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Holiday Homes



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Where in the world are the Cook Islands?

Scattered over 2 million square kilometers of Pacific Ocean, this 15 island country with a population of about 19,000 lies directly in the centre of the Polynesian triangle, with the kingdom of Tonga and the Samoas to the west and French Polynesia to the East.

The Islands themselves range from low lying coral atolls to lush green majestic mountains and have a total land mass area of just 240 square kilometers. The largest island of the group is Rarotonga and home to the capital, Avarua and the international Airport. The Cook Islands are named after the Captain James Cook who sighted 5 islands in the southern group of the Cook Islands. Rarotonga's official discovery was by Captain Phillip Goodenough in 1814 while seeking sandalwood. Today, you can fly to most islands in the Cook Islands via our domestic carrier Air Rarotonga and International flights in and out of Rarotonga commence daily with three international airlines. Island Hopper can easily assist you with reservations and planning your holiday, ultimately making your discovery of the Cook Islands much easier than our ancestors.

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Rarotonga

Bright, vibrant and bustling with energy and excitement, is the island of Rarotonga. Almost completely encircled by reef, and turquoise lagoons, Rarotonga is only 32km in circumference. The main township and capital of the Cook Islands, Avarua is the commercial centre of the Country boasting a great selection of shops, banks, cafés and craft stores.

The two roads of Rarotonga circle the island, making it difficult to get lost and in the centre of the island is a cluster of high mountain peaks where the highest point is 653metres. Vehicles can be hired for your convenience or try the local bus which runs daily. It is most definitely the ideal spot for your romantic or family vacation and with activities galore on both sea and land from mountain hikes, to historic tours, fishing and diving trips to quad bike adventures Rarotonga has something for everyone, of every age.

Vaka

Rarotonga is divided into three main districts locally known as 'Vaka' which is also the word for a voyaging vessel on which the original settlers arrived in the Cook Islands. The vaka's are Puaikura, Takitumu and Teauotonga with at their head one or more Chief's or 'Ariki'

Legend has it that two of the early settlers to Rarotonga were Tangiia and Karika who arrived together and settled on different sides of the island, Tangiia to the East where he founded the Vaka Takitumu and Karika to the North where he founded the Vaka Teauotonga. The third tribe on the West side of Rarotonga, Puaikura was later founded by Tinomana who was driven out of Takitumu. Tinomana is a direct descendant of Tangiia.



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VAKA TAKITUMU

One of Rarotonga's most prominent historical events is the great Polynesian Migration that took place around the 14th century. History has it that the gathering point for all voyaging canoes was Avana Harbour in the District of Takitumu.

The seven most famous canoes that reached Aotearoa were Takitumu, Tokomaru, Kurahaupo, Aotea, Tainui, Te Arawa and Mataatua. A circle of sevens stones commemorates these seven canoes at the Avana passage today.

Takitumu is also famous for its four islets located in Muri Lagoon. They are Motutapu, Koromiri, Oneroa and Taakoka. One of these islands is used for modern wedding ceremonies for couples from around the world.



AKIMANO VILLAS



Tucked away in the hills of Titikaveka is Akimano Villas, nature's little secret. These two bedroom villas are set amidst peaceful and lush tropical gardens offering a tranquil and completely self indulgent retreat. Located inland from one of Rarotonga's premier snorkeling and swimming spots, Akimano Villas is your best alternative to hotel living. Each villa features 2 bathrooms, TV's, full kitchen, large open plan dining and living area, patio with outdoor dining furniture and BBQ facilities. This large landscaped property is the perfect spot for family holidays, wedding functions or events.



BONUS: Welcome Starter Pack, 20 ltr water cooler **BEDDING CONFIGURATION:** 2x 2 Bedroom Villas each with 2x king beds or 1x king and 2x single beds **MAX PAX:** 4 **SGL/DBL PRICED FROM:** \$250
MINIMUM NIGHTS STAY: 1

ARAPATI BEACH BACH



A brand new two storey open plan beach house located right on the beach in Vaimaanga, self contained and featuring a full kitchen with breakfast bar which opens out onto a spacious deck complete with outdoor day bed. Views of the lagoon can be seen through the bay windows in the bedroom, while the outdoor covered dining and living areas create a tropical island style ambience. The property also features a second bedroom downstairs known as the guest room, which is accessible from the undercover garage and has external access only. The guest room features a queen bed and private bathroom which opens out onto the beach. Ideal for an extra couple or for older children. Enjoy the feeling of freedom in this very open style property.



