit-roasted

pork and marinated raw fish are served by your friendly and talented crew along with staples like locally grown bread fruit, taro and bananas. You'll never look at supermarket fruit and vegetables the same way again.



Navigation Deck  
 Star Deck  
 Sun Deck  
 Boat Deck  
 Restaurant Deck  
 Main Deck  
 A Deck  
 B Deck



The Aranui 3 is a totally unique vessel, like none you've ever sailed before. Designed and purpose-built for the dual tasks of efficient freight delivery and comfortable pleasure cruising. Her stern portion is totally devoted to passenger duty and resembles many modern cruise vessels in terms of facilities and comfort. Cabins and suites cater for all budgets, ranging from 16-berth dormitory style accommodation with shared facilities, through to spacious Suites, 12 with private balcony ideal for honeymooners or second honeymooners.

Additionally there are 9 Deluxe and 63 Standard cabins offering twin-share facilities.

Medical facilities, as you would expect, are provided throughout the voyage. A doctor travels with each journey and the onboard infirmary is equipped to deal with most first-aid requests and emergencies. Stay in touch if you want with Internet facilities in the ship's library or use your own laptop to connect via Wi-Fi when the ship is in or near port. Satellite calls can also be made through the radio room if needed.

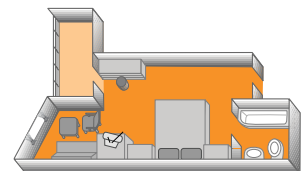
Combat the calories in the gym, complete with modern exercise machines, plus guests can also use the laundry facilities provided. A boutique aboard carries souvenirs, toiletries, simple medicines as well as sweets and snacks.

When visiting ports and going ashore, sturdy tender barges ferry passengers when a gangway cannot be lowered. In either case, expert crew is at hand to assist ensuring passenger safety and comfort is maintained at all times.



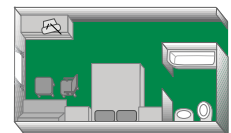
**Suites: 14 cabins**

Large outside cabin with one queen sized bed, air conditioned, TV, refrigerator, private facilities with bathtub and with or without balcony (2 suites are without balcony).



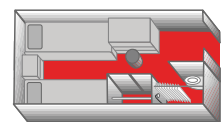
**Deluxe: 9 Cabins**

Large outside cabin with one queen sized bed, air conditioned, TV, refrigerator, private facilities with bathtub. DL14 – Navigation Deck (shower only).



**Standard: 63 Cabins**

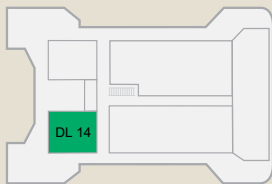
Two lower berths, outside cabin with private facilities, air conditioned and TV. Triple share use is also available. Located on A and B Deck.



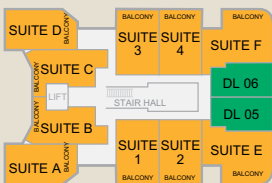
**Class C: 16 Berths**

Multiple share dormitory style, upper and lower berths, air conditioned, share facilities, located on Restaurant Deck.

