

Art & Literature in Colonial Tahiti

8 March - 12 March, 2016

ESCORTED TOUR

Includes airfares ex-Auckland, airline taxes, transfers, accommodation, farewell cocktail, dinner & Polynesian show, some meals, tours and activities as specified

\$3749

per person, twin share, ex Auckland

REPLICA OF HMS ENDEAVOUR, WHICH BROUGHT LIEUTENANT JAMES COOK TO TAHITI IN 1769, TO OBSERVE A TRANSIT OF THE PLANET VENUS.



TAHITI TRAVEL
SPECIALISTS

plus receive

A Tahitian Black Pearl per couple on arrival

A FREE 'Haere Mai' shopping & dining discount card for Tahiti, Moorea & Bora Bora

EXCLUSIVE

Colonial Tahiti tour

Take a walk on the sands that Captain James Cook trod at Matavai Bay. Savour the landscapes that inspired the paintings of Paul Gauguin. Visit the village where Rupert Brooke lived with his Tahitian lover. Be shown over the house where James Norman Hall and Charles Nordhoff wrote *The Mutiny on the Bounty* trilogy and the house in which Robert Keable, author of the novel *Simon Called Peter*, lived.

Tahiti, fabled island in the South Pacific Ocean, has long drawn Europeans to its shores. Adventurers, explorers, missionaries and traders were attracted to the island, were influenced by its charms and left their mark there. But also among those beguiled by Tahiti were European artists and writers, who were so inspired by the island and its people that they recorded stories and paintings in tribute to them.

From the late eighteenth century onwards men such as Samuel Wallis, George Robertson, Louis Antoine de Bougainville, Joseph Banks, James Cook, Sydney Parkinson, William Hodges, Johann Webber, William Bligh, Charles Darwin, Herman Melville, Pierre Loti, Paul Gauguin, Jack London, Rupert Brooke, Somerset Maugham,

James Norman Hall and Charles Nordhoff, Henri Matisse, Jacques Boullaire, Robert Keable and James Michener were inspired by Tahiti's physical and human beauty. These men recorded their impressions of the island in paintings, drawings, journals, novels and short stories which are still appreciated today.

Escort for the cultural tour will be well-known New Zealand writer Graeme Lay, who has written many works of fiction and non-fiction set on Tahiti and the other islands of the South Pacific.

The tour has been planned and organised by Mrs Lola Carter of the company Tahiti Vacations. Born and raised on Tahiti, Lola moved to New Zealand 20 years ago and has had vast experience of travel on Tahiti and the other islands of French Polynesia.

dates

Depart Tuesday 8 March 2016 and return Saturday 12 March 2016 (Arrive Auckland Sunday 13th March)

itinerary

TUESDAY 8TH MARCH

16H00 Depart from Auckland to Pape'ete flying Air Tahiti Nui

FULL SERVICE: Bag allowance is one piece, 23kgs per person

MONDAY 7TH MARCH

22H05 Arrive Pape'ete

- Meet and greet by a representative of Tahiti Vacations
- Receive a Tahitian Black Pearl presented in a bottle of white sand complimentary of Tahiti Vacations (1 per couple)

- Transfer from the International terminal to your accommodation by a representative of South Pacific Tours
- Accommodation in a Partial Ocean View Room at Le Méridien Tahiti (including daily full breakfast)

TUESDAY 8TH MARCH

Breakfast at your leisure (included)

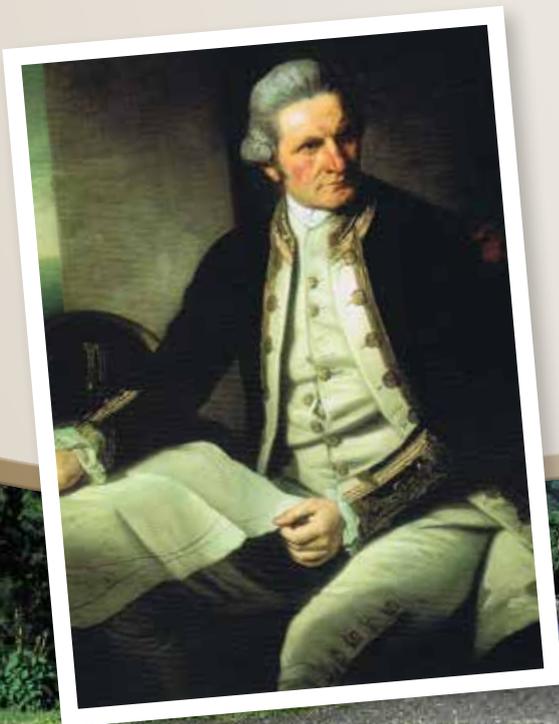
EAST COAST TOUR – HALF A DAY

This morning we will be visiting:

