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Additional departure on
March 21, 2019



ARANUI 5

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PITCAIRN *Spécial*

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Embark ON A VOYAGE LIKE NO OTHER

For more than 30 years, Aranui has been offering discerning travellers the adventure of a lifetime across the South Pacific and in 2019, a voyage is heading south to remote Pitcairn Island. Following in the footsteps of the famed Bounty mutineers, Aranui 5 is offering a special voyage to Pitcairn via some of the most beautiful and untouched islands across three Polynesian archipelagos.

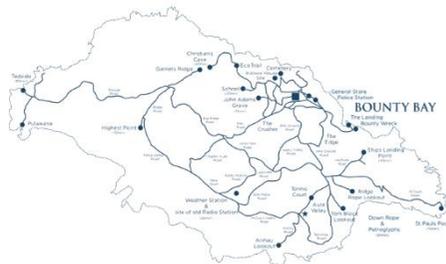


Image: GPI (Government of Pitcairn Island), Division of Environment, Conservation and Natural Resources

Pitcairn ISLAND

ESCAPE THE CROWDS

For an adventure you won't find in the average guide book, embark on a voyage across the South Pacific for Pitcairn Island.



Located in the dazzling blue waters between Tahiti and Easter Island, this tiny, far-flung island is thousands of kilometres from the nearest continent. Pitcairn is so isolated it's only accessible by sea and with all the mod cons of a new freighter, *aranui 5* offers a stylish and comfortable new way to visit the island. Part of Britain's smallest territory, Pitcairn is home to a population of just 50 people - the descendants of Pitcairn's first European settlers, the HMS *Bounty* mutineers, and their accompanying band of Polynesians.

Visitors to the isolated isle, at the edge of the world, mingle with these local families, gaining a unique insight into the local culture and the island's storied history. If you're looking for an adventure that redefines what it means to get off the beaten tourist trail, this is the remote paradise you've been searching for.

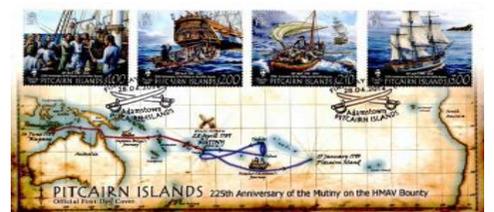


Image: Pitcairn Island Philatelic Bureau

Enjoy A DAY ON PITCAIRN

More than 200 years after the *Bounty* arrived, *aranui 5* is scheduled to make the cruise *line's* maiden call to Pitcairn on January 14, 2019 and a second time on March 26, 2019.

- VISIT THE GRAVE OF MUTINEER JOHN ADAMS
- HAND FEED THE ISLAND'S ONLY GALAPAGOS TORTOISE
- BROWSE PITCAIRN'S LOCAL CURIO AND CRAFT MARKET SEE
- THE BOUNTY CANNON AT PITCAIRN ISLAND MUSEUM
- WALK TO CHRISTIAN'S CAVE, WHERE FLETCHER CHRISTIAN WATCHED FOR PASSING SHIPS



FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF *Mutineers*

The tale of the mutiny of His Majesty's armed ship Bounty is one of the best known in history.

After the *master's* mate, Fletcher Christian, cast adrift Commander Lieutenant William Bligh in the *ship's* boat, the mutineers sailed the *Bounty* back to Tahiti, then onwards to the Austral Islands and eventually, seeking refuge on an uninhabited island secure from the outside world, Pitcairn.

As part of their crew, they took with them six Tahitian men and twelve Tahitian women, the beginnings of the current Pitcairn community.

Upon arrival in January 1790, the crew found Pitcairn to be an inaccessible and uninhabited place with fertile and warm conditions.

The *Bounty* was run ashore and set alight so that no trace of her would remain visible from the sea, and after lugging their possessions up the aptly-named Hill of Difficulty, the mutineers made rough leaf-shelters where the village of Adamstown now stands.

Although he only lived on his isolated sanctuary a few years, Fletcher Christian is fondly remembered as the founder and first leader of the modern day Pitcairn.



13 DAY Unique Itinerary

JANUARY 10 – 22, 2019

ADDITIONAL DEPARTURE: MARCH 21 - APRIL 02, 2019

DAY 1 DEPARTURE

Papeete – Tahiti.

DAY 2 ANAA (TUAMOTU)

Try your hand at traditional javelin throwing and handicrafts. anaa is also home to a sustainable fishing program.

DAY 3 AMANU (TUAMOTU)

Enjoy this idyllic atoll with palm-fringed crystal-clear lagoons and a village visit to see local handicrafts.

DAY 4 AT SEA

DAY 5 MANGAREVA (GAMBIER)

The Gambiers were the cradle of catholicism in Polynesia, visit the renovated St Michael's catholic church where the altar is inlaid with iridescent mother-of-pearl shell.

DAY 6 ADAMSTOWN (PITCAIRN)

DAY 7 DEPART PITCAIRN

DAY 8 AUKENA (GAMBIER)

Home to pristine lagoons that are perfect for black pearls, visit a pearl farm, do some sightseeing and enjoy a beach barbeque.

DAY 9 AT SEA

DAY 10 RAPA (AUSTRAL)

Visit a cave and agricultural centre and enjoy arts and crafts and a barbeque in the village.

DAY 11 DEPART RAPA

DAY 12 RAIVAVAE (AUSTRAL)

After being welcomed by villagers, explore archaeological sites on an island circle tour before a swim at the beach.

DAY 13 ARRIVAL

Papeete – Tahiti.



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