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Oceania Cruises, the world's leading culinary and destination-focused cruise line, has transitioned to an adult-only experience, reinforcing its commitment to a tranquil, sophisticated atmosphere designed exclusively for discerning travelers. By curating an environment free from distraction, the line ensures every voyage feels calm, immersive and intentionally refined.

Their fleet of warm and luxurious ships consists of Regatta, Insignia, Nautica & Sirena which accommodate 684 guests, Marina & Riviera which accommodate 1250 guests, Vista & Allura which accommodate 1200 guests and Sonata (2027) & Arietta (2029) which will accommodate 1450 guests. Their beautifully designed, smaller ships foster a relaxed, elegant ambiance, augmenting a serene adult-only atmosphere.

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Celebrity chef Jacques Pepin, Executive Culinary Director, markets Oceania as having "The Finest Cuisine at Sea". Their superb gourmet restaurants serve delectable dishes and offer a remarkable array of choice from Continental cuisine, Asian cuisine, French cuisine and authentic Italian to American creations at Vista and Allura's new signature restaurant, Ember. Every

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On-board life consists of gracious personalized service, country club casual ambiance that is elegant yet relaxed, a multitude of enriching activities that reflect the varied interests of those with the appreciation for the finer things in life. The Canyon Ranch Spa Club featured on board every ship offers massages, facials, other spa treatments plus complimentary fitness classes, wellness lectures and vegan and spa cuisine options in the restaurants. You will enjoy a Monte Carlo-style casino, production shows, headline entertainers, stylish boutiques, a well-stocked library, Internet center and more.

You will experience expertly curated travel experiences available aboard their designer-inspired ships, which call on more than 600 marquee and boutique ports in more than 100 countries on seven continents, on voyages that range from seven to more than 200 days. Enjoy warm, thoughtful service and enriching experiences delivered with sincerity, care and a personal touch, ensuring

every guest feels recognized and effortlessly cared for throughout their journey.

On a voyage with Oceania Cruises, each day offers an exciting opportunity to experience the history, culture, art, and cuisine of a wondrous new destination. With a spectacular menagerie of diverse and exotic destinations, your world is just waiting to be discovered, and there is no better way to explore it than on the elegant ships of Oceania Cruises. Their unique itineraries are specifically designed to showcase the most fascinating destinations across the globe.

The planning of every journey begins with a spark of curiosity, a flutter of excitement, a stirring wanderlust. With Oceania Cruises, your greatest travel wishes can become your next best adventure, inviting you to discover Your World. Your Way.

The Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel can assist you with your dream destination along with all the benefits of booking an Oceania Cruise.



*Oceana Allura*



## Greetings from the Editor

Nancy Alligood, CTC

### Smart Traveler Enrollment Program

**STEP is designed to provide U.S. citizens with important safety information, travel alerts, and assistance from the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.**

If you are traveling outside the United States, you should enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). It is a free service that sends you email updates and alerts from U.S. embassies and consulates abroad.

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## Essential South America Chile – Argentina - Brazil

Linda Waynick  guided by travel

Set out to experience the sights, flavors, and rhythms of Chile and Argentina as you explore two countries, from bustling cities to sprawling ranches, vineyards, and natural landscapes.

Enjoy touring Santiago, the vibrant capital city of Chile nestled in a valley of the Andes Mountains.

Fly to the desert region of Mendoza, known for its vineyards and Malbec wine, and the stunning views of the Andes Mountains. Visit the vineyards and sample the various varieties of wines in the area. Enjoy a hands-on cooking class with a winery chef.

Continue to Buenos Aires, a city that radiates Latin-infused rhythm mixed with European heritage and full of historical and architectural charm. Take a lesson from a professional tango dancer and enjoy the dance floor at a local milongas social club.

Enhance your South American adventure and visit Brazil and the famous Iguazu Falls.

This small group tour runs from June 2026 to May 2027. The Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel will gladly assist you with a detailed itinerary, dates and prices.



## Exciting News from Warwick Travel Service!

Emily Barker

Continuing our new partnership initiative for 2026 with local businesses, we bring extra perks to your travel plans. Each quarter we'll spotlight one or two of our community partners – and every travel booking you make with us automatically enters you into a drawing for a special gift card.

