

11 DAY ISLAND HOPPING ADVENTURE

# COOK ISLANDS EXPLORER

\$3999

PER  
PERSON  
TWIN  
SHARE

RAROTONGA • MANGAIA • ATIU • MAUKE • MITIARO

## THE OFFER

A South Pacific paradise with no traffic lights and no buildings higher than a coconut tree, the Cook Islands is the kind of place you visit once and then dream of returning to again and again. Midway between Hawaii and New Zealand, it's a destination of jungle clad mountains, lagoons brimming with marine life, and coral roads that gently meander beneath coconut palms - plus a whole lot more.

Want to discover the Cooks for yourself? This small group island hopping adventure is for you! Taking the guess work out of your holiday, you'll get to experience five of the Cook Island's most enchanting destinations, from reef-fringed Rarotonga, the hub of the country, to the unspoilt garden island of Mauke. Fall in love with the people and Polynesian culture at a Tumunu village gathering, uncover hidden gems with local legend Birdman George, enjoy a chance to spot the rare Kopeka bird and more! With island-hopping domestic flights aboard Air Rarotonga, 10 nights accommodation staying at properties including The Edgewater Resort & Spa and Mangaia Villas, as well as 18 meals and transfers for all domestic flights, this is the laid-back island escape you've been waiting for.

11 DAY TOUR

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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Arrive Rarotonga

Upon arrival into Rarotonga, you will receive a fresh flower Lei greeting by a tour representative. You will also receive a reusable aluminium water bottle that you can use throughout the tour. Afterwards you will be transferred to the Edgewater Resort & Spa to check in to your Garden Room.

**Overnight: The Edgewater Resort & Spa**

**Meals included: None**

#### Day 2 Rarotonga Discovery Tour

After breakfast, enjoy an exciting island discovery tour of Rarotonga, with a light lunch included. The tour will be a great opportunity to get acquainted with the island and its many wonders. Later, there is an optional evening Going Troppo Bar tour which can be booked locally (not included).

**Overnight: The Edgewater Resort & Spa**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### Day 3 Rarotonga - Mangaia

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your morning flight to Mangaia. Upon arrival you will be transferred to Mangaia Villas. After check in, enjoy an island tour of Mangaia – the second biggest island in the Cook Islands group and at 18 million years old, one of the oldest islands in the Pacific. The island is rimmed with a ring of fossilised cliffs.

**Overnight: Mangaia Villas**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 4 Free Day

Today is a holy day for Cook Islanders and we recommend attending a church service. Maybe after church, join the congregation for a cup of tea or coffee. In the afternoon, enjoy a picnic on the beach (weather permitting).

**Overnight: Mangaia Villas**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 5 Mangaia - Mauke

After breakfast, fly to Mauke, where on arrival you will be transferred to your local accommodation. After check-in, enjoy an afternoon island tour.

Peace reigns supreme on this tiny island, cycling lazily around the coral roads curving gently through coconut palms and hard-wood trees. Every so often a small sandy beach emerges bordered by coral rocks. It's the perfect place to de-stress and unwind. This island's way of life will leave you feeling replenished and revitalised. With a small community of 290, the people are some of the warmest and friendliest in the South Pacific. From the moment you step off the plane you are welcomed as one of their own.

**Overnight: Guesthouse/Local budget accommodation**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 6 Mauke - Mitiaro

After breakfast, board your flight to Mitiaro where you will check in to your accommodation on arrival. Harboured some of the most stunning subterranean limestone caves and pools to be found in the Pacific, Mitiaro is a natural playground featuring; white sandy beaches, fossilised coral formations

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and coconut palms reaching high into a strikingly blue sky. Live like a local in Mitiaro and venture where very few have.

**Overnight: Guesthouse/Local budget accommodation**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 7 Mitiaro Free Day

After breakfast enjoy a tour of the island highlighting Mitiaro attractions and caves.

**Overnight: Guesthouse/Local budget accommodation**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 8 Mitiaro - Atiu

After breakfast, board your flight to Atui, where you will check in to your accommodation at the Atiu Villas. During your 2 night stay you will get the chance to visit the Kopeka Bird – unique to Atiu is its Cave habitat. You will also visit a Tumunu where you will have the opportunity to meet the local villagers and discuss where you came from and their views on what is happening in the World. Be careful with the local brew as it is quite potent.

**Overnight: Atiu Villas**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 9 Atiu Island Tour

After breakfast, enjoy an Atiu island Tour with Birdman George. The Island Eco Tour will provide a deeper understanding of the island, from the trees to natural herb & medicines, volcanoes to erosion, crops to nutrition, from the past to this very day and so much more exciting adventures.

