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Atiu



Mauke



Mitiaro



Mangaia



MANGAIA

Adventure awaits in the natural wonderland of Mangaia. Traditionally named A'ua'u Enea, Mangaia is located 203 kilometres Southeast of Rarotonga and is known to be one of the oldest islands in the Pacific.

The island is a volcanic plateau, encompassed with a band of makatea (raised fossilised coral cliffs). Inland lies a sunken interior plateau with lush wetlands and hidden caves. Mangaia is widely known for its ancient structure and artefacts, stone carvings and delicate golden shells.

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 laundry facilities.



MAUKE

An island with a captivating history and culture ready to be imparted to visitors. Mauke, traditionally named Akatokamanava, is one of the three close islands of the Southern Group known as 'Nga-Pu-Toru' grouped with Mitiaro and Atiu.

With its rich soil and abundance of vegetation, it is no wonder that Mauke is referred to as the garden island of the Cook Islands. Widely known for their unique ei maire (garland) and akari pi (infused coconut oil with talinum labobo).

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 directly 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 a unique 8-day island hopping adventure to discover the natural beauty of Mangaia, Mauke, Mitiaro and Atiu.

A wonderful opportunity to experience the different cultures of each island and learn of fascinating history. This Package has you and your group spending 2 nights on each island enjoying guided tours, engaging with locals, and experiencing the island life.

Each tour will be accompanied by your own tour guide, who will be with you for the full adventure to assist at all islands.

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 Mauke on Sunday
- Additional Tours: Golden Shell Tour in Mangaia, tour with Mamas in Mauke, weaving with the Mamas in Mitiaro, and Punarea 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. 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

Uncover the mysteries of Mitiaro, beautiful underground caves and freshwater pools. Mitiaro, traditionally named Nukuroa lies approximately 45 kilometres northwest of Mauke.

Far-famed for its fresh water twin lakes in the centre of the island, the lake is home to the Itiki (eel) a local delicacy. Discover limestone caves with fresh water pools, the Pritchardia Mitiaroana - a variety of Fan Palm native to Mitiaro. Wonderfully woven baskets the local women craft from the leaves of Pandanus trees will also be on display.

Divine Retreat is a large modern home with three room options. 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. 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

A destination of unspoiled tranquillity. Atiu is known as Enuamanu, which means land of birds and this island boasts of a stunning eco-system of coastal fringed reefs, tropical rainforests and caves. Atiu's unique wildlife sanctuary, that supports many endemic and threatened bird species is located 20 kilometres north-west of Atiu on Takutea Island.

Atiu is known for two-century old tradition the Atiu Tumunu, where the local men gather to enjoy a fruit based alcoholic brew. Atiu is also home to the Kopeka bird, endemic to Atiu. Locally grown organic coffee, weaving and tapa-cloth are other great features 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 find a tennis court, restaurant & bar, swimming pool and vehicle rentals.

are met at the airport by your island hosts and briefed, before you are 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 will visit many places of interest and learn about the history and culture of the Island. These places of interest include the twin lakes 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 Punarea Tour. That evening, experience the Atiu Tumunu with the locals and enjoy their locally made brew before returning to Atiu Villas for dinner. The next day (Thursday) enjoy breakfast at Areora Cafe followed by an Island Tour. The following day (Friday) enjoy a Sunrise Breakfast before your flight back to Rarotonga.

Package Pricing:

Pricing is per person share twin room and includes flights, breakfast and dinner, transfers, tours and the services of our accompanying guide throughout the tour. A minimum of 8 passengers is required to operate this small group tour. Pricing ranges from NZ\$ 4853 per person if 8 people travelling to NZ \$4208 per person if 11 people travelling. Tour is for a maximum of 11 passengers plus our guide.

Fixed departure dates are as follows;

- 16—24 February 2023
- 23—31 March 2023
- 10—18 August 2023
- 19—27 October 2023
- 09—18 November 2023



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