Tahiti and French Polynesia under Sail

Tahiti • Mo’orea • Taha’a • Raiatea • Bora Bora • Huahine

aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Small Sailing Ship

**Wind Spirit**

February 5 to 15, 2019

Lindsay Whaley, Professor of Classics and Linguistics

- Round-Trip Air from Los Angeles is Included
- Luxury Small Sailing Ship—Only 74 Staterooms
- All Ocean-View Accommodations
- All Shipboard Gratuities are Included
- All Beverages are Included

Explore. Discover. Learn.
Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends:

The evolution of ancient volcanic activity beneath the sea, sculpted by waves and wind over millennia, created the enchanting islands of Tahiti and her sisters, idyllic in their carved intricacies: majestic peaks emerging from emerald green jungles, chalk-white atolls and beryl-blue lagoons.

There is no better way to experience this paragon of paradise than under the billowing white sails of an elegant yacht. During this nine-night land and sea sojourn, explore the resplendent Society Islands, which have beckoned explorers, travelers, artists and writers for centuries. Enjoy two nights (air schedules permitting) in colorful Pape’ete, Tahiti, and seven nights sailing aboard the Five-Star Wind Spirit, specifically designed to cruise the crystal-clear aquamarine waters of the South Pacific, where incredible marine life thrives.

The Five-Star, 74-Stateroom Wind Spirit provides unmatched small ship sailing amidst the unparalleled beauty of the Society Islands. During this intimate cruise, enjoy complimentary features, including all shipboard gratuities; complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages served throughout the ship, at every lunch and dinner and replenished in your Stateroom throughout the cruise; complimentary watersports; and a specially arranged excursion included on every island.

Cultural enrichment abounds in the captivating natural environment of French Polynesia. On the islands of Tahiti, Huahine, Ra’iatea, Taha’a, Bora Bora and Moorea, visit ancient marae, tour a vanilla plantation and learn more about Polynesia’s unique history, environment and culture. You can observe—even snorkel or swim with—stingrays, lagoon sharks and colorful fish and breathe in the fresh fragrances of vanilla, gardenia and jasmine that delicately permeate the island air.

Join us, along with travelers from Harvard, National Trust, and Smithsonian, for this splendid opportunity featuring round-trip air included from Los Angeles‡ and Low Air Add-Ons‡ from select U.S. cities. Enjoy the Five-Star Wind Spirit sailing its home waters amidst the unspoiled, tropical islands of the South Pacific. This program sells out quickly, so book now while space and Early Booking Savings are still available!

Warm regards from Hanover,

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Faculty Bio

Lindsay Whaley received a PhD in Linguistics in the State University of New York, Buffalo. He is an expert on the Tungusic languages of northern China and is known internationally for his work in language typology, which involves determining why some properties of language are common while others are rare. He is widely recognized as one of the foremost experts in the world on language death and language revitalization. One of his current projects examines patterns of language and culture change in the Arctic and the Pacific Islands, where climate change has had significant impact on small subsistence-based communities. This work has included fieldwork in several Arctic communities, as well as Easter Island and Tonga. On this cruise, Lindsay will talk about how the languages of the Pacific give us a good picture of how the Pacific Islands were populated by humans and some of the unique cultural challenges that currently are being confronted by Polynesian peoples.

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U.S./Pape’ete, Tahiti
Tuesday and Wednesday, February 5 and 6
Depart the U.S. for lively Pape’ete, the cosmopolitan capital of French Polynesia, located on a natural harbor cooled by trade winds and set against a backdrop of verdant, forest-clad peaks. This breathtaking gateway to the South Pacific is complemented by the cultures of its people, a vibrant blend of native Tahitian, French and Chinese.

Upon arrival, check into the ideally located, Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL TAHI TI RESORT AND SPA. Wednesday, explore Pape’ete on your own and return to the resort for the evening’s Welcome Reception.

Pape’ete
Thursday, February 7
Travel along Tahiti’s west coast, and tour the Museum of Tahiti and Her Islands, where significant archaeological finds trace the island’s ecology and customs. Walk through the sacred Arahurahu Marae, Polynesia’s only fully restored marae (temple), and the beautifully landscaped Spring Garden of Vaipahi. In this tranquil haven of 75 different plant species, a natural waterfall flows through gardens flanked by tropical flowers and canopied by a lush tangle of precious mape (chestnut) and pine wood vines.

