Tahiti and French Polynesia under Sail

Tahiti · Mo’orea · Taha’a · Raiatea · Bora Bora · Huahine

aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Sailing Ship

WIND SPIRIT

January 28 to February 7, 2020

UC Davis Cal Aggie Alumni Association
Dear UC Davis Alumni and Friends,

Tahiti and the other idyllic islands of French Polynesia were formed over millennia; ancient underwater volcanic activity, ocean currents, waves and wind created the emerald-green mountain peaks, chalk-white atolls and beryl-blue lagoons of this South Pacific paradise.

There is no better way to experience the Society Islands than under the billowing white sails of an elegant yacht. During this nine-night land and sea sojourn, explore these resplendent islands, which have beckoned explorers, travelers, artists and writers for centuries. Enjoy two nights (air schedules permitting) in colorful Pape’ete, Tahiti, and seven nights sailing aboard the Five-Star WIND SPIRIT, specifically designed to cruise the crystal-clear aquamarine waters of the South Pacific, which teem with incredible marine life.

Aboard the Five-Star, 74-Stateroom WIND SPIRIT, enjoy unmatched small ship sailing amid the unparalleled beauty of the Society Islands, the WIND SPIRIT’s home waters. This intimate ship provides extensive complimentary features, including alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages served throughout the ship and replenished in your Suite or Stateroom, kayaking and snorkeling equipment and an exclusively arranged excursion on every island; shipboard gratuities are included.

Cultural enrichment abounds in the captivating natural environment of French Polynesia. On the islands of Tahiti, Mo’orea, Ra’iatea, Taha’a, Bora Bora and Huahine, visit ancient marae (open-air places of worship), tour an authentic vanilla plantation and learn more about French Polynesia’s unique history, environment and culture. While enjoying the exquisite scenery, snorkel or swim with stingrays, lagoon sharks and colorful fish and inhale the essences of fragrant gardenia and gentle jasmine that delicately permeate the island air.

Join us on this voyage through paradise amid the unspoiled, tropical islands of the South Pacific. Round-trip air is included from Los Angeles‡ and Low Air Add-Ons‡ are available from select U.S. cities. This exceptional program sells out quickly, so book now while space and Early Booking Savings are still available!

Regards from UC Davis,

Stephanie Taczk Shimada
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AVAILABLE TO ALUMNI, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

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Pacific Ocean
U.S./Pape'ete, Tahiti
Tuesday and Wednesday,
January 28 and 29
Depart the U.S. for lively Pape’ete, the cosmopolitan capital of French Polynesia, located on a natural harbor cooled by trade winds and set against a backdrop of verdant, forest-clad peaks. This breathtaking gateway to the South Pacific is complemented by the cultures of its people, a vibrant blend of Tahitian, French and Chinese.
Upon arrival, check into the ideally located, Five-Star InterContinental Pape’ete; enjoy time at leisure and attend the Welcome Reception on Wednesday.

Pape’ete
Thursday, January 30
Tour Tahiti’s scenic West Coast and visit the fern-veiled Mara’ a Grotto with its freshwater pools and small caves. Walk through the sacred ‘Arahurahu site—French Polynesia’s only fully restored marae—and the beautifully landscaped Spring Garden of Vaipahi, which showcases 75 plant species, including precious māpē (Tahitian chestnut).
Embark the Wind Spirit and attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

Mo’orea
Friday, January 31
The heart-shaped island of Mo’orea captivated Captain James Cook and Herman Melville and inspired James Michener’s classic Tales of the South Pacific. Enjoy a drive through a spectacular landscape of ancient volcanic peaks and stop at Belvedere Point for an unforgettable view of the impressive Mount Rotu’i and the sparkling waters of Cook and ‘Opunohu Bays.
Impressive temples evoke Mo’orea’s French Polynesian heritage, while European churches underscore its role as a center for 19th-century missionary activity.

AIR is Included from Los Angeles!‡
Low Air Add-Ons are available from select cities.
Economy-class air is included round-trip between Los Angeles and Pape’ete, available exclusively through Gohagan & Company in partnership with award-winning Air Tahiti Nui; Gohagan & Company and the sponsoring association/organization have no control over availability.

Cover photo: Experience the natural beauty surrounding you in Bora Bora, with majestic, lush peaks and hidden blue lagoons.
Photo this page: Explore colorful coral reefs and look for myriad exotic marine life, such as graceful double-saddle butterflyfish.
Contemporary islanders continue the traditions of their forefathers, farming pineapples and papayas and crafting fine art from seashells and indigenous wood. Learn more about the interplay between the culture and the ecosystem at the Richard B. Gump Pacific Research Station and Atitia Outreach Center. Later, on board the ship, hear an enriching lecture by naturalist Frank Murphy from the Gump Research Station. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure with snorkeling opportunities in Mo'orea’s turquoise lagoons.