BONUS: BBQ Facilities and snorkeling gear **BEDDING CONFIGURATION:** 1x king bed, 1x single futon and 1x queen bed
MAX PAX: 5, no children under 12 yrs **SGL/DBL PRICED FROM:** \$220 **MINIMUM NIGHTS STAY:** 4

BELLA BEACH



This 4 bungalow property set on the sandy shores of Titikaveka, can best be described as charming and quaint. Each studio style bungalow looks out to the blue lagoon of Titikaveka and is fully furnished with all the comforts of home including hammocks, indoor / outdoor furniture, stereo and kitchen appliances. Each bungalow opens out to a comfortable deck complete with outdoor furniture and sun lounges. Shops are within walking distance, and with such a great beachfront location Bella Beach will captivate you.

BONUS: BBQ facilities and complimentary Kayak use **BEDDING CONFIGURATION:** 4 bungalows each with 1x king bed which can be split to two singles if requested. **MAX PAX:** 2 **SGL/DBL PRICED FROM:** \$200
MINIMUM NIGHTS STAY: 3

IRO'S BEACH VILLA



Polynesian inspired, this 2 bedroom self contained beach house is well situated on the beach of Titikaveka enjoying perfect lagoon views and surround by a large property which is fantastic for hosting weddings or any other family gatherings. Iro's Beach Villa is complimented by a large deck with sun lounges, kayaks and snorkeling gear. There are also BBQ facilities and outdoor furniture so you can experience typical tropical indoor / outdoor living, while enjoying the breathtaking views. Iro's Beach Villa is well suited for couples or families traveling together.

BONUS: Welcome fresh fruit basket, bottled water, milk and juice, Complimentary snorkel and kayak equipment and BBQ facilities **BEDDING CONFIGURATION:** 2 bedroom villa with 2 king beds convertible to singles on request.
MAX PAX: 4 **SGL/DBL PRICED FROM:** \$400 **MINIMUM NIGHTS STAY:** 7

MAKAYLA PALMS



If you are looking for a relaxed island style holiday with all of today's modern conveniences then look no further than Makayla Palms. Less than a minutes stroll from the beautiful Titikaveka Beach, this three villa property is sure to charm you.

Two 1 bedroom studio rooms and One 2 bedroom villa compliment this peaceful property. Each villa has a large verandah complete with outdoor furniture perfect for alfresco dining.

BONUS: Includes Fruit platter and fresh home baked goods, Herb gardens and fruit trees
BEDDING CONFIGURATION: One Bedroom Studio 1x Queen Bed or 2x singles **MAX PAX:** 2
 Two Bedroom villa - 1x king bed (convertible) 1x queen bed and 1x single bed (for fifth person on request)
MAX PAX: 5 **SGL/DBL PRICED FROM:** \$240 **MINIMUM NIGHTS STAY:** 3

MANDALAY HEIGHTS



Mandalay Heights is a private 2 story accommodation located on the hillside of Muri Lagoon. This fully furnished open plan 3 bedroom house overlooks Muri Lagoon, with arguably some of the most expansive and breathtaking lagoon views on Rarotonga. Fully equipped with a full kitchen, 2 bathrooms, lounge and dining area which opens out to a wide sweeping deck complete with outdoor furniture, is perfect to watch the sunrise or to enjoy the magnificent views at anytime of the day. The property also features a 1 bedroom apartment with separate entrance, bedroom lounge area and bathroom. A new pool compliments the property which is surrounded by tropical landscapes and fantastic views of Muri Lagoon.

BONUS: Welcome breakfast Pack **BEDDING CONFIGURATION:** 1 Bedroom apartment: 1x king bed
3 Bedroom apartment 3x king beds (2 can be split to singles) **MAX PAX:** 8 **SGL/DBL PRICED FROM:** \$300
MINIMUM NIGHTS STAY: 5

NAVIGATOR VILLA



Beautiful and private, The Navigator Villa is located right on Muri Lagoon and comes complete with private pool and deck area. This stylish open plan 2 bedroom villa enjoys excellent views of Rarotonga's famous lagoon and with its large full kitchen, dining and living areas spilling out onto the deck, the navigator creates the perfect spot for your relaxing holiday. Ideal for couples or friends traveling together or families with older children.

BONUS: BBQ facilities, Kayaks and snorkeling gear
BEDDING CONFIGURATION: 2x Bedrooms with 2 king beds (convertible to two singles if required) **MAX PAX:** 4
SGL/DBL PRICED FROM: \$390 **MINIMUM NIGHTS STAY:** 4

RAINA BEACH HOUSE



Located right on the beach in Titikaveka and just steps from one of Rarotonga's premier snorkeling spots is Raina Beach House. A large fully self contained 2 bedroom 2 bathroom beach house complete with spare room, laundry facilities, BBQ, snorkeling and kayak equipment. Expect to spend hours at the beach with the friendly fish eating out of your hand. Perfect for that relaxing family holiday. Conveniently located next to a convenience store and close to popular restaurants.