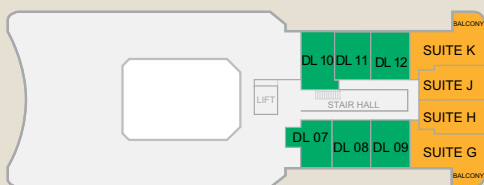
## Navigation Deck



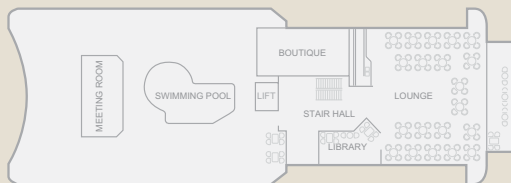
## Star Deck



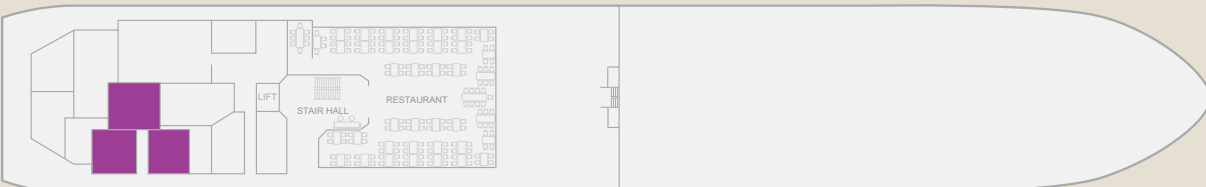
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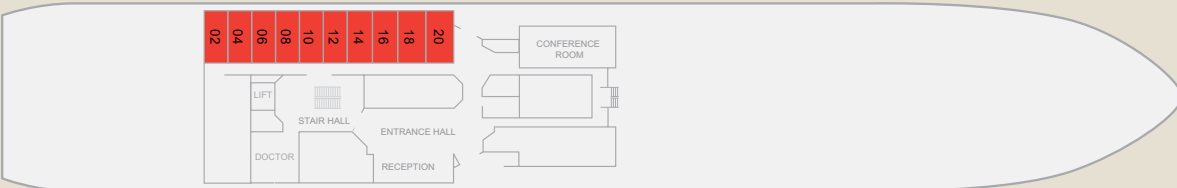
## Boat Deck



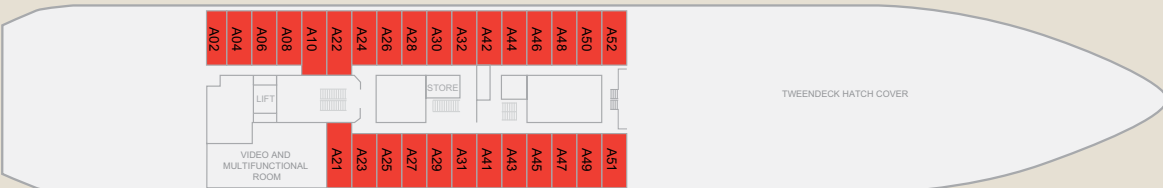
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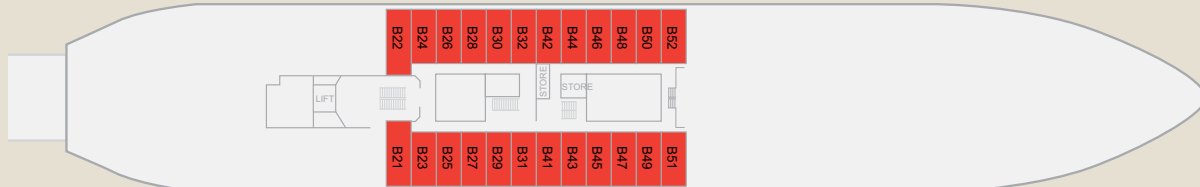
## Main Deck



## A Deck



## B Deck





# Ship information

## Food

Meals are served in an informal, family-style setting in our dining facilities. Special consideration for medically prescribed diets must be requested at the time of booking or not less than three weeks in advance of sailing date.

## Local Currency

The unit of exchange is the French Pacific Franc (XPF).

## Local Time

The Marquesas are half an hour ahead of Tahiti. Thus, when it's noon in Tahiti, it's 12:30 PM in the Marquesas.

## Climate and Packing Suggestions

Clothing which is informal, comfortable and easily washable is most practical aboard the ship. In addition to shorts, jeans or slacks, T-shirts and a bathing suit, a rain poncho or coat and warm sweat shirt or light sweater for chilly evenings are recommended. Comfortable shoes are essential for walking ashore over coral reefs.

Tennis shoes or sandals are recommended. For women, the native "pareo", made of colorful fabric which can be wrapped in a variety of styles, is a versatile choice for both casual and festive occasions.

## Ship's Boutique

The ship's boutique sells a variety of supplies including mosquito repellent, sundries, clothing, and local souvenirs.

## Electrical Current

Each cabin is equipped with 220 volt, 50 cycle AC (European style outlet).

## Emergency Telephone

In an emergency, it is possible to place telephone calls through our shipboard communications and to contact the vessel through CPTM's office in Tahiti.

## Laundry

Washing and drying machines are available on board; dry cleaning is not available.

## Medical

There is a doctor or physician on board the vessel. If any person has or is suffering from a serious ailment or condition, they should seek the advice and consent of their personal physician prior to embarking on the vessel. The right is reserved to refuse passage to anyone in such a state of health or physical condition as to be unfit to travel or whose condition, for whatever reason, might be dangerous to the individual or other passengers.

## Shore Visits

Visits ashore are limited to the time required by cargo operators and port restrictions. Port time may range from just a few hours to a day or more. While shore excursions may be available at some ports of call, Compagnie Polynesienne de Transport Maritime neither owns nor operates nor exercises any control over shore excursions arranged at any port of call. The company, its agents and employees do not assume any responsibility in connection with the operations of said programs. The Company accepts no responsibility or liability for the failure of any operator to perform any said program and/or for any injury, damage or loss however caused or arising therefrom.

