

Tahiti & the Pearls of French Polynesia

Tahiti /Papeete to Tahiti/Papeete on board the M/S PANORAMA II

December 2020 – March 2021

- 7-Night / 8-Day cruises in the Society Islands
- 11-Night / 12-Day cruises in the Society and Tuamotu Islands

Highlights: Bora Bora, Moorea, Huahine, Taha'a, Raiatea, Tikehau and Rangiroa.



October 30, 2019



M/S PANORAMA II

MOTOR SAILER

The Panorama II is a 164 ft Motor Sailer which complies with the latest SOLAS regulations for International Voyages. Her state of the art twin masts with 600 m³ of sails allow safe and comfortable sailing.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Length: 50 m (164 ft)

Launch Year: 2004 (renovated: 2015)

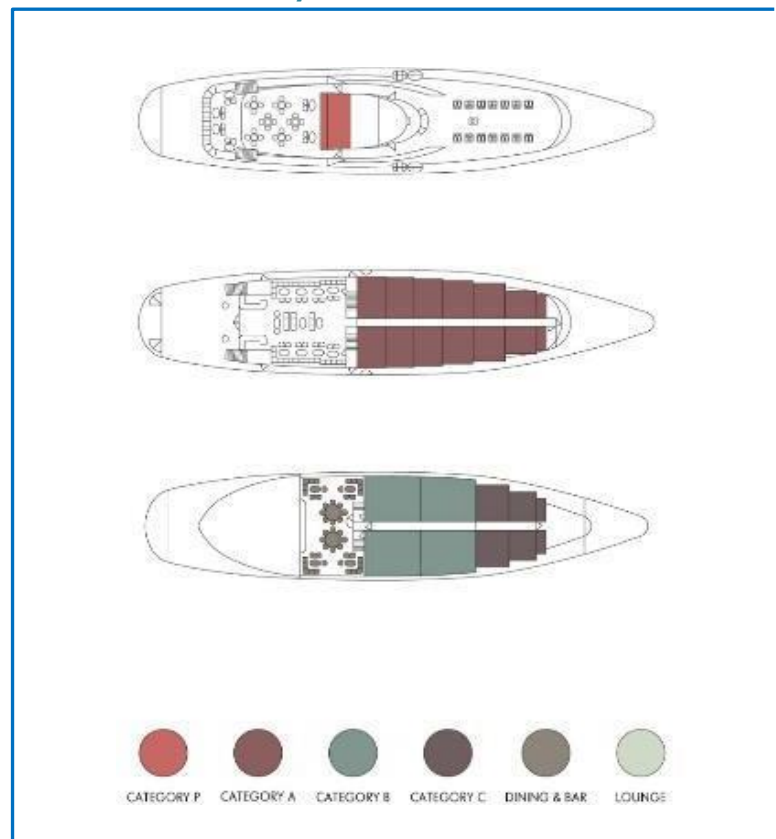
Cabins: 25

Capacity: 49 passengers

Crew: 16-18

The two-mast M/S Panorama II, launched in 2004, carries just 49 passengers and offers high standard accommodation, comfort and safety. This state of the art Motorsailer has performed several Atlantic Ocean crossings, from the Seychelles to Monte Carlo and from the Black Sea to Tunis. The public areas include a main bar and lounge, which was renovated in 2015 to feature wood flooring and new furniture with soft fabrics in warm coral tones. Service on board is provided by your Captain, the Cruise Coordinator and your experienced Marine and Hotel crew members.

Deck Plan M/S PANORAMA II



Motor Sailer: PANORAMA II

Photos:

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CABIN SPECIFICATIONS:

The M/S Panorama II outside cabins are located at the Upper, Main and Lower decks and are handsomely designed, finished with lustrous wood trims and warm fabrics. They all have marble-appointed en suite bathrooms with showers and are equipped with windows (Upper & Main deck cabins) and portholes (Lower deck cabins). All cabins have individually controlled A/C and fitted with Flat screen TV, telephone (for internal use), hairdryers, mini-fridge, central music, public address system and safe deposit boxes. 4 Main Deck cabins are convertible into 2 suites. 4 Lower deck cabins can be offered as Triple cabins.

