



# TOUR BOOK 2023

## Our excursions have been designed to offer a unique experience in one of the most remote places on the planet



#### **Local Cultural Excursions**

- Mana tupuna
- Tarai Moai
- Vaiteka
- He rongo o te Manu
- Ko te Riku



**Trekking and Adventure** 









- Beach Transfer

• Boat Ride



- Sunset at Tahai
- Sunrise at Tongariki



#### **Unique Experiences** tailored to you (NOT included in programs)

- Scuba Diving
- Surfing
- Carving Class
- Takona
- Local Cuisine
- Bird Watching
- Stargazing
- Artisanal Fishing
- Beekeeping Visit
  - Horseback Riding

 Birdman Viewpoint · Hanga Oteo • Experience 4x4 Mountain Bike Ko te Miro O One Mountain Bike Caves

Terevaka

Poike

Cuevas

Rano Kau

Suggested activity schedules: Morning 9:30 am Afternoon 3:00 pm

### **WHAT TO BRING?**





**Trekking Shoes** 



Sunscreen



Sun Hat or Cap



Raincoat



**Water Bottle** 



Camera



Sunglasses



#### **TREKKING**



Small backpack for personal items



Snack



Extra Water



#### WATER ACTIVITIES



**Swimsuit** 



Sandals



**Beach Towel** 



#### **ADVENTURE**



Flashlight



Walking stick





Warm Clothing



Flashlight



THESE EXCURSIONS ARE INCLUDED IN DISCOVER, FULL EXPERIENCE, AND FULL EXPERIENCE PRIVATE PROGRAMS



#### **♦ MANA TUPUNA**

Begin your morning by visiting the historical arrival point of Hotu Matu'a and other early Polynesian navigators to the island.

Learn about the fascinating history of the island's first civilization while enjoying the natural beauty of Anakena beach. Continue the excursion to Ovahe, a mythical pink sand beach, to discover an ancestral crematorium and admire its unique beauty. Conclude the morning at Te Pito Kura, where you'll find the largest Moai on the island and the curious stone formation of Te Pito Kura.

In case of inclement weather, the visit to Ovahe will be replaced by a guided tour in a covered sector of petroglyphs known as Papa Vaka.





Duration: 3 hours

Difficulty: Medium

What to bring: A | D

#### **TARAI MOAI**

Start your afternoon by exploring the emblematic Rano Raraku, the main quarry where the Moai were carved.

Unravel the mystery behind the construction and transportation of these monumental statues, 397 of which lie there in different

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After discussing the different theories behind their construction, get your cameras out for our visit to the renowned Ahu Tongariki, a ceremonial structure with 15 pristine, restored Moai.

#### **♦ VAITEKA**

Your morning adventure takes you east of Hanga Roa to visit Puna Pau, an archaeological treasure where the unique red volcanic scoria, Hani Hani, is found.

This material shaped the Pukaos, iconic headdresses worn by the Moai. The journey continues to Ahu Akivi, a platform unique for housing the only seven sea-facing Moai on the island.

There, learn about their historical significance and different theories about their orientation.

Finally, take a brief walk to Vaiteka, and wander through the awe-inspiring caves which unfold another mysterious chapter of Rapa Nui's history.





#### **♦** HE RONGO O TE MANU

Embark on an excursion to unveil the majesty of Rapa Nui's most splendid locales.

Start with the awe-inspiring Rano Kau Volcano crater, a sight of grandeur that embodies the island's beauty.

Explore the rich natural bounty it offers, a living testament to its enduring contribution to local livelihoods.

Then proceed to Orongo, a ceremonial village that hosted the captivating Tangata Manu contest.

Ready your lenses to capture this historic site and visualize the daring participants.

Delve into the competition's political and religious significance that shaped the culture. In this ancestral settlement, discover the unique Hare Keho construction style, exclusive to Orongo and an architectural influence for the Nayara Hangaroa hotel.

Finally, journey to Vinapu, where a distinctive platform diverges from others on the island, adding to the archaeological enigma. Here, encounter one of the rare female Moai.





#### ♠ KO TE RIKU

Commence with a visit to the Sebastian Englert Anthropological Museum, a gateway to the captivating history of Rapa Nui.

Here, uncover the mystique of the ancestral ceremonies, delve into the symbolism of the Moai, and gain insights into the ancient local customs. Progress on to Ahu Tahai, an archaeological marvel boasting three ceremonial platforms - an undeniable cornerstone of the island's heritage that allows you to connect with the past and explore fascinating remnants of history first-hand.

Finally, traverse through the key spots of charming Hanga Roa town. Discover the rhythm of daily life in Rapa Nui and experience the unique allure of this hospitable enclave. As you meander through its streets, seize the opportunity to visit prominent attractions like the bustling market and a traditional church.





If you want to experience Rapa Nui in a unique way, you can venture out with our team of guides on a trekking adventure to the most remote areas of the island.

It's a perfect complement to add sports and physical activity to your agenda.

You can choose from the options that suit you best.



