



O'Shannessy's  
QUALITY TOURS

# COOK ISLANDS

*Tour 2*



**10 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR**

31st August to 9th September, 2026

# IDYLLIC Cook Islands Tour 2

**MONDAY 31ST AUGUST TO WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2026**

Kia Orana! Welcome to the beautiful Cook Islands.

These stunning Islands are simultaneously remote and accessible, modern and traditional. Whether it's sipping cocktails, marvelling at the crystal lagoons with your toes in the water and your bottom in the sand, you can do as much or as little as you like in this South Pacific Paradise.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Rarotonga Tour
- Island Feast & Dance Show
- Visit Local School
- Discover Marine & Wildlife Eco Centre
- Te Ara Museum
- Tamarind House
- Progressive Dinner with Locals
- Punanga Nui Cultural Market
- Visit Historic Local Church
- Barbecue Under The Stars
- Complimentary Activities and Equipment at Resort

## FLIGHTS

- Melbourne to Auckland
- Auckland to Rarotonga
- Rarotonga to Auckland
- Auckland to Melbourne

## CRUISE

- Koka Lagoon Cruise

## MULTIPLE NIGHT STAY

- 7 nights on Cook Islands

## SPECIAL NOTE

To maximize your experience on this tour, you will need to be fit and able. Walking frames are not recommended.



COACH



FLIGHT



BOAT



SMALL GRP

As a thank you for travelling with O'Shannessy's Quality Tours, you will automatically receive a saving on the total tour price for your second and subsequent tours.

O'Shannessy's Quality Tours will match single travellers who wish to twin share with another single traveller of the same gender. However, if this is not possible, you will need to pay the Single Room Supplement.

If you are willing to twin share but are a smoker, have a CPAP machine or snore, you will need to pay a single supplement for a sole use room.



## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- **Complimentary Chauffeur Driven Transfers.** Victorian passengers from Greater Melbourne, Bendigo, Torquay, Ballarat, Geelong, the Bellarine and Mornington Peninsulas, Phillip Island and selected areas of Gippsland will be picked up and returned home in a private chauffeured vehicle by one of our professional drivers. For passengers not within this pick up zone, or our interstate passengers, a quote can be provided for home pickup in extended areas.
- **Touring Coaches.** Touring around Rarotonga is aboard a local Tour Bus.
- **Return Flights.** Economy flights from Melbourne to Rarotonga via Auckland and return.
- **Tour Director.** Dedicated O'Shannessy's Quality Tours tour director on board to ensure your travel experience is memorable.
- **Best Available Quality Accommodation.** Ensuite motel accommodation each night.
- **Attractions.** All tours and interest venues as per itinerary.
- **Meals.** Cooked breakfasts in Auckland and tropical buffet breakfasts on Rarotonga, lunches most days and two course restaurant dinners or themed dinners daily, inflight meals. Five lunches at your own expense as per itinerary.
- **No Hidden Extras.** O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

## TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Items of a personal nature and any optional extras.
- Travel Insurance
- A valid passport is required
- Please check visa requirements for Non Australian Passport holders with your local consulate; responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveller.

## TOUR COSTS

Twin Share Room First Tour:	<b>\$7,295 per person</b>
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	<b>\$7,195 per person</b>
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	<b>\$7,145 per person</b>
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	<b>\$7,095 per person</b>
Single Room Supplement:	<b>\$1,550 per person</b>





DAY 1

Monday 31st August, 2026

### **MELBOURNE TO AUCKLAND**

Welcome to our holiday to the beautiful **Cook Islands**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we travel to Melbourne Airport. Here we'll be greeted by an O'Shannessy's Quality Tours Director who will assist us with check in and see us onto the plane for our flight to **Auckland**. Arriving at Auckland Airport, we will collect our bags and walk to our overnight accommodation at the Novotel Auckland Airport Hotel which is directly across the street from the International Airport—approximately a one minute walk. We'll enjoy dinner together then off to bed as we have an early start tomorrow morning.

*Lunch at own expense and arrangement / Refreshments inflight*

**OVERNIGHT:** Novotel Auckland Airport, AUCKLAND ★★★★★

DAY 2

LOCAL TIME: Monday 31st August, 2026

### **AUCKLAND TO RAROTONGA**

Up early for breakfast this morning before we depart the hotel for our ongoing flight from Auckland to Rarotonga. **After crossing the International Date Line, we arrive in Rarotonga Monday 31st August, 2026!!** We go through customs and will be warmly greeted "*Kia Orana*" by a representative from **The Edgewater Resort & Spa**. We will be transferred to the resort to begin our Cook Island experience in a true South Pacific Paradise! Checking straight into our Beachfront Deluxe rooms, we can freshen up before meeting by the pool for **Welcome Cocktails at Sunset**, followed by our **welcome dinner**. Nestled on the sheltered west coast of Rarotonga, the resort's prime location ensures the island's natural splendour is front and centre with palm trees and white sandy beaches overlooking the deep blue lagoon and surrounded by lush green mountains. Offering spacious accommodation, two in-house restaurants, a bar, swimming pool, two full-size tennis courts, games room, day spa, hair salon and shop, The Edgewater Resort & Spa truly has it all!

