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SOUTH PACIFIC TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE CRUISE



July 15-29, 2009

South Pacific Total Solar Eclipse Cruise has completed with a successful eclipse viewing!

There are few islands in the world that conjure images of paradise more than those found in the South Pacific. These islands inspired a mutiny on the infamous *Bounty*; captured the imagination of Paul Gauguin and have been immortalized by some of the world's great writers including Herman Melville, Robert Louis Stevenson and James Michener.

TravelQuest International and the editors *Sky & Telescope* magazine invite you to join us for a rendezvous with these sirens of the South Pacific and the July 21, 2009 (eclipse day in the Pacific) total eclipse of the Sun, aboard Regent Seven Seas' 320-guest, virtually all-inclusive, 6-star luxury ship, *Paul Gauguin*, Ship's Registry: Bahamas.

Come enjoy balmy days, sultry nights and panoramas that could only have been created by Nature in her finest hour. Aboard ship, our stellar panel of experts will present astronomy and eclipse related lectures leading up to and

following the eclipse. Eclipse Day will find us on the centerline at sea in the Northern Cook Islands, where we will experience approximately 3 minutes and 26 seconds of totality. To top off this incredible experience, the Sun will set 27% eclipsed, a spectacular photo opportunity not to be missed!

With our ship's mobility, along with eclipse viewing weather prospects as good as any place along the entire eclipse track, this is as good a chance of seeing this eclipse as anywhere. With so few cruise ships available for this eclipse, and with only 160 staterooms on the elegant *Paul Gauguin*, this eclipse voyage is sure to sell out.

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Make your reservation now for this cruise to paradise and the July 21 eclipse. Don't miss the boat!

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Program Itinerary

15 Days / 14 Nights

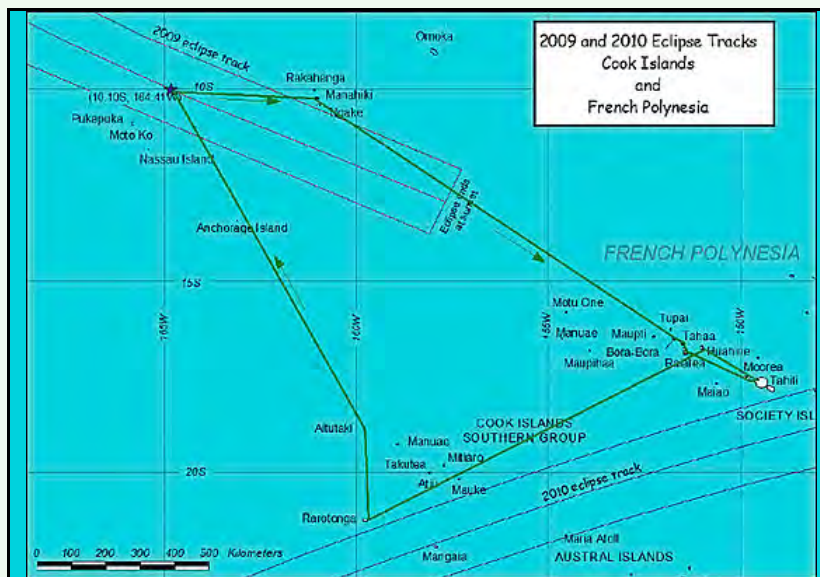
Day	Date	Port	Arrival	Departure
1	Wed Jul 15	Papeete, Tahiti		22:00
2	Thu Jul 16	Hauhine	10:00	17:00
3	Fri, Jul 17	At Sea		
4	Sat Jul 18	Aitutaki	08:00	18:00
5	Sun Jul 19	At sea		
6	Mon Jul 20	Suvarrow Atoll	08:00	18:00
7	Tue Jul 21	Late afternoon Total Solar Eclipse viewed at sea		
8	Wed Jul 22	At sea		
9	Thu, Jul 23	At sea		
10	Fri Jul 24	Bora Bora	08:00	Overnight
11	Sat Jul 25	Bora Bora		18:00
12	Sun Jul 26	Raiatea	08:00	Overnight
13	Mon Jul 27	Raiatea Taha'a	08:45	17:00
14	Tue, Jul 28	Moorea Papeete, Tahiti	08:00	17:00
15	Wed Jul 29	Disembark	19:30	Overnight

Itinerary is subject to change due to governmental approvals, weather or sea conditions, and other circumstances beyond our control.

