



**PAUL GAUGUIN CRUISES WELCOMES EXPERTS
ABOARD 10-NIGHT FOOD AND WINE CULINARY CRUISE**

*Chef Tom Wong and Certified Sommelier Charlie Plummer
Join December 11, 2024 Society Islands & Tuamotus Voyage*



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NEW YORK, NY – February 8, 2024 – Paul Gauguin Cruises, French Polynesia’s destination expert, is adding a dash of culinary celebrity to the French-inspired tropical cuisine enjoyed aboard the m/s *Paul Gauguin* as the line welcomes two renowned food and wine experts to host its [December 11, 2024 Society Islands & Tuamotus voyage](#).

Hawaiian cuisine expert **Chef Tom Wong** and **Certified Sommelier Charlie Plummer** will work alongside the ship’s acclaimed culinary team to offer tasting and culinary demonstrations, mixology workshops, wine seminars, and more. Offered complimentary as part of the line’s Themed Enrichment Voyages, the Food and Wine Culinary Cruise will also feature signature dishes and cocktails throughout the 10-night journey.

“Beyond its legendary lagoons, Tahiti is paradise for foodies and *The Gauguin’s* culinary mission is to serve the freshest, most authentic cuisine in the islands,” said the ship’s Executive Chef, Paul Ellis. “We are thrilled to welcome Chef Tom Wong back on board – his Hawaiian-inspired cuisine has been a treat for our guests in the past, and our own team

enjoys learning new techniques from him. The addition of expert Sommelier Charlie Plummer on this cruise will add to the uniquely delicious, and complimentary, experience for our guests.”

Completely at home in these islands for more than 25 years, *The Gauguin’s* culinary experience rivals anything found on land: think fresh-picked fruits and *fruits de mer* including mahi mahi, moon fish, prawns, and the ubiquitous yellow fin tuna prepared to taste – grilled, sashimi, and the wildly popular ceviche-like *poisson cru*; followed by French-inspired delicacies such as foie gras terrine, duck à l’orange, and a delectable Tahitian vanilla crème brûlée. Three unique venues – plus 24-hour room service – ensures there is a culinary experience to appeal to every palate.

About the Experts

[Chef Tom Wong](#), revered for his expertise in Hawaiian cuisine. He’s been profiled on the Discovery Channel’s “Great Chefs of Hawaii” and has appeared on the Food Network’s “Cooking Across America,” CNN’s “On the Menu,” Weekend TODAY and more. He’s currently a professor at the Culinary Arts Institute of America.

[Charlie Plummer](#) is widely admired throughout the industry for his expertise and passion. As a Certified Sommelier (Court of Master Sommeliers) and a Certified Specialist of Wine (Society of Wine Educators), he brings a wealth of knowledge to every interaction. What truly sets Charlie apart is his warm and inviting demeanor, making conversations about wine and cocktails both educational and enjoyable. His engaging personality adds an extra layer of enrichment to every tasting experience.

About the Voyage

Paul Gauguin Cruises is renowned for revealing Polynesia with artful authenticity and all-inclusive luxury. The 10-night *Society Islands & Tuamotus* itinerary travels roundtrip from Papeete, Tahiti, the immersive itinerary explores Huahine, Bora Bora (overnight), Society Islands; Rangiroa, Fakarava, Tuamotus; Motu Mahana (private islet)/Taha’a, and Moorea, Society Islands.

All-inclusive fares for the December 11, 2024 voyage start at \$5,500. For more information about Paul Gauguin Cruises, please contact a Travel Advisor, call 800-848-6172, or visit www.pgcruiises.com.

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 French Polynesia and the South Pacific. Paul Gauguin Cruises has been recognized by notable publications in travel and lifestyle including 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* 2023, 2022, and 2021 Readers’ Choice Awards. 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 [PONANT](#)’s family, a designer of inspiring voyages on board small exploration ships.

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