

14-DAY SOUTH SEAS SAMPLER

November 11 (Papeete-Auckland)



Science & Nature



Chris Cook, Marine Biologist & Explorations Leader

For the past decade Chris Cook has worked as a marine biologist and wildlife guide, sharing his love of the oceans while helping to conserve them. He is a documentary filmmaker and photographer, and when not on expeditions, he works for a nonprofit organization in Melbourne, where he connects people with endangered animals with the aim of their preservation and greater conservation. He is also the Australian Production Coordinator for the National Geographic Photo Ark project.



Gerald McCormack, Naturalist

Gerald McCormack has encyclopedic knowledge of South Pacific flora and fauna. Director/Researcher of the Natural Heritage Trust, he is the main designer and content contributor of its online Cook Islands Biodiversity Website, a database with 4,500 marine and terrestrial species.



Caitlyn Webster, Marine Biologist

Marine biologist, photographer, polar diver and illustrator, Caitlyn Webster has conducted scientific research and marine conservation in some of Earth's remotest places, studying everything from great white sharks in South Africa to crown-of-thorns sea stars in American Samoa.



Kristy King, Biologist and Naturalist

New Zealand native Kristy King is a biologist and naturalist who has worked on expedition vessels around Australia, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. She has a BSc in biological and psychological sciences, specializing in animal behavior, and a post-grad degree in marine science.



Cristiana Damiano, Oceanographer & Ecologist

Christiana Damiano is an oceanographer, ecologist, naturalist, photographer, producer and presenter, and was a scientific adviser for the documentary "Eye Under the Sea." A dive instructor and technical diver, Christiana is dedicated to the preservation of threatened ecosystems.



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Food, Wine & Spirits



Robert Oliver, Chef

Robert Oliver is a New Zealand chef and a prize-winning cookbook author who has created restaurants in New York, Miami, Las Vegas and Sydney. Raised in Fiji and Samoa, he is a true gastronomic ambassador for the South Pacific Islands through his TV series *Real Pasifik*.

History & Perspectives



Tricia Allen, Adjunct Instructor, Pacific Island Studies

Tricia Allen teaches Pacific Island Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Windward Community College. She has lectured at the UCLA School of Art, the Bernice P. Bishop Museum and other institutions. A gifted tattoo artist, she has tattooed nearly 10,000 Polynesian people.

Arts & Culture



Polynesian Cultural Ambassadors, Mana, the Spirit of Tahiti

Don't miss this award-winning voyage through the music, song and dance of Tahiti. The local cast of singers, dancers and musicians will dazzle you with their talents and colorful, authentic costumes as they share Tahiti's rich heritage in this performance.



Kahurangi, Māori Dance Theatre

A New Zealand treasure, Kayhurangi Māori Dance Theater shares their song, dance and heritage through interactive activities and performances. The Company employs young Māori performers and graduates of the Takitimu Performing Arts School, who reflect the energy of Ngati Kahungunu, carrying the listener on a journey of discovery and celebration.



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