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ATIU

Atiu, also known as Enua Manu (the land of birds), is one of the three close islands of the Southern Group known as 'Nga-Pu-Toru' - grouped with Mitiaro and Mauke. Atiu is the third largest island in the Cook Islands. Its spectacular ecosystem boasts fringed coastlines with coral cliffs, hidden beach coves, dense tropical rainforests and hidden caves. Atiu is a Wildlife Sanctuary for many endemic and threatened bird species, many of which are found on the uninhabited Island of Takutea - 20 Kilometres north-west of Atiu. It is also an island with a fascinating history, culture, and traditions.



3 Night Package Includes:

- Return Airfares Rarotonga / Atiu / Rarotonga
- 3 nights accommodation:
Option of Atiu Villas or Kia Orana Bungalows
- Return Airport Transfers in Atiu
- Daily Breakfast (served off-site):
Two at Areora Cafe with transfers, one Sunrise Breakfast on the beach
- Daily Dinner
- Day 2 Tour: Choice of one of the following tours
 1. Island Tour of Atiu with light refreshments
 2. Birdman George Bird Tour
 3. Atiu Punarea Cultural Tour

- Day 3 Tour: Choice of one of the following tours

1. Anatakitaki Cave Tour - Kopeka Bird
2. Tumunu Tour

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ATIU ACCOMMODATION & TOURS

Atiu Villas is located in the village of Areora 15 minutes from the airport and few minutes to the main town. This small intimate property is peacefully nestled amongst lush tropical fauna.

Atiu Villas offer six self-contained villas in total, each with their own basic kitchen, furniture on outdoor deck and bathroom facilities. Facilities on-site at Atiu Villas include a swimming pool, restaurant and bar - where dinner is served. As well as vehicle rentals and a grass tennis court.



A taste of Atiu culture and traditions. **Atiu Punarea Cultural Tour** is a 3 hour tour that revives some of the traditional practices of Atiu Island. Focused on sharing with visitors knowledge passed down through storytelling, art and demonstration. The tour is a fascinating learning and interactive experience, you can choose to be as hands on as you wish. The young and talented Joshua Jim holds storn to his culture and traditions as he continues to practise and share with visitors knowledge learned from his elders.

Located in the village of Areora and re-opening its doors once again is **Kia Orana Bungalows**. The property has recently undergone refurbishments and offers six simple, self-contained bungalows. Each with their own balcony, fans, bathroom facilities, hot water, basic kitchen with mini-fridge as well as tea and coffee facilities.

Property managers Edwin Pittman and Elena Tavioni, have meticulously dedicated their time and resources to renovating and upgrading the facilities to add to the accommodation inventory in Atiu.



Atiu Tumunu Tour is a two century old tradition where the local men gather to enjoy a fruit based alcoholic local brew. The word 'Tumunu' is translated 'Coconut trunk' which was traditionally carved into and used as the barrel to brew the beer. Today, the Tumunu is open to visitors and women to enjoy a few rounds. The brew is served clockwise by a barman who is seated in the centre of the group. Fresh fruits and snacks are provided while you enjoy a conversation with the friendly locals and other visitors. The tour is an hour duration for visitors which is enough time to get one just a little tipsy.



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MANGAIA

Mangaia, traditionally known as Au'au Enua, is located 203 kilometres Southeast of Rarotonga, and is estimated to be 18 million years old. The island is specially known for its surrounding band of makatea (raised coral cliffs), as well as its sunken interior plateau, lush wetlands, hidden caves, golden shells, and stone carvings. This Close-Encounters package to Mangaia is a natural wonderland of discovery and adventure. Experience this unspoiled island of the southern group, its unique natural beauty and the authenticity to its history, culture and people.



3 Night Package includes:

- Return Airfares Rarotonga / Mangaia / Rarotonga
- 3 nights accommodation at Babes Place
- Return Airport Transfers in Mangaia
- Daily Breakfast
- Daily Dinner
- Island Tour of Mangaia with Guides from each village
- Golden Shells Tour with light lunch

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Babes Place is located in Oneroa Village, a small budget and well kept property with four basic units, and two double rooms in the main house is where the communal kitchen, shared lounge and laundry facilities are located.

Each of the four Units are equipped with a double and single bed, pedestal or wall fan, and a private bathroom with toilet and shower. The two bedrooms in the main house are spacious, each with a double bed and additional double or single bed, large open windows, a dresser and fan. These rooms share a toilet and shower.

A few feet from the doorstep of the units is a large communal hut with tables and chairs where guests can relax, mix and mingle with other guests.

Babes Place is conveniently located only a few minutes walk to the main town are where you will find the market place, grocery stores, and the local bank.



The Island Tour is a great way to explore this ancient natural wonderland, and discover its unique interior and coastal landscapes. Your tour guides will share with you, the fascinating history, and many myths and legends that have long been passed down from generation to generation.

This tour takes you from the main Village of Oneroa, through to the only other two villages on the island - Ivirua and Tamarua. Meeting locals along the way and learning their way of life. You will see plantations, hidden beaches, rugged coral cliffs, and enjoy learning the process of the arts and crafts unique to Mangaia.