LIFE ON BOARD

During the day life on board centers around the indoor Lounge area and the indoor dining room, as well as the open and inviting deck areas, natural gathering places, perfect for enjoying your meals al fresco, settling into a chair with a good book, or gather with your fellow passengers and enjoy the views of the places you visit. The swim platform on PANORAMA II's stern enables you to swim off the yacht when weather and anchorage conditions permit.

MAIN DECK

The main lounge with comfortable sofas has a full-service bar and a plasma TV screen and is the hub of social activities such as the daily briefings on the destinations visited and other gatherings. This area is ideal for enjoying the company of your fellow travelers or simply for reading a good book from the library. The area was beautifully renovated in 2015 to feature wood flooring and new furniture and comfortable sofas with soft fabrics in warm coral tones.

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR DINING ROOMS

Located on the Lower deck, the indoor dining room seat all passengers in a single, unassigned seating and offer generous buffet space. The aft area at the Upper Deck provides generous semi-covered area where guests can enjoy their meals al fresco in a single, unassigned seating, with wonderful views, weather permitting. Food is served at the table or displayed on the state of the art hot & cold buffets, also including an "a la minute cooking" section. The menu is international, with a focus on local specialties.

SUN DECK

The bow area at the Upper deck provides generous space and comfortable sun loungers are available to sunbathe in total comfort.



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7-Nights / 8-Days		
DAY	PORT	DETAILS
1	Papeete, Tahiti	Embark the Panorama II in Papeete Port between 2:30pm and 4:00pm. After a welcome briefing and safety drill, we will set sail for Bora Bora. Overnight at sea.
2	Bora Bora	Early morning arrival in Bora Bora, possibly the most photographed place on earth. Our ship sails into Bora Bora lagoon with Mount Otemanu rising proudly at the center. Over the following two days, we will have a variety of optional activities to choose from, such as: a) A Bora Bora Cultural Tour by 4x4; b) An excursion to snorkel with sting rays and sharks; c) An open-air Lagoon Aquarium experience; d) The Bora Bora tour by "Le Truck" and more. Overnight at anchor.
3	Bora Bora - Huahine	Today, we continue our Bora Bora optional activities . After lunch, we cruise the Bora Bora lagoon and sail to Huahine, arriving late in the evening. Overnight at anchor inside the lagoon.
4	Huahine	Huahine, once home to Tahitian royalty, is considered the cradle of Polynesian culture. The two islands maintain the largest concentration of ancient marae (temples) in French Polynesia, some of which are believed to date back to around 700 AD. Huahine is a colossal tropical jungle burgeoning with coconut plantations, vanilla orchids, banana groves, breadfruit trees and watermelon fields. Our optional half-day tour takes us by 4x4 vehicle around the island to visit the small villages of Fare and Maeva, an archaeological site, and a vanilla plantation. There will also be an opportunity to see and feed the sacred blue-eyed eels of Faie Bay. An optional full-day excursion is also available, including a land tour via 4x4 vehicle, a boat excursion to a pearl farm, and a picnic. Overnight at anchor.
5	Huahine - Taha'a	We leave Huahine early this morning and sail to the island of Taha'a, which shares a magnificent lagoon with Raiatea Island. The fertile island is covered with banana, watermelon and coconut groves. The island also acts as a vast natural greenhouse for the treasured Tahitian vanilla orchid. Our optional half-day excursion will allow us to explore the beautiful interior of the island by 4x4 vehicle. Taste the local fruit and admire breathtaking views of the magnificent turquoise waters of Ha'amene Bay. This excursion also includes a visit to a pearl farm and a traditional vanilla plantation. In the afternoon, we will have plenty of time for swimming and snorkeling from a "motu", or reef islet. Overnight at anchor.
6	Raiatea	We sail across the lagoon to reach nearby Raiatea, which translates to "faraway heaven" and "sky with soft light". Originally known as Havai'i, Raiatea is considered the homeland of the ancient Polynesians. Our optional excursion will start with an exploration by kayak of the Faaroa River, French Polynesia's only navigable river, with an expert guide leading the way through Raiatea's verdant interior. Then, we will visit the ancient marae (temple) at Taputapuatea, a recent UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, we will learn about its Polynesian origins and historical relevance, before sitting down to a locally inspired picnic lunch. Late in the evening we sail to Mo'orea. Overnight at sea.
7	Mo'orea	This morning, we reach Mo'orea, believed to be the inspiration for the mythical Bali Hai from James Michener's <i>Tales of the South Pacific</i> . Eight gargantuan mountain peaks rise from its magnificent lagoon, creating a distinctive silhouette visible from the western coast of Tahiti. Pick from 2 optional excursions , a snorkeling and ray feeding tour or the 3 Coconuts Hiking tour. Tonight, we will enjoy our Farewell Dinner. Overnight at anchor.
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Tahiti, the Society and Tuamotu Islands - 2020-21