#### **◆ TREKKING POIKE**

One of the three main volcanoes that gave birth to the island, where you can find unique archaeological remains such as Vai a Heva and explore the famous Virgins' Cave or Ana o Keke.

Duration: 4 hours

Difficulty: Medium High What to bring: A | B | D

#### **♦ TEREVAKA**

Trekking on Mount Terevaka where you can reach the highest point on the island and enjoy a 360° view of the entire Rapa Nui island.

Duration: 3 hours Difficulty: Medium High What to bring: A | B





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#### **◆** CAVES

A circuit where you can discover the different caves hidden in the landscapes of Rapa Nui, starting with Ana Kakenga, then continuing to Ana Te Pora, and ending at the famous Banana Cave or Ana Te Pahu.

Duration: 3 hours
Difficulty: Medium
What to bring: A | B | D

#### TREKKING TO MIRADOR DE RANO KAU

The adventure commences with a bus ride from the hotel to the Conaf office, marking the trail's start.

The path leads us to the Rano Kau viewpoint, the island's largest crater and one of its most captivating sights. Journey through eucalyptus forests, absorbing their unique beauty and aura.

Traverse along the crater's rim towards the volcano's lowest part, offering an unparalleled view of the motus or islets, the stage for a significant ancestral competition of Rapa Nui culture.





#### **◆ THE BIRDMAN**

Kickstart this hike at Vinapu, home to a platform connected to an ancient theory about Rapa Nui's settlement.

Continue along a trail ascending towards the volcano's most breathtaking sector, Kari Kari. Marvel at the panoramic views of the motus and the crater.

The expedition concludes at the Rano Kau viewpoint, where our bus awaits to escort you back to the hotel. Duration: 3 hours Difficulty: Medium What to bring: A | B

#### **♦ FULL DAY TREKKING HANGA O TEO**

For an enchanting exploration, embark on a journey across the island's North Coast.

This is a must for those seeking less-trodden paths and hidden surprises. Gear up for an approximate 6-hour hike starting at Ahu Akivi, featuring seldom-visited archaeological sites, preserved in their historical charm and mystique. This region is only accessible by foot or horseback. The excursion culminates at the picturesque Anakena Beach.

Duration: 6 hours
Difficulty: High
What to bring: A | B | D

\*As it is a full-day excursion, it will replace 2 of your included excursions.





Duration: 3 hours Difficulty: Medium What to bring: A | B

#### 4 X 4 EXPERIENCE

If you are a traveler who likes to explore destinations independently, you will have the opportunity to exchange one excursion for 3 hours of quad biking (ATV), allowing you to discover the island at your own pace.

- \*A Class B driver's license is required.
- \*Activity subject to availability.

#### **♦** MOUNTAIN BIKE KO TE MIRO O ONE

We start from the hotel on mountain bikes and ride along the interior road that traverses the island to the Miro O One area, where we descend to the south coast on a dirt road.

On the return journey along the coastal road, the excursion will visit different ruined platforms.

Depending on the pace of the travelers, the excursion may also visit the Vinapu area, extending the duration by a few minutes.

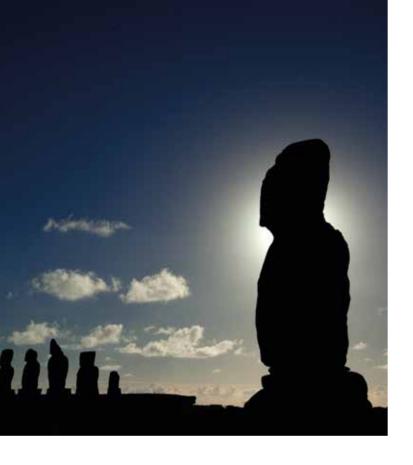
#### **♦ MOUNTAIN BIKE CAVERNS**

A 100% mountain bike experience through the caves of the island, known as Roiho in the local culture. This excursion starts from the hotel, advancing along the coast until reaching the dirt and gravel road. The excursion will visit different caves and platforms in an area that cannot be accessed by vehicles.









#### **◆ TAHAI SUNSET**

A visit to Rapa Nui would be incomplete without witnessing the world-renowned sunset at Ahu Tahai. This site offers a captivating spectacle as the sun descends behind the Moai, casting a mesmerizing silhouette against the stunning backdrop of the Pacific Ocean.

Moreover, enjoy an optional scenic 30-minute stroll from the hotel along the coast to Tahai, affording you an intimate encounter with the local culture during your journey.

Duration: 2 hours Difficulty: Low What to bring: A

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#### **◆ TONGARIKI SUNRISE**

An unforgettable experience during your Rapa Nui visit is unquestionably the breathtaking spectacle of the sun ascending behind the line of 15 Moai.

For this, we'll journey to the island's eastern edge at daybreak, where you can settle down, coffee in hand, and immerse yourself in the captivating dawn spectacle.









#### **◆ BEACH TRANSFER**

Craving some tranquility amid the palm-fringed paradise of Anakena Beach? Here's your chance!