On the tour you will be taken on a journey with one of the

islands well known and respected gentleman who goes by the name Birdman George. He will take you on an adventurous trip through the inland and around the coastal roads of Atiu. He will show you magnificent views that can only be revealed to those that participate in this tour. Birdman George is sure to amaze you as he does not hide any gems or faults that the island may have. He truly admires the island and wishes nothing less than to share it with you all on his Island Eco Tour. You will see the difference between the coastal and inland views. You will discover hidden tracks and visit spectacular white sandy beaches perfect for picnic or just a day in the sun. Along the way, you will see dramatic variations in bush and coastal scenery.

Birdman George is very informative, and you will also learn many wonders of the island, it's people, it's customs and history. With the help of Birdman George, you will see exotic native birds that only appear with the sound of chirping made by the tour guide himself. At the end of the tour, you are rewarded with a beautiful secluded beach setting to enjoy a light tropical lunch.

What better way to see Atiu Island with the help of a tour guide that is dedicated in keeping the island of Atiu intact with its beauty and sharing his home paradise with all that is interested.

**Overnight: Atiu Villas**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 10 Atiu - Rarotonga

Today travel back to Rarotonga. Upon arrival you will be transferred to The Edgewater Resort & Spa for your final night of the Cook Islands Island Hopping Tour.

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**Overnight:** The Edgewater Resort & Spa

**Meals included:** Breakfast

### Day 11 Check-Out

Today is the final day of your Cook Islands adventure. An airport transfer is included and can be organised directly with the tour operator.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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## TOUR INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS

A small group island hopping adventure in the Cook Islands

Experience 5 of the Cook Islands' most stunning destinations

Visit Rarotonga, the island's most popular destination

Soak up the diverse beauty of Mangaia, the Cook's second largest island

Embrace the relaxed island lifestyle of Mauke

Explore Mitiaro, known for its limestone caves and pools

Discover Atiu on a guided tour with Birdman George, a respected local resident

Meet local villagers at a Tumunu gathering on Atiu

Have a chance to spot the rare native Kopeka bird

### FLIGHTS

Domestic flights with Air Rarotonga

Fly between Rarotonga-Mangaia-Mauke-Mitiaro-Atiu-Rarotonga

### ACCOMMODATION

3 nights quality accommodation at The Edgewater Resort & Spa, Rarotonga

2 nights quality accommodation at the Mangaia Villas in Mangaia

2 nights quality accommodation at the Atiu Villas in Atiu

3 nights local guesthouse accommodation in Mauke and Mitiaro

### DINING

Enjoy 18 meals including daily breakfast

### TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour guides

### TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers

Transfers for all domestic flights

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

### Book With Confidence\*

If your stay is affected by Government travel restrictions (border closures) as a result of COVID-19, date changes will be permitted free of charge. For any changes not associated with COVID-19, please refer to the Schedule of Fees.

*Please note: Date change requests need to be made at least 70 days prior to the original date of travel. Date changes within 70 days are subject to availability and not guaranteed.*

*Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 9th of September 2021.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$1300 applies.

### Departure Dates (2021)

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

## FLIGHTS

### Domestic Flights

Air Rarotonga

Please note: there is a luggage allowance of 15kg for all domestic flights.

### Baggage Storage

Air Rarotonga offers Baggage Storage to its customers at Rarotonga International Airport at affordable daily rates.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

3 Star (self-rated)

Rarotonga: The Edgewater Resort & Spa

Mangaia - Mangaia Villas

Atiu: Atiu Villas

Unrated

Mauke: Local guesthouse accommodation

Mitiaro: Local guesthouse accommodation

*Please note: The accommodation in Mauke and Mitiaro is budget accommodation in local guest houses with shared facilities. Places to stay are limited on these lovely islands but the hospitality is second to none.*

### Extra Nights

Not available

### Maximum Room Capacity

3 people (subject to availability).

### Child Policy

Children aged 0-12 years can travel for \$2249 per child.

*Please note:*

- If you would like to purchase this package for a child, please contact our TripADeal Exclusives team on 132 359.

- Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

### Triple Share

A third traveller can be added to your booking

for \$3766.

*Please note:*

- If you would like to purchase a triple share package, please contact our TripADeal Exclusives team on 132 359.

### Bedding Configuration

Twin or double bedding (subject to availability).

### Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 8, maximum group size 12 per vehicle.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Return international flights
- Visa fees and requirements (A visa is not required if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

*Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.*

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.



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## Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

The Cook Islands alternate between two seasons, a wet and rainy season from December to March, and a mild and dry season from April to November. Annual average temperature is 26c.

## Passport Validity

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals

18 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards

to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

## OTHER

### Fitness Level Required / Mobility

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

*Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

### Gratuities / Tipping

- Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tipping is the exception rather than a norm.

### Sightseeing

*Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or an similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

### Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

## VISAS

A tourist visa is not required if travelling on an Australian passport.

*Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important*

*to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.*

## INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid



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for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.

## **Name Changes Due To Passenger Error**

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