**During the second quarter, April, May & June, we're giving away two more fantastic prizes:**

- **A gift card to Indulge Bakery in Historic Hilton Village, Newport News, VA**
- **A gift card to Bisou Bar & Bistro in Historic Hilton Village, Newport News, VA**

Plan your next travel adventure with Warwick Travel and enjoy a chance to win a delicious local treat. Your next reservation could be the lucky one!



## Monkeys, Jungles and Volcanoes Family Fun Itinerary

Marion Liffick

**TRAFALGAR**  
see the world from the inside

The entire family will delight on this Costa Rica tour, filled with action and discovery. Spend your days ziplining through lush canopy, gliding along Tortuguero's canals under the gaze of colorful toucans, and trekking volcano slopes in the unforgettable Pura Vida playground.

Your eight-day adventure starts and ends in San Jose. Embark on a river cruise through Tortuguero National Park where you will see all types of wildlife, sloths, green iguanas, caiman, crocodiles, monkeys and colorful toucans.

Boat back to the mainland and travel to Horquetas, Sarapiquí and Arenal Natura Ecological Park where you will see monkeys swinging through the trees, sloths tucked into the foliage and birds calling overhead.

Walking deep into Arenal National Park with your Travel Director, you'll check off a few more creatures on your wildlife list-at last count, there were 109 different animals and 184 species of birds living here. Listen to the whooping bark of howler monkeys and the chattering of mischievous squirrel and white-faced monkeys.

Imagine yourself soaring high above the jungle floor as you zipline (Waiver Required) through the treetops, eye-to-eye with the lush foliage and ocean views. Later, head south to Manuel Antonio National Park, renowned for its warm blue waters, beautiful beaches and abundant exotic wildlife.

With nature, adventure and cultural connections at every turn, this Costa Rica adventure will leave the whole family with memories to last a lifetime. Call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel for a detailed itinerary, dates and prices.



***Celebrating America's  
250th Anniversary  
"The American Revolution"***  
**Janis Belch, CTC**



Commemorate the spirit of 1776 on an exclusive journey inspired by Ken Burns where stories, ideas, and ideals endure.

Inspired by Ken Burns's upcoming film *The American Revolution*, this special journey explores the ideas, places, and people that shaped a nation – timed to coincide with America's 250 anniversary. From the historic streets of New York City to the monuments and memorials of Washington, D.C., your travels bring context, perspective, and resonance to this milestone year. Along the way, landmark sites, curated experiences, and compelling stories offer deeper insight into the founding of the United States. A special opportunity to meet Ken Burns adds a personal connection to the stories and settings that helped shape the country's origins.

Your 7-day adventure begins in New York City. You will continue on to Washington Crossing, Valley Forge, Philadelphia, Annapolis, Washington, D.C., Mount Vernon and Old Town Alexandria. One departure only, October 23-29, 2026.

For a more detailed itinerary and price, call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel. Space is very limited.



***Independent  
Edinburgh &  
London City Stay***

**Amy Hill**



This 7-day tour includes three over nights in Edinburgh and London with guided walking tours in Edinburgh's Old Town, including the Royal Mile, Mercat Cross, St. Cathedral, and Gladstone's Land, ending at Edinburgh Castle Esplanade.

Experience train travel from Edinburgh to London where you will enjoy a guided sightseeing drive in London featuring the House of Parliament, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Whitehall, Downing Street, Piccadilly Circus, and Buckingham Palace. A guided visit to St. Paul's Cathedral and Sir Christopher Wren's architectural masterpiece is included.

Make the most of your free time with optional Insider Perks and Local Host recommendations such as lunch on the rooftop terrace of the National Museum of Scotland, a traditional pub dinner and a Thames River Illumination cruise, attend a West End theatre performance, ride a double-decker bus to Piccadilly Circus, visit the Tower of London or pose for photos outside Big Ben and the House of Parliament.

This trip is from April to December. Call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel for more information including dates and prices.



***African Travel  
Luxury Safaris***

**Dee King**



Experience Southern Africa on an intimate small-group journey from vibrant Cape Town to exclusive safaris in Greater Kruger National Park, the awe-inspiring Victoria Falls and Botswana.

