



“FENUA” ~ The Country, The Land SOCIETY ISLANDS & TUAMOTUS

FEBRUARY 4 - 14, 2015

Join Chef John Bishop along with famous Oceanographer & Environmentalist, Jean-Michel Cousteau on board the luxurious m/s Paul Gauguin.

Visit the gracious Society Islands, including Huahine, with its stunning crystalline lagoon.

The Tuamotu Archipelago awaits you next. Comprised of very low-lying atolls, none of the chain's many islets rise more than ten feet above sea level. Visit Rangiroa, home to the second-largest lagoon in the world.

It is noted for its fantastic diving - you may see rays, sharks, dolphins, and myriad small reef fish.

Go on to call at legendary Bora Bora, Taha'a, and Moorea.

FEB 4th - Embark the m/s Paul Gauguin in Papeete, Tahiti (Society Islands)

The islands of Polynesia are a gorgeous collection of volcanic islands and atolls strewn lazily across the grand Pacific Ocean. The island of Tahiti is the largest of the 118 islands and atolls that comprise French Polynesia. In Papeete, the modern capital of Tahiti, you'll embark **The Gauguin** this afternoon and have time to settle into your cabin before dinner onboard later in the evening. The ship will set sail tonight.

FEB 5th - Huahine, Society Islands

Your first port of call is Huahine, known as “The Garden Island” for its lush rainforests and dramatic terrain. While here, you can cruise the expansive lagoon, explore the island's culture, or picnic on the beach.

FEB 6th to 7th - Bora Bora, Society Islands

Dominated by two towering volcanic mountains and surrounded by a lagoon protected by low-lying coral reefs, this is indeed a spectacular destination. The ship arrives here in the morning for the first day and remains until late afternoon the next day, giving you two full days in this quintessential Pacific paradise. You might wish to explore the island with a number of activities, such as a tour of the island paradise that affords breathtaking island views. Or, glide over crystalline waters on a glass bottom boat to see the island's famous marine life without getting wet, take a thrilling helicopter ride over the ship and island, or simply spend a few hours lolling on the island's beautiful beach.

Itinerary continued...



Why sail with Paul Gauguin Cruises?

The *m/s Paul Gauguin* was designed specifically to sail the shallow seas of Tahiti, French Polynesia, and the South Pacific, visiting small ports that larger ships can't reach and effortlessly blending into the stunning natural beauty of the South Seas. She offers an extension of the informal, relaxing environment of the islands, coupled with five-star service, comfort, and luxury.

The atmosphere aboard our renovated ship radiates warmth, informality, and Polynesian flair. And our beloved troupe of Gauguines—local Tahitians who serve as cruise staff, entertainers, and storytellers—add the unique personality of Tahiti to every sailing.

FEB 8th - Rangiroa, Tuamotus

Rangiroa is the largest atoll of the Tuamotu Archipelago, which comprises 78 coral atolls scattered over several hundred miles of the eastern Pacific Ocean. Life on these remote atolls is simple, quiet and peaceful. The interior lagoons are a haven for black pearl farms, fish breeding farms, snorkeling and scuba diving.

FEB 9th - Fakarava, Tuamotus

Known in the days before modern navigation as the "Dangerous Archipelago" for its shallow passages the Tuamotus islands are a diver's paradise. Fakarava has earned the designation of a UNESCO-Classified Nature Reserve. There are two massive passes on the island where experienced divers can descend up to 130 feet into a world of cauliflower coral, gray sharks, and fish schooling by the thousands. Or stay on land and explore the island's charming villages, ancient temples, and 19th-century coral church.

FEB 10th - At Sea

Spend the day enjoying *The Gauguin's* Polynesian ambiance: casual, leisurely, and graceful. Perhaps you'll take in a lecture by one of our special guests, then dine in the evening over classic French cuisine at L'Etoile.

FEB 11th - Taha'a (Motu Mahana), Society Islands

Motu Mahana, an islet adjacent to Taha'a, is our very own South Seas paradise, featuring white-sand beaches with swaying palms, crystal-clear waters, and gentle breezes. As an exclusive Paul Gauguin event, you will spend a full day on this idyllic island doing exactly as you please. Relax in the shade of a palm tree ... engage in a game of volleyball ... snorkel in the motu's turquoise lagoons ... and enjoy a delicious al fresco barbecue lunch with Polynesian entertainment.

