South Pacific
16 days Luxury Yacht Charter Experience

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FAKARAVA (NORTH & SOUTH PASS)
DAY 1 TO 2

Embark in Fakarava and spend a couple of days acclimatising to the gentle pace of life on board as you cruise around the coastlines. The island, especially the South Pass, remains virtually untouched. Life along the North Pass is equally unique with quaint villages, old coral churches and welcoming locals.
FAKARAVA TO TOAU

DAY 3

A UNESCO-classified biosphere reserve, Toau is a stunning coral atoll with a 35-kilometre-long lagoon, perfect for peaceful anchorages, swimming, snorkelling and diving. Captain James Cook was the first recorded European to sight the atoll, back in April 1774.
TOAU TO APATAKI
DAY 4 TO 5

One of the largest of the Tuamotu Islands, Apataki hosts the largest grey reef shark population in the archipelago. It’s a low-lying coral atoll and at its maximum is just 4m above sea level. It hosts dense stretches of coconut palms separated by open beaches, as well as many shallow channels allowing water to move between the lagoon and the open ocean.
APATAKI TO RANGIROA
DAY 6 TO 8

One of the world's greatest dive destinations, the atoll of Rangiroa is a string of coral encircling a vast lagoon. Enjoy snorkelling and diving amidst the stingrays and manta rays. Around the Avatoru Pass you will find silver tip sharks, whilst in the waters of the Tiputa Pass you can dive with bottlenose dolphins. Experience local cuisine and ask your chef to prepare a traditional feast of fish fresh from the lagoon, accompanied by taro root and breadfruit baked slowly in an ahimoa – a traditional Polynesian cooking pit dug into the ground.
RANGIROA TO BORA BORA
DAY 9 TO 10

Cruise from the Tuamotus to the Society Islands in a 24-hour crossing. Dine on the open deck as you navigate open water and through the Te Ava Nui Pass into the lagoon of Bora Bora. The island itself is as close to the tropical ideal as it gets and the reef around the lagoon is clustered with desert islands, known locally as motus. Join fellow yachties to swap stories at the Bora Bora Yacht Club, founded in 1972.
From Bora Bora it is a short hop back through the Te Ava Nui Pass and the Pai Pai Pass to the lagoon that surrounds the island of Taha'a. Float amid a rainbow of fish, including vibrant parrotfish, striped snapper, emperor angelfish and butterfly fish.
TAHA' A TO RAIATEA
DAY 12

Lying in the same lagoon as Taha’a, neighbouring Raiatea’s rugged interior is as impressive as its surrounding beaches. Discover French Polynesia’s most sacred temple, Marae Taputapuatea - a political, ceremonial and funerary centre, or take a hike up the Tapoi Mountain for spectacular views.
RAIATEA TO HUAHINE

DAY 13

Cruise through the lagoon and through the Iriru Pass to Huahine. Huahine is known as the garden island and much of it is covered by immense tropical jungle, thriving with coconut plantations, vanilla orchids, banana groves, breadfruit trees and watermelon fields.

Once the home of Tahitian royalty, Huahine is considered the cradle of Polynesian culture. The island maintains the largest concentration of ancient marae [temples] in French Polynesia, some of which are believed to date back to the original ancestors of the Tahitians - the Lapita people - around 700 AD.

Step ashore and visit the island's pearl farm, or take a horseback ride along one of the many beaches.
HUAINE TO TAHITI
DAY 14 TO 16

Cruise overnight to Tahiti - the heart and soul of the Pacific. As with many of the Society Islands, you will find cosmopolitan luxury combined with local culture as many of the world’s top resorts have premises on the island.
There are countless monuments and ruins, and the natural landscape remains relatively unspoilt.
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Western Pacific Donut Hole 3
Hope Spot

These four high seas enclaves in the western Pacific Ocean are entirely surrounded by the exclusive economic zones (EEZs) of neighboring island nations. The four "Donut Holes" are pockets of marine habitat beyond national jurisdiction, and have been described as the West Oceania Marine Reserve (WOMAR); Greater Oceania Marine Reserve (COMAR); Moana Marine Reserve (MOANA); and the Western Pacific Marine Reserve (WPMR). Stationary features, which may receive adequate protection within the enclaves, include: seamounts; abyssal plain habitat; possible hydrothermal vent communities; and the tropical corals and pelagic species that may be present at Horizon Bank. Further conservation measures will be required to ensure the adequate protection of highly mobile species, including a variety of sea turtles and tuna.

Protected Species:
- CORALS
- SEA TURTLES
- TUNA

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Tetiaroa is a sacred place of beauty and refuge in Polynesian culture. It was a meeting place for tribal leaders and a special place focused on the concept of retreat to gather strength. Today, Tetiaroa is an important refuge for nesting green sea turtles and several seabird species that cannot nest on populated shores. Its lagoon provides an important site for the production of fish larvae and its islands provide protection for threatened species such as coconut crabs. The coral reef system has benefitted from its remoteness, and scientific surveys have shown it to be both healthy and resilient to disturbance. However, atolls and the coral reefs that support them are in serious risk because of climate change, ocean acidification and misuse. Like the canary in the coal mine they provide early indications of danger and, unless urgent action is taken, are likely to among the early casualties. Research and education programs on Tetiaroa will produce and promote knowledge to help atolis and coral reefs and their associated communities to resist and cope with climate change and other global threats.

Protected Species:
- COCONUT CRABS
- CORAL REEFS
- SEABIRDS
- TURTLES
Palmyra Atoll
Hope Spot

Palmyra was formed by coral growth on the rim of a submerged volcano that rises 16,000 feet from the ocean floor. It is fringed by lagoons and sprawling reefs that are home to a profusion of whales, sharks, sea turtles, dolphins, manta rays and exotic fish. Its vast submerged reefs, which radiate seaward beyond the atoll, support over 130 species of coral — three times the number found in Hawaii and the Caribbean, and five times that found in the Florida Keys. Being one of the most uninhabited and isolated places on Earth, its rich abundance of life in the water and on land are incredibly healthy – a wonderful example of what an ecosystem looks like with virtually zero human impact.

Protected Species:
- Dolphines
- Manta Rays
- Sea Turtles
- Sharks
- Whales