Take in Cape Town's iconic Table Mountain and scenic Cape Peninsula on a guided tour. Enjoy ample free time exploring the city at your own pace from your waterfront location at Victoria & Alfred hotel. Experience unforgettable wildlife encounters with twice-daily game drives at a Private Reserve. Witness the majesty of Victoria Falls on a guided walking tour and unwind with a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River. Visit Botswana and enjoy safaris at Chobe National Park on land and water.

Now is the perfect time to plan ahead with a special saving of up to \$1,000 per person. Savings apply to new bookings of 7 nights or more on land portion of the itinerary. Valid on bookings made and deposited April 1 – June 30, 2026, for travel in 2026 and 2027. This promotion applies across their portfolio of tailor-made safaris, fully escorted vacations, and locally hosted small-group journeys.

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# Cruise News

## Homeport Cruising from Norfolk - 2026



### CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE

**Bermuda - 4 Day Cruise on the Sunshine, Jul 23 & Aug 6, 2026**  
**Bermuda - 5 Day Cruise on the Sunshine, Jun 23, 2026**  
**Bermuda - 6 Day Cruise on the Sunshine, Oct 11, 2026**  
**Bermuda - 7 Day Cruise on the Sunshine, Jun 26; Aug 16 & 23, 2026**  
**Bahamas - 5 Day Cruise on the Sunshine, Jul 18 & 27; Aug 1, 2026**  
**Bahamas - 6 Day Cruise on the Sunshine, May 24; Jul 12; Aug 10 & 30; Sep 13 & 27; Oct 25; Nov 8 & 22; Dec 6 & 12, 2026.**

**Bahamas - 7 Day Cruise on the Sunshine, Jul 5, 2026.**  
**Eastern Caribbean - 7 Day Cruise on the Sunshine, Jun 7, 2026.**  
**Eastern Caribbean - 8 Day Cruise on the Sunshine, May 30; Oct 31; Nov 14 & 28; Dec 18 & 26, 2026.**  
**Eastern Caribbean - 9 Day Cruise on the Sunshine, Jun 14, 2026.**  
**Canada - 8 Day Cruise on the Sunshine, Sep 5 & 19; Oct 3 & 17, 2026**

### CARNIVAL REPOSITIONING CRUISES - 2027

**Special 15 Day Sailing from Port Canaveral to Norfolk on the Freedom, May 8, 2027.** Visit Aruba, Curacao, Grenada, Barbados, St. Lucia, Antigua, St. Maarten & St. Thomas.

**Special 15 Day Transatlantic Cruise from Norfolk to Dover, England, on the Sunshine, May 17, 2027.**

*Plan your "Wedding at Sea" on the Carnival Sunshine in 2026 or Carnival Freedom in 2027. Call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel for rates, and a detailed itinerary on all Norfolk Sailings or for more information on a "Wedding at Sea".*

### OCEAN CRUISES 2026

#### AZAMARA CRUISES

**Greece 7-Night Cruise on the Onward, Sep 12 & 19, 2026, Roundtrip Athens.** Visit Kusadasi, Turkey; Chios, Thessaloniki, Volos, Mykonos & Paros, Greece.

#### CELEBRITY CRUISES

**Aruba, Bonaire & Curacao 8-Night Caribbean Cruise on the Beyond, Oct 9-17, 2026, Roundtrip Miami.** Visit Oranjestad, Aruba; Willemstad, Curacao & Kralendijk, Bonaire.

#### DISNEY CRUISES

**Bahamian 4-Night Cruise on the Disney Wish, Jun – Sep 2026, Roundtrip Port Canaveral.** Visit Disney Castaway Cay & Disney Lookout Cay at Lighthouse Point.

#### HOLLAND AMERICA LINE

**Alaska 9-Night Classic Denali Cruise on the Westerdam, Jul 19-28, 2026, Vancouver to Fairbanks.** Visit Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Whittier & Denali National Park.

#### NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE

**Iceland 7-Night Cruise on the Star, Aug 9-16, 2026, Roundtrip Reykjavik.** Visit Grundarfjordur, Akureyri, Isafjordur, Seydisfjordur, Iceland & Torshavn, Faroe Islands.