*Lunch and refreshments inflight*

**OVERNIGHT:** The Edgewater Resort & Spa, RAROTONGA ★★★★★

**DISCOVER RAROTONGA**

This morning, we are introduced to Rarotonga's historical & scenic sites! Visit places of interest for things to see and do during your stay on **Rarotonga**. Learn all about the growth and cultivation of the black pearls. Enjoy special demonstrations of unique aspects of Cook Islands life. Watch and learn about the fascinating culture from an informative tour guide. This afternoon, we return to the resort where we have some free time to enjoy the resort's facilities - check out what activities are scheduled at the Activities Hut. Tonight, our dinner is a **Taste of Italy** in the resort's Spaghetti House.

**OVERNIGHT:** The Edgewater Resort & Spa, RAROTONGA ★★★★★

“... There's a local Cook Islands law that states no building can be taller than the coconut trees around it. You also won't find traffic lights or stop signs here. It's like going back to simpler times yet still being able to enjoy today's modern conveniences ...”

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DAY 4

Wednesday 2nd September, 2026

### **LOCAL SCHOOL OR CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE AND PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

We have a relaxed start to the day before visiting a **local school**. Reliant on fundraising and donations for books and equipment, we'll have the chance to meet and spend time with the children and teachers. We then enjoy some light refreshments. *(You are welcome to bring books or school supplies for the children.)* We have some more free time this afternoon—perhaps spoil yourself and book in for a massage, hand feed the fish, go snorkelling or take a stroll along the beach. This evening we enjoy a **progressive dinner** which is a great opportunity to meet and chat with the locals!

*Lunch at own expense and arrangement*

**OVERNIGHT:** The Edgewater Resort & Spa, RAROTONGA ★★★★★

*Please note: If the school visit is unavailable for any reason, we will visit the Creative Arts Centre.*

DAY 5

Thursday 3rd September, 2026

### **DISCOVER MARINE & WILDLIFE ECO CENTRE AND TE ARA MUSEUM**

We have a fantastic morning planned as we head off to discover the **Marine & Wildlife Eco Centre**, a great place to learn all about the creatures that inhabit the Cook Islands, both on land and in the sea. We then visit the **Te Ara Museum**, where you will see the world-class exhibition of the history of the Cook Islands with an environmental focus on ocean conservation. Enjoy the included lunch today before returning to the resort to enjoy the complimentary activities, relax in your room, by the pool or in the games lounge. Tonight we enjoy dinner at **Tamarind House**, Rarotonga's delightful eatery, owned by former Flame Tree restaurateur and cookbook author Sue Carruthers, housed in a colonial building on the Pacific Ocean foreshore at Tupapa.

**OVERNIGHT:** The Edgewater Resort & Spa, RAROTONGA ★★★★★

**KOKA LAGOON CRUISE**

After another delicious buffet breakfast, prepare to be entertained and educated by **the multi talented** crew as we board **Koka Lagoon Cruises**. Listen to island stories in typical Cook Island humour as we float over Rarotonga's lagoons. Witness the coral paradise through the glass bottomed boat or take the plunge and snorkel up close with the fish. We cruise to an uninhabited motu (islet) and indulge in a delicious barbecue lunch over an open fire. After a day of laughter, music and marine life we return to the resort, where once again we can take part in one of the complimentary activities or relax by the pool. Dinner is in the hotel's restaurant this evening.

**OVERNIGHT:** The Edgewater Resort & Spa, RAROTONGA ★★★★★





DAY 7

Saturday 5th September, 2026

### **PUNANGA NUI MARKET**

Today we head off to enjoy the shopping and atmosphere at **Punanga Nui Market** near the waterfront next to Avarua. Here you'll find a wide range of island gifts and handicrafts, black pearls, pearl shell jewellery, pareu fabrics, clothing, local music and fresh local produce. This is the perfect opportunity to purchase lasting mementos and unique Island gifts for loved ones. It's also a great place to sample homemade delicacies, or pass the time meeting and chatting with the locals. Back at the resort, the rest of the day is free to enjoy the resort facilities or perhaps take yourself on the clockwise or anti-clockwise bus into the main shopping centre of Rarotonga, for some last minute souvenirs or perhaps that black pearl you had your eye on! Tonight we indulge in an **Island Feast and Show**.

*Lunch at own expense and arrangement*

**OVERNIGHT:** The Edgewater Resort & Spa, RAROTONGA ★★★★★

**“...The culture and community spirit of the Cook Islands can be felt like nowhere else at the local markets...”**

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### LOCAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

After breakfast we visit a **historic local church** which is sure to be a moving experience as we listen to the harmonies of the **Cook Islands Christian Church (CICC)** soar as they sing their hymns within the beautiful limestone and coral church. We then enjoy **morning tea with the local congregation**. After a wonderful morning, we head back to the resort and have a free afternoon to indulge in the resort's optional and complimentary activities, including snorkelling in the marine reserve filled with tropical fish, hand feeding the reef fish, tennis, or take a guided nature and village walk. Or you might prefer to make use of the beach towels and sun loungers and relax by the pool. This evening we enjoy a **BBQ Under the Stars** with live entertainment from resident Ru's Band.

