

Exclusive Small Group Tour!

JOIN US ON OUR BRAND NEW,
COMBINED RAROTONGA & AITUTAKI TOUR!

'TWO ISLAND' COOKS CULTURAL COMBO TOUR

01 - 09 November 2024
Ex Brisbane

Join Uplift Tours on this incredible fully hosted tour representing outstanding value for money and provide you with amazing opportunities to meet the locals, see the very best sights, and experience the best of Rarotonga and Aitutaki. The beauty and charm of the Cook Islands is matched only by the friendliness of her people. Here you will find the hospitality warm and spontaneous, the music and dancing exuberant, and the mood relaxed. Uplift looks forward to welcoming you to the wonderful "Cooks!"

\$6,299*
per person twin share
ex BNE

\$5,900*
per person twin share ex
SYD

\$1,550**
Single Supplement



INCLUSIONS

Return flight/taxes with Jetstar from Brisbane to Sydney
Return flight/taxes with Jetstar from Sydney to Rarotonga
Return Air Rarotonga flight to Aitutaki
3 night's accommodation at Tamanu Beach Resort
4 night's accommodation at Edgewater Resort & Spa

HIGHLIGHTS

3 days in Aitutaki
4 days in Rarotonga
Punanga Nui Markets
Island Discovery tour
Polynesian Island Night & Show
Vaka Lagoon Cruise
Te Ara Museum
Koka Lagoon Cruise
Progressive Dinner



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TERMS & CONDITIONS: *All prices quoted are per person twin share. ** Single supplement applies. Credit card surcharges apply. A non-refundable deposit of \$800 per person is required by 17 January 2024 to secure booking. Final non-refundable payment is due to our office before 01 August 2024. All bookings are subject to availability and price confirmation at the time of booking. The Itinerary may be subject to change if beyond our control or that of the suppliers. Tour is subject to minimum numbers. Price may be subject to change until paid in full if airlines have any tax increases. Prices are correct as at 23 November 2023. Travel insurance is essential. D.A Bantoft & K Bantoft T/A Uplift Tours & Travel ABN: 93367366822 ATAS Accreditation No: A10619 IATA 0235976-6

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Day 1 Fri 01 Nov 2024 Depart Brisbane / Arrive Cook Islands / Fly to Aitutaki [B/D]

Today we meet at the Brisbane Domestic Airport at 2:00pm for our Qantas flight to Sydney before boarding our flight JQ141 with Jetstar at 9:30pm to Rarotonga. After arriving in 'Raro', we will transfer to the Edgewater Resort and Spa, our home for the week. *(Please note: as our flight crosses the International Date Line, we will technically be arriving at our destination before leaving Australia!)* Upon arrival into Rarotonga, we have a couple of hours before departing on our Air Rarotonga flight to the island of Aitutaki. We will be greeted at the airport upon our arrival and transferred to Tamanu Beach Resort, our home for the next few days. Our rooms will be available at check-in, so you can have a sleep if you wish. The remainder of the day is at your leisure, so you may simply wish to relax around the pool, go snorkeling or enjoy the resort facilities. We are treated to a welcome cocktail function, before enjoying dinner at the hotel this evening.

Hotel: Tamanu Beach Resort (Run of House Room) - Phone: 0011 682 318 10

Day 2 Sat 02 Nov 2024 Vaka Lagoon Cruise [B/L/D]

A magical day awaits today, as we experience this full day excursion that features one of the most beautiful lagoons in the world. Our guide will pick us up from our hotel we will embark on a tour of the island, visiting the main township of Arutanga, the marketplace and the inland villages of Tautu and Vaipae. Then it's on to the pier to board our 21-metre catamaran. The slow cruise across the lagoon to the top reef will take us past many of the offshore motus and sandbars that are permanently raised above the high tide mark. A beautiful BBQ lunch is included. We enjoy time to freshen up before a fantastic Island Night Dinner and Show at the resort tonight.