#### PRINCESS CRUISES

**Canada & New England 7-Night Cruise on the Majestic**

**Princess, Oct 10-17, 2026, Roundtrip New York.** Visit Newport, Rhode Island; Boston, Massachusetts, Portland, Maine; St. John & Halifax, Canada.

#### REGENT SEVEN SEAS CRUISES

**Panama Canal & Pacific Gems 16-Night Cruise on the Seven Seas Grandeur, Dec 29, 2026, Miami to Los Angeles.** Visit Georgetown, Cayman Islands; Cartagena, Columbia; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Acapulco & Cabo San Lucas, Mexico & San Diego, California.

#### ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

**Bahamas & Perfect Day 4-Night Cruise on the Wonder of the Seas, Jun – Dec 2026, Roundtrip Miami.** Visit Nassau & Perfect Day at CocoCay.

#### VIKING CRUISES

**Christmas on the Rhine 7-Night Cruise, Nov & Dec 2026, Amsterdam to Basel.** Visit Dordrecht, The Netherlands; Strasbourg, France; Cologne, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Mannheim, Speyer & Breisach, Germany.

#### WINDSTAR CRUISES

**Dreams of Tahiti 7-Night South Pacific Cruise on the Star Breeze, Jun – Dec 2026, Roundtrip Papeete.** Visit Moorea, Raiatea, Motu Mahaea, Bora Bora & Huahine, French Polynesia.

### RIVER CRUISES – 2026

#### AMA WATERWAYS

**Swiss Alps & Rhine Castles 7-Night Rhine River Cruise, Jun – Dec 2026, Basel to Amsterdam.** Spend 3-nights in Lake Como, Italy; Visit Basel, Switzerland; Strasbourg, France; Ludwigshafen, Rudesheim, Lahnstein & Cologne, Germany; Amsterdam, Netherlands.

#### AMERICAN CRUISE LINE

**Lower Mississippi 7-Night River Cruise, Jul – Dec 2026, New Orleans to Memphis or Reverse.** Pre-night hotel in New Orleans included. Visit New Orleans, Oak Alley & Francisville, LA; Natchez, Vicksburg & Cleveland, MS; Memphis, TN.

#### AVALON WATERWAYS

**The Blue Danube Discovery 7-Night River Cruise, Jun – Dec 2026, Budapest to Nuremberg.** Visit Vienna, Krems & Melk, Austria; Passau, Regensburg, Roth & Nuremberg, Germany.

#### TAUCK RIVER CRUISES

**Heart of the Danube 7-Night River Cruise on the Ms. Esprit, Sep 27, 2026, Munich to Budapest.** Visit Vilshofen & Passau, Germany; Cesky Krumlov, Check Republic; Mauthausen, Grein, Weissenkirchen & Vienna, Austria; Modra & Bratislava, Slovakia; Budapest, Hungary.

#### UNI WORLD BOUTIQUE RIVER CRUISES

**Capital Cities of the Danube 7-Night Cruise on the S.S. Emilie, Jun - Nov 2026, Vienna to Belgrade & Reverse.** Visit Vienna, Austria; Bratislava, Slovakia; Budapest, Hungary; Batina & Ilok, Croatia; Novi Sad & Belgrade, Serbia.

#### VIKING RIVER CRUISES

**Paris, Lyon & Provence 7-Night Rhone River Cruise, Jun – Nov 2026, Lyon to Avignon.** Spend 3 nights in Paris. Embark your ship in Lyon and visit Lyon, Vienne, Tournon, Viviers, Arles & Avignon, France.



# OCEANIA CRUISES®

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## Elevate Your Experience Sale and enjoy up to 40% off on select 2026 and 2027 sailings for departures through Q1 2027.

Must be booked May 1-June 30, 2026.

**Passage to Portugal 12-Night Voyage on the Nautica,** Jul 12-24, 2026, Monte Carlo to Lisbon. Visit Saint-Tropez & Marseille, France; Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Cartagena, Malaga & Seville, Spain; Gibraltar, UK; Tangier, Morocco; Portimão & Lisbon, Portugal.

