

SOUTHERN GROUP ADVENTURE PACKAGES

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Atiu



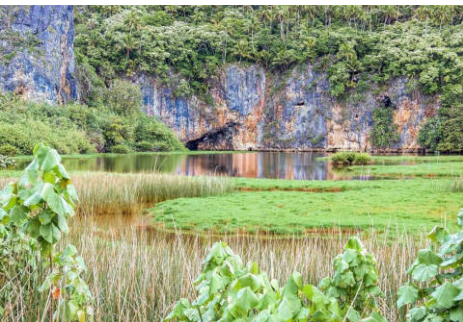
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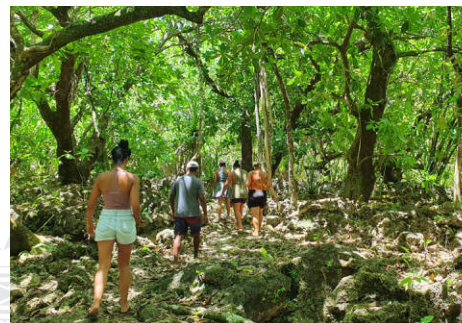


MANGAIA

Mangaia, traditionally known as Au'au Enuu, is located 203 kilometres Southeast of Rarotonga. It is estimated to be 18 million years old making it one of the oldest islands in the Pacific.

Second largest in the Cook Islands after Rarotonga, Mangaia is especially known for its surrounding band of makatea (raised coral cliffs), as well as its sunken interior plateau, lush wetland, hidden caves, golden shells and stone carvings. Mangaia is a natural wonderland of discovery and adventure.

Accommodation on Mangaia is at Babes Place, a simple but clean and well presented property located in the main village of Oneroa. Room options at Babes Place include four basic units - each with their own private bathroom, and two double bedrooms in the main house - these rooms share a bathroom. Also in the main house is the communal kitchen, dining, lounge and self-laundry facilities.



MAUKE

Mauke, traditionally known as Akatokamanava, is one of the three close islands of the Southern Group known as 'Nga-Pu-Toru' which is grouped with Mitiaro and Atiu.

While Mauke is mostly referred to as the garden island of the Cook Islands with its rich soil and abundance of vegetation, it is also a natural playground with many hidden secrets to be discovered. An island with fascinating history and culture waiting to be shared with visitors.

On Mauke, Ri's Hideaway is where you will stay, rurally located on the south coast—a 15 minute drive from the main town and 20 minutes from the airport. On-site there are five self-contained bungalows, each with a lovely view through the pandanus trees to Ri's private beach cove from their balconies. There is also a two bedroom house right across the road. Ri's Hideaway is the perfect place for travellers looking for a peaceful environment to relax, reflect and rejuvenate.

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We take you on an 8-day fully escorted Island Hopping adventure to encounter four of the Cook Islands unspoiled islands of the Southern Group — Mangaia, Mauke, Mitiaro and Atiu.

You will experience the unique natural beauty and the authenticity of each island's history and culture—which will no doubt draw you closer in appreciation for the environment and the simplicity of life as you absorb all that these islands and their people have to share with you.

Our Southern Group Adventure Packages has you and your group spending 2 nights on each island enjoying guided tours, engaging with locals, and experiencing the island life.

Package includes:

- Airfares—Rarotonga/Mangaia/Mauke/Mitiaro/Atiu/Rarotonga
- Return Airport Transfers on all islands
- 2 nights Accommodation on each island
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- An Island Tour on each island
- Tour Manager / Guide
- Cook Islands Christian Church experience in Mangaia on Sunday, followed by a swim and picnic lunch at a beach
- Additional Tours: Weaving with the Mamas in Mitiaro, and Anatakitaki (Kopeka Bird) Cave Tour on Atiu
- Opportunity to purchase souvenir gifts while on each island.

Day 1 to Day 3: Rarotonga to Mangaia (Thur-Sat)

Mangaia is a 40 minute flight from Rarotonga. On arrival you are greeted by your local hosts. As you begin your transfer from the airport to Babes Place, your Island Tour begins. After check-in, your Island Tour continues. That evening, dinner is hosted at Babes Place. The following morning after breakfast, you are picked up for a visit to the Golden Shells - here you will learn the process of making the unique shell eis we call ei pupu. That evening you are hosted to an Island Night Dinner & Show. The next morning, we fly you to the island of Mauke.

Day 3 to Day 5: Mangaia to Mauke (Sat-Mon)

Mauke is a 40 minute flight from Mangaia. On arrival you



MITIARO

Mitiaro, traditionally known as Nukuroa, is approximately 45 kilometres northwest of Mauke. Like Mangaia, it is encircled by a band of Makatea (raised coral) with a fertile interior.

Mitiaro is renowned for its fresh water twin lakes in the centre of the island - home to the Itiki (eel) a local delicacy, its limestone caves with fresh water pools, the Pritchardia Mitiaroana - a variety of Fan Palm native to Mitiaro, and the beautifully woven baskets the local women craft from the leaves of Pandanus trees.

Divine Retreat is a large modern home with three room options. There are two bedrooms within the house which share a bathroom. The Suite is accessed from the veranda and has its own private bathroom. Separate to the house are two individual Studio Units. While all meals are prepared for guests, there is a large kitchen that guests may use. On the large veranda is the dining area, and several lounge suites for guests to relax.



