

PEOPLE . PLACES

BY MAIL SHIP THROUGH THE SOUTH SEAS

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The vast Pacific Ocean covers a third of our planet. It is home to extensive varieties of life, both above and below the waters.

The Polynesians have lived on islands in the ocean for over 1000 years, and were once the largest seafaring people on earth. They affectionately and fittingly call the sea their basis of life and mother. But how do they get the supplies they need, being isolated in the middle of the ocean? Most goods are transported by ship – such as the Aranui, which sails to the furthest and wildest islands of Polynesia: The Marquesas. Every two weeks, the Aranui sets sail to provide the people with all the goods they need, such as food, bicycles, toiletries, exercise books, and cookies. Come meet the people living on these remote islands and find out how it's all done.



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1. From Tahiti To The Marquesas

On our journey to the Marquesas, the Aranui stops halfway at the shimmering turquoise Tuamotu Archipelago. Surrounded by sharks, we cook Polynesian dishes with the supplies from the Aranui. 540 nautical miles further on, we wander between stone sculptures and temple ruins and meet the inhabitants of the Marquesas, who show us the incredible cosmos between centuries-old customs and modern creativity.

2. From The Marquesas To Bora Bora

After a week of cruising through the endless blue of the Pacific Ocean, the Aranui docks at the northern part of the archipelago where we can witness wild horses. On the neighboring island, we wander along the steep coast bringing the local fruit harvest to the Aranui. Afterwards, we drive to Rangiroa and dive into a fascinating, unique underwater world. Until our journey ends on Bora Bora, the pearl of the Pacific.