We'll transport you directly to Anakena, offering you a blissful retreat surrounded by pristine white sands and azure waters. Rapa Nui's favorable subtropical climate makes this activity accessible throughout the year.

So, don't forget to pack your swimsuit!

**♦** BOAT RIDE

Embark on an exhilarating open-sea boat ride to experience the grandeur of the Pacific Ocean in all its majesty.

Should sea conditions permit, you'll have the opportunity to partake in a thrilling snorkeling adventure, guided by expert divers ensuring a memorable and safe experience throughout.

Duration: 3 hours Difficulty: Low What to bring: C





#### **◆ SCUBA DIVING**

This remarkable location boasts stunning aquatic landscapes, complemented by superb visibility that facilitates exploration of various underwater marvels.

Novices can embark on their scuba diving journey in one of the country's most serene seas, guided by experienced divers through Rapa Nui's warm waters.

For those seasoned in the sport and holding a PADI license, a plethora of options await that promise unforgettable encounters. Visit the renowned Sunken Moai, venture into coral-encrusted caves, or even navigate a genuine underwater cliff.

**♦** SURFING

Internationally renowned for its waves, Rapa Nui is a surfer's haven. If the sea conditions are conducive and you crave adventure, this is an unmissable activity.

Embark on a surfing lesson under the expert guidance of a top-notch instructor, who will assist you throughout.

Duration: 2 hours Difficulty: Medium What to bring: C

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#### **♦ MOAI CARVING CLASSES**

Ever envisioned crafting your own Moai?
A splendid keepsake, wouldn't you agree?
In this hands-on workshop, under the guidance of a local artisan, you will master the art of traditional carving.
Set amidst the lush gardens of a local household, this activity promises an authentic experience.

By the end of the class, you'll be leaving with a cherished memento.

**♦ TAKONA BODY PAINTING PRESENTATION** 

This engaging activity immerses you in the rich tradition of Polynesian body painting. This ancient art, having evolved into modern "tattooing," once marked the zenith of artistic expression in the ancient world. The aesthetic and social aspects are intertwined with tales of gods, spirits, legends, and the everyday experiences of Polynesians.

The experience culminates with a photo session where you'll don ancestral clothing and takona, providing a remarkable memento to share with your friends.

Duration: 2 hours Difficulty: Low

\*Activity subject to availability



Duration: 2 hours Difficulty: Medium What to bring: C



### Duration: 3 hours Difficulty: Low What to bring: A

#### **♦ RAPA NUI COOKING CLASSES**

Immerse yourself in the art of preparing traditional Rapa Nui cuisine.

At the residence of a local family, you'll learn how to craft delectable dishes such as Umu or Curanto, grilled fish, Taro and Sweet Potato puree, along with the classic Fish Ceviche.

This hands-on experience includes top-notch ingredients and all essential utensils for a wholesome culinary journey.

#### **♦** BIRDWATCHING

Birds hold a paramount place in Rapa Nui's culture, their significance echoed in numerous petroglyphs and oral traditions. Though not plentiful, they enrich the island's biodiversity.

During this excursion, you'll have the opportunity to observe species like the Makohe, Kena, and Tavaka, each showcasing an enchanting beauty.

Duration: 3 hours Difficulty: Low





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#### **♦ STARGAZING**

Should your desire to delve further into the enigmatic charm of Rapa Nui, this tour is for you.

Embrace the mysterious nights and learn about the pivotal role the stars played in guiding the ancestors to this secluded island, all under the world's clearest skies.

Utilize our telescope to gaze upon the celestial wonders like the Milky Way, Betelgeuse, Sirius, and much more. The journey begins at the hotel, then leads to a prime star-gazing spot where you're in for a splendid show.

#### **ARTISANAL FISHING**

For this immersive experience, you'll journey to the Hanga Piko cove, where a local boat will take you on a unique maritime adventure. The vessel will navigate a few hours off the coast, seeking the prime location for you to personally engage in Rapa Nui's traditional fishing practices.

If fortune favors us, our catches might include mahi-mahi, kana kana, or even tuna.





Duration: 3 hours Difficulty: Low What to bring: A | B

#### **APIARY VISIT**

Embark on a tour to gain insight into Rapa Nui's star commodities: bees and their delectable honey.

You'll kick off the morning with a visit to a beekeeping family, who will impart their knowledge about the cultivation and harvesting process of Rapa Nui honey, reputed as one of the healthiest honeys globally.

Our journey will proceed to the local craft market, boasting an abundant assortment of regional artistry.

#### **♦ HORSEBACK RIDING TO TEREVAKA**

For a truly unique and unforgettable encounter, consider our horseback riding adventure, which leads you to the island's peak, offering a breathtaking 360° panorama. Enjoy a serene journey atop gentle, amiable horses that carry you through an enchanting eucalyptus forest.

Our partner for such pursuits, *Adventure Terevaka*, will be at the helm, ensuring this adventure unfolds beautifully.

