



# ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION of SMITH COLLEGE

## ***Island Life in Tahiti and French Polynesia***

***March 16 to 24, 2008***

### **DETAILED ITINERARY**

(subject to amendment)

#### **Day 1**

Depart from the U.S. Arrive in Papeete, Tahiti, Society Islands. Transfer to the *S.Y. Star Flyer* for embarkation. Sail late this evening.

#### **Day 2**

##### ***Excursion***

Enjoy a cultural tour of the island of Huahine, with a visit to the Maeva temples. Attend a welcome reception this evening.

#### **Day 3**

##### ***Excursion***

Half-day tour of Raiatea, featuring a visit to the famous Marae Taputapuatea.

##### ***Optional Excursion***

Cruise on the Faaroa River through a tropical forest aboard an outrigger canoe.

##### ***Exclusive Enrichment***

Lecture by resident biologist Frank Murphy on the course of evolution on small islands.

#### **Day 4**

##### ***Optional Excursion***

Taha'a island tour is the open-air transport known as "*Le Truck*," with visits to a vanilla plantation and a black pearl farm.

**Day 5*****Excursion***

Island circle tour of Bora Bora, the “Pearl of the Pacific” aboard “*Le Truck*.”

***Exclusive Enrichments***

Demonstration of the dyeing and wearing of *pareo*, the traditional garment of South Pacific islanders. Lecture by local naturalist Frank Murphy on the effects of global warming on life in Polynesia.

**Day 6*****Excursion***

Motorcoach circle tour of Moorea, including a visit to the unique Octagonal Church in Papetoai.

***Exclusive Enrichment***

Meet local residents during a specially arranged Village Forum.

**Day 7*****Optional Excursions***

Tour of Moorea’s scenic interior in a four-wheel-drive vehicle. Dolphin-watching expedition with Dr. Michael Poole, a noted marine biologist.

***Exclusive Enrichment***

Lecture by cultural historian and ecologist Frank Murphy on the emergence of a distinctively Polynesian culture.

**Day 8**

Arrive in Papeete, Tahiti and disembark the *S.Y. Star Flyer*. Enjoy day rooms in the *Sofitel Tahiti Resort*. Transfer to the airport and board your return flight to Los Angeles.

**Day 9**

Arrive in Los Angeles.