



M/S PAUL GAUGUIN EMERGES FROM MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR REFURBISHMENT

Award-winning vessel returns to French Polynesia with redesigned spaces, enhanced guest amenities, and sustainable upgrades



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NEW YORK, NY – April 4, 2025 -- Paul Gauguin Cruises, French Polynesia's destination expert and winner of **Best Small Cruise** in *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2024 Readers' Choice Awards, today announced the completion of an extensive refurbishment of the 330-guest m/s *Paul Gauguin*. The vessel emerged from its seven-week drydock in Singapore on April 1 with transformed spaces, enhanced guest amenities, and sustainable upgrades all designed to elevate the seamless and carefree cruise experience.

The refurbishment included a contemporary redesign of the beloved Le Grill restaurant, a reimagined pool deck with an elegant, shaded cabana area, eight new connecting staterooms, refreshed soft furnishings throughout the ship, and the integration of sustainable technologies.

"We are thrilled to welcome guests aboard the beautifully refurbished m/s *Paul Gauguin*, which represents our unwavering commitment to excellence and to the constant evolution of the guest experience," said Hervé Gastinel, CEO & Chief Sustainability Officer of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP. "This transformative project supports our vision of blending elegant design with advanced sustainable technologies, allowing us to reduce our

environmental footprint while elevating the immersive discovery our guests treasure. Long a part of the French Polynesian community, *The Gauguin* continues to deepen our profound connection to this remarkable region and its people."

Led by Stirling Design International, the refurbishment reflects the line's vision of artful and authentic discovery. Intricate latticework and canvas elements now harmonize with warm wood finishes, creating an ambiance that celebrates the natural beauty of the tropical surroundings.

Key features of the completed refurbishment include:

- **Connecting Staterooms:** Eight new connecting staterooms on Deck 7 accommodate the growing multi-generational travel trend, complementing the ship's highly successful Moana Explorer Program for children ages six to 15, offered in partnership with *Te mana o te moana*, the South Pacific's premier marine education and conservation foundation.
- **Redesigned Le Grill:** The indoor/outdoor restaurant showcases a sleek, contemporary design with white wood screens, ceramic tiles, and soft oak furnishings enhanced by stylish light fixtures, creating an elegant setting for the ship's renowned culinary offerings.
- **Transformed Pool Deck:** A sweeping new white canopy provides shade for cabana-like seating, complemented by a striking mosaic banner around the pool and ample chaise loungers for ultimate relaxation.
- **Sustainable Technology:** The ship now has advanced heat recovery systems, efficient chillers, an Organic Rankine Cycle system generating electricity from heat, and optimized electric motors, significantly reducing energy consumption. A new seawater treatment system produces fresh water on board, while the Nordaq filtration system helps eliminate plastic water bottles, significantly reducing single-use plastics. Waste management enhancements include a glass crusher and a cardboard compactor for efficient recycling.
- **Updated Livery:** As a tribute to its parent company, PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP, the ship's stack now features the iconic three-sail logo, crafted in polished steel and illuminated with LED backing for a striking nighttime display. Additionally, Paul Gauguin

Cruises' signature scripted "P" logo takes a prominent position on Deck 8 forward, while the sleek white hull received modern gray accents. These design elements underscore the shared values of the Group's brands, reflecting their unwavering commitment to authenticity and the mariner's spirit of adventure.

The Gauguin is currently on the first of two voyages included in its 2025 Boutique Crossing Collection: a 14-night Immersive Indonesia (Singapore to Australia) and a 16-night Crossing Melanesia (Australia to Fiji) before resuming its year-round presence in French Polynesia in May with an award-winning roster of all-inclusive, 7- to 14-night luxury voyages to the Society Islands, Tuamotus, Cook Islands, and Marquesas.

For more information about Paul Gauguin Cruises or to make a reservation, contact a travel advisor, call 1-800-848-6172, 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. In addition to being voted the Best Small Cruise in *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2024 Readers' Choice Awards—an accolade that follows the line's recognition as a Top 2 Small Cruise line in the same publication in 2023, 2022, and 2021—Paul Gauguin Cruises also received Seatrad's 2024 Sustainability Initiative of the Year award for its "Taote (doctor) Gauguin" healthcare partnership with the French Polynesian government. A perennial favorite in French Polynesia for more than 25 years, the line's notable travel and lifestyle awards also include the World's Best Small-Ship Ocean Cruise Line in *Travel + Leisure's* World's Best Awards 2022, and four Best French Polynesia Cruises awards in the AFAR Travelers' Choice Awards. In 2019, Paul Gauguin Cruises joined PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP, a designer of inspiring voyages on board small exploration ships.

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