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# SOUTHERN GROUP ADVENTURE PACKAGES



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Atiu



Mauke



Mitiaro



Mangaia



## MANGAIA

Adventure calls in the natural wonderland of Mangaia. Also known as A'ua'u Enuu, located 203 kilometres southeast of Rarotonga, it is one of the oldest islands in the Pacific.

The island of Mangaia is a volcanic plateau, surrounded with a band of makatea (raised fossilised coral cliffs). Inland from Mangaia's rugged coastline lies a sunken interior plateau, home to lush wetlands and hidden caves. Mangaia is also known for its ancient artifacts, stone carvings and delicate golden shells. These are a testament to the island's rich history and culture, and are a must-see for any visitor to Mangaia.

Accommodation on Mangaia is at Babes Place, a simple, 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 room share a bathroom. Also in the main house is the communal kitchen, dining, lounge and laundry facilities.



## MAUKE

Mauke, traditionally known as Akatokamanava, is one of the three close islands of the Southern Group, known as "Nga-Pu-Toru" along with Mitiaro and Atiu. This island is a treasure trove of history and culture, and is ready to share its stories with visitors.

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 talinium labobo).

On Mauke, Ri's Retreat is where you will stay, located on the eastern coast—a 5 minute walk from the airport. On-site there are three Self-Contained units and a Self-Contained 2 Bedroom House. Facilities on-site include a communal kitchen, dining area and laundry facilities that add to the convenience of your stay. Ri's Retreat is the perfect place for travellers looking for a peaceful environment to relax, reflect and rejuvenate.

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Immerse yourself in the natural beauty and unique culture of the Cook Islands on this 8-day island hopping adventure. Visit Mangaia, Mauke, Mitiaro, and Atiu, four of the beautiful islands in the Southern Group Islands. 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 on all islands.

#### Package includes:

- Airfares—Rarotonga/Mangaia/Mauke/Mitiaro/Atiu/Rarotonga
- All Return Airport Transfers on all outer 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, Cultural Tour 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 brief 40-minute flight from Rarotonga. Upon arrival, your welcoming hosts will greet you and begin the Island Tour as you journey to Babes Place, where a delightful dinner awaits. The following morning, after breakfast, you embark on a captivating journey to discover the Golden Shells tour and witness the intricate art of crafting ei pupu. The next morning is your flight to the island of Mauke.

#### Day 3 to Day 5: Mangaia to Mauke (Sat-Mon)

Following a 40-minute flight from Mangaia, your island hosts await you at the Mauke airport for a warm welcome and briefing. As you are transferred to Ri's Retreat the journey



## MITIARO

Explore Mitiaro’s natural wonders, including its beautiful underground caves and freshwater pools. Mitiaro, traditionally named Nukuroa lies approximately 45 kilometres northwest of Mauke.

The island’s twin freshwater lakes Rotonui and Toto Iti are famous for the Itiki (eel), a local delicacy. Discover limestone caves, variety of Fan Palm native to Mitiaro, wonderfully woven baskets crafted by local women from the leaves of Pandanus trees.

Divine Retreat is a large modern home with three room options. Two Guest Bedrooms within the house which share a bathroom. The Honeymoon 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

Atiu is known as Enuamanu, which means land of birds and is an unspoiled oasis of tranquility. The island is home to a stunning ecosystem of coastal fringed reefs, tropical rainforests, and caves. Atiu is the habitat to the Kopeka bird endemic to Atiu, that lives and breeds deep within the caves. Atiu’s unique wildlife sanctuary 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. 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.

unfolds with tales of the island. Upon check-in, embark on a captivating tour, punctuated by stories, culminating in a refreshing dip in Vai Tango’s cave pool. The next day (Sunday) absorb in the local tradition at the Cook Islands Christian Church, also known as the Divided Church. The following morning you set off for a new adventure on the island of Mitiaro.

### Day 5 to Day 7: Mauke to Mitiaro (Mon-Wed)

Mitiaro is a short 10-minute flight from Mauke. Upon arrival, your hosts will greet you and transfer you to Divine Retreat. Engage in the island’s unique culture and history on an island tour with light lunch included, visiting the twin lakes, two freshwater cave pools, and other fascinating sites. On Tuesday, you will enjoy a cultural tour of Mitiaro. On Wednesday morning, you will fly to the island of Atiu.

### Day 7 to Day 9: Mitiaro to Atiu (Wed-Fri)

Your last stop is Atiu Island. Upon arrival, your local hosts will greet you and transport you to Atiu Villas. Shortly after checking in, you will embark on a Punarea Tour. That evening, you will experience the Atiu Tumunu with the locals and enjoy their locally brewed beer before returning to Atiu Villas for dinner. On Thursday, you will have breakfast at Areora Cafe followed by an island tour. On Friday, you will 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\$5480 per person if 8 people travelling to NZ \$4466 per person if 11 people travelling. Tour is for a maximum of 11 passengers plus our guide.

Fixed departure dates are as follows:

- 17—24 October 2024
- 21—28 November 2024



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