**Greek & Adriatic Havens 10-Night Voyage on the Allura,** Jul 28-Aug 7, 2026, Roundtrip Athens. Visit Mykonos, Santorini, Crete, Katakolon & Corfu, Greece, Kotor, Montenegro; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Bari, Italy.

**Fjordlands of Norway 14-Night Voyage on the Insignia,** Aug 15-29, 2026, London to Norway. Visit Rosendal, Nordfjordeid, Alesund, Molde, Kristiansund, Maloy, Stavanger & Mandal, Norway; Copenhagen, Denmark.

**Canada Explorer 11-Night Voyage on the Vista,** Oct 17-28, 2026, Montreal to New York. Visit Quebec City, Saguenay, Bai-Comeau, Sept-les, Havre Saint Pierre, Corner Brook, Sydney, Halifax & Saint John, Canada.

**Antillean Islands Sojourn 12-Night Voyage on the Vista,** Nov 25-Dec 7, 2026, Roundtrip Miami. Visit Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas; Phillipsburg, St. Maarten; Gustavia, St. Barts; Fort de France, Martinique; Pointe a Pitre, Guadeloupe; St. John, Antiqua; Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

**New Zealand & Australia Tales 14-Night Voyage on the Riviera,** Feb 21-Mar 7, 2027, Auckland to Sydney. Visit Rotorua, Gisborne, Napier, Wellington, Timaru & Dunedin, New Zealand; Tasmania, Melbourne & Sydney, Australia.

## Come Sail Away on the Oceania Sonata in 2027

**Oceania Sonata** will begin service in August 2027 with a maiden season comprising 22 voyages and visits to more than 90 destinations across Europe, the Caribbean, Mexico, and Central and South America.

From the Mediterranean and Northern Europe to the Caribbean and beyond, delight in exquisite gourmet cuisine, a tranquil adults-only ambiance and thoughtful service delivered with sincerity and care – all at an exceptional value.

Whether you choose an enchanting Mediterranean journey or a sun-filled Caribbean getaway, be among the first to sail aboard **Oceania Sonata** - the first in a new class of ships defined by exquisite residential design, ever-inspired new dining experiences and their signature genuine hospitality.

Oceania Cruises is known for itineraries that blend iconic ports with hidden gems – and Oceania Sonata will be no exception. Here, meet the visionary bringing these journeys to life.

- **Mediterranean Collage (Maiden Voyage):** Rome to Trieste, August 7, 2027, 14 days: Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy; Salerno, Italy; Catania (Sicily), Italy; Valletta, Malta; Katakolon, Greece; Heraklion (Crete), Greece; Paros, Greece; Athens (Piraeus), Greece; Mykonos, Greece; Argostoli (Cephalonia), Greece; Corfu, Greece; Bar, Montenegro; Split, Croatia; Zadar, Croatia; Trieste, Italy
- **Summer's End Sailaway: Barcelona to London (Southampton),** August 30, 2027, 10 days: Barcelona, Spain; Palma de Mallorca, Spain; Seville (Cádiz), Spain; Lisbon, Portugal; Oporto, Portugal; La Coruña, Spain; Bilbao, Spain; Bordeaux (Pauillac), France; London (Southampton), United Kingdom
- **Greeks & Byzantines: Athens to Istanbul,** October 14, 2027, 7 days: Athens (Piraeus), Greece; Paros, Greece; Heraklion (Crete), Greece; Rhodes, Greece; Patmos, Greece; Izmir, Turkey; Istanbul, Turkey
- **Rose-Hued Palaces & Playas: Barcelona to Miami,** November 18, 2027, 14 days: Barcelona, Spain; Alicante, Spain; Granada (Motril), Spain; Seville (Cádiz), Spain; Funchal (Madeira), Portugal; Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda; Miami, Florida
- **Halcyon Holidays: Miami to Los Angeles,** December 19, 2027, 16 days: Miami, Florida; George Town, Grand Cayman; Cartagena, Colombia; Panama Canal Daylight Transit; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Zihuatanejo/Ixtapa, Mexico; Manzanillo, Mexico; Ensenada, Mexico; Los Angeles, California

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# Gerry's Adventures

Gerry Siekirski

**2026  
SEPTEMBER 25**

## NEW ENGLAND/ CANADIAN CRUISE

Join Gerry & Zee on Oceania's new ship the "VISTA" to sail from **Montreal** to New York City. This 11-day adventure sails from Montreal to Quebec City, to 3 delightful small cities, Baie-Comeau, Sept-Lles & Havre-Saint-Pierre being the first ports of call along the St. Lawrence Seaway. We will continue to Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Sydney, Nova Scotia, and Saint John, (Bay of Fundy) New Brunswick. Wow! We fly to Montreal on September 24 and home from New York City on October 6.