## Travel Funds

Travellers Cheques and credit cards may be used to pay for shipboard expenses. American Express, Visa and MasterCard will be accepted. Travellers Cheques can be cashed on board, personal cheques cannot. Euro, USD, AUD, NZD, CAD currency notes can also be exchanged

## Valuables

Lockable boxes are available on board, however CPTM cannot accept custody or responsibility for passenger's money or other valuables while aboard the vessel.





# General information and conditions

## Reservations Policies

**Reservations:** See your Travel Agent or contact:

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**Passenger contract:** Passengers are carried subject to the stipulations of the Passage Contract Ticket of Compagnie Polynesienne de Transport Maritime. The passage ticket is non-transferable and is valid only for the person(s) who originally purchased the ticket.

**Cancellations:** After your booking has been confirmed by CPTM, should you cancel for any reason, a cancellation fee of (AUD) \$114 per person (when booked in Australia) will be payable, or (NZD) \$122 per person (when booked in New Zealand)

- If cancelled 60 to 45 days before scheduled departure – 1/3 of the total fare is retained.
- If cancelled 44 to 30 days before the scheduled departure date – 2/3 of the total fare is retained.
- If cancelled less than 30 days or non-appearance at Cruise departure date – the total fare will be retained.

**Changes:** After CPTM issues a confirmation, changes to the confirmed departure date made at passenger's or travel agent's request, less than 60 days prior to the confirmed departure date, will be subject to the same penalties applied to cancellations.

**Insurance:** Insurance is available to help recover non-refundable travel expenses for trip cancellations or interruption, baggage damage or loss and trip accident. We recommend that passengers consider these coverages. Consult your travel agent or insurance agent for specific details concerning coverage and exceptions.

## Cruise Information

**Rates include:** Cruise transportation and shipboard accommodations, meals and excursions fares are based on per adult double occupancy. All published fares are quoted in either Australian Dollars (AUD) or in New Zealand Dollars (NZD) depending on your current country of residence where your booking was made. These fares are correct at the time of printing and are subject to change; with or without notice:

**Rates do not include:** Shipboard purchases, liquor, gratuities, port taxes other than those specifically provided for, and other personal items. Rates quoted at the time of printing are based on current costs and are subject to change up to and including the date of sailing.

**Schedule and extra cost provision:** If, due to weather or other uncontrollable reasons, you are required to spend one or more additional nights, you will be responsible for your own hotel and meal costs. In addition, because the primary function of vessels in the service of Compagnie Polynesienne de Transport Maritime is to carry freight, the departure dates, ports of call, and duration of cruises may be subject to variation both prior to departure and en route. Freighter passengers should have a flexible time schedule and anticipate the foregoing possibilities. While we do everything possible to inform and assist our clients, neither CPTM nor its agents will assume additional expenses, hotel or meal costs associated with delays or changes in itinerary and schedules.

**Itinerary Changes:** CPTM pledges to make every effort to operate all cruises as advertised. CPTM reserves the right to alter or curtail the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, ports of call or conveyances as deemed necessary.

**Transfers:** All cruise arrangements originate and terminate from the specified pier or departure point. Transportation is not provided between airport locations, and the vessel, or vice versa, unless specified.

**Baggage:** Stateroom luggage will be accepted on the day of sailing at boarding time only. All personal luggage is to be stored in passenger's cabin as we are unable to store it in other areas aboard the ship. Passengers should clearly label all luggage with their name, vessel, cabin number or deck assignment number and date of sailing. Valuables should be hand carried on board. We recommend that travellers take out a baggage damage or loss policy through their insurance agent or travel agent.

**Travel documents and entry requirements:** All passengers must have valid passports for entry into French Polynesia. Those visitors who are not citizens of the United States or Canada or from the European Economic Community and those planning to stay in French Polynesia more than one month should contact their travel agent for visa requirements. All visitors must have a round trip airline ticket.

**Inoculations:** At time of printing, vaccinations were not required. Passengers should consult their travel agent for latest requirements.

**Refunds:** Requests for refunds should be directed to the agency which sold you the cruise. No refunds will be made on unused features, such as meals, voluntarily omitted by the passenger.

**Responsibility:** All cruises outlined herein are carried out under the business management of Compagnie Polynesienne de Transport Maritime (CPTM) and are governed by the terms and conditions printed on the Passage Contract Ticket which may also be inspected at the Company's office.

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