Ra’iatea/Taha’a
Sunday, February 2
Taha’a is dominated by the profile of Mount Ohiri, named for Hiro, Polynesian god of sailors and thieves. Continued harvesting of the world’s most flavorful vanilla beans and the region’s distinctive black pearl oysters provides the islanders’ livelihoods. Gain a deeper understanding of traditional French Polynesian agriculture as you tour the fragrant grounds of a vanilla plantation, followed by a visit to a farm where lustrous black pearls are meticulously cultivated underwater. Savor a specially arranged beach barbecue lunch on a private motu (islet), where you can also swim, snorkel or kayak.

Bora Bora
Monday and Tuesday, February 3 and 4
Bora Bora is the proverbial vision of paradise with black basalt peaks cloaked in a thick tropical forest and silhouetted against sparkling turquoise waters. Alongside glittering Fa’anui Bay, see the ceremonial site of the Fare Opu marae, adorned with petroglyphs of turtles, a sacred creature in French Polynesia, and look for nearly imperceptible bunkers constructed by American soldiers during World War II.

Visit the glittering ring of tiny motus with white sand beaches surrounding the seldom-visited island of Taha’a, the quintessence of idyll and serenity awash with the soothing aroma of vanilla wafting from secluded plantations.
The islanders of Bora Bora often wear the traditional and colorful hand-dyed pareo. In the island’s forested interior, villagers cultivate breadfruit, coconuts and taro (an endemic root vegetable); preserve the ancient ruins of stone marae; and show reverence for ancestral Polynesian deities. Observe the art of dying pareo and enjoy a taste of the island’s local fruits.

From a lookout point, admire Bora Bora’s highest peak, Mount Otemanu, a natural beacon over the “Pearl of the Pacific”; then enjoy time at leisure to explore the island.

An optional excursion cruises the island’s iridescent lagoon to encounter graceful stingrays and a coral garden where parrotfish, butterflyfish and triggerfish flourish. Dinner Monday night will be an authentic French Polynesian feast held on a private motu.

**Huahine**

Wednesday, February 5

Idyllic Huahine consists of two islands—Huahine-Nui (big) and Huahine-Iti (small)—separated by a deep blue bay and ringed by a coral atoll. Aboard an open-air “Le Truck,” ride between the ocean and a woodland of towering māpē trees draped with sweet-scented vanilla vines to the settlement of Maeva, the ancient religious center of Huahine-Nui and the greatest concentration of archaeological sites in French Polynesia.

In Maeva, see over 10 marae—built in the 16th century of locally quarried stone—as well as former homes and fortification walls. Enjoy the breathtaking vista of gleaming Maro’e Bay and lofty Mount Turi en route to the picturesque village of Fare to see blue-eyed river eels, considered sacred by locals.

After an afternoon at leisure, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception.

**Pape’ete, Tahiti**

Thursday, February 6

Disembark the ship and explore Tahiti’s East Coast with a visit to the former home of American author James Norman Hall, best known for *Mutiny on the Bounty*, and see Point Venus, named for the observatory Captain Cook established here in 1769.

Day-room accommodations are available in the InterContinental Pape’ete. Continue on to the Moorea Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

**U.S.**

Friday, February 7

Arrive in the U.S.

See the only operational lighthouse on Tahiti, guarding Point Venus, the island’s northernmost point.

Indulge in the immaculate beaches, turquoise lagoons and abundant greenery gracing the Society Islands.

Enjoy incredible snorkeling opportunities in the pristine, sparkling waters of French Polynesia.
**Five-Star, Small Sailing Ship msy Wind Spirit**

Seafaring in its Most Timeless Form

The intimate, four-masted Wind Spirit offers an unforgettable Five-Star sailing experience. This small ship is designed to sail its year-round home of French Polynesia, from deep seas into lagoons inaccessible to larger vessels. The Wind Spirit’s gourmet dining and wide teak decks with unobscured views provides a private sailing yacht experience to each guest.

**With Our Compliments**

A host of complimentary indulgences await you—fresh flowers and fruit in your Suite or Stateroom to welcome you aboard, house wine served with lunch and dinner, alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages served throughout the cruise and available in your minibar and 24-hour room service. Shipboard gratuities are included.

**Life on Board**

Enjoy the spacious lounge, two bars, library, spa, fitness center, boutique, casino, outdoor whirlpool, swimming pool and watersports marina with kayaking and snorkeling equipment. There is no elevator.

