

# Pearls of Polynesia

TAHITI TUAMOTUS MARQUESAS MOOREA BORA BORA

Aboard the *Clipper Odyssey*

October 18 – November 1, 2009 | 15 Days



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## Seacology in Moorea

Traditional Polynesian ceremonies are no longer a common occurrence on Moorea. When they occur it is very rare for visitors to participate. We are pleased to offer this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get behind the scenes and attend the opening of the Atitia Center on beautiful Cook's Bay. The Center, funded by Seacology is being constructed in the style of a traditional *fare* (pronounced "far-A"), a Polynesian house. It will be used for instruction in traditional Polynesian cultural practices as well as to emphasize the importance of respecting no-fishing restrictions on parts of the Moorea lagoon. The ceremony will consist of traditional singing and dancing, a Tahitian feast, the presentation of traditional tapa cloth gifts, and more. Afterwards we will have the opportunity to snorkel in Moorea lagoon. Duane Silverstein will personally be your guide for the opening ceremony.



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## Travel to The South Pacific and Benefit Seacology

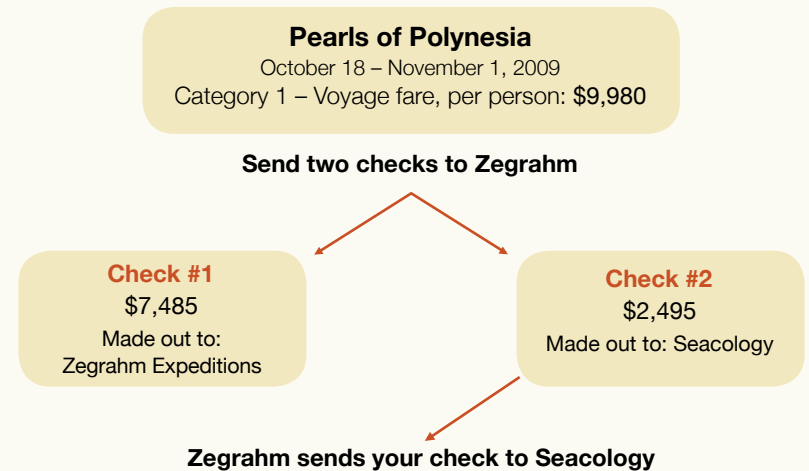
### Dear Friends of Seacology,

We are presenting you with a very special opportunity, which can also take you to the exotic South Pacific. Here is your chance, *at the same time*, to both experience and help protect some of the world's most beautiful and exotic islands and their cultures.

Seacology is sponsoring "Pearls of Polynesia," a remarkable voyage from Tahiti to the Tuamotus, Marquesas, Moorea, and Bora Bora, October 18 – November 1, 2009. You will now be able to pay a major portion of the trip price to Seacology, which will support our efforts to preserve the ecosystems of islands while at the same time improve the quality of life of islanders.

Here's how it works: **Zegrahm Expeditions (tour operator) will donate 25% of your voyage fare to Seacology.** It's really quite simple. Book Pearls of Polynesia with Zegrahm and write two checks. One check, for 75% of the voyage fare, is made out to Zegrahm Expeditions. The second check, for 25% of the voyage fare, is made out to Seacology. Send both checks to Zegrahm. Zegrahm will give you full credit for the voyage fare, and then forward your second check to us once the expedition has departed.

### Here's an example



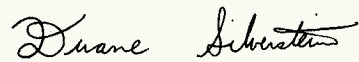
For reservations or a brochure, contact Zegrahm Expeditions at 800-628-8747 or go to their web site at [www.zeco.com](http://www.zeco.com).

A few terms and conditions apply:

- The costs of your air fare and any independent arrangements are not included in the offer.
- Your second check, made out to Seacology, will be forwarded to us on the day of your trip departure.

This effort reflects Zegrahm's strong commitment to preserve the environments and cultures of the islands they visit. We hope you will join us in making a difference in the world—through your travels and through your support for Seacology. I hope divers and non-divers alike will take advantage of this unique opportunity and join me on the Pearls of Polynesia cruise.

Warm regards,



Duane Silverstein  
Executive Director



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## Pearls of Polynesia

October 18 - November 1, 2009

Aboard the 110-passenger *Clipper Odyssey*  
From \$9,980 per person, double occupancy

Sapphire waters, lush volcanic landscapes, exquisite coral atolls, a wide variety of marine and bird life, and exotic cultural encounters with local islanders make Polynesia an ultimately enchanting destination. Our itinerary sets sail from and returns to Gauguin's beloved Tahiti, highlighting the dazzling coral islands of the Tuamotus and the stunning Marquesas along the way. Waters with nearly 100 feet of clarity reveal brilliantly colored tropical fish and giant tridacna clams while verdant forests hide lacey waterfalls and

endemic botanical species. Exceptional birding may reveal such species as bristle-thighed curlews, Marquesas swiftlets, Tuamotu sandpipers, and Polynesian imperial-pigeons. Throughout our voyage we have many opportunities to meet the friendly islanders who proudly welcome us with long-standing traditions of hospitality. Invitations to tour villages and homes, along with ceremonial dances, songs, and drumming make our Polynesia experience unforgettable.



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## Day-By-Day Itinerary

Sunday, October 18, 2009

Monday, October 19

Tuesday, October 20

Wednesday, October 21

Thursday, October 22

Friday, October 23

Saturday - Monday, October 24 - 26

Tuesday, October 27

Wednesday, October 28

Thursday, October 29

Friday, October 30

Saturday, October 31

Sunday, November 1

**Fly from USA / Papeete, Tahiti, Society Islands**

**Papeete / Embark *Clipper Odyssey***

**Fakarava, Tuamotus**

**Tahanea / Motu Tunga**

**Raroia**

**Napuka, Disappointment Islands**

**Marquesas**

**At Sea**

**Rangiroa, Tuamotus**

**Makatea**

**Vaitape, Bora Bora, Society Islands**

**Cook's Bay, Moorea / Papeete, Tahiti /  
Disembark *Clipper Odyssey***

**Fly to USA**



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## Highlights

- Frequent expedition stops for snorkeling, diving, and glass-bottom boat viewing; fish species may include the fire goby, reticulated butterflyfish, and wedged Picasso triggerfish (*the world-class diving is limited to the first 16 divers who sign up for this voyage*)
- Greetings by garlanded dancers, vanilla plantation tour, and discover the uninhabited Tuamotu islands rimmed in white sands
- Visits to traditional Marquesas villages with their flower-lined pathways; tapacloth-clad dancers and drummers in flower leis perform energetic dances
- Exploration of magical Bora Bora and Captain Cook's idyllic paradise, Moorea