TravelQuest Exclusive Guest Lecture Program

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**Local contact times for UT -10 hrs
at approximate eclipse viewing location: 10.01S, 164.75W**

First Contact (eclipse begins):	17h 17m 51s
Second Contact (totality begins):	18h 15m 05s
Third Contact (totality ends):	18h 18m 31s
Sunset:	18h 50m 30s - <i>The Sun will be 27% eclipsed at sunset.</i>
Fourth Contact (eclipse ends):	19h 10m 24s
Duration of Totality:	3m 26s

JAY ANDERSON'S ECLIPSE WEATHER PROSPECTS

The lowest mean cloud cover along entire 2009 eclipse track is 46%. The mean cloud cover at our approximate eclipse viewing location is 50%. The ship will give a 5 to 10 percent advantage because of its mobility. The location's lower humidity compared to mainland China is also a plus. Eclipse begins with the Sun at 21° degrees above the horizon. Totality occurs with the Sun 7.5° above the horizon. The Sun will be 27% eclipsed at sunset, and the spectacular photos should not be missed.



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Paul Gauguin



Paul Gauguin was designed specifically for sailing French Polynesia year-round. She offers an extension of the informal, relaxing environment of the islands, with Regent Seven Seas Cruises' interpretation of six-star service, comfort and luxury. Spacious suites and staterooms (more than 50% with private balconies), a watersports marina, a choice of three open-seating dining venues and an extensive spa are among her six-star attributes. The atmosphere aboard radiates warmth and informality. And her beloved troupe of Gauguines - part cruise staff, part entertainers, part storytellers, add the unique personality of French Polynesia to every cruise.



The 6-Star Experience . . .

Your cruise rate is virtually all-inclusive, featuring a crew to guest ratio of 1 to 1.5; complimentary beverages including soft drinks, hot beverages and select wines and spirits served throughout the ship; in-suite refrigerator replenished daily with soft drinks, beer and bottled water; and all onboard gratuities included.



Ship Information

Ship Statistics

Enrichment Programs During The Cruise

In addition to the eclipse and the exotic ports of call and relaxation aboard ship, educational enrichment will be a highlight of this cruise. The editors of *Sky & Telescope* magazine will host a panel of expert guest speakers who will provide astronomy lectures and discussions leading up to, during, and following the eclipse. We will also enjoy presentations on Polynesian culture and the history, geology, flora and fauna of the fabulous islands we will visit.

Ambassadors of the Environment Youth Circle of Interest

For guests who want to travel with their children or grandchildren, Regent's Ambassadors of the Environment Youth Circle of Interest (additional fee) is designed to give young people the most fun and enriching experience possible while onboard *Paul Gauguin*. Young guests will develop a deep appreciation for the wonders of the nature, an understanding of how a coral reef functions, how forest ecosystems are like coral reefs, the value of culture, why it is important to be environmentally aware and what each of us can do to help save coral reefs and protect our planet. Young guests take part in games, expedition film presentations, excursions in and out of the ocean, discussions and activities. Parents are also encouraged to join the excursions.





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Paul Gauguin Suites & Staterooms



The deluxe amenities you'd expect from a deluxe resort:

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Owner's Suite

Category OS

Stateroom: 457 sq. ft.

Veranda: 77 sq. ft.

Bathroom includes separate shower and dressing area

Owner's Suites include Butler service



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Grand Suite

Category GS

Stateroom: 332 sq. ft.

Veranda: 197 sq. ft.

Grand Suites include Butler service



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Veranda Suite

Category A

Stateroom: 300 sq. ft.

Veranda: 58 sq. ft.

Category A suites include Butler service



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Veranda Stateroom

Category B

Stateroom: 249 sq. ft.

Veranda: 56 sq. ft.