- James Norman Hall's family home at Arue, east of Papeete.
- Point Venus, from where Capt. James Cook observed the transit of the planet Venus in 1769
- Matavai Bay, where English sea captains Captain Wallis, James Cook and William Bligh landed after anchoring their ships inside the reef
- Stop at the blow hole at Arahoho
- Visit the waterfalls at Faaone

Afternoon : At leisure

Captain James Cook RN, painted by artist Nathaniel Dance in 1776





WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH

Breakfast at your leisure (included)

FULL DAY CIRCLE ISLAND TOUR

Today we depart for Tautira (49 kilometres from Papeete), located on the south-east coast of Tahiti.

Henri Matisse accepted an invitation from two filmmakers (Murnau and Flaherty) to visit their film set on the Presqu'île de Tairapu (Tahiti Eastern Peninsula, also known as Tahiti Iti), the site of the last black and white award-winning movie Tabu, which was filmed here. Far from civilization, beyond the end of the road, in Tautira, the wildest part of the islands, uninhabited and accessible only by canoe.

- On our way we will visit a Tahitian marae in Paea and stop at the botanical garden of Vaipahi, before calling at novelist Robert Keable's house. We will then move on to the peninsula of Tahiti Iti – Tautira.
- After a visit to this small town, we will travel to Pueu, where we will have Ma'a Tahiti (traditional Tahitian lunch) by the sea, with time for a swim. Mid-afternoon, we will head back to the resort.
- This evening will be at your leisure, or join fellow travellers over cocktails to share your insights from the day.

THURSDAY 10TH MARCH

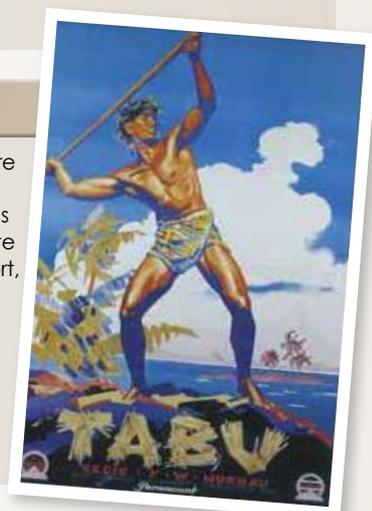
Breakfast at your leisure (included)

VISIT TO PAPE'ETE

This morning we will visit:

- Tahiti and Her Islands museum
- Downtown Pape'ete, including the market place, where Matisse from his first Sunday in Tahiti, made a habit of going to the vast, two - level Pape'ete market, a concrete and metal structure which replaced an original wooden building.
- Either return to the resort around lunch-time or stay in town and explore even more. However if you choose to stay in town you will need to find your own way back to the hotel.

- In the evening, following dinner, there will be a viewing of the 1984 movie The Bounty, starring Anthony Hopkins and Mel Gibson/ or Tabu, in a private projection in the garden of the resort, under the stars.
- During the projection, soft drinks, tea, coffee and popcorn will be available.



FRIDAY 11TH MARCH

Breakfast at your leisure (included)

CREATIVE TIME

- Continue to explore your creativeness or explore the island at your leisure

EVENING FAREWELL COCKTAIL

BUFFET DINNER WITH A POLYNESIAN SHOW

Time to farewell each other.

We hope you enjoyed your glimpse of the Tahiti which Henri Matisse and many other artists and writers fell in love with, and the special memories you have collected on the tour.