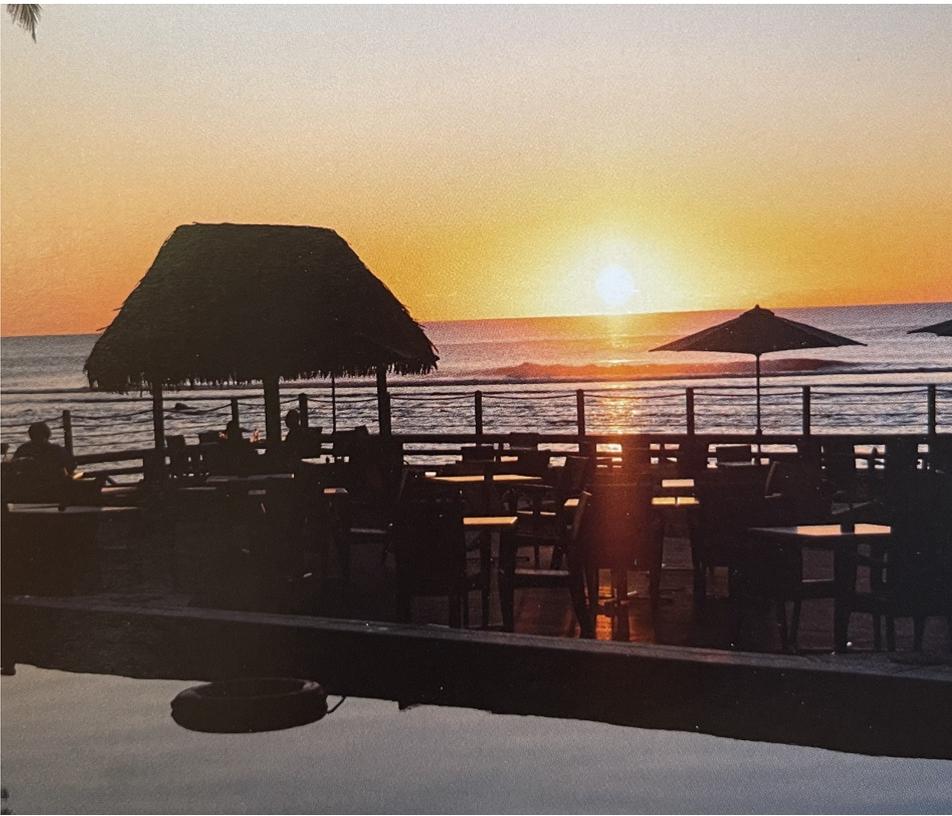
*Lunch at own expense and arrangement*

**OVERNIGHT:** The Edgewater Resort & Spa, RAROTONGA ★★★★★



“...The Cook Islands are a balm for the soul.  
Especially on Sundays.

Most impressive are the Mamas and  
the Papas. Not Mama Cass's folk rock group,  
but the assembled elders  
of the nearby villages...”



DAY 9

Monday 7th September, 2026

### ***RAROTONGA TO AUCKLAND***

After our final tropical breakfast, we pack our bags and check out at 10.00am. We will have lunch at the resort before heading to the airport for our flight to **Auckland**. **We arrive on Tuesday 8th September, after crossing back over the International Date Line.**

LOCAL TIME

Tuesday 8th September, 2026

### ***ARRIVE AUCKLAND***

Upon our arrival, we walk to our overnight accommodation where we enjoy our last dinner together as a group, before returning to our room for a good night's sleep before our morning departure.

**OVERNIGHT:** Novotel Auckland Airport, AUCKLAND ★★★★★

DAY 10

Wednesday 9th September, 2026

### ***AUCKLAND TO MELBOURNE***

After breakfast, we make our way to **Auckland Airport** for our return flight to **Melbourne**. Upon clearing customs and bidding farewell to our friends, our chauffeurs will be waiting to transport us home with many interesting stories to tell of the **Idyllic Cook Islands**.

*Refreshments inflight*

## PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Receipt of payment of funds will be taken as acceptance of O'Shannessy's Quality Tours conditions of travel for this tour. Prices include GST and all taxes. Deposit is fully refundable until **101 days** prior to departure date. Balance due on invoice.

**Cancellation within 100 days** of tour departure date

**No Refund**

**On or after** tour date departure

**No Refund**

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These terms and conditions form the basis of the contract between You and O'Shannessy's Quality Tours (O'Shannessy's Quality Tours "We", "Us", or "Our" contract). It is important that You read the complete list of terms and conditions provided to you upon invoice carefully and that you understand your rights and obligations. A complete list will be provided upon invoice, alternatively they are available upon request via phone, mail, email or on our website. By agreeing to participate in a tour arranged by Us, You are deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions in full.

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Griffith Spring Festival - October 2026

King Island Adventure - November 2026

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