**Only 74 Staterooms**

Each of the Five-Star, ocean-view Staterooms features one queen bed or two twin beds (Owner’s Suite has a queen bed), a private bathroom with shower, luxury hotel amenities, individual climate control, flat-screen television with DVD player, Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting), safe, minibar, vanity table, hair dryer, plush robes and slippers.

**World-Class Dining**

Savor award-winning recipes and enjoy culinary demonstrations as part of an exclusive partnership with the James Beard Foundation. The elegant dining room serves sophisticated international cuisine. Enjoy breakfast and lunch in the indoor-outdoor restaurant or reserve a table for alfresco evening dining.

**Award-Winning Service**

With a ratio of one crew member for every 1.5 guests, you will enjoy personal and attentive service. There is a physician and medical facility on board.

Enjoy complimentary kayaking and snorkeling opportunities from the retractable watersports marina.
**Included Features**

**Round-trip Air Tahiti Nui flight from Los Angeles.**

In Pape’ete, Tahiti

- Two nights (air schedules permitting) in the Five-Star InterContinental Pape’ete.
- Breakfast each morning.
- Welcome Reception in the hotel.
- Tour of Tahiti’s West Coast, featuring visits to the sacred ‘Ārahurahu marae, Spring Garden of Vaipahi and enchanting Marā’ Grotto.
- Excursion on the East Coast of Tahiti, featuring the James Norman Hall Museum and Point Venus.
- Day-room accommodations in the InterContinental Pape’ete on February 6.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Sailing Ship Wind Spirit

- Seven-night cruise round trip Pape’ete, Tahiti, with port calls at the French Polynesian islands of Mo’orea, Ra’iatea, Taha’a, Bora Bora and Huahine.
- Five-Star, ocean-view accommodations.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
- All meals aboard ship.
- Complimentary kayaking and snorkeling equipment in the reef-protected waters surrounding the Society Islands.
- Tour of Mo’orea, the tropical paradise that is said to have inspired James Michener’s “Bali Hai,” featuring spectacular views from Belvedere Point.
- Visit to the Atitia Outreach Center on Mo’orea to learn more about French Polynesia’s unique ecosystem.
- Excursion on Ra’iatea, the cradle of early French Polynesian culture, to the Taputapuātea UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Visit to a vanilla plantation and a pearl farm on Taha’a and a barbecue lunch on a private motu.
- Panoramic tour on idyllic Bora Bora, featuring the site of the island’s largest marae, the partially buried temple of Fare Opu, etched with turtle petroglyphs.
- Specially arranged, traditional French Polynesian dinner on a private motu off Bora Bora.
- Demonstration of dyeing the traditional French Polynesian pareo and tasting of local fruits on Bora Bora.
- Excursion to Huahine, the former home of Tahitian royalty and site of the largest concentration of ancient marae.

Enhanced Travel Services

- Transfers and luggage handling are included if you booked your air tickets through Gohagan & Company on the program travel dates.
- Low Air Add-Ons are available from select cities.
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Complimentary bottled water in the hotel, aboard ship and on all included excursions.
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel and to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship and in the hotel.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Optional Bora Bora Shark and Ray Lagoon Cruise excursion available at an additional cost.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

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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 myths and legends of a polytheistic society. The French Polynesian reverence for nature coexists with time-honored agrarian traditions and preservation. Exalted for their beautiful landscapes and rich cultural traditions, the mystical pull of these halcyon isles is impossible to resist.

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**AIR/LAND/Cruise Tariff** excluding taxes*

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Singles are available in category 4 at $13895” and in category 1 at $17595” on or before July 5, 2019.

**TAHITI AND FRENCH POLYNESIA ResErvation form**

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Preferred Name(s) or Badge(s) Tour No. 041-01/28/20-230

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Mo’orea Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to Gohagan & Company.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:
1st choice 2nd choice
- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s): Mo’orea Post-Program Option
- Double from $1145 per person.
- Single (from $2095 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please choose one:
- Included economy-class flights from Los Angeles.
- Another departure city at additional cost to be advised.

Arrival Date (fill in departure city)
- Please contact me/us regarding an upgrade at additional cost to be advised.
- 1/W We will make my/our own air arrangements.

Note: Included airfare, Low Air Add-Ons and/or airfare are subject to change. Space is limited and subject to availability and is not guaranteed. Changes to flight itineraries and/or travel dates are subject to additional fees; see Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

Membership: One participant of each travel party must be a member of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association. After trip reservation is processed, CAAA will follow up with the traveler to confirm membership status and coordinate payment if a $60 annual membership needs to be purchased. Membership is open to all alumni and friends of UC Davis.
Feel the gentle tropical breezes on Bora Bora, arguably the most beautiful island in French Polynesia.