



Easter Island to Tahiti: Tales of the Pacific

17 Days | *Nat Geo Orion* | 102 Guests | Aug. 31 | \$22,490 to \$47,490



Following in the wake of early Polynesian navigators, this voyage takes you to the farthest reaches of Oceania. From remote and enigmatic Easter Island, to the historically significant Pitcairn Islands through the “low islands” of the Tuamotu Archipelago to Tahiti, you’ll visit islands that are virtually inaccessible and untouched. The voyage begins in one of the most isolated landfalls of Polynesia: Easter Island. Walk the length of untouched tropical beaches, meet the descendants of H.M.S. *Bounty* mutineers, and drift dive or snorkel through an atoll pass.



DAY 1: Papeete/Embark

Arrive in Papeete, French Polynesia. Take a short tour of Tahiti before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (L,D)



DAY 2-7: Tuamotu Archipelago/ At Sea

We begin our exploration of the “Dangerous Archipelago” at Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. After a festive welcome with traditional dancers, learn about the island’s pearl industry, and walk its pristine beaches. Snorkel the protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a world famous drift



August 31, 2018

Important Flight Information

Please confirm arrival and departure dates prior to booking flights.

Advance Payment:
25% of fare is required.

dive. In true expedition mode, explore one of the uninhabited atolls such as Tahanea. Navigate reefs and islets during a day at sea on our way to Pukarua, where we'll be greeted by traditional dancers. (B,L,D)



DAY 8-9: Mangareva, Gambier Archipelago/At Sea

Famous for its black pearls, Mangareva is the largest of the Gambier Islands. Venture underwater to snorkel or dive, meet islanders to learn about their culture and the missionaries who made their home here, and go on a hike with our naturalists. Then spend a day at sea scanning the horizon with our naturalists, or relaxing on deck with a good book. (B,L,D)



DAY 10-14: Pitcairn Islands/At Sea

Many of the mutineers of the legendary *Bounty* made their home on Pitcairn Island in the late 18th century, and about 50 of their descendants still live here today. Meet the residents and hear a few words of the unusual Pitkern dialect—a combination of English “sailor speak” and Polynesian phrases. Visit the gravesite of the last surviving *Bounty* mutineer, John Adams, and see the *Bounty's* anchor, which was salvaged in 1957.

Our next stop is the UNESCO World Heritage site of Henderson Island, an uplifted atoll that is uninhabited and virtually untouched by humans. On hikes and Zodiac excursions, discover the island's four endemic bird species, rich flora and fauna, and fascinating geology. Then spend a day on Ducie Atoll, watching for frigatebirds and boobies and snorkeling or diving among spectacular reefs. Set out on our final leg east, listening to talks by our experts as we sail two days towards Easter Island. (B,L,D)



DAY 15-17: Disembark/ Easter Island/ Santiago, Chile/ Home Disembark on Easter Island and check into our hotel

Cost Includes:

Accommodations; meals indicated; alcoholic beverages (except premium brands); excursions; services of Lindblad Expeditions' Leader, Naturalist staff and expert guides; use of kayaks; entrance fees; all port charges and service taxes; gratuities to ship's crew.

Not Included:

Air transportation; personal items such as emails, laundry, voyage DVD etc.

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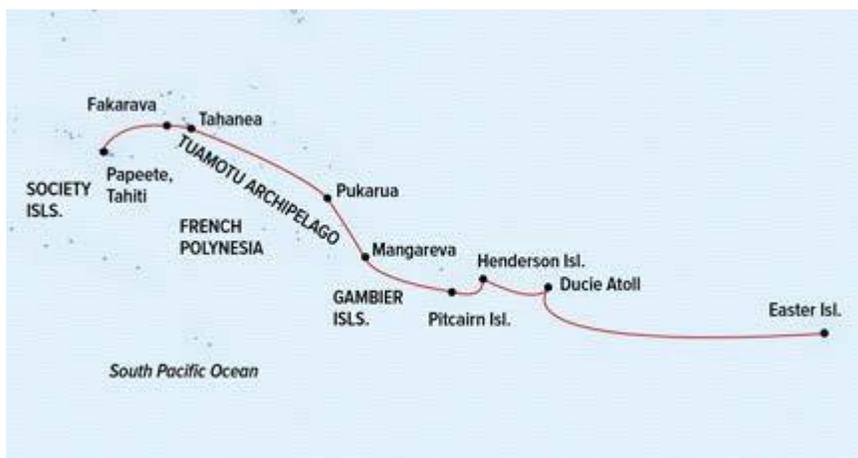
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for two nights. Explore volcanic calderas, jagged lava fields, and sweeping grasslands to discover the colossal moai statues, the astonishing legacy of a long-lost culture. Join archaeologists to examine these statues and discuss their meaning and creation; visit burial sites, quarries, and intricately carved ceremonial altars. Explore on our final morning; fly to Santiago, then an overnight flight back home. (Days 15 & 16: B,L,D; Day 17: B,L)

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COST PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY						
	01	02	03	04	05	06
August 31, 2018	\$ 22,490	\$ 26,690	\$ 31,720	\$ 34,370	\$ 41,030	\$ 47,470

COST PER PERSON SINGLE OCCUPANCY		
	1S	3S
August 31, 2018	\$ 33,740	\$ 47,490



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