Golden Shells Tour is a unique experience offered only by the people of Mangaia. 'Golden Shells' which are also known as Pupu are well-known throughout the Cook Islands and a great addition to any wardrobe. This tour showcases the delicate process of collecting the shells (pupu), to the creation of the beautiful ei pupu.

You will be left with a deep appreciation and understanding of why the people of Mangaia choose to show their love by gifting Ei Pupu.





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MITIARO

Mitiaro, traditionally known as Nukuroa, is one of the three islands of the 'Nga-Pu-Toru' - with Mauke, approx. 45 kilometres northwest and Atiu, approx. 82.3 kilometres southeast 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.



2 Night Package includes:

- Return Airfares Rarotonga / Mitiaro / Rarotonga
- 2 Nights Accommodation at Divine Retreat
- Return Airport Transfers in Mitiaro
- Daily Breakfast and Dinner
- Island Tour of Mitiaro with light refreshments

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MITIARO ACCOMMODATION & TOURS

Divine Retreat is a large modern holiday home located in the main village, approximately 5-minutes from the airport. Divine Retreat is owned by Junior and Cindy Abraham - your hospitable hosts who live on-site and will ensure your stay with them is most memorable.

Accommodation options at the retreat include Two Guest 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 One Bedroom Villas.

Facilities at Divine Retreat include a fully equipped modern kitchen, self laundry facilities, a spacious veranda with a large dining table, and outdoor lounge suites for guests to relax and mix and mingle.



The **Island Tour** takes you to a number of fascinating sites around the island including the twin lakes Te Rotonui & Te Rotoiti, the lakes which Mitiaro is mostly renowned for and is home to the Itiki (eel) a local delicacy, and the Silapia (milk fish) which was introduced in the early 1970s by the Ministry of Agriculture. Between these two lakes, they make up a large part of Mitiaro.

Mitiaro is also known for its fresh water limestone caves, Vai Nauri being one of the popular swimming caves for the locals and visitors alike. Vai Marere is a Sulphuric water cave, said to have healing properties and known to cure a number of disease. Both these caves are easily accessed with steps and railings to assist one with getting down to the water. Vai Tamaroa is a 20 minute trek over sharp makatea (coral), and sturdy footwear is definitely required for this trek. This walk is not recommended for those with walking issues.

The Island Tour also takes you to the Community Hall where your tour guide will explain the history of the island. You will also have the opportunity here to purchase some locally-made arts & crafts unique to Mitiaro - crafted by the local mamas including woven baskets made from pandanus leaves, and one of a kind hand sewn bedspreads known as Tivaevae in the Cook Islands.

Mitiaro has so much to offer, and we cannot wait for you to experience the serene and tranquil beauty this small piece of paradise has to offer.





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MAUKE

Mauke, traditionally known as Akatokomanava, is one of the three close islands of the Southern Group, the 'Nga-Pu-Toru' - grouped with Mitiaro and Atiu. While Mauke is mostly referred to as the Garden Island of the Cook Islands with rich soil and abundance of tropical vegetation, it is also a vast natural playground with many hidden secrets waiting to be discovered. This package allows you the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate the unspoiled, natural beauty of Mauke, the simplicity of life its people live, and fascinating history and culture they look forward to sharing with you.



2 Night Package includes:

- Return Airfares Rarotonga / Mauke / Rarotonga
- 2 Nights Accommodation
- Return Airport Transfers in Mauke
- Daily Breakfast and Dinner at Ri's Retreat & Ri's Hideaway
- Island Tour of Mauke with light refreshments

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MAUKE ACCOMMODATION & TOURS

Ri's Retreat is located just under 2 minutes from the airport, and is a short walk to Uriaata Beach. Set amongst lush tropical gardens and green lawns are three simple self-contained studios, each with a double and single bed, shower & toilet, and a small kitchen with refrigerator/freezer, kettle and an oven with cooktop.

There is also a two-bedroom self-contained house with the same facilities that sleep up to six guests. Meals are served at the dining and communal hut which is a great place to meet other inhouse guests. Guests are otherwise welcome to take their meals back to their rooms to enjoy.



Ri's Hideaway, located 20 minutes from the airport on the peaceful southern coast of Mauke. The accommodation is the sister property to Ri's Retreat which is located near the airport. Room options at Ri's Hideaway include five basic self-contained bungalows, each includes a double and single bed, a small kitchen, and bathroom with shower & toilet.

Guests have a glimpse of the ocean through the pandanus trees that line the beach and private beach cove. Across the road from the property is a two bedroom self-contained holiday home that can sleep up to six people, perfect for a small or a group of friends travelling together.



The Island Tour with your local tour guide, takes you on a fascinating adventure to explore Maukes many hidden secrets. From the islands lush interiors, and their hidden fresh water caves, to the rugged coasts. You will visit many places of interest, including sites of historical significance. Throughout the tour you will not only discover what makes Mauke unique to its sister islands, but also what connects them. You will appreciate the stories and history shared, the culture and traditions still practised today, and most importantly the slow paced island life the locals sustainably live, enjoy and value.





About us

Island Hopper Vacations Cook Islands, is a member of Turama Pacific Travel Group, a locally owned company that commenced in 1990, formed to bring together a core group of specialists to market the Cook Islands and Samoa.

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