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Tahiti and French Polynesia under Sail

Tahiti • Mo’orea • Taha’a • Ra’iatea • Bora Bora • Huahine

aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Small Sailing Ship WIND SPIRIT

February 13 to 23, 2018

- Round-Trip Air from Los Angeles is Included
- Luxury Small Sailing Ship—only 73 Staterooms
- All Ocean-View Accommodations
- All Shipboard Gratuities are Included
- All Beverages are Included
Dear Alumni and Friends:

The evolution of ancient volcanic activity beneath the sea, sculpted by waves and wind over millennia, created the idyllic islands of Tahiti, Huahine, Ra’iatea, Taha’a, Bora Bora and Mo’orea. What better way to experience this unspoiled earthly paradise—majestic peaks rising up from emerald green jungles, chalk white atolls, pristine beaches and turquoise lagoons—than under the billowing white sails of an elegant yacht? During this nine-night land and sea sojourn, explore the resplendent Society Islands—an exotic and colorful land that has 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, known for incredible marine life and tremendous snorkeling.

The intimate, Five-Star, 73-Stateroom WIND SPIRIT provides an unmatched small sailing ship experience amidst the unparalleled beauty of the Society Islands. During the 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. During your stay on Tahiti, visit ancient marae, tour a vanilla plantation and learn more about Polynesia’s unique history, environment and culture. You can observe—and even snorkel or swim with—extraordinary marine life and breathe in the fresh fragrances of vanilla, gardenia and jasmine that delicately permeate the island air.

Join fellow OU alumni and friends, along with alumni and friends from other colleges and universities as we discover this splendid opportunity featuring round-trip air included from Los Angeles and Low Air Add-Ons from select U.S. cities. This is the perfect time of year to enjoy the Five-Star WIND SPIRIT sailing its home waters amidst the mysterious, far-off islands of the South Pacific. This program sells out quickly, so book now while space and Early Booking Savings are still available!

Sincerely,

Lea Ann Quirk
Director of Alumni Programs
OU Alumni Association

*Included air from Los Angeles and Low Air Add-Ons have limited availability and are not guaranteed.
Depart the U.S. and arrive in lively, cosmopolitan Pape’ete. This breathtaking capital of French Polynesia and the gateway to the treasures of the South Pacific has extended a hospitable welcome to visitors since its founding as a missionary settlement in 1824. Located on a natural harbor cooled by trade winds, Pape’ete enjoys one of the finest natural settings in the South Pacific, set against a backdrop of verdant, forest-clad peaks. Its tropical ambiance is complemented by the charm and diversity of its inhabitants, a vibrant blend of native Tahitian, French and Chinese.

Upon arrival, check into the ideally located, Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL RESORT TAHITI. Wednesday afternoon, travel along Tahiti’s west coast, and tour the Museum of Tahiti and Her Islands to view significant archaeological finds and learn more about the island’s geology, flora, fauna, culture and customs. Walk through the sacred Arahurahu Marae, Polynesia’s only fully restored marae (temple). Visit the beautifully landscaped Spring Garden of Vaipahi, a haven of tranquility, waterfalls and walking paths and home to 75 different species of plants, including precious mape (chestnut), pine woods and tropical flowers.

In the evening, enjoy the Welcome Reception in the hotel.

Pape’ete Thursday, Day 3
Enjoy time at leisure before embarking the WIND SPIRIT. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board this evening.

Opunohu Bay, Mo’orea Friday, Day 4
The heart-shaped island of Mo’orea is the remnant of a long-extinct volcano. Once a sanctuary for vanquished warriors from Tahiti, it was visited by Captain Cook in 1777 and by the American novelist Herman Melville in 1842.

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

AIR is Included from Los Angeles!
Low Air Add-Ons are available from select cities.

