

19 Day Fly, Stay and Sail Hawaii: Transpacific Cruise on Quantum of the Seas

Hawaii

From **\$3,999** ✈️ pp Twin Share



17 Nights on the Quantum of the Seas

All meals and entertainment on-board

One night post-cruise accommodation in Honolulu

Flights back to Australia with 20kg checked baggage

Hurry - very limited spots available!

Description



Travel the South Pacific in style with this fantastic 19 day itinerary on the beautiful Quantum of the Seas!

Sail through crystal-clear waters, relax at one of the many pools, spas or bars on the ship, enjoy stops in Tahiti and French Polynesia, experience world-class dining at a variety of amazing restaurants, find fun with an on-board sky-diving experience, dodgem cars, casino, surfing and more. Plus, experience the incredible North Star, with 360° views from 90 metres above sea level.

And at the end of it all awaits the true treasure - the white sand beaches and turquoise waters of Hawaii. Experience vibrant Waikiki, snorkel beaches teeming with marine life, enjoy endless shopping, dining and entertainment options or head to the infamous North Shore to catch a wave.

Hurry - there are very limited spots available at this crazy price! Don't miss out - get in touch with us or book today!

Itinerary

Day 1

Depart Brisbane: 6:45PM

Today, you will board your ship, settle in and prepare for takeoff this evening.

Laid-back Brisbane feels like a big country town, but it's actually Australia's third-largest city. Cruise from Brisbane, Australia and experience its charm in any season thanks to year-round warm temperatures. Head to South Bank, where you join the locals cooling down in one of the many museums and galleries, or enjoy the sunshine at the man-made Streets Beach.

Day 2

Cruising - At Sea

Play however you like!

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Day 4

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Day 5

International Date Line: Cruising - At Sea

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Day 9

Papeete, Tahiti

Papeete is the lively capital of Tahiti – a figure-eight-shaped island formed by the eruption of two volcanoes, it's become a go-to spot for tropical adventure. A bustling urban centre, Papeete feels more French than anywhere else in Tahiti. Head to the centre of the city to see the vibrant Municipal Market, where you can pick up coffee and chocolate croissants, sample fresh produce or shop for hand-carved Tiki statues. See the waves crash against the volcanic black-sand beach at Plage du Taharuu. Cruise to Tahiti and hike through the verdant jungle at Fautaua Valley – don't miss the dramatic waterfall that cascades about 300 metres down into a natural pool.

Day 10

Moorea, French Polynesia

Moorea is the picture-perfect vision of an ideal island paradise. Formed by volcanic activity, this heart-shaped island hidden a few short miles off the Tahiti mainland holds beaches that look out to the brightest blue waters you can imagine, and the soaring green peaks of the mountains here are the stuff of legend. Head to Tiki Village to experience a traditional Polynesian dance. Hike up to Belvedere Lookout for views of famous Cook's Bay and volcanic Mount Tohivea. Go snorkelling in the lagoon at Opunohu Bay, or check out the Moorea Dolphin Center to get up-close-and-personal with nature's cutest, most intelligent sea creatures.

There is one must-have Moorea keepsake on the top of every visitor's list – a famous black pearl. You can find these pearls and other authentic crafts at the Moorea Marketplace or the charming Le Petit Village. Seek out tifaifai, traditional Polynesian quilts embroidered with geometric flower patterns.

Day 11

Moorea, French Polynesia

Check out Lagoonarium de Moorea, an enclosed lagoon overlooked by Motu Ahi mountain. It's the lagoon of your dreams: warm waters glimmer with coral gardens and friendly floating turtles. Take a dip in its aqua waters and find out why the Polynesian Corals are worth the fuss.

Intercontinental Moorea Resort and Spa has designated a portion of their private lagoon as a rare natural refuge for sea creatures in need. Take a tour of the dolphin centre, and swim with them in their natural environment. Before you leave, peek at the nearby turtle sanctuary – home to adorable growing baby turtles. Or, soar through the deep green forests at the adventurous Tiki Parc. With varying levels appropriate for all ages, you can live out tales of island exploration along a series of rope courses, bridges and zip-lines. Remember to wear sensible clothes and closed-toed shoes.

In Moorea, you'll find plenty of the Tahitian signature dish, poisson cru – raw fish marinated in lime juice and coconut milk. You'll also encounter chicken fafa, baked in an underground oven with coconut milk and spinach. The island also offers higher-end spots serving innovative, regionally inspired fare like prawn curry or mahi-mahi with ginger and lemon sauce.

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Hawaii: Kailua Kona

Located on Hawaii Island's beautiful western shore, Kailua Kona is known for its calm, clear waters that offer the perfect playground for ocean adventure. Take the 25-minute drive north to Manini'owali Beach to swim or snorkel in the ultra-blue waves alongside dolphins and sea turtles. Often referred to simply as Kona, the area is also a place of deep historical significance. Cruise to Kailua Kona and check out Kaloko-Honokahau National Historical Park, a Hawaiian Heritage Site where you'll encounter early temples, ancient petroglyphs and traditional fishponds.

Puuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park, considered one of Hawaii's most sacred sites, is a 40-minute drive south from Kailua Kona. The site was formerly royal grounds and a "place of refuge" for ancient lawbreakers. Take a self-guided walking tour amidst the restored, centuries-old temple and fishponds alongside the ocean and soak up the history.

Visit the 223-acre Puako Petroglyph Archaeological Preserve and see more than 3,000 ancient kii pohaku, Hawaiian petroglyphs. Some of these images carved into lava rock date back to 1200 AD. It's thought the carvings of people, canoes, turtles and various symbols represent births and other important events.

Hulihee Palace, built in 1838 as a summer vacation getaway home for Hawaiian royalty, stands right in the heart of Kailua-Kona. You can wander through the restored palace, which now operates as a museum with beautiful koa furniture and other ornaments and artifacts from the late 19th century, when King Kalakaua and Queen Kapiolani ruled.

Kona cuisine is all about fresh fish — try the poke (pronounced po-kay), a raw fish salad served as an appetizer in Hawaiian cuisine. Traditional forms include aku (an oily tuna) and he'e (octopus). You can also find modern takes on the traditional flavors and products with your Hawaii cruise, like wok-charred local ahi tuna with wasabi soy sauce or roasted lamb from nearby Kahua Ranch.

Walkable downtown Kailua-Kona has many boutiques and galleries where you'll find unique jewelry, Hawaiian quilts, carved koa wood bowls and other unique and handcrafted items by Hawaii artisans. At the Kona Farmers Market (Wednesdays through Sundays), you can find macadamia nuts, local honeys and jams, Hawaiian crafts and Kona coffee.

Day 18

Arrive Hawaii: Oahu

Today, disembark after breakfast and say goodbye to your new ship mates. Then, it's time to explore Oahu, the iconic beaches of Waikiki and enjoy the vibrant shopping, dining and nightlife.

Honolulu packs a diverse culture and a laid-back attitude into a setting rich with beauty. Visit Pearl Harbour and tour Iolani Palace – the only former residence of a royal family in the US – to delve deeper into the Hawaiian capital's unique history. Snorkel Hanauma Bay or hike the iconic Diamond Head volcano to get up close and personal with the natural wonders that keep people coming back year after year. If time allows during your Honolulu cruise, head to nearby Waikiki for a surf; the calm waters are perfect for any experience level.

Vibrant Waikiki is known for its world-class beaches, designer shopping and restaurants focusing on Hawaii Regional Cuisine. Grab a surfboard and hit the gentle waves. Then, find an oceanside spot to indulge in pau hana, the local answer to happy hour and small plates. Cool off at mid-day with some shaved ice, a cold treat covered in flavoured syrups. Try a traditional Hawaiian meal, such as laulau, a dish of pork and fish steamed in a taro leaf. Seek out Hawaii Regional Cuisine, a distinctive modern style that combines ingredients and techniques from the Pacific Islands, Asia and California.

Below Honolulu's crystal-clear waters lies a coral reef that's home to thousands of species of colorful and tropical marine life. Book a snorkeling tour and explore what's beneath the sea with your cruise to Honolulu. You can often see fish right from the snorkeling boat.

Waikiki is a shopper's paradise, with high-end shops as well as boutiques selling local signatures. At Ala Moana, the world's largest open-air shopping centre, you'll find everything from designer fashions to purveyors of specialities, like fine coffees and traditional handmade quilts.

Accommodation: 3-star Waikiki Hotel (tba)

Day 19

Fly home

This morning, check out of your hotel and get ready to head home!

Want to stay longer? Get in touch with us today and we can help you extend your trip.

Inclusions & Exclusions

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- 17 nights in an interior cabin onboard the Quantum of the Seas
- All meals onboard*
- All entertainment onboard*
- One night post-cruise accommodation in Honolulu
- Flights back home to Australia (Sydney, Brisbane & Melbourne) with 20kg checked baggage. Flights to other cities may incur a surcharge - ask us for a quote!

Need a different date? There is a reverse-itinerary cruise running from Honolulu back to Brisbane on the 9th October 2023 (itinerary is slightly varied and there is a surcharge for this date).

If you're interested in this date, ask us today!

Want to stay longer in Hawaii, or fly home to another city? No worries - just get in touch!

*premium dining and entertainment experiences may present an extra cost

Exclusions

- Travel Insurance - highly recommend
- Drinks onboard
- Cruise Excursions
- Items of a personal nature
- Transfers
- Visas (an ESTA visa-waiver is required for Australian passport holders)
- Hotel mandatory resort fees if applicable
- Gratuities

Important information

Travel documents: All guests on this itinerary MUST have a valid passport and also be aware of the entry requirements for the USA. All guests travelling on an Australian passport will be required to complete an ESTA Waiver before travel. More information on this can be found on the government travel advisory website - [click here](#).

Vaccination and health information: All guests travelling with Royal Caribbean must be fully vaccinated. Travel insurance is also highly recommended - we can help you with a quote, just let us know at time of booking.