BONUS: Fresh flower garlands **BEDDING CONFIGURATION:** 2x king beds 2x single beds **MAX PAX:** 6 Adults
SGL/DBL PRICED FROM: \$400 **MINIMUM NIGHTS STAY:** 2

SANDS VILLA



Located on the white sandy beach of Titikaveka, Sands Villa is your ultimate in beachfront villa experiences. These three spacious villas each have three bedrooms and two bathrooms, private decking for outdoor living and views of the endless lagoon. Designed with all the comforts of home, Sands Villa is the perfect choice for your tropical beachside holiday and with one of Rarotonga's best snorkeling and swimming spots at your doorstep, not only will you love it, you will be planning your next visit to Rarotonga sooner than you think.

BONUS: Daily rental car with unlimited kilometers, welcome breakfast basket, complimentary snorkeling and kayak equipment, personal orientation. **BEDDING CONFIGURATION:** 3x 3 bedroom villas, each with 2 king beds (convertible to singles) and 2 singles. **MAX PAX:** 6 **PRICED FROM:** \$499 (up to 4 pax) **MINIMUM NIGHTS STAY:** 3

TEHORA HOMESTEAD



Originally a family home, this very large 4 bedroom house is located in Turangi, on the outskirts of Rarotonga's famous Muri. Set inland amongst tropical gardens and lush green scenery and just 2 minutes drive to Muri lagoon, Tehora is close to popular restaurants and bars, convenience and craft stores, DVD rentals and cafes. Tehora Homestead features four large bedrooms each complete with TV's, a lounge and dining area with an extensive range of DVD's. Full kitchen including breakfast bar, indoor and outdoor bathrooms, a large veranda and BBQ deck, a mobile bar and even a pool table.

INCLUSIONS: DVD and game library, Pool table, BBQ. **BEDDING CONFIGURATION:** 4x Double 4 poster beds. **MAX PAX:** 8 **PRICED FROM:** \$180 (upto 6 pax)

VAKA PUAIKURA



The name Puaikura comes from the war of independence from Takitumu - as Puaikura was previously a part of Takitumu.

'Pu' refers to a tree trunk, 'a'i' means fire and 'kura' means red or sacred hence 'Puaikura' or the sacred fire from the tree trunk that spelled success in the war of independence.

Puaikura is known for many legends including the story of Raemaru - the flat topped mountain in the middle of the district. Legend has it that the top of this mountain was chopped by some ambitious Aitutaki people who carried it back by their vaka to their island to form the mountain called Maunga Pu the highest peak on Aitutaki.



ANCHORS REST



On the beach in Betela, Anchors Rest is perfect for your relaxing island vacation. This large 4 bedroom 2 bathroom house is set on an acre of tropical gardens right on the beach. A large verandah looks out towards the expansive lagoon providing a great venue for alfresco dining complete with outdoor furniture. Facilities include a BBQ, board games, kayaks, snorkeling gear, TV with a selection of DVD's, stereo with a CD collection and an office with Internet access. Located close to Restaurants, bars and convenience stores and just a 20 minute drive to Rarotonga's main township.

BONUS: Complimentary use of Kayaks and Snorkeling equipment, Welcome fruit bowl, Complimentary Veggie pack, pantry basics, bottle of chilled wine **BEDDING CONFIGURATION:** 4x bedrooms with 2x king beds which can be split into 2 singles, 1x queen bed and 2 single beds **MAX PAX:** 8 **PRICED FROM:** \$300 (up to 4 pax) **MINIMUM NIGHTS STAY:** 3

NAPA BEACHFRONT HIDEAWAY



This 3 bungalow property is perfect for a quaint and private beachside escape. With the beach on your doorstep and just 10 minutes from Rarotonga's main township, Napa Beachfront Hideaway is the ideal alternative to hotel living. Each bungalow is fully self contained with a private balcony overlooking the lagoon and the property is the perfect spot for sitting back to watch the sun set. Set amongst tropical gardens right on the beach and away from the main road you can enjoy the feeling of seclusion but still be so close to everything you need.