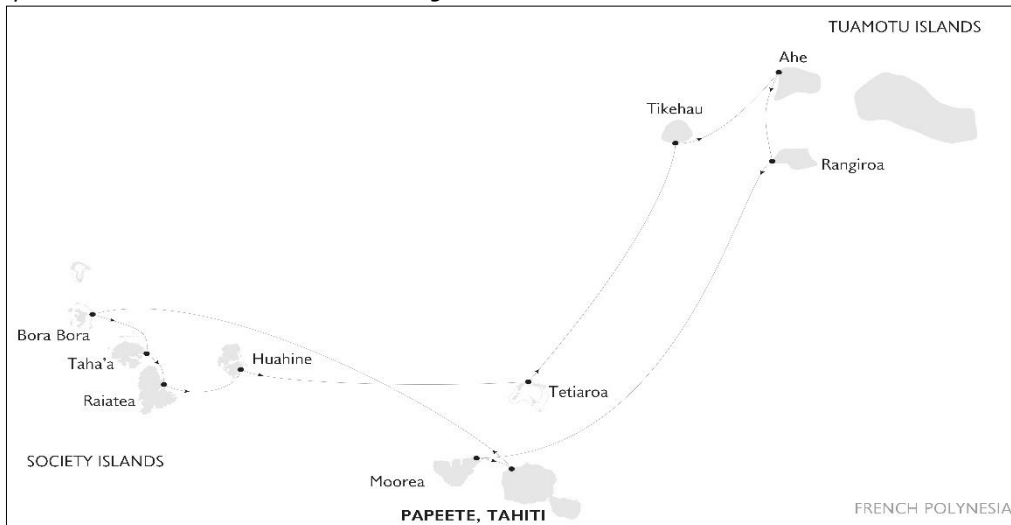
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5	Raiatea - Huahine	Morning sailing to Huahine. Once home to Tahitian royalty, Huahine is considered the cradle of Polynesian culture. The two islands maintain the largest concentration of ancient marae (temples) in French Polynesia, some of which are believed to date back to around 700 AD. Huahine is a colossal tropical jungle burgeoning with coconut plantations, vanilla orchids, banana groves, breadfruit trees and watermelon fields. Our optional half-day tour takes us by 4x4 vehicle around the island to visit the small villages of Fare and Maeva, an archaeological site, and a vanilla plantation. There will also be an opportunity to see and feed the sacred blue-eyed eels of Faie Bay. An optional full-day excursion is also available, including a land tour via 4x4 vehicle, a boat excursion to a pearl farm, and a picnic. Overnight at sea to Tetiaroa.
6	Tetiaroa	Held sacred by the Tahitians, the secluded atoll of Tetiaroa was once the retreat of Tahitian royalty. During the filming of Mutiny on the Bounty, actor Marlon Brando fell under its spell and bought the land for himself, with an aim to keep it as pristine as possible. A luxury eco-resort was designed under his direction and it operates in a 100% sustainable manner. We will spend the morning exploring the lagoon and snorkeling in the crystalline waters. This afternoon, we sail north to the Tuamotus Islands. Overnight at sea.
7	Tikehau	This morning we reach the small atoll of Tikehau, also called the Pink Sand Island, comprised of innumerable tiny white and pink sand islets. The lagoon, formed by a nearly uninterrupted ring of coral, is home to abundant varieties of marine life. According to the legendary marine researcher Jacques Cousteau, this lagoon contains a higher concentration of fish than any other lagoon in French Polynesia. Our walking tour will take us to one of the family-owned fish-farms, where they trap different species of fish in a maze of underwater fencing. Much of their catch is then shipped to Papeete and sold at the local markets. We will visit the islet of Tuherahera, one of the only inhabited sections of the atoll. Naturally adorned with colorful flowers such as hibiscus and bougainvillea, Tuherahera is one of the most attractive villages in the Tuamotu Archipelago. This evening, we return to the ship and set sail for Ahe.

