



NEW LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES

French Polynesia to Easter Island Expedition 2023

14 days from **\$14,995** per person *was* \$16,495

Limited to 199 guests

OFFER

Book early and save \$1,500 per person on all stateroom categories and suites.

Embark on an adventurous expedition into the heart of French Polynesia and its unique history, spectacular marine environments and UNESCO-designated gems. Led by A&K's celebrated Expedition Team, snorkel the sapphire waters of the Tuamotu Archipelago and experience the Pitcairn Islands and their shared legacy with the HMS 'Bounty.' You also trace Polynesian culture to its roots in magnificent Easter Island, which you explore for multiple days.

Included With This Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team
- Airport Meet and Greet and Transfers
- Private Balcony with Every Onboard Accommodation and Butler Service with Every Suite
- Maximum Personnel-to-Guest Ratio of 1 to 1.3 and ship occupancy limited to 80 percent
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed on board
- Zodiac and Shore Excursions Led by A&K Expert Naturalist Driver-Guides
- Available aquatic activities, such as snorkel
- Enrichment program, lectures and presentations
- Traveller's Valet[®] Laundry Service on board
- All Gratuities, Port Charges and Taxes
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on Board and in Hotels
- Onboard Service from an English-Speaking Staff, Including an Accredited Physician
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

A&K Advantages

Cruise for 13 nights from Tahiti to Easter Island on an exclusively chartered A&K expedition aboard 'Le Boreal,' featuring a maximum capacity of just 199 guests. Experience an exciting enrichment program led by A&K's renowned Expedition Team, who join you for every adventure and lead a fascinating onboard lecture series.

Explore the Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia's most remarkable islands and the largest chain of atolls in the world.

Enjoy authentic and inspiring island welcome ceremonies when you visit French Polynesia's Fakarava Atoll and UNESCO-designated Rapa Nui National Park on Easter Island.

Step back in time with a landing in the legendary Pitcairn Islands, where you discover the fascinating story of the infamous mutineers of the HMS 'Bounty'.

Spend multiple days exploring Easter Island, discovering its ruins and moais, lagoons and volcanos, and extraordinary culture.

Enjoy opportunities to snorkel in the pristine waters of rare marine environments, including the wildlife haven of UNESCO-designated Henderson Island.

Featured Experts



MICHELLE VALBERG

Photographer, Nikon Ambassador

An award-winning photographer who has travelled to every continent, Michelle is a Canadian Nikon Ambassador, Canadian Geographic Photographer-in-Residence and the author of four books.



COMMANDER SUSAN KILRAIN

Guest Lecturer

A distinguished aerospace engineer, Navy test pilot and one of the first three women to pilot the space shuttle, Susan's first mission was tied to Easter Island, also home to an emergency landing runway for NASA.

Itinerary

OCT 27 ARRIVE PAPEETE, TAHITI

Arrive early this morning in lively Papeete, abuzz with its cafes and markets. Guests arriving early transfer to the InterContinental Resort Tahiti for access to a day room before lunch and a scenic tour of the island. Visit the James Norman Hall Home, a memorial museum replica of the famed writer's home, as well as Point Venus, the landing spot of the European explorers who discovered these islands. Next, drive up to Tahara'a "One Tree Hill" for impressive views over Matavai Bay. This afternoon, board your luxury expedition ship and home for the next 13 nights.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Lunch, Dinner

OCT 28 FAKARAVA ATOLL | STUNNING TUAMOTUAN ATOLL

Located about 230 nautical miles east of Tahiti, the extensive Tuamotuan chain stretches for 600 miles and represents the oldest, and arguably dreamiest, islands of French Polynesia. Today, explore Fakarava, its second-largest atoll with a population of approximately 700 inhabitants. After a leisurely breakfast and relaxing morning on your ship, join your Expedition Team on excursions to shore via Zodiacs (sturdy inflatable boats), where you are treated to a welcome ceremony at Rotoava. Enjoy exploring the village with its quaint streets, churches, local shops, town hall and school. Time permitting, set off on a scenic Zodiac excursion with your Expedition Team to discover Fakarava's blue lagoon and picturesque landscape. Conditions permitting, you may also enjoy a landing and beach time.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OCT 29 MAROKAU ATOLL | PEARL OF THE TUAMOTUS

A vast contrast from Fakarava, tiny Marokau is home to just over 90 inhabitants and was once a primary destination for collecting pearls in the Tuamotus' lagoons. Soak in its breathtaking scenery during a relaxing morning on your luxury ship before setting off on Zodiacs for an afternoon of exploration. Choose to join your Expedition Team for activities ranging from birding walks to snorkeling as well as beach combing and swimming. Return to your ship late this afternoon, with time to relax and participate in fascinating lectures led by your experts. After dinner, cocktails out on deck under starry French Polynesian skies are in order.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OCT 30 AT SEA | CRUISING THE TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO

Cruise through the southern Tuamotu Archipelago as your Expedition Team offers presentations on the sights that surround you and prepare you for your next stop in the Gambier Islands.

