



## Pitcairn is the place for stargazing

The remote Pitcairn Islands group has become one of only eight International Dark Sky Association (IDA) designated Dark Sky Sanctuaries in the world. Pitcairn's Mata ki te Rangi - Eyes to the Sky International Dark Sky Sanctuary encompasses all four islands in the group, it is a designation that means everything in the world of night sky conservation and international astro-tourism. Additionally, the Pitcairn Islands Group is the first British Overseas Territory, and only island group in the world, to have been granted IDA Dark Sky Sanctuary status. Located deep in the South Pacific, more than 500 kilometres from its nearest populated neighbour, the Pitcairn Islands have some of the world's clearest oceans and night skies in the world.



## New service boosts sailings

A new era for Pitcairn Islands Tourism began in March 2019 with the launch of a new shipping service to one of the world's most remote tourism destinations. The new *MV Silver Supporter* schedule will see 21 passenger sailings to the island per annum, up from 12.

Commenting on the new service, Pitcairn's Travel Coordinator, Heather Menzies said "*MV Silver Supporter* will be based in Pitcairn waters enabling us to facilitate charters and develop new itineraries that include the rest of our beautiful island group. We expect strong interest in itineraries that include World Heritage site Henderson Island as part of a Pitcairn Islands package, and discerning tourists will also welcome the opportunity to explore beautiful Oeno Island and the unique underwater experiences available at Ducie Island."

Access to Pitcairn's shipping service is via Mangareva in French Polynesia, a four-hour flight from the capital, Papeete. The services are timed to meet the weekly Tuesday flight at Mangareva. For more information on the new shipping schedule visit [www.visitpitcairn.pn](http://www.visitpitcairn.pn)

## New Pitcairn Islands Explorers Tour promotion

Taking advantage of the recently launched new shipping service to Pitcairn Island, Our Pacific are promoting Pitcairn's all new Explorers Tour, visiting all four islands in the legendary Pitcairn Islands group, the world's third largest marine reserve. This 18 night/19-day tour commences in Tahiti on 19 October and includes 11 days cruising Pitcairn's remote outer islands and a four day stay on Pitcairn Island, home of the descendants of the *HMAV Bounty* mutineers since 1790. Pre and post stopovers in Tahiti are also included. Whilst this unique tour has almost sold out, there are still a few berths available.

Pitcairn Travel Coordinator, Heather Menzies said, "This tour gives visitors a very rare opportunity to visit all the islands in our group, with visits not only Pitcairn but also the pristine atoll of Oeno, UNESCO World Heritage site, Henderson Island and Pitcairn's least visited island, Ducie, where migratory seabirds nest".

For more information and to book your place on this unique tour contact Our Pacific on 0800 500 598 or visit [www.ourpacific.co.nz/destinations/pitcairn-island.aspx](http://www.ourpacific.co.nz/destinations/pitcairn-island.aspx).



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