

Tahiti: Society Islands

10-night: Raiatea to Bora Bora





Raiatea to Tahaa 7 miles – 1 hour. Motor within the lagoon.



Day 1

Fly into Raiatea airport and take a ten-minute taxi ride to the marina at Uturoa on Raiatea.

Arrive at the marina for boarding.

After boarding the yacht, motor to a remote anchorage off the motu island of Ceran, on the eastern side of Tahaa. There is time for a swim, kayak or paddle board ride ashore to explore before a sunset cocktail.



Dinner: Enjoy your first tropical meal aboard.

Tahaa to Huahine

34 miles – 6 hours. Beautiful broad reach to Huahine.

Huahine

8 miles – 1 hour. Motor within the lagoon.

Day 2

HUAHINE: After breakfast, exit Tahaa's eastern reef passage and head to the more remote island of Huahine. Upon arrival enjoy a nice lunch in Bourayne Bay and spend the afternoon at Ana Iti beach kayaking, snorkeling or just soaking up the sun. In the afternoon, take a short sail down the lagoon and anchor for the night just off a thatched roof hotel, where you can enjoy an pre-arranged excursion to a Polynesian Luau meal and 'Ori Tahiti' dancing.



Dinner: As part of the pre-arranged excursion, enjoy a wonderful Polynesian meal at the hotel.

Day 3

HUAHINE: After breakfast, motor inside the lagoon of Huahine to Fare village and explore handicraft shops. Then join a pre-arranged guided tour around the island excursion featuring tidal fish traps, ancient Polynesian historic sites, sacred eels and an endless beach to beachcomb for shells. The excursions can include lunch at a beautiful private motu called Araara, where colourful fish swim around diners as seating is in the water.



Dinner: Dinner is back at Fare town pub or aboard the yacht.



Huahine to Tahaa

Tahaa

34 miles - 5 hours. A nice close-hauled sail back to Tahaa.

5 miles – 1 hour. Motor inside the lagoon of Tahaa.



Day 4

TAHAA: Enjoy a pre-arranged excursion to the manicured grounds and colonial house of the Champon Pearl Farm. Learn the process of inseminating the oysters that produce these polished gems. All categories of pearls are for sale including the famous Tahitian black pearls.

Later in the day, motor within the Tahaa lagoon west to a wonderful anchorage near Tautau island. A shore expedition to a sandy motu island is highlighted by a drift snorkel on the incoming tide, carrying snorkellers over a kaleidoscope of colorful living corals and anemones loaded with clownfish. This amazing ride ends in the shallow sandy waters of the motu where divers find themselves surrounded by dozens of curious, yellow butterfly fish.



Dinner: Enjoy dinner cooked aboard.

Tahaa to Bora Bora 24 miles - 4 hours. Motor out of the lagoon then sail on a nice broad reach.

Day 5

BORA BORA: Sail on open Pacific ocean and watch as Bora Bora's magnificent piton rises out of the horizon. Arrive for an amazing tropical lunch at anchor or ashore at Vaitape, the main town of the island. Explore Vaitape and take a guided hike up the pitons. Enjoy cocktails at nearby Bora Bora Yacht Club, before mooring in the eastern side of the island for spectacular views of the sunset, rain forest and Bora Bora's two volcanic peaks.



Dinner: Dine aboard with spectacular views of the sea, rain forest and Bora Bora's two volcanic peaks.







Day 6

BORA BORA: Start early with a pre-breakfast snorkel with graceful manta rays that feed at sunrise off Paoaoa point. Later, sail to a private motu island for a pre-arranged Tahitian BBQ lunch excursion on shore. Spend the afternoon sunbathing, beachcombing, paddle boarding and gazing at the captivating Bora Bora topography.



Dinner: Enjoy traditional 'poisson cru' seafood or barbeque aboard.

Day 7

BORA BORA: After breakfast moor off the phenomenal coral heads known as the Coral Gardens. Snorkel over the natural coral formations and feed bread to a profusion of colourful tropical fish. Eat lunch Inside the barrier reef at Tapu motu. This anchorage allows access to the friendly sand rays and black tipped reef sharks that gather every day for feeding. The smaller sharks are used to human visitors and are harmless. The rays love to interact and come right up to be held and hand fed with small pieces of fish.



Dinner: Nearby is the word-renowned Bloody Mary's restaurant, which features the largest display of fresh local fish and imported steaks in the world! It is a divine experience and casual attire along with flip flops can be worn -as the floor is sand!

Bora Bora to Maupiti



37 miles – 6 hours. Beam reach on an open ocean passage.

Maupiti

3.5 miles – 0.5 hours. Motor inside the lagoon.

Day 8

MAUPITI: Sail early to the remotest of the Society islands, Maupiti. Like Bora Bora the island has a volcanic pinnacle with surrounding lagoon but is virtually unknown. Spend the day snorkeling on pristine reefs and paddle boarding over the azure waters. In the afternoon, moor off the small village of Vaiea.



Dinner: Explore Vaiea before sundowners and dinner onboard.

Day 9

MAUPITI: Anchored off Vaiea village spend the morning on a hike up to the summit of mount Teurefaatiu for a sweeping panoramic view of the Maupiti lagoon and the other Society islands lying to the east. In the afternoon follow the inner lagoon passage, carefully avoiding coral heads, and moor off remote Motu Auira. Spend the afternoon and evening beachcombing for miles on the powdery outer sand bar.



Dinner: Enjoy a barbeque dinner aboard in the splendor of this secluded south Pacific location.





Day 10

BORA BORA: Sail early back across to Bora Bora and pull in at the Bora Bora Yacht Club for drinks and dinner. Toast a great day's sail and the end of a wonderful trip from the deck of this popular and welcoming club.



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Day 11

DISEMBARK: 08:00-12:00 hrs. Motor inside the lagoon 4 miles to either Vaitape or your prearranged hotel yacht drop off point.

