14D13N Fiji, Tonga, Cook Islands and Society Islands (Lautoka, Viti Levu Island – Papeete, Tahiti Island)



Trip Overview

• Le Paul Gauguin is a five-star luxury
• Paul Gauguin is part of the PONANT Exploration group, but dedicated entirely to French Polynesia
• International atmosphere and destination expertise; an atmosphere that is decidedly different from the company's other ships.
• Intimate south ship: 504 feet long, 165 staterooms, 209 crew members. Average 330 guests
• Tahitian crew, Polynesian-inspired ambiance, and carefully curated itineraries through Tahiti, the Society Islands, the Cook Islands, and beyond, Le Paul Gauguin is perfectly crafted for discovering paradise in comfort and style.

Trip Highlights

- A journey between the Society Islands, the Cook Islands, Tonga and Fiji; featuring idyllic atolls and hidden paradises.
- Discovering Polynesian way of life, an intimate barbecue on the Mahana motu, an exclusive islet, and visit of the authentic Fijian city of Savusavu
- Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) with an experienced instructor to admire the marine species of the South Pacific.

Trip Itinerary

Destination:	Fiji, tahiti island
Departure Location:	Lautoka,Viti Levu Island (Fiji)
Return Location:	Tahiti Island (French Polynesia
Tour Validity:	15 Apr - 28 Apr 2027

Day 01: Lautoka, Viti Levu Island

Embarkation from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure at 6.30 pm

Lautoka is the second largest city of Fiji. Located on the western side of the island of Viti Levu, 24 kilometres north of Nadi. Lying in the heart of Fiji's sugar cane growing region, it is known as the **Sugar City**. Lautoka is the gateway to Fiji's "Sun coast" a land of abundant sunshine, azure skies and dramatic grass-covered peaks chequered with sugar-cane fields, rural villages and quaint market towns.

Day 02: Beqa Island

Just a few kilometres from Viti Levu, the small and remote island of **Beqa** (pronounced "Benga") offers a concentrated dose of **Fiji**'s cultural and natural treasures. Its inhabitants continue the impressive ancestral tradition of **fire walking,** or Vilavilairevo. During demonstrations, they invite us to watch these **ceremonies** where barefooted men, prepared and dressed for the occasion in traditional costume, walk over red-hot coals. Legend says that they also have the power to heal burns. The **coral reef** so close to the beach is the promise of unforgettable underwater excursions. Further out to sea, the sumptuous seabeds are reputed to be home to **many species of sharks**.

Day 03: Suva, Viti Levu Island

Viti Levu, the largest island in Fiji, is teeming with natural and cultural richness. Dominated by Mount Tomanivi, the island is covered with dense and luxuriant tropical vegetation to the south and vast sugar cane plantations to the north. **Suva**, the modern and dynamic capital of Fiji, is home to the historical heritage of the islands. In Thurston Gardens, the **Fiji Museum** showcases the magnificent collections of archaeological objects, illustrating human activity for more than 3,000 years. Whether under the green and luminous highlights of the vertiginous forest canopy or under the turquoise waters of the Beqa lagoon, exploring the natural treasures of **Viti Levu** is an unforgettable experience.

Day 04: Savusavu, Vanua Levu Island

Set in the Taha'a lagoon, Motu Mahana is a private paradise offering an authentic Polynesian barbecue experience with your feet in the sand. Surrounded by crystal-clear waters and vibrant marine life, it's a perfect escape. Nearby, the lush volcanic island of Taha'a, known as Vanilla Island, is famous for its fragrant vanilla plantations and prized black pearls.

Day 05: At sea

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

Day 06: Vava'u Islands

Vava'u is a splendid archipelago in Tonga made up of around forty picture-postcard coral islands scattered across the turquoise waters of the south Pacific Ocean. The main island is dominated by **Mount Talau** which offers a magnificent panoramic view over the islands. Along the long fine sandy beaches of these idyllic islets, the teeming marine life can be seen in the coral reefs, the **gorgonian** coral gardens and the **underwater caves**. The lush vegetation of the island will delight amateur botanists. The **traditional local know-how** reveals all the richness of this incredible natural heritage: woven leaves from the legendary pandanus, production of Noni juice with its many virtues, extraction of vanilla essence.

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Day 08: Aitutaki

Aitutaki is a little island of 16 km², with a small fishing port with few motor boats, where a simple and peaceful life endures. During your visit, don't miss the opportunity to walk along this magnificent lagoon, reputed as one of the most beautiful and spectacular in the world. Snorkelling fans will discover the treasures of underwater life here. The island is specialised in the sale of **black pearls** and the production of **coloured sarongs**, as well as "**tivaevae**" — patchwork quilting and handiworks. This local manufacture has great value because of its careful artisanal fabrication, and the pieces made are generally offered at important occasions.

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Day 11: Bora Bora, Society Islands

Paradisiacal atoll of the archipelago of the Leeward Islands, west of French Polynesia, mythical **Bora Bora** offers a natural spectacle of captivating beauty. You'll be won over as much by the white sandy beaches as by its **famous lagoon,** one of the most beautiful in the world, where colourful fish frolic in waters of incomparable turquoise. The island is covered with **tropical vegetation,** and dominated by the majestic outline of **Mount Otemanu.** A promenade through this volcanic landscape will enable you to discover a number of villages and meet local communities.

Day 12: Motu Mahana, Taha'a Island, Society Islands

Feet in the sand, on the islet of **Motu Mahana,** our sumptuous little private paradise, you will share a very special experience around an authentic traditional Polynesian barbecue. A veritable jewel in the **Taha'a** lagoon, pristine atoll of the Society Islands, **Motu Mahana** offers an infinite palette of shades of turquoise, an idyllic backdrop for observing the majestic ballet of the tropical fish. The volcanic island of **Taha'a,** dominated by Mount Ohiri and Mount Puurauti, will reveal its fertile and luxuriant nature, ideal for cultivating the magnificent **black pearls** of French Polynesia, as well as **vanilla**. This rare spice, greatly in demand by gourmets, is the main economic resource of what is also known as Vanilla Islands.

Day 13: Moorea Island

A part of the **Windward Island archipelago** just to the west of Tahiti, famous **Mo'orea** will leave you with a series of unforgettable images and memories. Bask on its **heavenly beaches**, enjoy a dip in the turquoise waters of its lagoon, and soak up its **luscious vegetation** and the heady flowers that carpet the inland areas. Get the most out of this natural gem with a trip to the Mo'orea **Belvedere**. Exceptional views of Mount Rotui unfurl before your eyes, with the **Opunohu Bay** and its valley to the left, and the famous **Cook's Bay**, surrounded by notched, cathedral-style peaks, to the right.

Day 14: Papeete, Tahiti Island

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What's included

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 13-night cruise aboard the Le Paul Gauguin
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship; including Captain’s gala dinner
- All meals aboard ship including Fine Dine, coffee & pastry breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner
- Open bar aboard ship, including select wines with lunch & dinner
- Onboard activities during the cruise & entertainment
- Lectures and discussions by guest speaker
- Complimentary Wi-Fi aboard ship
- Port taxes and charges
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides & drivers

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- - Ticket flight

Price & Cost

Date	Price	Ship
15 Apr - 28 Apr 2027	**RM 37,785**	**LE PAUL GAUGUIN**
Porthole Stateroom	RM 37,785	Available
Balcony Stateroom	RM 54,345	Available
Veranda Stateroom	RM 72,028	Available