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OCT 31 MANGAREVA ISLAND | STAR OF THE GAMBIER ISLANDS

North of the Tropic of Capricorn and some 1,025 miles southeast of Tahiti, find the largest of the Gambier Islands. Dubbed the "Floating Mountain" by Polynesian inhabitants, Mangareva boasts a singular village, a distinctive cathedral and exciting terrain. This morning, discover the beauty of the island with a local guide and your Expedition Team, beginning with an excursion to the Cathedral of St. Michael. Completed in 1848 and featuring twin towers, this historic church can accommodate 1,200 people — more than the population of the island today. Alternatively, you may visit a pearl shell-carving school, enjoy a hike to Mt. Duff with an elevation gain of 1,200 feet or set out on a guided walk in search of birds and wildlife. Conditions permitting, snorkeling may be offered to complete today's adventures.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

NOV 1 AT SEA | SAILING THE SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea as well as continued lectures and conversations with your Expedition Team. You may also take advantage of the ship facilities, including its panoramic decks and full-service spa.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

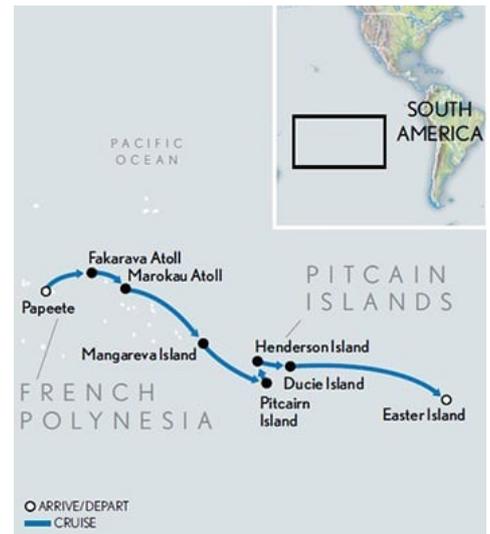
NOV 2 PITCAIRN ISLAND | LEGACY OF THE HMS 'BOUNTY'

After the infamous mutiny on the HMS 'Bounty' in the South Pacific Ocean on April 28, 1789, acting Lieutenant Fletcher Christian and his fellow mutineers sought refuge on Pitcairn Island on January 15, 1790. Today, this namesake island of the Pitcairn Island Group is home to roughly 56 inhabitants — all descendants of the mutineers and the Polynesians who accompanied them — making Pitcairn the least populous national jurisdiction in the world. Today, set foot on the island and back in time to discover its fascinating history. Join local guides in small groups and explore Pitcairn on a variety of walks, including an uphill trek to Adamstown. Bring your passport for the rare opportunity to have it stamped "From the Middle of Nowhere" at the museum and post office, one of the most remote in the world. Later, return to your luxury ship for recaps led by your experts and great conversations over dinner.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

NOV 3 HENDERSON ISLAND | WILD, UNTOUCHED TREASURE

Part of the Pitcairn Island Group and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Henderson measures just over 14 square miles yet boasts remarkable diversity. Today's expedition stop offers you the opportunity to explore this uninhabited island with your Expedition Team. Set your sights on gloriously desolate beaches. Join guided walks in search of the island's rare flora and fauna, which include 10 endemic flowering plants and four endemic species of land birds, such as the Henderson crane and Henderson lorikeet. Sheer limestone cliffs surround this elevated coralline island — one of the last two in the world unaffected by human contact. Conditions permitting, enjoy another chance to snorkel, this time amid Henderson's brilliant waters.



'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

NOV 4 DUCIE ISLAND | BIRDER'S PARADISE

Also in the Pitcairn Group, Ducie is home to tens of thousands of seabirds, including masked boobies, various petrels and frigate birds. The island is also remote and rarely visited, making today's expedition stop a unique opportunity for discovery. Set off on Zodiacs with your Expedition Team to experience birding colonies in the thousands, a walk on rarely touched sand and the opportunity to snorkel along Ducie's outer reef.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

NOV 5-6 AT SEA | THE VOYAGE TO EASTER ISLAND

As your ship sails east toward Easter Island, enjoy the next two days at sea to recharge from recent days of adventure. Engaging lectures are ongoing and shed compelling insights on the mythical speck of land you will soon have the privilege to explore.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

NOV 7-8 EASTER ISLAND, CHILE | RAPA NUI NATIONAL PARK

Known as Rapa Nui to native Polynesians, Easter Island is set over 2,300 miles from mainland Chile and considered the most remote inhabited island on the planet. The greatest concentration of its culture spans UNESCO-designated Rapa Nui National Park, a vast protected wildlife area and open-air museum showcasing the island's iconic *moai* statues. Explore it as part of a multi-day immersive experience that begins with a lively welcome ceremony. Visit the ruins of the sacred city of Orongo with its low, sod-covered buildings and explore an internal lagoon. In the late afternoon, witness a wonderful sunset with a cocktail at the archaeological complex of Ahu Tahai. The next day, choose to rise early to see the sun rise at Ahu Tongariki, the largest ceremonial ground on Easter Island complete with fifteen *moais*, including one that weighs 86 tons. Later, travel to Rano Raraku Volcano, one of the most impressive sites on Easter Island. Continue to Anakena Beach to enjoy a BBQ lunch followed by time at leisure to soak in this beautiful beach peppered with palm trees and *moais*. You might also enjoy meetings with local Rapa Nui who teach the traditional art of body painting and ancient stone carving. Return every evening to the comforts of your luxury expedition ship and stateroom, taking in the island's endlessly compelling views from your own private balcony.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

NOV 9 DEPART EASTER ISLAND

Bid farewell to your Expedition Team before disembarking your ship. Visit the Sebastian Englert Anthropological Museum, which houses 20,000 artifacts from the island. Later, transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on A&K's post-tour extension.

