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PAUL GAUGUIN CRUISES ANNOUNCES THREE NEW 14- TO 20-NIGHT JOURNEYS FOR 2025 FEATURING IMMERSIVE DISCOVERY OF OCEANIA, INDONESIA, AND MELANESIA

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NEW YORK, NY – August 29, 2023 – Today, Paul Gauguin Cruises, the award-winning luxury line renowned for its artfully authentic explorations of French Polynesia and the South Pacific, announced its 2025 **Boutique Crossing Collection** cruising between Fiji, Bali, Singapore, Papua New Guinea and Australia. Three singular voyages of 14-, 16-, and 20-nights will delve into the natural wonders and cultural treasures of Oceania, Indonesia, and Melanesia on exotic itineraries featuring maiden calls to Parai Beach and Surabaya, Indonesia.

These curated itineraries offered aboard the 330-guest m/s Paul Gauguin will feature a robust program of personal enrichment and destination immersion, taking full advantage of blissful days at sea and intriguing ports of call such as Espiritu Santo, Guadalcanal, Komodo Island, Semarang, and more.

"With our 2025 Boutique Crossing Collection, we are excited to continue to take our unique brand of personalized and authentic discovery beyond our home shores in French Polynesia and into other exotic isles deep within the South Pacific," said Susan Robison, General Manager, Sales and Marketing for Paul Gauguin Cruises. "Aboard *The Gauguin* for these longer voyages, savvy travelers will appreciate the days at sea enjoying the ship's relaxed luxury ambiance, exceptional dining, genuine hospitality, and the camaraderie of fellow guests. Ashore, they will be rewarded with intimate, small-group experiences in some of the most remote and fascinating places on Earth."

Itineraries & Highlights

With overnights and extended stays, each itinerary in the Boutique Crossing Collection is designed to reveal the extraordinary ecosystems of islands known for their marine life and biodiversity as well as their welcoming cultures:

Crossing Oceania: Lautoka, Viti Levu, Fiji to Benoa, Bali | 20 Nights | January 19, 2025

Lautoka, Viti Levu, Fiji; Port Vila and Espiritu Santo Island, Vanuatu; Honiara, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands; Alotau and Samarai Island, Papua New Guinea; Dili, Timor-Leste; Loh Liang, Komodo National Park, Indonesia; Benoa, Bali (overnight)

- Alotau is known for its beautiful beaches, coral reefs, and lush rainforests; cultural traditions in dance, music, and art thrive, while WWII history is commemorated at museums and memorials.
- Komodo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is famous not only for its namesake "dragon" the world's largest lizard but also for its gorgeous landscape of rugged hills, pristine beaches, and crystal-clear waters rich with marine life.

Immersive Indonesia: Singapore to Darwin, Australia | 14 Nights | April 1, 2025

Singapore (overnight); **Parai Beach**, Semarang, **Surabaya**, Indonesia; Benoa, Bail (overnight); Loh Liang, Komodo National Park, Indonesia; Dili, Timor-Leste; Darwin, Australia (overnight)

- Two maiden ports for the line in Indonesia include Parai Beach offering world-class snorkeling amidst stunning coral reefs, and culturally intriguing Surabaya, known for its historic Arab Quarter, vibrant art scene, and Javanese cuisine.
- Semarang serves as the gateway to the UNESCO-listed Borobudur Temple, the world's largest Buddhist temple home to more than 500 Buddha statues and over 2,500 relief panels.

<u>Crossing Melanesia: Darwin, Australia to Lautoka, Viti Levu, Fiji | 16 Nights | April 15, 2025</u> Darwin and Thursday Island, Australia; Samarai Island and Alotau, Papua New Guinea; Honiara, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands (overnight); Espiritu Santo Island and Port Vila, Efate, Vanuatu; Lautoka, Viti Levu, Fiji

- The unique culture of Papua New Guinea's Milne Bay people is witnessed in Alotau, while the region's stunning coral reefs, tropical rainforests, and WWII historical sites invite discovery.
- An overnight in Honiara leads to immersive adventures among waterfalls, coral reefs, and rainforests, and visits the haunting remnants and battlefields of WWII.

All-inclusive fares for the Boutique Crossing Collection start at \$6,210 per guest. All three crossings are part of *The Gauguin's* 2025 deployment: 29 cruises offering 11 unique itineraries of 7- to 20-nights, including a new 10-night More Tuamotus & the Society Islands featuring

another first for the line – an overnight stay in Fakarava, Tuamotus, famous for its UNESCO Marine Biosphere.

Designed specifically to sail the pristine lagoons of the South Seas, *The Gauguin* is eminently at home amidst these idyllic isles. Evoking a chic, contemporary ambience, the beloved ship welcomes with a relaxed, easy elegance. Indulgent suites and spacious staterooms – many with a private balcony – exceptional cuisine, authentic explorations ashore, a commitment to sustainability, and genuinely hospitable service all contribute to the ship's stellar reputation.

For more information on 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.

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