

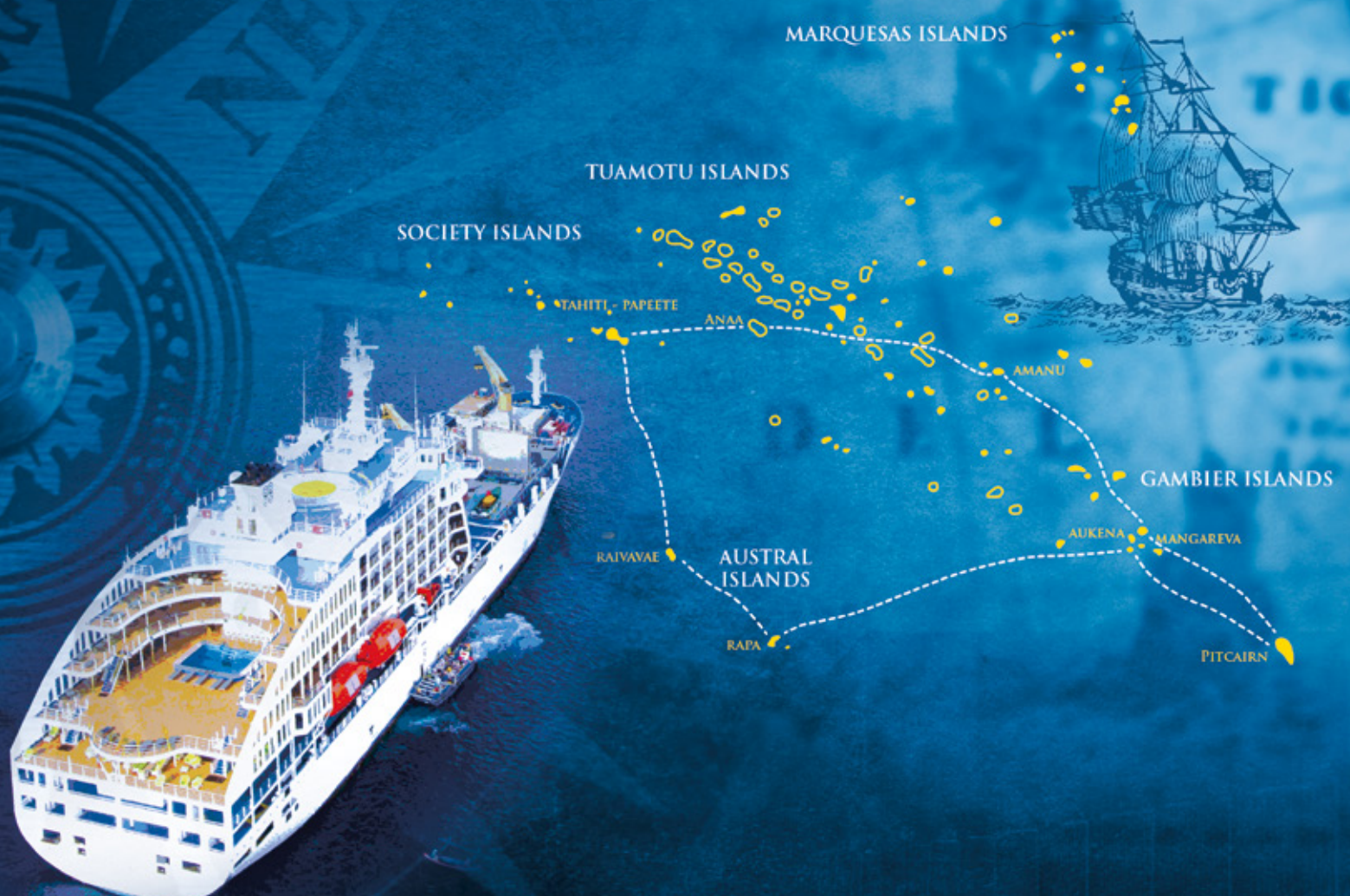


# ARANUI 5

THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

# PITCAIRN

TUAMOTU @ GAMBIER @ AUSTRAL ISLANDS



## EMBARK ON A VOYAGE LIKE NO OTHER

*For more than 30 years, Aranui has been offering discerning travellers the adventure of a lifetime across the South Pacific and in 2019, the voyage is heading south to remote Pitcairn Island. Following in the footsteps of the famed Bounty mutineers, Aranui 5 is offering a special cruise to Pitcairn via some of the most beautiful and untouched islands across three French Polynesian archipelagos.*





HMS BOUNTY

# PITCAIRN ISLAND

## ESCAPE THE CROWDS

*For an adventure you won't find in the average guide book, embark on a voyage across the South Pacific for Pitcairn Island.*

Located in the dazzling blue waters between Tahiti and Easter Island, this tiny, far-flung island is thousands of kilometres from the nearest continent. Pitcairn is so isolated it's only accessible by sea and with all the modern conveniences of a new freighter, Aranui 5 offers a stylish and comfortable new way to visit the island. Part of Britain's smallest territory, Pitcairn is home to a population of just 50 people – the descendants of Pitcairn's first

European settlers, the HMS Bounty mutineers, and their accompanying band of Polynesians. Visitors to the isolated isle at the edge of the world mingle with these local families, gaining a unique insight into the island's culture and storied history.