Embark the WIND SPIRIT and attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board this evening.

Mo’orea
Friday, February 8
James A. Michener once wrote that Mo’orea, the remnant of a long-extinct volcano, was a “monument to the prodigal beauty of nature”; the heart-shaped island inspired his unforgettable Tales from the South Pacific and stirred famous visitors including Captain Cook in 1777 and Herman Melville in 1842.

Drive through a landscape of ancient volcanic peaks, and stop at Belvedere Point for an unforgettable panoramic view of the impressive Mount Rotui and the crystalline waters of Cook and Opunohu Bays.

Impressive temples evoke Mo’orea’s Polynesian heritage while European churches underscore its role as a center for 19th-century missionary activity, and contemporary islanders continue the ways of their forefathers, farming pineapples and papayas and crafting fine art from seashells and indigenous wood. Learn more about the interplay between the culture and the ecosystem at the Richard B. Gump Pacific Research Station and Atitia Outreach Center. Following spectacular views of the lagoon at the Toatea Lookout, board the ship for an enriching lecture by naturalist Frank Murphy from the Research Station.

Cover photo: Exotic natural beauty surrounds you in Bora Bora, where tall peaks and strikingly blue lagoons are in abundance.

Photo this page: Explore colorful coral reefs and look for myriad exotic marine life such as graceful double-saddle butterfly fish.

AIR is Included from Los Angeles‡
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‡Round-trip economy-class air is included from Los Angeles to Pape’ete with return from Pape’ete, available exclusively through Gohagan & Company in partnership with award-winning Air Tahiti Nui; Gohagan & Company and the sponsoring association/organization have no control over availability.
Enjoy an afternoon at leisure for snorkeling opportunities in Moorea's turquoise lagoons.

Ra’iatea
Saturday, February 9
In the pre-colonial era, Ra’iatea served as the political and spiritual center of the Society Islands and was beloved by Captain Cook, who called here on each of his three voyages. It was the hub for the colonization of Hawaii, the Marquesas and New Zealand, and according to local legend, the birthplace of Oro, god of war and fertility. Visit well-preserved Marae Taputapuatea, constructed of coral and black volcanic rock. Aboard a motorized va’a (outrigger canoe), cruise upstream along Ra’iatea’s serene Fa’aroa River, the only navigable river in Polynesia, as it threads through a realm of wild hibiscus, bamboo and Tahitian chestnut trees.

Gather on deck for a barbecue under the “ash-blue sky alive with stars,” as Henri Matisse described the Tahitian night.

Taha’a
Sunday, February 10
Taha’a is dominated by the profile of Mount Ohiri, named for Hiro, the Polynesian god of sailors and thieves. Today, harvesting the world’s most flavorful vanilla beans and the region’s distinctive black pearl oysters provide the islanders’ livelihoods. Gain a deeper understanding of traditional Polynesian agriculture as you tour the fragrant grounds of a vanilla plantation. Visit a farm where lustrous black pearls are meticulously cultivated underwater. Savor a specially arranged barbecue on a private motu (islet), where you can also swim, snorkel or kayak.

Bora Bora
Monday and Tuesday, February 11 and 12
Bora Bora is the proverbial vision of a South Seas paradise—its black basalt peaks cloaked in a thick tropical forest and silhouetted against turquoise waters. Alongside glittering Fa’anui Bay, see the ceremonial site of the Fare Opu marae adorned with petroglyphs of turtles—a sacred creature in ancient Polynesia—and keep an eye out for bunkers constructed by American soldiers during World War II.

The islanders of Bora Bora have preserved the ways of their forebears and still wear the colorfully hand-dyed pareo (sarong). In the forested interior, villagers cultivate breadfruit, coconuts and taro; preserve the ancient ruins of stone marae; and respect the legacy of ancestral Polynesian deities. Learn about the art of dyeing the traditional Polynesian pareo and taste some of the island’s abundant fruits.