It also inspired James A. Michener to write his unforgettable Tales from the South Pacific. A scenic drive to Belvedere Point reveals an unforgettable panoramic view of the island’s lushly forested volcanic peaks, including impressive Mount Rotui, and the crystalline waters of Cook and Opunohu Bays. Visit the Agricultural School for a sampling of fresh fruit and local jams.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Ra’iatea Saturday, Day 5
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 of discovery. It was the hub for the colonization of Hawaii, the Marquesas and New Zealand, and according to local legend, it was the birthplace of Oro, the god of war and fertility. On a panoramic tour, visit Marae Taputapuatea, a temple constructed of coral and black volcanic rock and one of the best-preserved marae complexes in Polynesia. Aboard a motorized va’a (outrigger canoe), cruise along Ra’iatea’s tranquil Fa’aroa River, the only navigable river in Polynesia, as it threads its way through a world of wild hibiscus, bamboo and Tahitian chestnut trees. Your afternoon is at leisure.
Taha’a
Sunday, Day 6
Taha’a is dominated by the profile of Mount Ohiri, named for Hiro, the Polynesian god of sailors and thieves. Today, two exotic enterprises provide the islanders’ livelihoods—the harvesting of the world’s most flavorful vanilla beans and the farming of lustrous black pearls. Gain a deeper understanding of the Polynesian people and their traditional agriculture when you tour the lush grounds of a vanilla plantation and visit a farm that meticulously cultivates the region’s distinctive black pearl oysters.
Enjoy a traditional Polynesian feast on a private motu (islet), where you can swim, snorkel or kayak.

The bountiful island of Huahine is often referred to as “the garden island” due to its rich, fertile soil—perfect for the growth of the island’s coconut plantations, vanilla orchards, tropical melon fields and banana groves.

Bora Bora
Monday, Day 7
Bora Bora, the proverbial vision of a South Seas paradise, was described as “the most beautiful island in the world” by James Michener. On a panoramic tour, view its distinctive black basalt peak cloaked in a lush tropical forest and silhouetted against turquoise lagoon waters. Alongside glittering Fa’anui Bay, see the ceremonial site of the Fare Opu marae adorned with carved petroglyphs of turtles—a sacred creature in ancient Polynesia—and bunkers constructed by American soldiers during World War II.
Bora Bora was settled by adventurous Polynesian mariners in the 10th century, and since then, the islanders have preserved the ways of their forebears and still wear the traditional colorfully hand-dyed pareo (sarong). In Bora Bora’s 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 cultivated fruits. From a lookout point, admire spectacular views of Mount Otemanu, Bora Bora’s highest peak, then enjoy time at leisure to explore the island.

Huahine
Tuesday, Day 8
Set across an azure lagoon to the south of Taha’a, idyllic Huahine is distinguished by soaring peaks, lush rain forests, dazzling white beaches and ancient shrines.
This untouched paradise is actually two islands—Huahine-Nui (big) and Huahine-Iti (small)—separated by a deep blue bay and ringed by a coral atoll. Stroll through the picturesque port of Fare, nestled between the sea and a woodland of towering mape trees draped with sweet-scented vanilla vines. Visit the nearby settlement of Maeva, the ancient religious center of Huahine-Nui, and see 10 marae, built in the 16th century of locally quarried stone and dedicated to the Polynesian deities Tane and Oro. Your afternoon is at leisure.

Cook’s Bay, Mo’orea

Wednesday, Day 9

Impressive temples evoke Mo’orea’s Polynesian heritage while European churches underscore its role as the center for 19th-century missionary activity in the Society Islands. Contemporary islanders continue the ways of their forefathers, farming pineapples and papayas and crafting fine works of art from seashells and indigenous wood. On board the ship, enjoy an enriching lecture by naturalist Frank Murphy of the Richard B. Gump Research Station. Afterward, visit the Atitia Outreach Center at Gump Station to learn more about the unique ecosystem of French Polynesia. Enjoy a demonstration of traditional weaving and tapa (barkcloth) making.

Enjoy complimentary kayaking and snorkeling opportunities from the retractable watersports marina.

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

A glittering azure lagoon of tiny motus and white sand beaches surround the island of Taha’a.

This evening, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board.

Pape’ete, Tahiti

Thursday, Day 10

Disembark the ship and explore the east coast of Tahiti. Visit the former home of American author James Norman Hall, best known for co-authoring *Mutiny on the Bounty*. Admire the island of 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 Resort Tahiti.

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

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Friday, Day 11

Arrive in the U.S.

InterContinental Bora Bora

Le Moana Resort

Post-Program Option

Extend your sojourn in French Polynesia with two nights in a Five-Star seaside resort hotel on Bora Bora, providing an authentic Polynesian experience. On Bora Bora’s dazzling Matira Point, enjoy magnificent, expansive ocean views from your deluxe beachfront or overwater bungalow—choose from three categories. Observe the abundant marine life on a reef excursion, dine in one of the island’s gourmet restaurants for the exotic flavors of fresh local seafood prepared with French Polynesian flair, or enjoy the resort’s wide array of watersports and white-sand beach. This resort option includes breakfast daily and round-trip air between Tahiti and Bora Bora.

