



Join me as we board Windstar's Wind Spirit and cruise the magical paradise that is French Polynesia.

- Tour Escort, Sue Verrall

Solo Travellers Club Dreams of Tahiti Escorted tour with Sue Verrall



Your tour highlights:

- Swim, snorkel or dive in Bora Bora's iconic lagoon with Mount Otemanu as the backdrop
- Sail to some of the South Pacific's most spectacular islands including stunning Bora Bora, picture-perfect Moorea, and idyllic Huahine
- Discover Moorea, the inspiration for South Pacific's mystical Bali Hai
- Experience drift snorkelling among coral gardens
- Sail, swim, and kayak from the yacht's Watersports Platform throughout the voyage
- Celebrate at a festive beach party and on a fun-filled onboard barbecue
- Delight to local entertainment on board and learn native Polynesian dances

10 day Escorted Tour

1-10 August, 2019

Sculptured beneath an azure blue sky, a backdrop of verdant green towering peaks, cavernous grottos and untamed jungles envelope the turquoise lagoons of the French Polynesian archipelago, home to a kaleidoscopic mix of exotic marine life. From tikis to tiare flowers, long-practiced tradition and rituals remain central today to Polynesian culture. Tahiti, as it's often referred to, is a destination of sublime beauty. And discovering it while aboard a graceful sailing yacht, is about as dreamy as it gets. Trade winds fill the sails and take you to six of Tahiti's mystical islands in well-paced rhythm. Wake up on water every shade of blue imaginable, swim and snorkel in crystal-clear lagoons and meander through lush rainforests, before retiring to enjoy the convivial and relaxing atmosphere of your Windstar sailing yacht, sharing the day's adventures with your new friends. Sail hoisting ceremonies, fine dining, toasting sunsets, theme island parties, and a luxury stateroom all make for an unforgettable way to visit these stunning islands, where each day ends as blissfully as it began - **180° from Ordinary.**

Don't miss this 'Solos' tour

Specifically designed with our Solo Travellers Club members in mind, this tour offers single room occupancy throughout the journey. As this tour is limited to 10 participants, to secure your place we require a \$2,000 deposit and completed booking form.

Meet your fellow travellers

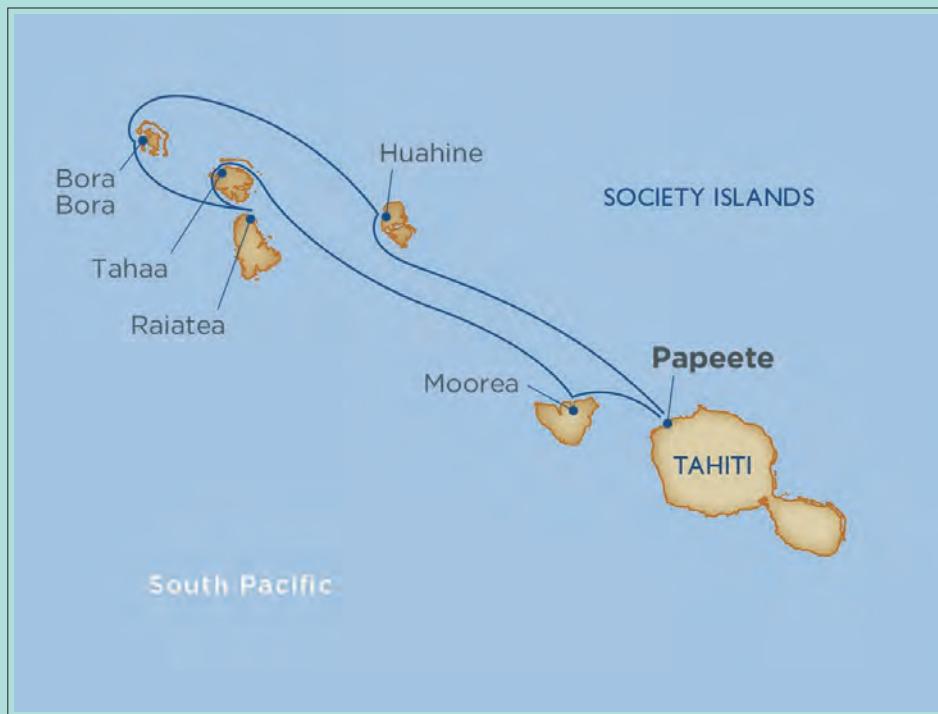
Meet Sue and your fellow travellers at our social evenings held prior to departure and receive detailed tour information, as well as hints and tips for your travels.

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Your Tour Itinerary



01 Aug Christchurch – Papeete (arrive 31 Jul)

Departing midday, we travel via Auckland and arrive into Papeete late night. We'll be met on arrival and transferred to our hotel.

