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**PAUL GAUGUIN CRUISES ANNOUNCES 2018 VOYAGES IN TAHITI, FRENCH POLYNESIA & THE SOUTH PACIFIC**

***NEW DESTINATION OF TAHITI ITI OFFERED ON SELECT VOYAGES***

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**BELLEVUE, WASH. – October 20, 2016** – **Paul Gauguin Cruises** ([www.pgcruises.com](http://www.pgcruises.com)), operator of the highest-rated and longest continually sailing luxury cruise ship in the South Pacific, the m/s *Paul Gauguin,* is pleased to announce its 2018 voyages in Tahiti, French Polynesia, and the South Pacific.

In 2018, Paul Gauguin Cruises will be the first cruise line to visit the port city of Vairao in Tahiti Iti, which is the smaller of two landmasses that comprise the island of Tahiti and offers a wild coastline, ancient petroglyphs, *marae* (temples), Polynesian culture, and surfing fame. Tahiti Iti is scheduled on 7-night ***Society Islands & Tahiti Iti*** voyages and a special sailing of the 10-night ***Society Islands & Tuamotus*** itinerary.

*The Gauguin* will also be showcasing its most sought-after itineraries in 2018: the 7-night ***Tahiti & the Society Islands***; 7-night ***Tahiti, the Society Islands & Tuamotus****;*10-night ***Society Islands & Tuamotus***; 11-night ***Cook Islands & Society Islands***; and 14-night ***Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands***.

Designed specifically to sail the pristine lagoons of these islands, *The Gauguin* provides an up-close, authentic experience of the South Seas and offers an elegant yet casual ambiance with luxurious accommodations, gourmet dining, trademark Polynesian hospitality, and extraordinary all-inclusive value. On all 2018 sailings, guests also receive complimentary access to Paul Gauguin Cruises’ two exclusive retreats. Off the coast of Taha’a lies the islet of Motu Mahana, where guests can enjoy a day of watersports, Polynesian activities, a sumptuous barbecue feast, and cocktails from a floating bar. In Bora Bora, guests can relax on a private, white-sand beach and enjoy refreshments, a game of volleyball, and snorkeling in crystal-clear waters.

Again in 2018, Paul Gauguin Cruises’ partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) offers two interactive, educational programs to enrich guests’ experience on board. During the summer months and holiday season, Stewards of Nature is offered and invites children ages 7 to 17, as well as their families, to discover and value nature through hands-on interactive learning. The Wildlife Discovery Series is an onboard lecture program focusing on the environment and wildlife of our planet presented by some of the world’s most fascinating conservationists, scientists, and oceanographers.

To launch its 2018 voyages, Paul Gauguin Cruises is offering savings of 50% off standard cruise fares on all voyages, *plus* included airfare from Los Angeles.

For rates or more information on Paul Gauguin Cruises, please contact a Travel Professional, call 800-848-6172, or visit [www.pgcruises.com.](http://www.pgcruises.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. Paul Gauguin Cruises accolades include being voted #2 in the category of “Top Small Cruise Lines” in the *Condé Nast Traveler* 2015 Readers’ Choice Awards and recognition on the publication’s 2016 “Gold List.” In addition, the line was voted by *Travel + Leisure* readers “#1 Small-Ship Cruise Line” and “#1 Small-Ship Cruise Line for Families” in the *Travel + Leisure* 2014 World’s Best Awards. Recently, readers voted Paul Gauguin Cruises “#1 Midsize-Ship Ocean Cruise Line” in the *Travel + Leisure* World’s Best Awards 2016.†

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