



**WORLD-RENOWNED OCEANOGRAPHER JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU GUEST HOSTS FOUR SAILINGS  
ABOARD THE M/S PAUL GAUGUIN IN 2016**



**BELLEVUE, WASH. – March 31, 2015 – Paul Gauguin Cruises ([www.pgcruiises.com](http://www.pgcruiises.com))**, operator of the highest-rated and longest continually sailing luxury cruise ship in the South Pacific, the m/s *Paul Gauguin*, and the 88-guest m/v *Tere Moana*, announces that world-renowned oceanographer and environmentalist Jean-Michel Cousteau will guest host four sailings on *The Gauguin* in 2016.

For more than 60 years, he along with his father, the legendary Jacques Cousteau, and his family, have been part of the greatest exploration of the oceans in all of history. In 1999, Mr. Cousteau founded the Ocean Futures Society to explore global oceans, inspiring and educating people throughout the world to act responsibly for their 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.

During voyages on *The Gauguin*, Mr. Cousteau will offer a series of lectures with videos of his work in the world's oceans and accompany guests on several dives. Voyages featuring Mr. Cousteau are:

- 10-night *Society Islands & Tuamotus* cruise: March 2, 2016
- 10-night *Society Islands & Tuamotus* cruise: June 1, 2016
- 10-night *Society Islands & Tuamotus* cruise: September 21, 2016
- 14-night *Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands* cruise: November 19, 2016

Also available in 2016 is Mr. Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment Youth Program, which introduces young travelers (ages 9-17) to the natural wonders of French Polynesia through interactive, hands-on experiences with island ecosystems. The program is available on summer sailings from June through August and on select holiday cruises for a nominal fee of \$329-\$399 per child based on itinerary.

For rates and reservations for Paul Gauguin Cruises, contact a professional travel agent, call 800-848-6172, or visit [www.pgcruiises.com](http://www.pgcruiises.com).

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#### **About Paul Gauguin Cruises**

Owned by Pacific Beachcomber S.C., French Polynesia's leading luxury hotel and cruise operator, Paul Gauguin Cruises operates the 5+-star cruise ship, the 332-guest m/s *Paul Gauguin*, providing a deluxe cruise experience tailored to the unparalleled wonders of Tahiti, French Polynesia, and the South Pacific. *The Gauguin's* accolades include recognition as one of the "Top 20 Small Cruise Ships" in 2013 for the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row by readers of *Condé Nast Traveler*. The m/v *Tere Moana* offers voyages in the Caribbean, Latin America, and Europe, accommodating 88 guests with a staff of 62. In 2013, *The Moana* received "Best New Small Ship" and "Best Way to See the Greek Isles" in *Cruisereport.com's* Editors' Choice Awards. In addition, Paul Gauguin Cruises was voted "#1 Small-Ship Cruise Line" and "#1 Small-Ship Cruise Line for Families" in *Travel + Leisure's* 2014 World's Best Awards.

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