01 Aug Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia

After a leisurely breakfast, we'll make our way to the magnificent Wind Spirit. Our ship sets sail early evening, so why not take in the energy of this capital city, sample Tahitian fare, shop for black pearls, or the colourful crafts which fill the market before we embark on our discovery of paradise! Meet this evening for a Welcome Dinner and a chance to get to know your fellow Solo Travellers. (B, L, D)

02 Aug Moorea, French Polynesia

Welcome to paradise, where your stunning surroundings soak up superlatives and call for more. In our stay here you'll have plenty of time to do it all. Be sure to consider the opportunity to hone your photography talents on an optional tour of the island in the company of a professional

photographer. Your choices here are endless. Hike the majestic Three Coconut Trail. Visit dolphins in their native habitat. Or spend your time swimming and kayaking from Wind Spirit's Watersports Platform as we lay at anchor in these beautiful sapphire seas. (B, L, D)

03-04 Aug Raiatea, French Polynesia

Raiatea, "The Sacred Island," is located just across the lagoon from Tahaa and shares the same barrier reef. (Legend claims the two were a single island until a conger eel possessed by the spirit of a princess separated them.) It used to be the centre of religion and culture in the Society Islands.

Taputapuatea, on the southeast coast, was once the most important marae around, the place where kings from the neighbouring islands would gather for important ceremonies. Our 2-night stay means there is plenty of time to discover Raiatea, home to the only navigable river in the islands, the Fa'aroa. Explore Polynesian history or climb Mount Temehani

in search of the rare tiare apetahi flower, which grows only here. (B, L, D)

05 Aug Motu Mahaea (Tahaa)

We will spend the day on a private island complete with swaying palm trees and white-sand beaches. Swim, snorkel and enjoy a variety of water sports in the crystal-clear waters. There will be a delicious barbecue lunch and tropical drinks waiting for you. Explore Tahaa with optional excursions to discover the vanilla plantations and sacred sites of the island. (B, L, D)

06-07 Aug Bora Bora, French Polynesia

Our 2-night stay here allows plenty of time to capture the beauty in photographs — and you'll want plenty. These stunning waters will show a different kaleidoscope of blue in each frame. You'll have lots of options for exploration, whether you prefer the access provided by a 4-by-4, or the thrill of riding in the open air. Stretch out on stunning white-sand beaches, dive and swim in brightly coloured seas, or sail among the tiny islands and lagoons. This is the stuff that dreams are made of. (B, L, D)

08 Aug Huahine, French Polynesia

Anchor here in the place whose nickname is "Garden of Eden." Take your time to explore the lush forests, the tropical landscapes, and the quaint villages to discover one of Polynesia's best kept secrets. Here, at a slower pace, see a glimpse of the authentic South Pacific island lifestyle. Stop by the





island itself is about 2 million years old. You will explore beaches, forests, and take a walk through an ancient village where archaeologists are piecing together the pre-history of the Polynesians. Along the way you will learn and talk about the geology, plants and animals, Polynesian settlement, European explorations, and modern environmental issues. The leisurely pace of this tour will allow for plenty of photo opportunities and discussions and will leave you with a new appreciation for this wonderful island and its people.

Moorea: Photographers Eye View of Moorea

Capture the beauty of Moorea on a unique and exclusive walking and 4x4 driving tour accompanied by an accomplished professional photographer, who will offer photographic tips and interesting information throughout your tour. Begin your journey in the stunning interior, pass through lush subtropical forests dotted with ancient archaeological sites, and reach the Belvedere Lookout Point. This panoramic location offers amazing photo opportunities of Cook's Bay and Opunohu Bay and the endless horizon of the Pacific Ocean. Highlights may also include Papetoai fishing village, and the interior of the Moorea Crater.

Raiatea, Concierge Collection: Harvest Your Own Pearl

Take a scenic 20-minute drive in a minivan along Raiatea's west coast to the local boat wharf. From here you will board a skiff for a short 5-minute boat ride to the over-the-water reef house and pearl farm just beside the coral barrier reef. The reef house is perched over Raiatea's turquoise, pristine lagoon with panoramic, breathtaking ocean and landscape views. You will have the exciting and unique experience of swimming over the oyster beds and through the coral garden on an adventure to find your own personal oyster and pearl treasure. You will dive for your own oyster and will take home one of nature's most fascinating treasures: a Tahitian black pearl.



Raiatea: Discover SCUBA

This programme is for the guest who wants to experience SCUBA diving for the first time, or for the guest with no dive certification. You will have a great experience, and receive lots of personal attention. Dives will take place at the following two sites (weather dependent):

Teavapiti Pass: A drive dive. You will be able to observe white tip lagoon sharks, black tip, grey sharks, schools of jacks fish, barracudas, napoleons and sometimes tuna fish in a depth up to 30m.