From a lookout point, admire Bora Bora’s highest peak, Mount Otemanu, perched like a natural beacon over the “Pearl of the Pacific”; then enjoy time at leisure to explore the island.

An optional excursion cruises the island’s iridescent lagoon to encounter graceful stringrays, black-tipped lagoon sharks and a coral garden.

A glittering azure lagoon of tiny motus and white sand beaches surround the island of Taha’a.
InterContinental Bora Bora Le Moana Resort

where parrotfish, butterfly fish and triggerfish flourish. Dinner Monday night will be an authentic Polynesian feast on a private motu.

Huahine
Wednesday, February 13
Idyllic Huahine consists of two islands—Huahine-Nui (big) and Huahine-Iti (small)—separated by a deep blue bay and ringed by a coral atoll. Aboard an open-air "Le Truck," ride between the ocean and a woodland of towering mape trees draped with sweet-scented vanilla vines to the settlement of Maeva, the ancient religious center of Huahine-Nui and the densest concentration of archeological sites in Polynesia. See 10 marae, built in the 16th century of locally quarried stone. Here, the terrain is terraced by former homes and fortification walls, while the roots of a colossal banyan tree entwine one end of the ahu (altar).

Enjoy a beautiful vista of the gleaming Bay of Maroe and lofty Mount Turi. Stop in the picturesque village of Fare, to see blue-eyed river eels considered sacred by locals.

After an afternoon at leisure, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception.

Pape’ete, Tahiti
Thursday, February 14
Disembark the ship and explore the east coast of Tahiti. Visit the former home of American author James Norman Hall, best known for Mutiny on the Bounty, and admire Tahiti’s only lighthouse at Point Venus, named for the observatory Captain Cook established here in 1769. Day-room accommodations have been reserved in the InterContinental Tahiti Resort and Spa.

This evening, transfer to the airport to continue on to the Bora Bora Post-Program Option or board your flight home.

U.S.
Friday, February 15
Arrive in the U.S.

The enduring beauty and art of lei making is an important part of French Polynesian culture.

The Post-Program Option is at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Enjoy complimentary kayaking and snorkeling opportunities from the retractable watersports marina.
Seafaring in its Most Timeless Form

The intimate, four-masted Wind Spirit offers an unforgettable Five-Star sailing experience. A harmonious alliance of nautical history and elegant style, this small ship is designed to sail among the atolls and motus of French Polynesia—its year-round home—from deep seas into shallow lagoons inaccessible to larger vessels, making it feel like your own private yacht.

With Our Compliments

A host of complimentary indulgences awaits you—flowers and fruit in your Stateroom to welcome you aboard, house wine with lunch and dinner, alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise and in your minibar, and 24-hour room service. And, shipboard gratuities are included.

Life on Board

The ship offers educational presentations, panoramic views, nightly entertainment and quiet retreat in its tastefully appointed large lounge, two bars, library, spa, fitness center, boutique, casino, outdoor whirlpool, swimming pool and watersports marina with complimentary kayaking and snorkeling equipment. There is no elevator on the ship.

Only 74 Five-Star Staterooms

Each of the deluxe, ocean-view Staterooms features one queen bed or two twin beds (Owner’s Suite has a queen bed), a private granite-finished bathroom with shower, Five-Star amenities, individual climate control, flat-screen television with DVD player, Wi-Fi access, safe, minibar, vanity table, hair dryer, plush robes and slippers.

World-Class Dining

Savor award-winning recipes and enjoy culinary demonstrations as part of an exclusive partnership with the James Beard Foundation of chefs. The elegant dining room serves contemporary international cuisine with house wine offerings, and you may enjoy breakfast and lunch in the indoor-outdoor restaurant or reserve a table for alfresco evening dining.

Award-Winning Service

With a ratio of one crew member for every 1.5 guests, you will enjoy personal and attentive service. There is a physician and medical facility on board.
Included Features

◆ Round-trip Air Tahiti Nui flight from Los Angeles.

