

15 DAY HIGHLIGHTS PACKAGE

# COOK ISLANDS DISCOVERY

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RAROTONGA • AITUTAKI • ATIU

## THE OFFER

Dusted across a vast expanse of blue waters in the South Pacific sit 15 tropical islands, each with sands beaches and palm-fringed lagoons that will take your breath away. Throughout these islands, a proud cultural history blends seamlessly with a modern lifestyle for locals, respecting tradition and natural surrounds in a unique and captivating manner. The Cook Islands are waiting to be explored, the locals are wanting to tell their story, and the crystal waters are ready for you to dive right in.

With plenty of free time to explore or relax in each destination, this is the perfect way to do things at your own pace, while also having plenty of opportunities to understand the local community's intrinsic link between culture and nature. Start by exploring the beaches, waterfalls and lush forests of Rarotonga, then fly to Aitutaki to experience a Punarei Cultural Tour and cruise a sublime lagoon ringed with tiny deserted islands. Incredible snorkelling opportunities abound. The next stop of Atiu Island is an opportunity to immerse yourself in a remote pacific island, seemingly untouched since the beginning of time before returning to Rarotonga to round out your journey.

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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Arrive Rarotonga

Welcome to 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 Moana Sands Lagoon Resort.

**Overnight: Moana Sands Lagoon Resort**

**Meals included: None**

#### Day 2 Rarotonga Free Day

Today is a religious day for the island and you may join the locals at church. This can be arranged at reception for those who wish to go. Tonight we have a welcome dinner at the resort and tour staff will join you for a briefing of the whole trip.

**Overnight: Moana Sands Lagoon Resort**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 3 Rarotonga Island Discovery

After breakfast, enjoy an exciting island discovery tour of Rarotonga, with a light lunch included at The Moorings Café. The tour will be a great opportunity to get acquainted with the island and its many wonders. You can enjoy your evening at leisure.

**Overnight: Moana Sands Lagoon Resort**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### Day 4 Rarotonga Walking Tour & UMU Dinner

This morning is at leisure. In the afternoon you will visit a local named Tumutoa and he will take the group on a walking tour.

Prior to departure, you will have the opportunity to put down your UMU (Underground Oven) Dinner. A transfer is provided back to the resort after you have eaten.

**Overnight: Moana Sands Lagoon Resort**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 5 Rarotonga Free Day

Today you have free to explore the island. Later in the evening, enjoy a Highland Paradise Cultural Village dinner and show (transfers included)

**Overnight: Moana Sands Lagoon Resort**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 6 Rarotonga - Aitutaki

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Aitutaki. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to Aitutaki Village.

**Overnight: Aitutaki Village**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 7 Aitutaki Cultural Tour

Today you will have the chance to enjoy the Punarei Cultural Tour, showcasing how people lived in the past before visiting a local Marae. Lunch is included and you will plait your own plates during the tour.

**Overnight: Aitutaki Village**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### Day 8 Tekings Cruise

Today you will board Tekings cruise which offers great

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snorkelling (equipment included) and includes lunch and towels. You will visit a number of islands and enjoy Aitutaki's stunning Lagoon.

**Overnight: Aitutaki Village**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### Day 9 Aitutaki Free day

**Overnight: Aitutaki Village**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 10 Aitutaki - Atiu

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Atiu. Before dinner, you will be taken to a local Tumunuu-Bush Beer school where you will meet with locals to learn about life on the island.

**Overnight: Atiu Villas**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 11 Anatakitaki Cave Tour

Today take part in a walk to the Anatakitaki Cave where the Kopeka bird lives. Sturdy Shoes will be required as you walk on the Makatea (Old Coral) to get to the cave.

Atiu's rugged and upraised limestone plateau is riddled with caves, some extending from the middle of the island, running underground below the coral plateau and under the ocean floor. Some caves were also used as burial sites before the missionaries arrived. The most popular of all the caves on the island is the Anatakitaki Cave, home to the endangered also known as the Atiu Swiftlet or *Aerodramus sawtelli* - and can only be found on Atiu Island.

The trek to the cave entrance is exciting and can be a little challenging. You will walk roughly 30 minutes over rugged coral and limestone terrain before you come to the entrance of the cave. The path is lined with interesting Coral formations & many fossilised shells embedded in the limestone structures. Some of the fossils along the track date back to over 120 thousand years.

**Overnight: Atiu Villas**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 12 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 a picnic or just a day in the sun. Along the way, you will see dramatic variations in bush and coastal scenery.

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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 to 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 13 Atiu Free Day

Take today to enjoy at your leisure. You may wish to hire a vehicle or simply lounge around the pool.

**Overnight: Atiu Villas**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 14 Aitu - Rarotonga

Today you will fly back to Rarotonga. On arrival, you will be transferred to Moana Sands Lagoon Resort for your last night topped off with a farewell dinner.

**Overnight: Moana Sands Lagoon Resort**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 15 Check-Out

Just after Midday we will transfer you to the airport for your departure flight.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

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# TOUR INCLUSIONS

## HIGHLIGHTS

A small group island hopping adventure in the Cook Islands

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Visit 3 of the Cook Island's family of 15 islands

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Embrace the relaxed island lifestyle of Rarotonga

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

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Meet local villagers at a Tumunu gathering on Atiu

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Have a chance to spot the rare native Kopeka bird

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Cruise the beautiful Aitutaki Lagoon

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## FLIGHTS

Domestic flights in the Cook Islands flying Air Rarotonga

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Fly between Rarotonga-Aitutaki-Atiu-Rarotonga

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## ACCOMMODATION

14 nights quality accommodation with air conditioning and en-suite facilities

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## DINING

Daily breakfast, 3 lunches and 8 Dinners

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## TOUR ESSENTIALS

Small group tour of 12 people maximum

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Experience local guides

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## TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers

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Transfers for all domestic flights

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# 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.

*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 20th August 2022.

This travel offer is priced per person based on twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$2050 applies.

### Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

## FLIGHTS

### Domestic Flights

Air Rarotonga

*Please note: there is a luggage allowance of 20kg for all domestic flights.*

### International Flights (Not Included)

Important: When booking flights to the

Cook Islands, please be mindful of timezone differences. In some instances, flights into Rarotonga arrive on the date before you depart Australia or New Zealand. Please ensure you reconfirm the arrival day in Rarotonga when booking flights, as it will also depend on your departure location and time.

### 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: Moana Sands Lagoon Resort

Atiu: Atiu Villas

Aitutaki: Aitutaki Village

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.*

### Maximum Room Capacity

2 Adults

### Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

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

### Triple Share

Not Available

### 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 2, maximum group size 12 per vehicle

## EXCLUSIONS

- 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
- International Flights
- 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.

#### 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



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seasons, a wet and rainy season from December to March, and a mild and dry season from April to November. Annual average temperature is 26°C.

## 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:

Daily breakfasts, 3 lunches and 8 dinners are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour guide (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 optional and at your discretion.

### 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 for Cook Islands is not required if travelling on an Australian or New Zealand passport.

*Please note: Passengers who are not New Zealand 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.*

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Post-Purchase Change

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

• Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

• If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100 per booking + 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 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.