

PRE-CRUISE EXCURSION TO RANGIROA IN THE TUAMOTUS



Join us for a fabulous 4-night stay in an over-water bungalow on the beautiful island of Rangiroa in the Tuamotu archipelago of French Polynesia. Rangiroa, the second largest atoll in the world, is noted for its pristine white sand beaches, crystal clear waters, abundant sea life, pearl farms and French Polynesia's only vineyard. Here on this secluded coral atoll, there are no soaring mountain peaks or sweeping fragrant valleys characteristic of the other Tahitian islands. Instead, flattened islets and skinny sandbars encircle the perimeter of Rangiroa's vast blue lagoon. This atoll formation allows you the unique opportunity to enjoy endless horizons on either side. Fittingly, Rangiroa actually means "immense sky" in the local language.

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DAY 1 – MARCH 23 - ARRIVE PAPEETE EARLY IN THE MORNING – FLY TO RANGIROA

Transfer to nearby hotel for a few hours rest, relaxation and breakfast before heading back to the airport for our included short, one and a half hour flight to Rangiroa. We will be met and transferred to our beautiful resort hotel, the Kio Ora, in Tiputa. Check in to your beach or overwater bungalow and start relaxing!



As you may be tired after your travels, you may wish to eat something light and retire early. Therefore, dinner tonight will be on your own. (B)

DAY 2 – MARCH 24 – RANGIROA

Morning is free. After lunch we will visit the only vineyard on an atoll. Most vineyards are blessed with beauty, but this is just ridiculous. Not sure who got the idea to cultivate vines here, but he or she is a genius. The climate isn't exactly cold, so the vineyard produces two harvests per year in May and December. Varieties such as Carignan and Muscat of Hamburg are used to make rosé and white Vin de Tahiti. Welcome Dinner tonight. (B, D)



DAY 3 – MARCH 25 – RANGIROA

Morning free. After lunch, you have the option of visiting the other town on Rangiroa, Avatoru, and the Gauguin Pearl Farm to learn about pearl cultivation;



Or, drift snorkel the wonderful Tiputa Pass, where the current gently carries you along to see brightly colored fish and coral.



Tonight, we will enjoy an included Polynesian Cultural Dinner Show at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 4 – MARCH 26 – RANGIROA - BLUE LAGOON

This morning we depart from the hotel's dock to visit Blue Lagoon for a BBQ lunch of local fish. After we re fed, it is our turn to feed the numerous reef sharks, including Black Tipped and Lemon. They are small sharks – they don't bite – much. Dinner tonight is on your own. (B, L)

DAY 5 – MARCH 27 – FLY TO PAPEETE

Transfer to the airport for our short return flight to Papeete, where we will check into the Intercontinental Hotel, in either Lagoon View rooms, or Overwater Bungalows (Optional at additional charge).

Tonight, we will gather for our second Welcome Dinner, to greet our group members who missed our extraordinary Rangiroa experience.

RATES – RANGIROA 5-DAYS/4-NIGHTS

Per Person	DOUBLE	SINGLE
RANGIROA- BEACH	\$3,095	\$4,195
OVER WATER BUNGALOW	\$3,795	\$5,625
TAHITI UPGRADE OPTION - INTERCONTINENTAL		
OVER WATER BUNGALOW	\$435	\$865