Category B staterooms include Butler service



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Balcony Stateroom

Category C

Stateroom: 202 sq. ft.

Balcony: 37 sq. ft.



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Window Stateroom

Category D

Stateroom: 200 sq. ft. with picture window



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Window Stateroom

Category E

Stateroom: 200 sq. ft. with picture window



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Porthole Stateroom

Category F

Stateroom: 200 sq. ft. with porthole

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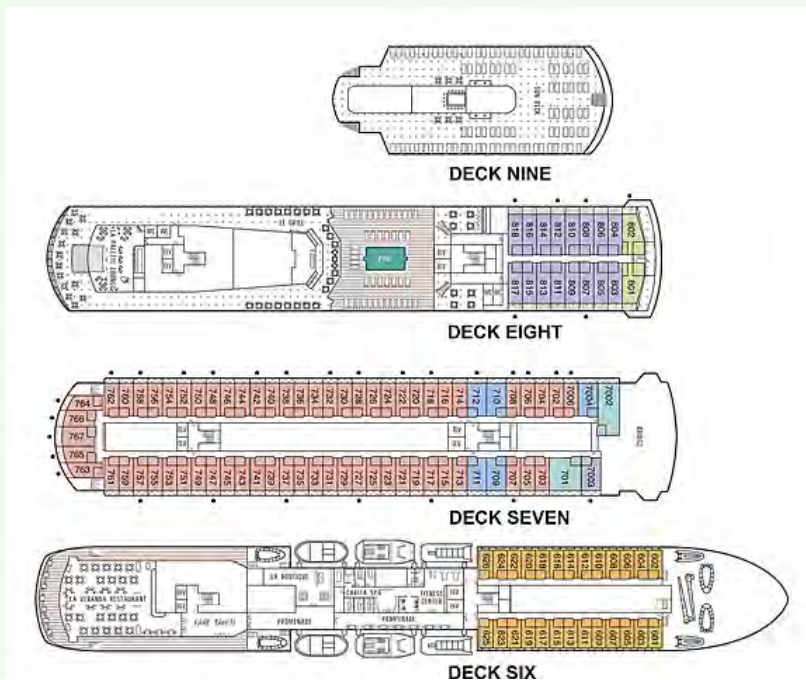
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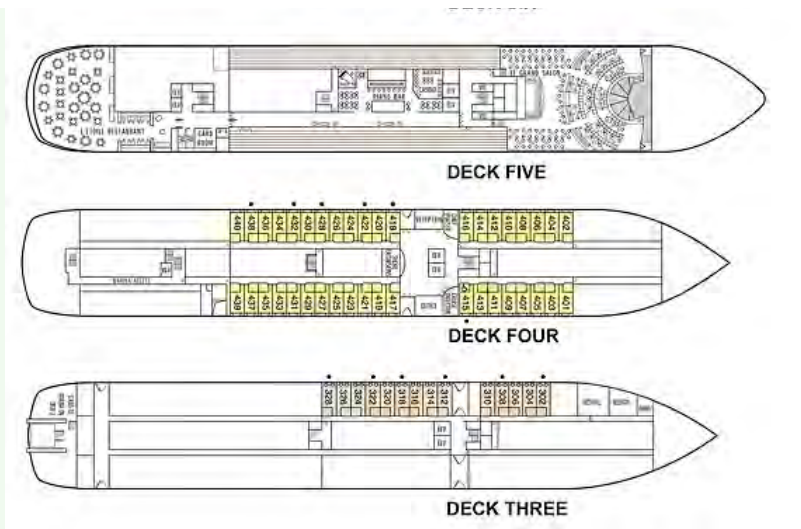


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	CATEGORY GS GRAND SUITE		CATEGORY D WINDOW STATEROOM
	CATEGORY A VERANDA SUITE		CATEGORY E WINDOW STATEROOM
	CATEGORY B VERANDA STATEROOM		CATEGORY F PORTHOLE STATEROOM

The Dot (•) on the outside of some of the deck plans denotes staterooms with choice of queen bed or two twin bed configuration. All other staterooms have fixed queen beds.

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