AU COURS DE SON VOYAGE
AUTOUR DU MONDE
AVEC LA FREGATE LA BOUDEUSE
... ELITE L'ETOILE

SATURDAY 12TH MARCH

Transfer to the International Airport at Faa'a
08H10 Depart Pape'ete to Auckland flying Air Tahiti Nui

FULL SERVICE: Bag allowance is one piece, 23kgs per person

SUNDAY 13TH MARCH

12H50 Arrive Auckland

YOUR ESCORTED TOUR INCLUDES:

- Return economy flight to Tahiti flying Air Tahiti Nui
- All transfers as per itinerary
- Accommodation for 5 nights in a Partial Lagoon View at Le Méridien Tahiti
- Daily breakfast

- Activities/tours as per itinerary
- Entry to museums as per itinerary
- Lunch during the full day excursion
- Farewell cocktail, dinner and Polynesian show
- All taxes included (airline and communal tax)
- A representative of Tahiti Vacations for the whole duration of the tour
- Graeme Lay author and tour escort

Graeme's books include: *In Search of Paradise – Artists and Writers in the Colonial South Pacific*, *The Cook Islands*, *Temptation Island*, *The Miss Tutti Frutti Contest*, and most recently the best-selling novel trilogy based on the life of Captain Cook, *The Secret Life of James Cook (2013)*, *James Cook's New World (2014)* and *James Cook's Lost World (2015)*

Every participant will receive a complimentary, personally signed copy of one of Graeme Lay's books which is set in the South Pacific.

costs

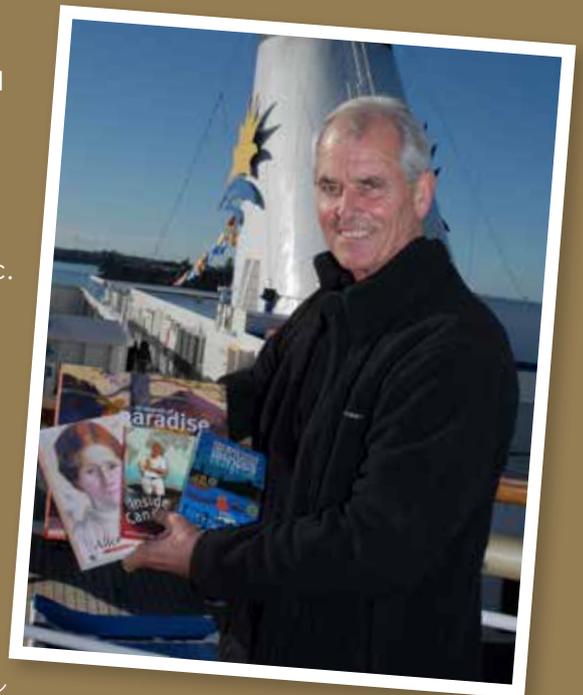
Twin: NZ\$3749 per person ex Auckland

Single supplement add \$1025 ex Auckland

Costs for different room categories are available on request.

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Henri Matisse



Conditions: Sales until 10/12/2015. A minimum of 9 rooms will be required for the escorted tour to take place at this advertised price. The maximum number of participants will be 20 people. **IMPORTANT:** If less than 9 rooms but no lower than 7 rooms booked a surcharge of \$249 per person based on twin share and \$350 per single will be required. Participants have to agree to these conditions at the time of booking. Advertised package price is current at time of publication - 27 July 2015 - and is subject to currency fluctuation. Airfare: Air Tahiti Nui Economy, tickets are non-refundable & not transferable. Airfare advertised in this package is ex Auckland only. Taxes: Local tax of XPF 150 (approximately NZ\$2.70) at hotels per person per night is included in the package. Activities/inclusions are not refundable and are part of the tour therefore it cannot be redeemed for cash if not used. Deposit: a 10% deposit is required at the time of booking. This deposit is non-refundable unless the number of rooms is not reached, (less than 7 rooms), in which case the deposit will be refunded minus an administration fee of \$200NZD per person. Payment: Once the number of rooms is reached, a notice will be sent out, followed by an updated invoice - if 7 rooms only are booked extra charges will be shown on the updated invoice. Full payment will be required within 14 days of receiving the final invoice unless otherwise stated. Cancellation Policy: Once the number of rooms is reached, the non-refundable 10% deposit will take place and the following policy will be put in place - between 129 - 100 days prior to departure 75% will be charged based on land only - Airfare portion NON REFUNDABLE plus administration fee of 200NZD per person - 99 days prior to departure 100% will be charged. TRAVEL INSURANCE is not included but highly recommended. We are using QBE for travel insurance we will be happy to assist you with this. Prices are based on payment by cash or EFTPOS only. For payment by credit card please enquire as an additional service fee will apply. Products advertised are provided by suppliers with their own terms & conditions. Travel agent service fees are not included and might apply. Please enquire for further information and conditions.

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