

# PAUL GAUGUIN CRUISES ANNOUNCES 21 DEDICATED VOYAGES IN 2023 & 2024 FOR ITS MOANA EXPLORER PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TE MANA O TE MOANA

The South Pacific marine education and conservation foundation collaboration features interactive and educational activities for younger guests from 7 to 15 years of age



## Moana Explorer Program images

**New York, NY – January 12, 2023 – Paul Gauguin Cruises** (<u>www.pgcruises.com</u>), the award-winning leader in exploring French Polynesia and the South Pacific, will host its <u>Moana Explorer Program</u> for younger guests and their families on 21 dedicated summer and holiday sailings in 2023 and 2024.

Tailored to children ages seven to 15, the complimentary program is offered in collaboration with <u>Te mana o te moana</u>, a South Pacific marine education and conservation foundation, and is designed to engage children with hands-on, interactive activities both on board and ashore showcasing the natural wonders and unique cultures of the South Pacific.

"2023 marks the third year of our exclusive partnership with **Te mana o te moana**, which has proven to be very popular with our guests, and we are thrilled to offer this immersive program again in 2023 and 2024," said Susan Robison, General Manager, Sales and Marketing, for Paul Gauguin Cruises. "The enriching naturalist-led activities are educational, exciting, and above all fun. Geared toward children and teens, the program welcomes participation from the whole family to create bonding moments that simply cannot be replicated anywhere else in the world."

From visiting a sea turtle care center to playing real-life beach "Survivor" games, hiking volcanic mountains, and snorkeling in pristine lagoons, the program goes far beyond the formulaic structure of children's programs on other lines. Depending on the itinerary, the youngsters might

explore underwater life, conduct water experiments, create natural jewelry, go on a treasure hunt, learn about Tahitian culture, discover island legends and geology, design a Polynesian tattoo, and more.

"It is a special delight to foster an appreciation of Tahitian culture, wildlife, and wilderness among the guests of Paul Gauguin Cruises," said Hélène Duran, General Manager at **Te mana o te moana**. "Through travel comes knowledge and we hope the experiences in French Polynesia will leave a long-lasting impression on these younger adventurers as we know they are the future custodians of our planet."

The Moana Explorer Program is available on the following summer and holiday voyages in 2023 and 2024:

## 7-Night Tahiti & the Society Islands

- June 10, 2023
- June 17, 2023
- June 24, 2023
- July 22, 2023
- August 26, 2023
- June 22, 2024
- July 27, 2024

## 7-Night More Society Islands & Tahiti

- June 29, 2024
- July 20, 2024
- August 17, 2024

## 10-Night Society Islands & Tuamotus

• July 12, 2023

## 11-Night Cook Islands & Society Islands

• July 1, 2023

## 14-Night Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands

- July 29, 2023
- August 12, 2023
- December 16, 2023
- December 30, 2023

### 14-Night Islands of the Marquesas & Tuamotus

- June 8, 2024
- July 6, 2024
- August 3, 2024
- August 24, 2024
- December 21, 2024

There is no fee for the program, which is available to be booked onboard, as it is included as part of Paul Gauguin Cruises' all-inclusive cruise fares. For more information about the Moana Explorer Program <u>click here</u>.

For a limited time, travelers can save up to 30 percent on voyages through the exotic ports of Tahiti and surrounding islands in <u>all-inclusive</u> luxury aboard the <u>beautifully refurbished</u> m/s Paul Gauguin. For more information about Paul Gauguin Cruises, please contact a Travel Advisor, call 800-848-6172, or visit <u>www.pgcruises.com</u>.

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

Paul Gauguin Cruises operates the 330-guest m/s Paul Gauguin, providing a luxury cruise experience tailored to the unparalleled wonders of Tahiti, French Polynesia, and the South Pacific. Paul Gauguin Cruises has been recognized by notable publications in travel and lifestyle including voted most recently as the "World's Best Small-Ship Ocean Cruise Line" in *Travel + Leisure*'s World's Best Awards 2022; one of the "Top 2 Small Cruise Lines" in the *Condé Nast Traveler* 2022 Readers' Choice Awards as well as named on the publication's 2021 "Gold List." The line was also recognized for the 4th time for having the "Best French Polynesia Cruises" in the *AFAR* Travelers' Choice Awards. In September 2019, Paul Gauguin Cruises joined <u>PONANT</u>'s family, a designer of inspiring voyages on board small exploration ships.

#### About Te mana o te moana

Te mana o te moana is a nonprofit organization recognized of General Interest, member of the IUCN and Mission Blue, whose mission is to act for the protection of the Polynesian marine environment and more specifically sea turtles through actions of discovery, education, and protection. Since 2004, *Te mana o te moana* has welcomed and cared for more than 630 sea turtles at the Sea turtle care center in Moorea and has educated more than 130,000 children on environmental issues. On Tetiaroa atoll, the nonprofit organization's teams have observed and protected thousands of green sea turtle hatchlings and collected crucial data on the impact of climate change and predation on Tetiaroa green sea turtle nesting sites. Learn more about *Te mana o te moana* at the organization's <u>website</u> or follow them on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.

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