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ATIU, MANGAIA, MITIARO & MAUKE

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ATIU

Atiu, or “Land of Birds,” is part of the Cook Islands’ three close islands of the Southern Group known as ‘Nga-Pu-Toru’ with Mitiaro and Mauke. This third-largest island boasts a stunning ecosystem. Fringed coastlines with coral cliffs, hidden coves and caves, while dense rainforests thrive inland. A wildlife sanctuary, Atiu protects rare birds, some found on nearby Takutea Island. Beyond its natural beauty, Atiu offers a rich cultural and historical experience.



3 Night Package Includes:

- Return airport transfers in Rarotonga
- Return airfares Rarotonga / Atiu / Rarotonga
- 3 Night accommodation:
Option of Atiu Villas or Atiu Bungalow
- Return airport transfers in Atiu
- Daily breakfast (served off-site):
Two at Areora Cafe with transfers, one Sunrise Breakfast on the beach
- Daily dinner
- Choice of one of the following tours on day 2:
 1. Island Tour
 2. Punarea Cultural Tour

- Choice of one of the following tours on day 3:
 1. Anatakitaki Cave Tour - Kopeka Bird
 2. Tumunu Tour (adults only)

PRICED FROM:

\$ 1455.00 Per adult (Double/Twin share)

\$ 894.00 Per child (under 12 years)

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ATIU ACCOMMODATION & TOURS

ATIU VILLAS

Nestled peacefully near Areora village, Atiu Villas offers seclusion with six charming villas. Five self-contained units cater to couples or solo travelers, while a family unit provides extra space. Built with local mahogany, mango, and coconut, the villas blend seamlessly into the tropics, ensuring privacy.

The accommodation is a 15-minute drive from the airport, 3 minutes to the small township and 400 metres from Areora Café, which offers breakfast, lunch and dinner select menu, and great coffee.



ATIU BUNGALOW

Atiu Bungalow is an intimate property of six stand-alone bungalows located just off the main road in the village of Areora, offering peace and relaxation to those who stay with them.

The bungalows are simple, comfortable and clean. Interiors are of studio layout with basic amenities such as tea & coffee making facilities, a refrigerator, pedestal fan, bathroom with toilet and hot shower, balcony with furniture and relaxing views across to the tropical forest.



ANATAKITAKI CAVE TOUR

Your Anatakitaki Cave Tour begins with a 30-minute trek through the rainforest and over rugged terrain of makatea (raised coral limestone). Along the way, your tour guide will take time to explain the various plants and trees, and their many uses. You will also learn about the coral limestone formations and see fossilised shells embedded in them, some of which date back 120,000 years.

Suitable for those with reasonable fitness and agility, this tour involves some climbing and walking over uneven and rugged terrain. Not suitable for those who cannot walk long distances, elderly persons, or those with walking difficulties and bad knees.



ISLAND TOUR

Explore the wonders of Atiu with the Island Tour. A local guide will introduce you to hidden trails, pristine white-sand beaches, and diverse coastal and bush landscapes. Discover Atiu's rich bird and marine life, learn about the Enuamanu people's history, customs, and conservation efforts.



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MANGAIA

Mangaia, traditionally known as Au'au Enea, lies 203 kilometres Southeast of Rarotonga, and is predicted to be 18 million years old - a significant finding to geologist. 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 Encounter package to Mangaia is a natural wonderland of discovery and adventure. Experience this untainted island of the Southern Group, its unique natural beauty and the authenticity of its history, culture and people.



3 Night Package includes:

- Return airport transfers in Rarotonga
- Return airfares Rarotonga / Mangaia / Rarotonga
- 3 Night 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

PRICED FROM:

\$ 1234.00 Per adult (Double/Twin share)

\$ 573.00 Per child (under 12 years)

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BABES PLACE

Located in Oneroa Village, a small budget well kept property with four basic units and two double rooms in the main house, 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 you can relax, mix and mingle with other guests.