Meals: Breakfast

Note: Itinerary is for guidance purposes only and may be adjusted at the sole discretion of the Captain due to weather and sea conditions, medical emergencies and other unforeseen circumstances beyond A&K's control.

Extensions



Tahiti Pre-Tour Extension

In the heart of the Polynesian islands, discover an immersive experience in Tahitian culture, cuisine and lush landscapes.

4 days from \$3,295 per person
Single Supplement from \$1,295 per person

OCT 24

Arrive early this morning and check in to your overwater bungalow. Take time to relax before setting out on an excursion to Tahiti's Paea district. Enjoy lunch followed by a visit to the Marae Arahurahu archeological site, considered to be one of the island's most significant ancient temple *maraes* (sacred meeting ground). You also visit the Museum of Tahiti and Her Islands, showcasing the history of the islands and culture of its people. Enjoy dinner this evening at the resort.

InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa | Meals: Lunch, Dinner

OCT 25

Take an adventurous drive in four-wheel vehicles to the famous Papenoo Valley, the largest valley on the island. Enjoy various crossings of the Papenoo River, stops at numerous waterfalls and a visit to an ancient stone temple, all while taking in views of mountain sides covered with lush green flora. Time permitting, stop for a swim in one of the river's natural pools and at a scenic beach for a photo opportunity. Return to the resort for lunch and an afternoon at leisure before dinner this evening.

InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OCT 26

Today, explore the district of Mataiea, the home village of French artist Paul Gauguin. Discover the flower-laden village of Papeari and the verdant Vaipahi Gardens, where you stop to explore natural gardens and waterfalls. After lunch at a local restaurant overlooking a lagoon, visit a private colonial home and its meticulous garden as well as the freshwater pools at Maraa Grotto, a place visited by Gauguin and recorded by Captain Cook in his personal journal. Return to the resort for dinner this evening.

InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OCT 27

Enjoy breakfast and time at leisure before departing your resort to join your main Luxury Expedition Cruise program.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Easter Island Post-Tour Extension

Explore more of the island with a luxury lodge stay and activities from hikes to horseback rides to sea cave discovery.

3 days from \$3,995 per person
Single Supplement from \$2,995 per person

Nov 9

Following your visit to the Sebastian Englert Museum, transfer and check in to your luxury lodge boasting award-winning architecture and dramatic views over the island. In the afternoon, choose to horseback ride to the celestial observatory of Ahu Akivi or hike to the highest of the island's three primary extinct volcanos. Enjoy dinner at your lodge.

Explora Rapa Nui | Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Nov 10

Today, set out on a boat to explore the fascinating coastline of Easter Island. Discover the island's cliffs and most famed coastal caves, including the Ana Tepahu and Ana Te Pora caves, both steeped in Rapa Nui culture and lore. Return to the lodge for dinner.

Explora Rapa Nui | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Nov 11

After breakfast, visit a handicraft market before continuing on to the airport for your international flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Oct 27 - Nov 09, 2023				
Category 1 Classic Stateroom	\$14,995 (was \$16,495)	\$12,345	\$1,500	Available
Category 2 Deluxe Stateroom	\$17,495 (was \$18,995)	\$14,245	\$1,500	Available
Category 3 Premier Stateroom	\$18,995 (was \$20,495)	\$15,395	\$1,500	Available
Category 4 Superior Stateroom	\$22,495 (was \$23,995)	\$17,995	\$1,500	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 5 Prestige Suite	\$29,995 (was \$31,495)	\$28,495	\$1,500	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 6 Premier Two-Room Suite	\$37,995 (was \$39,495)	\$36,095	\$1,500	Available
Category 7 Prestige Two-Room Suite	\$39,995 (was \$41,495)	\$37,995	\$1,500	Limited Availability
Category 8 Owner's Suite	\$45,995 (was \$47,495)	\$43,695	\$1,500	Waitlist - Call A&K

Optional [pre-tour and post-tour extensions](#) available on this departure.

Journey Details

Proof of full vaccination for COVID-19 is required for this journey, including a booster shot if vaccination was received more than four months prior to departure (two months for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine).

Internal Air: Economy class from \$1,500
Easter Island/Santiago

This journey contains active elements, including Zodiac boat excursions, walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes.

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Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 5–8 include butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: lunch at 12:00 p.m. on Oct 27.

Last group event: disembarkation by 9:00 a.m. on Nov 9.

Special Offer Terms & Conditions

Offer subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).