

2020-2021 shipping schedule is out

Following the announcement earlier in the year of a new ship, the *MV Silver Supporter*, Pitcairn Islands Tourism recently announced its 2020-2021 passenger sailing schedule. Pitcairn Travel Coordinator, Heather Menzies said, "We have seen unprecedented demand in 2019, following an increase in capacity of 75 per-cent over previous years. Most sailings have been booked-out and this looks to continue through 2020 and beyond. For the first time we will have sailings spread across the year from January to December, providing our visitors with more choice of travel periods throughout the year than ever before".

"Pitcairn's recent accreditation as the world's 8th International Dark Sky Sanctuary, including nomination by TIME Magazine in its 2019 top 100 places to visit and growing interest in scientific and nature tourism has opened up new opportunities for Pitcairn. This expanded shipping schedule for 2020-2021 has been designed to support this ever-growing interest," Menzies added. Access to Pitcairn's shipping service is via Mangareva in French Polynesia, a 4-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



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We're one of TIME Magazine's World's Greatest Places

TIME Magazine has named Pitcairn's "Mata ki te Rangi" International Dark Sky Sanctuary as one of the top 100 World's Greatest Places in 2019! The Pitcairn Islands became the world's 8th International Dark Sky Sanctuary earlier this year making it the only island group in the world and only British territory with this designation.

TIME Magazine's 2019 list of greatest places was organised into three categories: best places to visit, stay and dine. The list named Pitcairn among 37 other global destinations to visit including: Iceland's geothermal sea baths, Australia's Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and California's Hearst Castle. This accolade recognises Pitcairn's status not only as a top global destination but as an emerging Astro-tourism destination as well.

Pitcairn Islands Tourism Travel Coordinator, Heather Menzies, said "We are thrilled to have been included on TIME's 100 World's greatest Places list. 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". For more information about Pitcairn and visiting "Mata ki te Rangi" go to www.visitpitcairn.pn



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'Our Pacific' releases Pitcairn packages

South Pacific Specialist, Our Pacific, have released a new series of 11-nights/12-day packages including Pitcairn Island. Building on growing interest in travel to Pitcairn Island, Our Pacific are offering their package from Auckland to Pitcairn including a Tahiti stopover.

The 12-day packages include four nights in Tahiti including transfers; four nights aboard Pitcairn's supply ship *MV Silver Supporter* with all meals; plus four days homestay on Pitcairn including all meals, transfers and laundry. The packages also include return flights from Auckland, flying Air Tahiti Nui and domestic flights between Papeete and Mangareva, where clients board the *MV Silver Supporter* for the final leg to Pitcairn.

Limited spaces are available for departures commencing January 2020 through to March 2021. For more information contact Our Pacific on 0800 500 598.



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