In Pape’ete, Tahiti,

◆ Two nights (air schedules permitting) in the Five-Star InterContinental Tahiti Resort and Spa.
◆ Breakfast each morning.
◆ Welcome Reception in the hotel.
◆ Tour of Tahiti’s west coast featuring visits to the sacred Arahurahu Marae, Spring Garden of Vaipahi and Museum of Tahiti and Her Islands.
◆ Excursion on the east coast of Tahiti, featuring the well-preserved James Norman Hall Museum and the iconic Point Venus lighthouse.
◆ Day-room accommodations in the InterContinental Tahiti Resort and Spa on Day 10.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Sailing Ship Wind Spirit

◆ Seven-night cruise round trip Pape’ete, Tahiti, with port calls at the Society Islands of Huahine, Taha’a, Raiatea, Bora Bora and Mo’orea.
◆ Five-Star, ocean-view accommodations.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary kayaking in the pristine waters and lagoons surrounding the Society Islands.
◆ Complimentary snorkeling equipment.
◆ Tour of Mo’orea, the tropical paradise that is said to have inspired James Michener’s mythical Bali Ha’i, including magnificent views from Belvedere Point.
◆ Visit to the Atitia Outreach Center on Mo’orea to learn more about French Polynesia’s unique ecosystem.
◆ Excursion on Raiatea, a cradle of early Polynesian culture and a favorite destination of Captain Cook.
◆ Visit to a vanilla plantation and a pearl farm on Taha’a and a barbecue lunch on a private motu.
◆ Panoramic tour on idyllic Bora Bora, featuring the site of the island’s largest temple.
◆ Traditional Polynesian dinner on a private motu of Bora Bora.
◆ Demonstration of dyeing the traditional Polynesian pareo and tasting of local fruits on Bora Bora.
◆ Excursion on Huahine to experience the cultural treasures of ancient Polynesians.

Enhanced Travel Services

◆ Transfers and luggage handling is included if you booked your air tickets through Gohagan & Company on the program travel dates.
◆ Low Air Add-Ons are available from select cities.
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in the hotel, aboard ship and on all included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to shipboard personnel and to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship and in the hotel.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
◆ Optional Bora Bora Shark and Ray Lagoon Cruise excursion is available at an additional cost.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

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The captivating island of Mo’orea’s verdant peaks are said to have inspired James Michener’s fictional island of Bali Ha’i.

The Lure of the South Pacific

Tahiti, “Queen of the Pacific,” and her sister islands—Huahine, Taha’a, Bora Bora, Ra’iatea and Mo’orea—have captivated many, including Captain Cook, who returned twice after his initial landing in 1769, and Master Impressionist Paul Gauguin, who famously abandoned his career in France for life among the Polynesians.

Contemporary Tahitian society was born of its indigenous population, first settled by mariners from Samoa around 2000 B.C.; among the finest sailors in the world, these people voyaged from Southeast Asia and used the sun, stars, tides and flight patterns of birds as their compass to make their way across the sea. The Society Islands became inhabited shortly thereafter; Tahiti’s first European visitor, Captain Samuel Wallis, arrived in 1767, and French explorer Louis de Bougainville followed the year after. The Chinese also came to Tahiti during the late 19th century, furthering the island’s diverse cultural blend.

In the South Pacific, aqua- and agricultural preservation is woven into everyday life. The island’s industries are synonymous with its land and heritage—luminous black pearls are proudly harvested and worn, and the traditional cultivation of vanilla beans, opra (dried coconut) and shellfish is carried through generations. Discover Polynesia through its time-honored culture and romantic scenery. The essence of the islands awaits.

The pristine, sparkling waters of French Polynesia provide incredible snorkeling opportunities.
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Singles are available in category 4 at $13895* and in category 1 at $17595* on or before July 18, 2018. Add $1000 for reservations made after July 18, 2018.

Round-trip Air Tahiti Nui economy-class air is included from Los Angeles to Papéete, Tahiti (may be offered only until September 27, 2018). Low Air Add-Ons are available from select U.S. and Canadian cities.*

*Note: Included airfare, Low Air Add-Ons and/or airfare are subject to change. Space is limited and subject to availability and is subject to additional fees; see Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Bora Bora Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

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- Make checks payable to 2019 Tahiti and French Polynesia under Sail.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by November 2, 2018.
The sweeping, dramatic landscapes and sparkling turquoise lagoons lend Bora Bora its fabled ambiance.

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