Here at last is paradise on earth. Those who fly into the islands and stay at hotels experience only a part of the magic of these islands. It is only in sailing between the blue ocean and turquoise lagoons in the shadow of the majestic volcanic peaks as the ancient Polynesians did in their outrigger canoes, that one realizes the full majesty of Tahiti.

The four major islands have ancient volcanic centers which rise from lovely calm lagoons ringed by outlying reefs, also known as atolls. French Polynesia uses the Cardinal buoyage System (versus the Lateral System used in the US), allowing safe passage in and out of the atolls. Steady trade winds provide fast reaches of about 5 hours between the islands.

Good anchorages are abundant among the central islands as well as on the motus, lushly vegetated islets that have evolved on the encircling barrier reefs. These coral atolls have sandy beaches and offer a stunning view back toward those volcanic ranges.

Activities
There’s plenty to do and see in the Society Islands. Snorkeling, swimming, SUP, SCUBA and kayaking, are just a few of the water activities available. The coral reefs are spectacular as they rise from 80 feet or more to just a few feet deep. Van tours, car and scooter rentals are available ashore where ancient Polynesian temples can be seen.
**The Boats:** We have reserved several boats for this island-hopping odyssey. Reservations are available for singles, couples, or if you are a qualified skipper you may put your own group together.

**ASA certifications** are available during the flotilla. The cost is $200 per certification plus the cost of the textbook and shipping. Contact flotilla leader Capt. Lucy Newman for more information.

**The Price:** South Coast Sailing Adventures and the American Sailing Association joins in for this once in a life time opportunity with package fees averaging $6000 per person, based on double occupancy, for 14 days aboard. For singles that prefer not to share a cabin, special pricing will be available.

**What’s included?** Pricing includes charter fees, flotilla fees, all applicable taxes, provisioning (breakfasts, lunches, snacks and partial dinners aboard), water, use of kayaks and Stand-Up Paddleboards, dock/moorage fees, fuel, charter insurance, goodie bag, group dinner, dinghy with motor, linens, gratuity for the charter base staff, and guaranteed fun!

**What’s not included?** Airfare, optional hotel nights before or after the flotilla, meals ashore, optional excursions, miscellaneous personal expenditures such as shopping or souvenirs, alcoholic beverages, airport taxi transfers, and personal incidentals are not included.

**Payment:** $500 non-refundable deposit per person due immediately for priority boat and cabin preference! 50% of balance is due by August 30, 2021. The remaining balance is due no later than November 30, 2021.

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