8	Ahe	Ahe, one of the more obscure atolls in the Tuamotu Archipelago, is a favored vacation destination for native Tahitians. The serene atoll is almost entirely enclosed and boasts aquamarine waters, startlingly white beaches, and vibrant coral. We will spend the morning snorkeling among the shallow sandbanks sprinkled throughout the lagoon, before enjoying a beach BBQ in a secluded “motu”, or reef islet. Return to the ship for an overnight at sea to Rangiroa.
9	Rangiroa	Morning arrival in Rangiroa, the largest atoll in the Tuamotu Archipelago and one of the largest in the world. One of the best destinations for scuba diving, Rangiroa is composed of 240 islets, more than 110 miles, encompassing a deep lagoon. Our optional excursion will take us to the Blue Lagoon, a natural pool formed by islets and reefs within the central lagoon. At only 16 feet deep, the Blue Lagoon is an ideal location for swimming, snorkeling, and observing the vast assortment of marine life. Enjoy a traditional Polynesian picnic before returning to the ship. Overnight at anchor.
10	Rangiroa	This morning, enjoy our optional Dolphins in Tiputa Pass excursion , which will allow us to interact with these incredible mammals. After lunch, we leave Rangiroa and the Tuamotu Islands and sail south to Mo'orea and the Society Islands. Overnight at sea.
11	Mo'orea	At mid-day, we reach Mo'orea, believed to be the inspiration for the mythical Bali Hai from James Michener's <i>Tales of the South Pacific</i> . Eight gargantuan mountain peaks rise from its magnificent lagoon, creating a distinctive silhouette visible from the western coast of Tahiti. Pick from 2 optional excursions , a snorkeling and ray feeding tour or the 3 Coconuts Hiking tour. Tonight, we will enjoy our Farewell Dinner. Overnight at anchor.
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SAILING DATES & CRUISE FARES

PAPEETE to PAPEETE, TAHITI 11 nights	17 28	Dec. 2020 (Thursday) Dec. 2020 (Monday)
PAPEETE to PAPEETE, TAHITI 7 nights	10 08, 15, 22, 29	Dec. 2020 (Thursday) Jan. 2021 (Fridays)
	05, 12, 19, 26	Feb. 2021 (Fridays)
	05, 12, 19, 26	Mar. 2021 (Fridays)
	Official Gross EURO Rates per person in DBL/TWIN	
CABIN CATEGORIES	for the 7 nights	for the 11 nights
Cat C Lower Deck, Double bedded cabins	€ 1,950	€ 2,750
Cat B Lower Deck, Double or Twin bedded cabins	€ 2,250	€ 3,200
Cat A Main Deck, Double or Twin bedded cabins	€ 2,650	€ 3,750
Cat P Upper Deck, Double bedded cabins	€ 3,300	€ 4,700
Single Supplement	30%	
3rd Person reduction in Cat B	30%	
Port Charges & Conservation Fees Per Person – Non commissionable	€ 225	€ 300

OFFERS:

1) EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT

- -10% To ALL reservations made until **OCTOBER 10, 2020**

EBD Conditions & Restrictions:

- Bookings must be secured by paying upon confirmation 35% deposit on cruise fares per passenger.
- Balance - max 30 days before departure.
- All reservations are on request and on first-come-first-served basis.
- THEY DO NOT APPLY FOR ANY EXISTING BOOKINGS!!
- The offers do not apply a/ for the Owner's Suite on Variety Voyager programs and b/ for group bookings.
- Port charges are excluded from these discounts.
- Please mention "EBD WINTER 2020 – 2021" at the moment of your booking. Otherwise, Full Rates will apply.
- Offers cannot be combined with any existing or future offers.
- EBD is subject to occupancy levels and maybe withdrawn at any time.
- The EBD -10% is valid for all reservations made until October 10, 2020.

