

Our Cook Islands Paradise

Featuring Aitutaki Island

With Trade Travel

9 Days / 8 Nights - Fully Escorted

Departs: Sunday 18 August - Monday 26 August, 2024.



TRADE TRAVEL
Effortless Journeys, Endless Memories



Day 1. Sun 18 Aug: Sydney - Rarotonga (options from other cities available via Sydney)

Dinner

Arrive at the **Sydney International Terminal** to check-in for our flight to Rarotonga.

Flight Details: JQ141 Sydney - Rarotonga 2130/0700 (overnight flight, times subject to change)

After our overnight flight and **crossing the International Dateline**, we arrive into Rarotonga at 7.00am on Sunday morning and transfer to our hotel for early check-in, some leisure time and rest. Tonight we regather to enjoy dinner in the resort.

Overnight Rarotonga: Moana Sands Lagoon Resort

Day 2. Mon 19 Aug: Rarotonga - Aitutaki Island

Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast and checkout, we are transferred back to the airport for our ongoing flight to Aitutaki Island.

Flight Details: Rarotonga - Aitutaki 1030/1120 (flight times subject to change)

On arrival into Aitutaki, we are met by our host and transferred to the Tamanu Beach Resort for check-in. We have some time to settle in and an afternoon to explore at leisure. Tonight we gather for dinner in the resort restaurant.

Overnight Aitutaki: Tamanu Beach Resort

Day 3. Tues 20 Aug: Bishops Cruise Aitutaki Lagoon

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we explore the island, discover the eastern side of the **Aitutaki Lagoon**, spot the turtles and explore beneath the turquoise water on a snorkelling trip. Visit the famous **Heaven Sand Bar**, then **cruise** our way to the star attraction of the lagoon, **Onefoot Island**. Enjoy a **BBQ lunch** under our **Hideaway Hut**, then spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing, swimming and soaking up the sun. Get our passport stamped, send a post card from the "smallest, uninhabited post office in the world" and pick up a souvenir to remember our day. We return to the resort to refresh before enjoying dinner at the resort.

Overnight Aitutaki: Tamanu Beach Resort

Day 4. Wed 21 Aug: Aitutaki - Rarotonga - Orientation Tour - Progressive Dinner

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast we checkout and transfer to the airport for our return flight back to Rarotonga.

Flight Details: Aitutaki - Rarotonga 1140/1230 (flight times to be advised and confirmed)

On arrival into Rarotonga we receive a friendly meet and greet and are transferred to our resort for check-in. This afternoon we enjoy an **Orientation Tour of Rarotonga** with our first stop at the **Rarotonga Brewery** where we will be given a short tour to learn about their humble brewing process and the option to sample the local beer. Tonight we enjoy dinner in the resort.

Overnight Rarotonga: Moana Sands Lagoon Resort

Day 5. Thu 22 Aug: Rarotonga - School Visit - Progressive Dinner

Breakfast & Dinner

Today we visit a **local school** for a special experience. Take a **tour of the school**, meet the teachers and school children, enjoy morning tea and experience how the children spend their day. This is a great opportunity to give back to the Island by providing the children with much needed school supplies. We return to the Resort for an afternoon at your own leisure before our "**Progressive Dinner**" where we are treated to **traditional island cooking** as we progress to **three different Island homes** for entrée, main course and dessert. A fun night and a good way to meet the local people and sample some of the fine local Island dishes – quality is assured.

Overnight Rarotonga: Moana Sands Lagoon Resort

Day 6. Fri 23 Aug: Rarotonga - Captain Tama's Lagoon Cruise**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

After breakfast this morning we head off on our **Captain Tama's Lagoon Cruise**. Listen to the drums before boarding our vessel to get a view of the wonderful marine life in Rarotonga's lagoons through a **glass bottom boat** or snorkel with the fish (snorkels and flippers supplied). We disembark for lunch and relax on our own uninhabited island to enjoy a **delightful beach BBQ** and truly entertaining show. Mid-afternoon we return by glass bottom boat to the beach hut and make our way back along the beach to our hotel. Tonight we enjoy dinner at the resort

Overnight Rarotonga: Moana Sands Lagoon Resort**Day 7. Sat 24 Aug: Rarotonga - Local Markets - Te Ara Museum - Te Vara Polynesian Village****Breakfast & Dinner**

After a leisurely breakfast we enjoy **Rarotonga's Saturday Punanga Nui Market** which offers a wide range of island gifts and handicrafts, pearls, pearl shell jewellery, clothing, local music and fresh local produce. This afternoon at the **Te Ara Museum** we will enjoy a short tour and view their world-class exhibition of the history of the Cook Islands (Rarotonga). After a relaxing afternoon we are in for a treat tonight at the **Te Vara Nui Polynesian Village** for the **"Ultimate Island Experience"**, the biggest show in Rarotonga. Watch dancers and musicians perform while enjoying a delicious blend of traditional and modern cuisine as we watch the show unfold. This is a 'must do' experience not to be missed.

Overnight Rarotonga: Moana Sands Lagoon Resort**Day 8. Sun 25 Aug: Rarotonga - Sydney****Breakfast**

We have an early departure today, with a quick bite to eat for breakfast and checkout complete, we transfer to the airport for our homeward bound flight. Sadly the time has come to depart this beautiful island and the happy friendly Cook Islanders after a memorable time on the **Cook Islands** with **Trade Travel**.

Flight Details: JQ142 Rarotonga - Sydney 0900/1230 + 1 (flight times subject to change)**Day 9. Mon 26 Aug: Arrive Sydney (ongoing connections available to other cities)**

We arrive back into Sydney at 12.30pm today before onward connections for those travelling to other cities.

Tour Highlights: Aitutaki Lagoon Resort - 2 Night Stay; Bishops Full Day Cruise; Rarotonga Orientation Tour; Rarotonga Brewery; Local School Visit; Island Homes Progressive Dinner; Captain Tama's Glass Bottom Boat Lagoon Cruise & Beach BBQ; Punanga Nui Saturday Market; Te Ara Museum; Te Vara Nui Polynesian Village Tour, Dinner & Show - "The Ultimate Island Experience" & so much more.

Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Host
- Return economy flights: Homeport - Rarotonga (flight times *subject to change*)
- Return economy flights - Rarotonga - Aitutaki
- 7 Nights accommodation (including 2 nights at Tamanu Beach Resort)
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (17 meals)
- All touring, entry fees, guides & attractions as per the itinerary

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON PRICING AND AVAILABILITY

A minimum number of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed.

Please note: Flights are subject to confirmation/change and price increases at any time.

We wish to advise that all pricing for International Travel is subject to tax, surcharges, fuel increases and currency fluctuations. It may be necessary to make adjustments to the pricing during the course of the tour booking, at ticketing and at the final payment deadline to ensure these currency changes are allowed for in the pricing.

Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.

Deposit of \$500 per person due on booking with completed booking form to secure your place on this tour. **(\$500.00 non refundable at time of booking once guaranteed departure)**

Final Payment: Due no later than **Friday 17 May, 2024.**

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