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 5 to 15, 2019

- 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

EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS

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Dear Fellow Columbian,

There is no better way to experience the romance of the South Pacific than under the billowing white sails of an elegant yacht. Travel with the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) from February 5 – 15, 2019, on a nine-night land and sea sojourn, exploring the resplendent Society Islands.

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, with majestic peaks emerging from emerald green jungles, chalk-white atolls and beryl-blue lagoons, they 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.

Cultural enrichment abounds in the captivating natural environment of French Polynesia. On the islands of Tahiti, Huahine, Ra‘iatea, Taha‘a, Bora Bora, and Mo‘orea, 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—stingrays, lagoon sharks, and colorful fish and breathe in the fresh fragrances of vanilla, gardenia, and jasmine that delicately permeate the island air.

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.

The CAA is a global network connecting Columbians of all schools to one another and to the intellectual and social fabric of Columbia University, even after graduation. It links over 338,000 alumni through more than 100 Regional Clubs and Shared Interest Groups, online resources, and over 200 thought-provoking programs around the world. The CAA Travel Study Program is one of the benefits offered to Columbia alumni and is an opportunity to continue one’s Columbia education through new intellectual, cultural, and geographical horizons.

Join alumni, friends and participants from cosponsoring associations 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 amid the unspoiled, tropical islands of the South Pacific. This program is sure to fill quickly, so please contact the CAA Travel Study Program office at 866-325-8664 or travelstudy@columbia.edu for more details and to confirm your place now while choice accommodations and early booking savings are still available!

Sincerely,

Donna H. MacPhee ’89CC, P: ’17CC
Vice President for Alumni Relations
President, Columbia Alumni Association

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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 TAHITI  
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. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure for snorkeling opportunities in Mo'orea'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 provides the islanders’ livelihoods. Gain a deeper understanding of traditional Polynesian agriculture as you tour the fragrant grounds of a vanilla plantation.

Visit a farm lustrous black pearls are meticulously cultivated under water. 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.

A glittering azure lagoon of tiny motus and white sand beaches surround the island of Taha'a.
An optional excursion cruises the island's iridescent lagoon to encounter graceful stringrays, black-tipped lagoon sharks and a coral garden 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 T ruck," 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.

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.
Five-Star, Small Sailing Ship msy Wind Spirit

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—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 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, Rai’aetae, Bora Bora and Moorea.
- 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 Moorea, 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 Moorea to learn more about French Polynesia’s unique ecosystem.
- Excursion on Ra’iatea, a cradle of early Polynesian culture and a favorite destination of Captain Cook.
- Visit to a vanilla plantation and a pearl farm on Tahaa’s 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 are 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 Lure of the South Pacific

Tahiti, “Queen of the Pacific,” and her sister islands—Huahine, Taha’a, Bora Bora, Ra’iatea and Moorea—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.
**Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)**

**Tour No. 041-02/05/19-021**

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**All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by November 2, 2018.**

By forwarding the deposit for this travel program, I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and accept the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement in this brochure.

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**INCLUDED AIR FROM LOS ANGELES**

Low Air Add-Ons from select U.S. and Canadian cities

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Owner’s Suite

Suites with four portholes, queen bed and sitting/dining area. Deck 1, aft. (limited availability)

$14795/$15795

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**TAHITI AND FRENCH POLYNESIA UNDER SAIL RESERVATION FORM**

**Title**

Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)

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Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)

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Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Bora Bora Post-Program Option.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $ as deposit.

Make checks payable to Tahiti and French Polynesia under sail.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $ to:

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Please make my/our reservation(s): InterContinental Bora Bora Le Moana Resort Post-Program Option

- Double from $1685 per person.
- Single from $2530 per person.

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our air arrangements to and from Pape'ete, Tahiti.

Choose one:

- Included economy-class flights from Los Angeles.
- Another departure city at additional cost to be advised.

Please make my/our air arrangements.

Note: Included airfare, Low Air Add-Ons and/or airfare are subject to change. Space is limited and subject to availability and is not guaranteed. Changes to flight itineraries and/or travel dates are subject to additional fees; see Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).
The sweeping, dramatic landscapes and sparkling turquoise lagoons lend Bora Bora its fabled ambiance.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT
 RESPONSIBILITY: Columbia University, its agent, TSS LLC, and operators and suppliers, including, among others, hotels, airline companies, air charter companies, travel agencies, tour operators, independent contractors, wholesalers, retailers, subsidiaries, officers, directors or trustees, successors, and assigns (collectively “Gohagan”), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide services in connection with your trip including, but not limited to, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, guides or guide services, locks of waterways, ports of entry or departure, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity of or any other party.

In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of government, acts of war, strikes, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, bites from or attacks by animals, insects or pests, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, epidemic, or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of any travel mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are unable to travel, or if Gohagan determines in its sole discretion that your personal health or safety may be affected, Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or flight schedules of any persons who will be responsible for handling equipment. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel or cruise line.

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TRIP INSURANCE: We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Additional insurance on information options will be sent upon receipt of your reservation.

TRAVEL STUDY PROGRAM REGISTRATION:

CANCELLATIONS:

Any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning the trip, or the trip itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, either according to the then existing Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Illinois law and will take place in Chicago, IL. The arbitrator and any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. Please understand that by agreeing to these terms and conditions, the participant and Gohagan are waiving the right to a trial by jury.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: For forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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