FEB 12th - Moorea, Society Islands

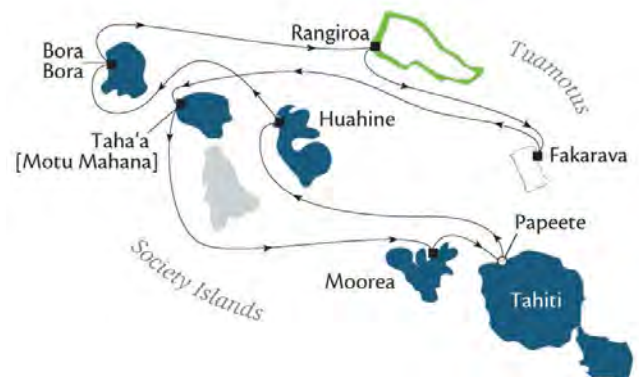
Covered in an abundance of fresh fruits and flowers, spectacular mountain peaks, peaceful multi-hued lagoons, and palm-fringed beaches, Moorea features a magnificent beauty that is unsurpassed. White-sand beaches lapped by the translucent shimmering lagoon water and shaded by palm, coconut, and ironwood groves stretch for miles. During your visit, you might wish to take an optional air-conditioned coach ride around the island to admire the stunning views.

FEB 13th - Moorea/Papeete, Tahiti

Perhaps today you will try an optional scuba diving excursion among the sea turtles and staggering amount of fish species that call Moorea's waters home. Or simply relax and revel in the island's natural splendor. Late this afternoon, the ship casts off for Tahiti's capital, where you'll enjoy a final overnight.

FEB 14th - Papeete, Tahiti

Disembark *The Gauguin* this morning and transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or stay longer with an optional hotel stay.



INTRODUCING YOUR HOSTS:



CHEF JOHN BISHOP

Acclaimed Restaurateur, Chef,
Cookbook Author

VANCOUVER, BC - British born John Bishop, who has been cooking since his early teens, attended hotel school in Wales and served his apprenticeship at a private London club. After ten years as chef at a restaurant in Kinsale, County Cork, he came to Canada in 1973, where he continued to pursue his culinary career. In 1985 he launched the restaurant that bears his name Bishop's, located in Vancouver, was an immediate success and continues to garner accolades. The fare at Bishop's is regional and seasonal. In Chef Bishop's view, it makes sense to showcase British Columbia's lush bounty of seafood, organic produce and eats. His exquisite West Side restaurant blends classic and modern flavours with a casual elegance that keeps clients coming back for a truly exceptional dining experience.

THE VANCOUVER AQUARIUM is more than a beloved place to visit. It is a self-supporting, non-profit society dedicated to the conservation of aquatic life. Dive a little deeper and you'll discover they are a global leader in conservation, research and education. For nearly 58 years it has been their mission to connect people to the natural world through many different conservation, research and education programs.

One such program – Ocean Wise™ – works closely with restaurants, **including Bishop's**, as well as markets and suppliers to help those partners sell seafood that has been harvested in a sustainable manner. For more than 50 years, the Aquarium's Marine Mammal Rescue Centre has been in place to rescue and rehabilitate marine mammals found injured, ill or abandoned until they are healthy enough to be returned to their natural habitats. Earlier this year, the Aquarium became the permanent home to Walter, a sea otter who was blinded and severely injured by a shotgun blast. Wally was rescued and rehabilitated through the dedication and care of passionate volunteers and staff.

You can learn more about all the Aquarium's programs and the incredible work they do at vanaqua.org. The Aquarium receives no ongoing government support for its conservation, research and education work and relies on the generosity of donors and partners to fund these critical programs. It is an honour to be selected as the recipient organization for one of John Bishop's Journeys with Heart.



JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU

Explorer. Environmentalist. Educator. Film Producer. For more than four decades, Jean-Michel has dedicated himself and his vast experience to communicating to people of all nations and generations his love and concern for our water planet. In 1999, Jean-Michel Cousteau's passion for the sea led him to found the Ocean Futures Society, whose mission is to explore the world's oceans, inspiring and educating people throughout the world to act responsibly for its protection, documenting the critical connection between humanity and nature, and celebrating the ocean's vital importance to the survival of all life on our planet. He is the son of ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau.

Stateroom Category Options & Pricing:

February 4 - 14, 2015

From \$5222 USD per person based on
double occupancy, Category F

Includes roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles, port taxes and fees.

Cruise Itinerary:

Day 1 - Embarkation, Papeete, Tahiti
Day 2 - Huahine, Society Islands
Day 3 & 4 - Bora Bora, Society Islands
Day 5 - Rangiroa, Tuamotus
Day 6 - Fakarava, Tuamotus
Day 7 - At Sea
Day 8 - Taha'a (Motu Mahana), Society Islands
Day 9 - Moorea, Society Islands
Day 10 - Moorea/Papeete, Tahiti
Day 11 - Disembarkation, Papeete, Tahiti

- Pricing for window staterooms; verandah staterooms; verandah suites; & grand suites, and single rates are available upon request.
 - Exclusive Group Features
- Guaranteed departure with a minimum of 20 guests.
 - Pre & Post cruise packages available.
- Additional: CAD \$500 direct donation to the **Vancouver Aquarium: www.vanaqua.org**
Tax receipt will be issued.

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