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



GOLDEN SHELLS TOUR

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) and creating 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.



ISLAND TOUR

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. Meet locals along the way and learn their way of life. See plantations, hidden beaches, rugged coral cliffs, and enjoy learning the process of the arts and crafts unique to Mangaia.



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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 cliffs) with a fertile interior. Mitiaro is renowned for its fresh water twin lakes in the centre of the island, and home to the Itiki (eel) - a local delicacy. Home to limestone caves with fresh water pools and 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 airport transfers in Rarotonga
- Return airfares Rarotonga / Mitiaro / Rarotonga
- 2 Night Accommodation at Divine Retreat
- Return airport transfers in Mitiaro
- Daily breakfast
- Daily dinner
- Island Tour of Mitiaro with light refreshments

PRICED FROM:

\$ 1372.00 Per adult (Double/Twin share)

\$ 924.00 Per child (under 12 years)

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DIVINE RETREAT

Divine Retreat is a large modern holiday home 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 inside the house which share a bathroom, perfect for small families or friends. The Honeymoon Suite is accessible 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, mix and mingle.



ISLAND TOUR

The Island Tour takes you to a number of fascinating sites around the island, including the twin lakes Te Rotonui & Te Rotoiti, home to the local delicacy Itiki (eel) 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 diseases. Both these caves are easily accessible 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. Here you will also have the opportunity to purchase some locally-made arts & crafts unique to Mitiaro. Crafted by the local mamas, they include woven baskets made from Pandanus leaves, and one of a kind hand sewn bedspreads known as Tivaevae.

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 showcase.



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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 airport transfers in Rarotonga
- Return airfares Rarotonga / Mauke / Rarotonga
- 2 Night Accommodation at Ri's Retreat
- Return airport transfers in Mauke
- Daily breakfast
- Daily dinner
- Island Tour of Mauke with light refreshments

PRICED FROM:

\$ 1179.00 Per adult (Double/Twin share)

\$ 906.00 Per child (under 12 years)

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MAUKE ACCOMMODATION & TOURS

RI'S RETREAT

Located just under 2 minutes from the airport, this property is a short walk to Uriaata Beach. Set amongst lush tropical gardens and green lawns are three simple self-contained bungalows, 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 in-house guests. Guests are otherwise welcome to take their meals back to their rooms to enjoy. Meals are prepared by mama Pi and her team. You'll enjoy a spread of local dishes including fruits and fresh fish prepared many ways - all delicious and generous in portion.

While Ri's Retreat is a basic property, the peacefulness is absolutely relaxing and rejuvenating. The mornings are magical - as you wake, take in the fresh cool morning air and watch the beautiful sunrises over the ocean and horizon from your veranda. What a great way to start your day.



THE ISLAND TOUR

Enjoy an unforgettable journey through Mauke's hidden gems with your local tour guide. Discover the island's verdant interior, explore its freshwater caves, and marvel at its rugged coastline. Mauke's volcanic soil, rich in nutrients, has nurtured a lush paradise teeming with unique flora, including the Maire plant used to create the iconic ei maire garlands.

Visit historic sites and immerse yourself in the island's rich culture. Uncover what sets Mauke apart from its sister islands while appreciating the common threads that bind them together. Hear captivating stories, learn about local traditions, and experience the slow-paced island life cherished by its people.





About us

Island Hopper Vacations Cook Island 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.

Island Hopper Vacations was established as the outer island specialist for the Cook Islands and today is the largest inbound operator in the Cook Islands with three offices including a personalised airport arrivals office and retail travel agency. We pride ourselves in delivering innovative and unique experiences to our partners and the world.

Feel free to contact our friendly team, they will be delighted to assist you with any bookings or enquiries you may have.

Terms & Conditions

- Prices are in NZD inclusive of local taxes and may be subject to change. Prices are based on direct bank deposit payment; surcharges apply for credit card payment.
- Valid for travel from 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Packages include domestic airfares from and to Rarotonga. International flights to and from Rarotonga are additional.

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