If you're looking for an adventure that redefines what it means to get off the beaten tourist trail, this is the remote paradise you've been searching for.





## ENJOY A DAY ON PITCAIRN

*More than 200 years after the Bounty arrived, Aranui 5 is scheduled to make the cruise line's maiden call to Pitcairn on January 14, 2019.*

- 🌀 VISIT THE GRAVE OF MUTINEER JOHN ADAMS
- 🌀 HAND FEED THE ISLAND'S ONLY GALAPAGOS TORTOISE
- 🌀 BROWSE PITCAIRN'S LOCAL CURIO AND CRAFT MARKET
- 🌀 SEE THE BOUNTY CANNON AT PITCAIRN ISLAND MUSEUM
- 🌀 WALK TO CHRISTIAN'S CAVE, WHERE FLETCHER CHRISTIAN WATCHED FOR PASSING SHIPS
- 🌀 MEET THE DESCENDANTS OF THE BOUNTY MUTINEERS AND THEIR POLYNESIAN CONSORTS

## FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MUTINEERS

The tale of the mutiny of His Majesty's Armed Vessel *Bounty* is one of the best known in history.

After the Master's Mate Fletcher Christian cast adrift Commander Lieutenant William Bligh in the ship's boat, the mutineers sailed the *Bounty* back to Tahiti then onwards to the Austral Islands, eventually seeking refuge on an uninhabited island, secure from the outside world. Pitcairn.

As part of their crew, they took with them six Polynesian men and twelve women, the beginnings of the current Pitcairn community.

Upon their arrival on January 17, 1790, the crew found Pitcairn to be an inaccessible and uninhabited place with fertile and warm conditions.

After removing their possessions and lugging everything up the aptly named Hill Of Difficulty, the *Bounty* was run ashore and set alight so that no trace of her would remain visible from the sea. A village was established on the lower plateau, situated above Bounty Bay, where the village of Adamstown still stands.

Although he lived in his isolated sanctuary only a few years, Fletcher Christian is fondly remembered as the founder and first leader of modern day Pitcairn.

Image: Pitcairn Island Philatelic Bureau



Image: GPI (Government of Pitcairn Island), Division of Environment, Conservation and Natural Resources



# A 13 DAY UNIQUE ITINERARY

**JANUARY 10 – 22, 2019**

## **DAY 1 DEPARTURE**

Papeete – Tahiti

## **DAY 2 ANAA (TUAMOTU)**

Try your hand at traditional javelin throwing and handicrafts. Anaa is also home to a sustainable fishing program.

## **DAY 3 AMANU (TUAMOTU)**

Enjoy this idyllic atoll with palm-fringed crystal-clear lagoons and a village visit to see local handicrafts.

## **DAY 4 AT SEA**

## **DAY 5 MANGAREVA (GAMBIER)**

The Gambiers were the cradle of Catholicism in Polynesia; visit the renovated St Michael's catholic church where the altar is inlaid with iridescent mother-of-pearl shell.

## **DAY 6 ADAMSTOWN (PITCAIRN)**

Walk in the footsteps of the Bounty settlers from the landing at Bounty Bay to Adamstown and Christian's Cave. Meet the descendants of the mutineers at the curio market, visit the grave of the last surviving mutineer John Adams, learn about an earlier Polynesian civilisation and view artefacts from the Bounty at the Museum.

## **DAY 7 DEPART PITCAIRN**

## **DAY 8 AUKENA (GAMBIER)**

Home to pristine lagoons that are perfect for black pearls, visit a pearl farm, do some sightseeing and enjoy a beach barbeque.

## **DAY 9 AT SEA**

## **DAY 10 RAPA (AUSTRAL)**

Visit a cave and agricultural centre and enjoy arts and crafts and a barbeque in the village.

## **DAY 11 DEPART RAPA**

## **DAY 12 RAIVAVAE (AUSTRAL)**

After being welcomed by villagers, explore archaeological sites on an island circle tour before a swim at the beach.

## **DAY 13 ARRIVAL**

Papeete – Tahiti



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