This itinerary is packed full of interesting Ports of Call that are seldom visited, unless by ships. Our group includes dining in the Specialty Restaurants, Unlimited Wi-Fi, Laundry Services, \$300 Shipboard Credit per Stateroom and Gratuities. Veranda cabins start at \$5,899. Call Gerry NOW with your deposit as this itinerary is almost sold out!

**2027  
FEBRUARY**

## TANZANIA'S SERENGETI TO ZANZIBAR

The Great Migration Safari Adventure with TAUCK Tours in February 2027 is SOLD OUT with 24 Adventurer's deposited. There is a wait list; if you are interested, contact Gerry to add your name.

**SEPTEMBER 15  
LONDON TO LISBON**

## OCEANIA'S NEW SHIP THE SONATA

Sail on Oceania's new ship the "SONATA" from **London to Lisbon** to these exciting ports of call: La Rochelle, France, overnight in Bordeaux, France - visit the Guggenheim museum in Bilbao, Spain. On to Gijón, La Coruña and famous Santiago de Compostela Spain, Oporto, Portugal and fly home from Lisbon. Fly to London on September 13 and return from Lisbon on September 25. Our group includes all Specialty Dining rooms, Shipboard Gratuities, Unlimited Wi-Fi, and a choice of \$300 pp Shore Excursion Credit or Complimentary Wine & Beer at Lunch and Dinner.

Call Gerry to select your cabin now, this ship will sell out fast. If deposited by June 1st, 2026.....**offering an extra \$300 Shipboard Credit per cabin.**



# Agent Spotlight:

Sharon Flick

Sharon joined Warwick Travel in 2009. Prior to that, she worked for another agency for 9 years and is currently celebrating 26 years in the travel industry.

She enjoys booking cruises whether it is for a group of friends, a family affair or individual bookings. Cruise ship weddings are very popular, and many friends and family join the bride and groom for their wedding at sea. Sharon has extensive experience helping with these groups.

Cruising is one of Sharon's favorite forms of travel. She has cruised to Bermuda, the Bahamas, Caribbean, and Mexico. She has specialist training from several cruise lines including Royal Caribbean, Celebrity, Oceania, Regent, Carnival, and Disney.

Sharon is also a graduate of the Tauck Academy and Disney College of Knowledge, as well as a Bermuda and Sandals Specialist. She enjoys planning land tours, all-inclusive vacation packages, cruise & destination weddings and honeymoons.

Originally from Williamsburg and now living in Newport News, she is a true Virginia native – a real Southern Lady!

Give Sharon a call – she would love to work with you!

# Clients Corner

## **Punkin Mackie, Newport News, VA**

I would like to thank Warwick Travel and specifically Amy Hill for booking airline tickets for my sister and me. Amy thoroughly researched all the flights to make sure there was adequate time for us to make our connections. Her suggestion to take a screen shot of our boarding passes was invaluable as a passenger ahead of us was unable to get hers. Amy was courteous, dedicated, and patient with all our requests for our specific seat assignments and needs. My husband and I have been very pleased with Warwick Travel Services for previous trips. This was our first time using Amy as our travel agent but will definitely use her in the future. Thank you, Amy Hill and Warwick Travel.

## **Allison Dichoso, Newport News, VA**

Happy New Year, Linda, and thank you for coordinating our trip to South Africa with Collette Tours. The trip was simply amazing. It was a once in a lifetime experience and you made it all so effortless. Thank you for being pleasant, patient, and engaged in finding the right trip to match our interests. You were such a professional even when clarifying some of the frustrating pre-travel details. I will definitely reach out to you when I'm ready to plan the next trip. Dan, Kelli, and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Thank you so much and have a great new year!