Day 3 Sun 03 Nov 2024 Cook Islands Christian Church / Free Afternoon [B/D]

Sunday is church day in the Cook Islands. We travel to the village of **Arutanga** to attend at church service at their **Cook Islands Christian Church**. Here we'll enjoy a wonderful experience! Hear the locals raise the roof with their renowned beautiful, spine-tingling singing! After the service, we return to our hotel for lunch at own arrangements and a free afternoon. Tonight we enjoy a delicious BBQ Buffet dinner at our resort.

Day 4 Mon 04 Nov 2024 Return to Rarotonga / Free Afternoon [B/L/D]

After breakfast enjoy a morning at leisure before our return transfer to the airport for our flight back to Rarotonga. We transfer to Edgewater Resort & Spa, our home in Rarotonga. After check-in, we enjoy a light lunch down by the pool, before our personal resort orientation at 3pm in the "Umu Hut". We then freshen up before dinner at Spaghetti House this evening.

Hotel: Edgewater Resort & Spa (Garden Superior Room) - Phone: 0011 682 254 35

Day 5 Tue 05 Nov 2024 Island Discovery Tour / Polynesian Island Night [B/L/D]

After breakfast we embark on our **Island Discovery Tour**. This is an excellent introduction to the Cook Islands, and provides information on the country's history and culture, stopping along the way at fascinating historical and ceremonial sites. And for something special, we visit the **local primary school**. Here we have the opportunity to mingle with the school children who are known for their friendly smiling faces and wonderful curiosity of meeting people from other countries! If you wish, feel free to bring educational material for the children, such as pens, pencils, erasers, colouring in books, etc. Light refreshments included on tour. Enjoy a delicious lunch at **The Lazy Trout** before our fabulous island tour concludes, as we return to our hotel for the remainder of the afternoon. Tonight enjoy the fantastic in-house **Polynesian Island Night Dinner & Show**, including a sumptuous feast!

Day 6 Wed 06 Nov 2024 Free Day [B/D]

We slow down the pace today, with a day at leisure. You might want to take this opportunity to take the 'Circle Island Bus' into town to do some shopping or sightseeing around the island. The bus departs directly from reception. Throughout the day, make sure you indulge yourself in your 45-minute relaxation massage! After a very relaxing day, we come together this evening, as we enjoy a delicious BBQ Buffet dinner poolside at our resort.

Day 7 Thu 07 Nov 2024 Koka Lagoon Cruise / Progressive Dinner [B/L/D]

This morning is a very special treat in store! We join "**Koka Lagoon Cruise**" on the world-famous **Muri Lagoon**. This is undoubtedly the best way to discover the magnificent protected lagoon of Rarotonga. Join the fun, professional crew on board a glass bottom boat and cruise around the world-renown Muri Lagoon to the inner reef area to view the varieties of tropical marine life. If you wish to swim, wear your bathers underneath your clothes today, and pack your hat, sunscreen and towel! A sumptuous BBQ lunch is provided, with lots of fun guaranteed today! Tonight, we enjoy a special **Progressive Dinner**, where we will visit some local homes. We leave the familiar surrounds of our resort and venture out to the villages to experience true Cook Islands cuisine, hospitality and the real spirit of culture and lifestyle when you visit the locals in their homes! This 5-hour wine and dining experience takes visitors through three island style homes where you feel the magic of meeting 3-4 generations under one roof. Revel in the stories of old, and the dreams and aspirations of Cook Islanders as they map out their young lives.

Day 8 Fri 08 Nov 2024 Depart Rarotonga [B]

Enjoy your in-room breakfast box early this morning, be transferring to Rarotonga Airport. Our Jetstar flight departs at 9:00am to begin our journey home. *(Please note: your flight crosses back over the International Date Line to return to Australia).*

Day 9 Sat 09 Nov 2024 Arrive Australia

We arrive into Sydney at 12:30pm. After collecting our luggage and clearing customs, we transit and make our way to the Sydney Domestic Airport for our flight back to Brisbane arriving at 5:35pm. We say "Aere Ra e Kia Manuia" until you grace the shores of the beautiful Cook Islands again!!!

Key: B=Breakfast LR=Light Refreshments L=Lunch D=Dinner