The Nordby: A wreck dive. You will visit the splendid 3-masted, 197-foot long ship, which sunk on August 22nd 1990. The hull and rigging are intact; 2 of the 3 masts are still in place, the wooden deck, open today, will allow you to come in and out very easily. You can find surgeon fish, lionfish, reef



Maeva archaeological site and wander around the 150-odd marae (temple sites) and 400-year-old stone fish traps that are still in use. And you'll have your pick of the world's best snorkeling once again. (B, L, D)

09 Aug Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia

After breakfast we farewell our luxurious home at sea and head to our pre-flight hotel. Your luggage will be stored so should you wish to take in a bit of sightseeing around Papeete or fill your suitcase with souvenir shopping, your time is your own. If you prefer, you may swim in the hotel's pool and enjoy a poolside meal. Freshen up in the transit room before we make our way to the airport for our very late departure to Auckland. (B, D)

10 Aug Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia

Our flight departs in the early hours of the morning, arriving into Auckland and connecting to Christchurch, home in time for morning tea!

A selection of typical shore excursions to enjoy on this cruise:

Moorea: Island Tour Featuring Belvedere Lookout

Moorea is one of the most spectacular islands in the world, and it has a vibrant cultural history. The





Tour price from \$10,495

per person single occupancy*

Price includes:

- Return economy class airfare ex Christchurch-Papeete*
- Airport-hotel-pier-hotel-airport coach transfers
- 1 night's pre-tour single room accommodation including breakfast
- 7 night's Windstar's Dreams of Tahiti cruise, based on Cabin Category B
- Meals where specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Non-alcoholic beverages and entertainment onboard Wind Spirit
- Complimentary Private Windstar Island Event
- Dinner in Papeete pre-flight
- Port charges, government fees and taxes
- Gratuities

*Auckland-Papeete operated by Air Tahiti Nui, Papeete-Auckland operated by Air New Zealand

Not included: Travel Insurance (compulsory), meals and drinks (unless specified on the itinerary), airport portage and items of a personal nature.

To secure your place: Send your \$2,000 non-refundable deposit per person with completed Booking Form to Discover Travel.

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Optional Shore Excursions (continued)

stone fish, giant jacks, angel fish, black coral and lots of other species in depths up to 30m.

Raiatea: Kayak the Fa'aroa River

Discover the pristine natural beauty of Raiatea along the same route as New Zealand's Maori settlers took during this unique kayak adventure on the Fa'aroa River. Led by your guide, you will begin your tour by paddling gently along the river, beginning in the fjord-like inlet on Raiatea known as the Fa'aroa Gorge. You will continue up the scenic Fa'aroa River where you will find the steep river walls lush with jungle foliage and home to diverse species of birds and wild hibiscus purau trees along the sheer cliffs of the rainforest.



Tahaa: Coral Garden Drift Snorkelling

Ride by covered motorised boat to the west coast of Tahaa to discover the beauty of the island. You'll leave the boat and walk across an uninhabited motu (islet) off the coast. Start your snorkelling experience from the other side of the motu, and your guide will lead you as the current will carry you through the shallow lagoon on the way back to the

boat. The area teems with a spectacular variety of tropical fish and amazing corals. The richness of this coral garden is unique in Polynesia!

Bora Bora: Glass Bottom Boat

This covered glass-bottom boat excursion gives a glimpse of Bora Bora's sub-marine wonder world. In the depths of the electric blue waters of Pofai Bay lies the centre of an ancient sunken volcano. Giant coral formations reach upward toward the light - gardens that are home to over 300 species of fish. Watch as a diver descends and feeds these glorious creatures. In the shallows near the reef, small brilliantly coloured fish dart through the water and anemones dance to the rhythm of the currents.

Bora Bora: Snorkel Safari & Stingray Encounter

Dance with the stingrays under the supervision of your guide before exploring the intricate coral formations and colourful tropical fish of the coral gardens. Your adventure will begin as you glide across the lagoon aboard a covered lagoon cruiser. Once you're past famous Motu Tapu, the captain will drop anchor on a shallow sandbank, a favourite haunt of several stingrays. With your guide's assistance, you will be able to touch these harmless creatures as they swim around you. The harmless black tip sharks are often seen in the lagoon and there is also the possibility you will encounter one. Next, you will explore the unspoiled coral gardens by the barrier reef, where ideal conditions have encouraged maximum coral growth. After donning a mask and snorkel, you will enter water that is 4 to 5 feet deep and swim among the marine life. Underwater sightings may include butterfly fish, groupers, and hundreds of other rainbow-coloured species.

CONDITIONS: Price - The price of \$10,495 per person is based on single room occupancy. **Land only** - Should you wish to extend your stay, please talk to us, we are happy to provide a land only price and airfare and pre/post tour arrangements. **Business Class Supplement** available on request. Please check with Discover Travel. **Payments** - The price quoted is for payment by cash, cheque or direct bank transfer. Cheques: Should be made payable to 'Discover Travel'. Our postal address is PO Box 2477, Christchurch. **Bank Transfer:** 06 0801 0495605 02 - Discover Travel Worldwide Ltd, using 'Tahiti 2019' as a reference. **VISA or Mastercard** payments will incur a 2% convenience fee and American Express a 3% fee. **Deposit:** In order to confirm your booking, a non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 per person is required. Final payment will be due no later than 15 March 2019. Prices are based on a minimum group size of 10 (Maximum 10). Should the group size be less than 10, a small group surcharge will be applied.

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