

Suggested Rarotonga Itinerary

Day One

Kia Orana and Welcome to Rarotonga. There will be a meet and greet private car transfer service with the traditional 'ei' (neck garland) welcome on your arrival. Enjoy the air-conditioned transfer to Island Bay Villas.

Two fully self-contained villas complete the half-acre estate. Both are absolute beachfront. The master villa has three bedrooms available for guests, each with ensuite bathrooms and beach facing private balconies. There is a fourth bedroom and bathroom for the two staff who live at the residence and who will provide guests with housekeeping, cooking, nanny and driving services as required. The villa surrounds a swimming pool and alfresco barbeque dining / living area. There are extensive decks overlooking what is one of the South Pacific's most iconic beach locations.

The second (smaller) villa is a single bedroom cottage with two outdoor living areas. It is just close enough to the main villa and is serviced daily. Both villas are available individually. The property provides 4 kayaks (2x2man & 2x1man) and pushbikes for guests.

Guests arriving off an early morning flight enjoy the sights and inner terrain of Rarotonga on a private Raro Safari Tour with an experienced guide.

In the evening relax, unwind, and enjoy a meal on the deck of your private beachfront villa prepared by the villa staff.

Day Two ~ Across the Island

After breakfast you will be collected for the Across the Island trek with the most experienced and well-known guide on the island. The best way to explore Rarotonga's mountainous interior on foot is in the company of the dreadlocked king of the needle named Pa. He leads mountain and nature walks daily. Along the way he points out various wild plants, such as vanilla, candle nuts, mountain orchids, and the shampoo plant, and explains their everyday and medicinal uses in the days before corned beef and pharmacies. Your next private tour where you are in the hands of a true island professional.

Following the trek across the island, enjoy a full body massage in the afternoon in the comfort and privacy of your own villa.

In the evening, a private transfer will take you to the popular Trader Jacks seafood restaurant located on the waterfront of Avarua harbour.

Day Three ~ Aitutaki

In the morning, you will be transferred to the Airport domestic terminal and fly to the outer-island of Aitutaki. On arrival, you will be greeted in true Aitutaki fashion before being transferred to the Pacific Resort Aitutaki.

Pacific Resort Aitutaki is “Australasia’s Leading Boutique Resort” (World Travel Awards 2007 & 2008) and a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World collection.

Stay in the Beachfront Villa - Beautifully designed split-level spacious villas perched on spectacular black volcanic rock with an outdoor staircase meandering down to the sandy beach.

In the afternoon, have some fun in the Aitutaki lagoon, either tube riding, wake boarding or skiing.

In the evening, dine in the treetop restaurant of the Pacific Resort Aitutaki.

Day Four ~ Lagoon Cruise

After breakfast take a private speedboat out to the motus (islets) and swim and snorkel in the world-renowned Aitutaki lagoon. This can incorporate some fishing stops along the way also.

In the evening be transferred to the Tamanu Beach for the night performance of Cook Islands song, dance, fire dancing and more from the talented and dynamic cultural group. (Available Thursday nights)

Day Five ~ Cook Islands Art and Culture

After breakfast bid the beautiful island of Aitutaki farewell and return to Rarotonga aboard Air Rarotonga. After you have checked back into Island Bay Villas, take a private art tour with one of the islands local artists.

Meet with various Cook Islands artists and let them tell you the stories behind their work. Includes local, carving, abstract, modern and tattoo. A tour well worth doing and leaves you wanting to see more.

In the evening be transferred to the Windjammer Restaurant for dinner.

Day Six ~ Shop, Sun and Surf

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the Punanga Nui market place in town where local handicrafts and delicacies are on sale. Visit various shops in the township area and buy local gifts for family and friends.

In the afternoon soak up the Rarotonga sun either kayaking out the front of your Villa or stop at the Sailing Club and go windsurfing in the Muri lagoon.

In the evening, you will be transferred to the sunset side of Rarotonga to explore and be delighted by specially prepared Polynesian dishes and sumptuous European specialties with an Island touch! Wiggle your hips and knock your knees to the vibrant sounds of one of our top local dance teams, a pulsating 45 minutes of maidens and warriors showing the very best of The Cook Islands.

Day Seven ~ Fishing in Raro

Spend most of your day out fishing with one of Rarotonga's top fisherman – George from Akura Charters. And if you are lucky have the staff at your Villa BBQ up your catch for dinner that evening.

Day Eight ~ Cultural Tour

In the morning, be collected for a group tour of the Highland Paradise historical site, a stunning tour that incorporates one of the most cultural and historic sites, together with the islands most magnificent views. Located in the Highlands of Maungaroa Valley on the Southwestern side of Rarotonga, Highland Paradise is the ancient settlement of the High Chief – Tinomana Ariki. This ancient and historic village consists of Marae's (sacred sites), killing stones, turtle rock, guilty rock, ancient navigator stone and wedding site as well as acres of beautiful tropical gardens and bushwalks. A guided tour with local refreshments.

In the evening be transferred to the Tamarind Restaurant for dinner. The Tamarind House is a beautiful historic colonial house in a beachfront setting on the NE side of Rarotonga.

Day Nine ~ Aere Ra – Farewell

Be transferred back to the Rarotonga International Airport in air-conditioned comfort for your departure flight.

It is time we say "Aere Ra" to this perfect piece of paradise. May we say "Kia Orana and Kia Manuia" (Safe journeys and may you live long) We wish you fond memories and look forward to welcoming you and your family back to the Cook Islands again some day.

Package Inclusions

- Six Nights accommodation at Island Bay Villas (This includes both the master residence and small cottage) with complimentary use of kayak and snorkelling equipment.
- Return International Airport Transfers with personal meet and greet service and traditional flower welcome on arrival.
- Private Raro Safari Tour.
- Specially prepared dinner in Villa on first night of arrival.
- Private guided across the island walk with PA.
- Full body massage for x3 pax.
- Return private transfers to Trader Jacks Seafood Restaurant.
- Roundtrip domestic airport transfers for Aitutaki trip.

- 3 x Air Rarotonga return airfares to/from Aitutaki.
- 2 Nights accommodation in Beachfront Villa at Pacific Resort Aitutaki.
- Meet and greet on arrival in Aitutaki plus return hotel transfers.
- Daily breakfast at Pacific Resort Aitutaki.
- Wet and Wild Tour.
- Private Aitutaki lagoon cruise with BBQ fish lunch, fishing and snorkelling stops.
- Tamanu Beach Cultural Night Dinner and Show with return transfers.
- Private Ariki Art Tour with return transfers.
- Return private transfers to Windjammer Restaurant.
- Return shopping transfers to Punanga Nui Market and Town – 3 hrs.
- Edgewater Island Night dinner & show plus return private transfers.
- Private fishing charter for x3 pax plus return transfers.
- Highland Paradise Cultural Guided Tour plus transfers.
- Return private transfers to Tamarind House Restaurant.

International air is not included in total package price and all beverages are paid for on consumption. Meal inclusions only where indicated. Please note that prices are subject to change and dependent on availability.

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