2) FAMILY OFFERS:

- **SINGLE parent with 1 or max. 2 children in same cabin:** The parent pays Single cruise fare and children cruise for FREE.
- **COUPLE with 1 child sharing the same cabin:** Child up to 10 years old: FREE OF CHARGE. Child 11-17 years old: 50% reduction.
- **COUPLE with 2 or 3 (regardless of age) children:** Both cabins will be charged at Single rate (single adult rate).
- **Discounts which only apply for the children 5-17 years old:** 25% reduction on all optional excursions.

Conditions & Restrictions for the Family Offers:

- They apply for children 5-17 years old.
- They are valid for new bookings only.
- They are on request and on first come-first served basis.
- "Special Family Offer" to be mentioned at the time of booking so that the discounted rates apply for the reservation. Otherwise full rates will apply.
- No reduction offered on port charges which are additional for all participants.
- They cannot be combined with any existing or future early bird discounts or special offers, including Club offers.
- Standard payment and cancellation policies apply.

3) HONEYMOON PACKAGE:

- **Add a special offer to your romance package:** 25% reduction on the cruise fare for the honeymoon couple and Euro 50 per person ship board credit against excursions.
- **A Bubbly Welcome:** Welcome honeymoon treatment including a complimentary cocktail, fruit basket and various romantic tackles to your room upon arrival.

- **A Romantic Gesture: A Candle Lit Dinner at our special honeymooner's location on board our ship.**
- **Upgrade your love by upgrading cabin: Get a free cabin upgrade with double bed!**
- **Our Memories gift: Being a surprise!**
- **Make the trip Extra-Long: Extend your honeymoon holidays by booking a back to back cruise and double your offer! Same offer will be valid by choosing another pre/post Variety cruise.**
- **More available offers: a) HONEYMOON ANNIVERSARY OFFER, b) CELEBRATE WITH FRIENDS OFFER, c) WEDDING CELEBRATION PRIVATE CHARTER OFFER**

HONEYMOON PACKAGE conditions and restrictions:

- The Honeymoon offer is available to couples travelling within 10 months from their wedding date.
- Valid marriage certificate must be presented.
- The Package offers cannot be combined with any existing or future early bird discounts or special offers including Club offers.
- Valid only for The 7 night / 8 day cruises.
- Port taxes are additional in all offers.

A/ Cruise fares are per person and week and include:

- Accommodation in double or twin cabins with private SH/WC & air conditioning.
- Full-board: Buffet breakfast and two meals daily, including a Welcome Cocktail, a local Theme Evening, fun BBQ (weather permitting) and Captain's Dinner.
- Regular (filter) coffee, tea and drinking water free all day.
- Use of fishing and snorkelling equipment (subject to availability).
- English-Speaking Cruise Escort.

Not included:

- International flights and airport taxes.
- Transfers from and to the airport.
- Beverages (except those mentioned above).
- Shore excursions on the islands or other land arrangements.
- Crew tips.
- Passenger personal expenses.
- Wi-Fi (available at charge).

B/ Conditions and restrictions

PROOFREADING

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PAYMENT

25% deposit is required 7 days from confirmation.

75% Balance of payment no less than 60 days prior to day of embarkation.

CANCELLATIONS

240 days to 120 days from embarkation: €120 / US\$140 Administration fee (per booking)*

119 to 90 days from embarkation 15% of the cruise fare

89 to 60 days from embarkation 25% of the cruise fare

59 to 30 days from embarkation 50% of the cruise fare

29 to 00 days from embarkation 100% of the cruise fare

Cancellations must be confirmed by **VARIETY CRUISES** in writing in all cases.

***In case of cancellation the administration fee per booking will be converted to a future cruise credit redeemable on bookings made up to 12 months after cancellation, valid for any cruise and date of cruise.**

AMENDMENTS

There may be a charge for amendments of cruise date or decreasing pax number received less than 60 days prior to sailing. Amendments must be confirmed by **VARIETY CRUISES** in writing.

NOT INCLUDED IN CRUISE FARE

Such personal expenses as drinks (other than included in the rate), laundry, spa-where applicable-, boutique items and gratuities, (gratuities are optional but as a rule, satisfied clients are expected to give to the captain, at the end of the cruise, approximately €13-15 per person per day for distribution among all crew members) medical expenses, port taxes, shore excursions (shore excursions are proposed and arranged on board by the tour leaders), use of the on board Wi-Fi (available at a charge), expenditures incurred ashore, and anything not mentioned in cruise program.

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