ATIU

Atiu, traditionally known as Enuamanu (land of birds), is the third largest island in the Cook Islands. Its spectacular ecosystem boasts fringed coastlines with coral cliffs, hidden beach coves as well as dense tropical rainforests riddled with caves. Atiu Wildlife Sanctuary for many endemic and threatened bird species is located 20 kilometres north-west of Atiu on Takutea Island.

Atiu is well-known for the Atiu Tumunu, a two-century old tradition where the local men gather to enjoy a fruit based alcoholic local brew. Atiu is also home to the Kopeka Bird or Atiu Swiftlet, endemic to Atiu. Locally grown organic Atiu Coffee is another great feature of the Island.

Atiu Villas is your place of accommodation. A small peaceful and intimate property built entirely out of local trees and materials. There are six Self-Contained Villas surrounded by lush tropical gardens. On-site you will also find a tennis court, restaurant, swimming pool and vehicle rentals.

are met at the airport by your island hosts and transferred to Ri's Hideaway. Shortly after check-in, you are picked up for your tour of Mauke. A number of fascinating stories will be shared with you along the way. Your tour ends with a refreshing swim at Vai Tango—a fresh water cave pool. The next morning (Sunday), we take you to experience the local Cook Islands Christian Church (also known as the Divided Church). The next day we fly to your next island destination, Mitiaro.

Day 5 to Day 6: Mauke to Mitiaro (Mon-Wed)

Mitiaro is a short 10 minute flight from Mauke. Upon arrival you are greeted by your hosts and transferred to Divine Retreat. Your tours on Mitiaro include an Island Tour where you visit many places of interest and learn about the history and culture of the Island. These places include the lake and two fresh water cave pools.

The next day (Tuesday) you will enjoy a weaving demonstration and an early light lunch with the local women of Mitiaro island. Wednesday morning, we fly you to the island of Atiu.

Day 7 to Day 9: Mitiaro to Atiu (Wed-Fri)

Your last stop is Atiu Island. On arrival, you are met by your local hosts and transferred to Atiu Villas. Shortly after check-in you are picked up for your Anatakitaki Cave Tour to see the Kopeka Birds. That evening, experience the Atiu Tumunu with the locals and enjoy their locally made brew. Thursday morning you are picked up for your Island Eco Tour with Birdman George—a great way to see the spectacular rainforests, tropical birds, and rugged coasts. Your tour ends with an early dinner—a traditional (umu) feast cooked in an underground oven. The following day

(Friday) we fly you back to Rarotonga.

Package Pricing:

Pricing is per person from NZ\$ 3100.00 DBL/TWN. Flights will only operate with a minimum of 8 booked passengers— maximum of 11 people per departure date.

Fixed departure dates are as follows;

- 10—18 February 2022
- 24—31 March 2022
- 18—26 August 2022
- 13—21 October 2022
- 10—18 November 2022

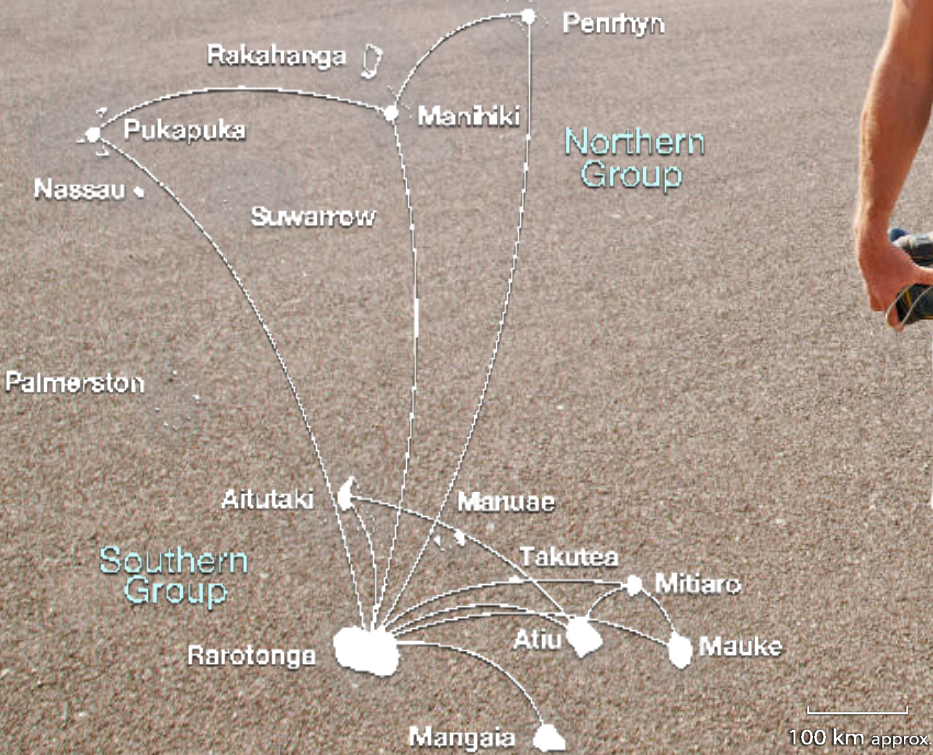


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