BONUS: You can literally take over the entire property by booking all three bungalows. Bonus inclusions of a rental vehicle when you stay for 7 nights or more absolutely free, plus you get the key to Papa Slow's guest bar, where you can stock up and serve as you like. **BEDDING CONFIGURATION:** 3x beachfront bungalows each with a double bed and an extra single bed if required. **MAX PAX:** 3 **SGL/DBL PRICED FROM:** \$185 **MINIMUM NIGHTS STAY:** 3

ORONGA BEACH

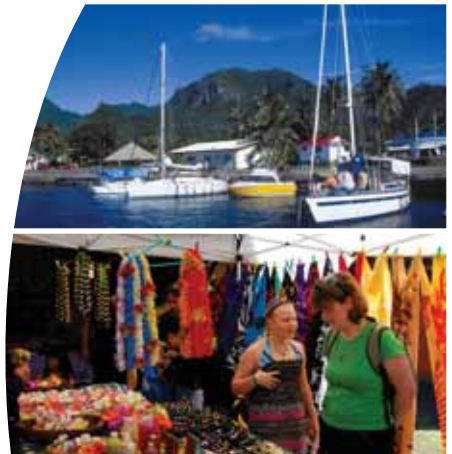


If your idea of the perfect tropical island holiday is privacy, seclusion, and beautiful white sandy beaches then Oronga Beach is the place for you. This brand new modern two bedroom home is conveniently located on a large section just steps from the sandy beach and blue Arorangi Lagoon. Fully self contained, including insect screens, ceiling fans, TV, mini stereo, BBQ facilities and private parking, guests are likely to spend hours on the beach or on Oronga's large deck with views of the lagoon. Perfect for family BBQ's or drinks and nibbles. Oronga's central location provides quick access to shops, restaurants, liquor stores and is a convenient 17 minutes from Rarotonga International Airport.

BONUS: Stay 7 Nights and pay for 6. **BEDDING CONFIGURATION:** 2x Queen Beds or 1x Queen Bed and 2x Single beds. **MAX PAX:** 4 **SGL/DBL PRICED FROM:** \$250 **MINIMUM NIGHTS STAY:** 3

VAKA TE AU O TONGA

Teautonga comprises of 19 villages from Nikao to Tupapa. Rarotonga's main township, Avarua is located in Teautonga, as well as the main harbour ports and the International Airport. Teautonga is known for the oldest theological college in the Pacific called Takamoā College built by Rev A Buzacott and fellow missionaries from England in 1845. They built a stone wall enclosing the college and the main residential building which still stands today. Cook Islanders who did mission work in Papua New Guinea, Samoa, and the islands of New Caledonia were trained at the college and the missionaries wives taught writing, arithmetic and needlework. By the 1850's most Rarotongans could read and write. The College also worked to record and print book in Cook Islands Maori, the first Cook Islands Maori books were printed in the 1840s. The Takamoā Theological College is still standing today and continues to teach and train local pastors.



MOTEA UNITS



Across the road from Club Raro resort is the modern two bedroom Motea Units. Just 2 minutes from a local surf spot and the beach which although is not the best for swimming is perfect for reef walking and reef fishing, Motea units provides guests with all the comforts of home. This 2 bedroom property boasts all the comforts of home, including an open plan living room that expands onto a large private deck area, taking full advantage of tropical indoor outdoor living. Motea is conveniently located within walking distance to convenience stores, Restaurants and Bars and just 5 minutes drive to Rarotonga's main township Avarua.



BONUS: Stay 7 nights and pay 6 **BEDDING CONFIGURATION:** 1x 2 bedroom unit with super king beds that can be split to singles **MAX PAX:** 4 **SGL/DBL PRICED FROM:** \$150 **MINIMUM NIGHTS STAY:** 3

NIKAO BEACH BUNGALOWS



These three self contained villas are situated on a private white sandy beach with magnificent lagoon views. 2 studio villas and 1 family villa with 2 bedrooms compliment the secluded property. Each villa has all the comforts of home, including super king beds for that comfortable nights rest, TV/DVD player and full kitchen facilities. All bungalows have decks providing perfect views over the lagoon and creating the perfect spot for an evening sunset cocktail. Centrally located across the road from a 24hr petrol station, pharmacy and DVD rental and just minutes from Rarotonga's main township ensure that Nikao Beach Bungalow's is your perfect Island getaway.

BEDDING CONFIGURATION: 2x studio villas each with 1x king bed which can be split to 2 singles **MAX PAX:** 2
BEDDING CONFIGURATION (family): 2 bedroom villa: 1x King Bed and 2 x single beds **MAX PAX:** 4
SGL/DBL PRICED FROM: \$135 **MINIMUM NIGHTS STAY:** 3