



Cook Islands, South Pacific

On our tour, we visit three very different South Pacific islands.

We learn about their history, nature and culture. We spot unique birds and snorkel among beautiful fishes. We hike on lush green mountains and through fossil coral reefs. We hear the stories about a museum collection. We witness vibrant Polynesian dance and feel the drum beats. We experience both traditions and contemporary life in the Cook Islands.

We get to know Cook Islanders in conversation beyond tourism.



Tour Highlights:

- We visit three different South Pacific islands: Rarotonga, a high island; Atiu, a raised island and Aitutaki an atoll



- Aitutaki Lagoon
- Rarotonga mountains with pristine rain forest



- Enjoy diverse, great food
- Watch Polynesian dancing and drumming



- See endemic birds, hear the Atiu Swiftlet echo-locate in a cave
- See colorful reef fishes and corals
- Walk through beautiful natural and cultural landscapes
- Hear local guides share information about history and contemporary life in the Cook Islands



Dates

August 18 - 30, 2019
13 days

Group size

Maximum group size 10
Minimum group size 8

Language and Fitness

Cook Islanders speak English and Cook Islands Maori.

Average fitness is required. However, there are less demanding alternatives for the more strenuous walks.

Tour Leader and Tour Company

Judith Kunzlé and Turama Pacific Travel Group are the hosts and organisers of this tour.

For a detailed program and more information about this tour, visit <http://judithkunzleselect.com/cook-islands-tour-2019/>

For booking arrangements, deposits, payment deadlines and cancellations, please inquire at Events@dmck.co.ck.



Tour leader Judith Kunzlé has lived in Rarotonga for 27 years. She has been leading this

tour in the Cook Islands since 2009 for InterNational ParkTours, an Australian tour company.

Judith is an internationally recognized artist for her work on Cook Islands dance.

She has illustrated animals and plants for the Cook Islands Natural Heritage Trust, and worked on expedition cruise ships, the World Discoverer and the National Geographic Endeavour, as the ship's artist in the South Pacific.

Our tour is based on Judith's insight and her artist's eye, combined with her passion for nature and the environment – and her many local friends.

Judith's program is packed with action and participation, and balanced with being in beautiful places, taking it all in. She will be joined by local guides on each island who share their views and experiences of life in "The Cooks".

We invite experienced and experimental travelers to join Judith to get to know and enjoy her three favourite islands, Rarotonga, Atiu and Aitutaki, their geological history, their nature and their people.

Inclusions:

- 12 nights twin share accommodation with private facilities
- Meals included: 14 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners
- Transfers and tours as listed in itinerary, including all airport transfers
- Domestic flights within the Cook Islands
- Professional tour leader assisted by local tour guides

Exclusions:

- International airfares to and from Rarotonga and taxes to start/finish of tour
- Passport and Visa expenses
- Heavy or excess baggage
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses: drinks, tips, laundry, telephone, optional tours

Pricing for 2019

Twin share, per person (Excluding the flights to and from Rarotonga): **USD4516 (*NZD6728)**

Single **USD6102 (*NZD9091)**

On Rarotonga and Aitutaki, single rooms are available. But because Atiu is a very remote destination with a limited number of rooms, guests with a single booking will have to share a room for 4 nights.

***Pricing is based on New Zealand Dollars (NZD). USD prices are an indication only, with exchange rate of November 2018. USD prices may change by date of payment.**

Booking this tour

Please email Turama Pacific Travel Group at Events@dmck.co.ck to book and pay the deposit of USD500 per person.

After your booking and deposit, you will receive a confirmation by email. As soon as at least 8 participants have booked, we will confirm the tour, and send you a medical questionnaire and information about international flights to and from the Cook Islands.

You can book your own flights, or let us book the international flights for you. Please do not book flights until the tour is confirmed.

If you would like to arrive before, or stay a few days after, the tour, we would be happy to suggest and book accommodation for you.

You will need to arrange for your travel insurance, which is mandatory.

After your travel itinerary and bookings are confirmed, we will send you an invoice for the balance of the tour payment.

After the payment is completed, we will send your final tour documents and travel information.

Smaller groups

The minimum number of passengers to operate at the price listed in the itinerary is 8. If the minimum number is not reached, we may still offer to operate

this tour with a surcharge, and booked guests may decide to continue or not.

Keywords:

Tropical South Pacific Islands, nature, culture, traditional dance, walking, hiking, swimming, snorkeling, biodiversity, rare birds, tropical fish, geology, knowledgeable guides, good food