The Post-Program Option is at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
FIVE-STAR, SMALL SAILING SHIP  
**MSY WIND SPIRIT**

Rated the #1 cruise to book to Tahiti by *Condé Nast Traveler*, the intimate, four-masted Five-Star WIND SPIRIT offers an unforgettable and captivating sailing experience—seafaring in its most traditional form. A harmonious alliance of nautical history and elegant style, this small ship is designed to sail among the islands, atolls and *motus* of Tahiti and French Polynesia—its year-round home—from deep seas into bays and shallow lagoons inaccessible to larger vessels, making it feel like your own private yacht.

Each of the 73 deluxe, ocean-view Staterooms and the Owner’s Suite features one queen bed (convertible to two twin beds), a private granite-finished bathroom with shower, luxurious European linens and amenities, individual climate control, flat-screen television with DVD player, Wi-Fi access, safe, minibar, vanity table, hair dryer, plush robes and slippers. Complimentary fresh welcome flowers and fruit are provided in each Stateroom upon embarkation.

The elegant AmphorA dining room accommodates all guests at a single, unassigned seating, and an attentive staff serves contemporary international cuisine. Guests may enjoy indoor or outdoor dining in the Veranda restaurant for breakfast and lunch, or reserve a table at Candles for alfresco evening dining. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise. 24-hour room service is also available.

The inviting public areas are tastefully appointed and include a large lounge, where a program of enriching lectures is held, two bars, comfortable 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. There is a doctor on board.

The international, English-speaking crew provides personable and attentive service throughout the cruise.
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 RESORT TAHITI.

◆ 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, former home of the American author, and to see the only lighthouse in Tahiti at Point Venus.

◆ Day-room accommodations in the INTERCONTINENTAL RESORT TAHITI 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, Ra’iatea, Bora Bora and Mo’orea.

◆ 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, former home of the American author, and to see the only lighthouse in Tahiti at Point Venus.

◆ Day-room accommodations in the INTERCONTINENTAL RESORT TAHITI on Day 10.

Enhanced Travel Services

◆ Transfers and luggage handling is included abroad for all participants who have booked their 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.

◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.

◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.

◆ 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 Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

*Included economy-class air from Los Angeles and Low Air Add-Ons have limited availability and are not guaranteed.
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 beckoned visitors ever since Captain James Cook landed here in 1769. This tropical paradise has captivated explorers and mariners, artists and writers alike—Captain Cook returned twice more, HMS Bounty’s Fletcher Christian chose to remain for a time and Master Impressionist Paul Gauguin abandoned his career in France to embrace the seductive lifestyle of Polynesia.

Contemporary Tahitian society was born of a unique blend of peoples originating in Southeast Asia. Among the finest sailors in the world, they used the sun, stars, ocean tides and flight patterns of birds to make their way across the sea around 2000 B.C. First settled by mariners from Samoa, the Society Islands became inhabited shortly thereafter and more than 200 years after Ferdinand Magellan sailed past, English navigator Captain Samuel Wallis became the first European to set foot on Tahiti in 1767. The next year, French explorer Louis de Bougainville arrived on the island. In addition to English, French and Polynesian heritage, the Chinese also came to Tahiti during the late 19th century, furthering the diverse cultural blend of the island’s inhabitants.

In the South Pacific, aqua- and agricultural preservation continue to encompass the everyday life and cultural traditions of these remote, unspoiled islands. Cultivation of lustrous Tahitian black pearls and their shells, vanilla bean farms and the coffee trade, copra (dried coconut) and shellfish are the island’s traditional industries and of great cultural significance here. To this day, these beguiling islands are synonymous with the world’s romantic vision of the South Seas, and they await your discovery as you experience the true essence of French Polynesia under sail.

The pristine, sparkling waters of French Polynesia provide incredible snorkeling opportunities.
**Tahiti and French Polynesia Under Sail Reservation Form**

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**Title**

**Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)**

**Class Year**

**Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please)**

**City**

**State**

**ZIP Code**

**Telephone:** (Home) (Mobile)

**Email Address** (Business)

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**Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)**

**Tour No.** 041-02/13/18-142

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, you agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $____________ as deposit.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $___________ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

**Card Number**

**Exp. Date**

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**Signature as it appears on credit card**

**All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by November 10, 2017.**
The sweeping, dramatic landscapes and sparkling turquoise lagoons lend Bora Bora its fabled ambiance.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

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PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY:

LUGGAGE:

When you make your reservation, Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motorcoaches alone or with minimal assistance from your travel companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

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In the event a “discounted” program rate must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

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