# Welcome to French Polynesia

By Nancy B. Alligood, CTC, Warwick Travel Service



French Polynesia is located in the South Pacific Ocean, about halfway between Australia and the U.S. and is composed of 121 islands divided into five unique archipelagos — Society Islands, Marquesas Islands, Austral Islands, Gambier Islands and Tuamotu Archipelago.

With gorgeous tropical back-grounds, sky blue lagoons and a lively community-oriented culture, French Polynesia is the kind of travel destination daydreams are made of—a bucket-list trip!

Some of the major islands located in French Polynesia are:

**Tahiti**, the largest island, is known for its vibrant culture and markets. What it lacks in wide white-sand beaches, it makes up for in its water-

falls, shadowy mountains, unpretentiously beautiful black-sand beaches, sheltered blue lagoons and a distinctly Polynesian modern buzz. This is the heart of the islands, where the cultures from all the archipelagos are mixed in the cacophonous, dusty, yet smiling and energetic capital of Papeete.

**Moorea** is a stunning volcanic island, known for its dramatic landscapes, spirited marine life and rich cultural heritage. It is located 11 miles northwest of Tahiti. The island, renowned for its natural beauty, is characterized by its rugged mountain peaks, lush valleys and beautiful lagoons. It offers a variety of activities for visitors including snorkeling, diving, hiking and exploring — plus local culture experiences.



Moorea, French Polynesia

ANDY MONDRAGON VIA WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

**Bora Bora**, often referred to as the “Pearl of the Pacific,” is famous for its luxury resorts and stunning lagoons. Whether you’re on a honeymoon, celebrating an anniversary or simply spoiling yourself, Bora Bora offers luxury beyond compare. Picture yourself unwinding in an overwater bungalow, a five-star resort or a traditional Tahitian spa villa. Wake up to breathtaking views and let the peaceful rhythm of the island wash over you. You can mix slow-paced sun-and-sand holidays with action-packed adventures. Diving, snorkeling, lagoon tours, hiking and parasailing are readily available.

**Raiatea** is rich with cultural and historical significance. It is the second largest, after Tahiti, in French Polynesia. Believed to be the original birthplace of Polynesia, this legendary island is a secret garden of ancient myths and hidden temples. The unique and fascinating heritage gives this island an intriguing sense of place. Her beaches are a mix of private and public options, offering a range of experiences for visitors.

**Tahaa** is a true botanical beauty with fertile valleys and sloping hillsides covered with bananas, watermelon and coconut groves. Suitably shaped like a flower, the island is also an immense natural greenhouse for the highly prized Tahitian vanilla orchid. It is a tranquil and natural island surrounded by white sandy beaches. Enjoy snorkeling, diving, hiking, vanilla plantations, rum distilleries and more in this unique destination.

**Huahine** is a stunning island known for its lush landscapes, rich culture and archaeological significance, making it a perfect destination for nature lovers and historical enthusiasts alike.

Located a short distance from Tahiti, the island consists of two main parts: Huahine Nui (Big Huahine) to the north and Huahine Iti (Little Huahine) to the south, connected by a bridge. The island is surrounded by a beautiful turquoise lagoon, ideal for various water activities.

French Polynesia enjoys a tropical climate with temperatures hovering around 77-86 degrees Fahrenheit. There are two seasons — the dry season, May to October, when the weather is generally sunny and pleasant. During the wet season, November to April, expect heavy downpours and humidity.

Being an island nation, you will find incredible marine life — whale watching season runs from July to November, diving with hammerhead sharks from December to March and swimming with manta rays from July to November. June through August are the busiest tourist months.

Visiting French Polynesia is now more accessible than ever before, thanks to frequent flights from the U.S. mainland. Most of these islands are a short ferry ride from Tahiti. If you really want to explore, Air Tahiti is the main inter-island airline that connects among the islands. Various cruise lines also offer exciting itineraries to visit the islands in French Polynesia.

Contact your favorite travel advisor to assist you with your travel arrangements, tailored to your interests, enhancing your travel experience. ◀

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