



*2022 SPTO Board & Council Meetings &
Pacific Sustainable Tourism Leadership
Summit*



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5:30pm arrival for 6:00pm start
Antipodes Restaurant

SPTO Reception

Wednesday 2nd Nov 2022,
5:30pm arrival for 6:00pm start
On The Beach Restaurant

Finale Evening

Thursday 3rd Nov 2022,
5:30pm arrival for 6:00pm start
Tamarind Restaurant

RSVP by Friday 28 October 2022

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Programme Overview

Tuesday 1st - Thursday 3rd November 2022

Tuesday 1st November

- ▶ 9:00am: SPTO Board of Directors Meeting:
Edgewater Resort Conference Room
- ▶ 1:00pm: Lunch
- ▶ 2:00pm: Side Meetings; Bi-laterals, Sub Committees etc.
Meeting rooms will be made available on a reservation basis, with arrangements to be made directly by SPTO and members.
- ▶ 6.00pm: Welcome Evening at hosted by Cook Islands Tourism
Antipodes Restaurant

Wednesday 2nd November

- ▶ 9:00am: Pacific Sustainable Tourism Leadership Summit
Edgewater Resort Conference Room
- ▶ 1:00pm: Lunch
- ▶ 6:00pm: SPTO Reception:
On The Beach Restaurant

Thursday 3rd November

- ▶ 9:00am: SPTO Council of Tourism Ministers Meeting
Edgewater Resort Conference Room
- ▶ 1:00pm: Lunch
- ▶ 6:00pm: Finale Evening at hosted by Cook Islands Tourism
Tamarind House Restaurant

Programme Break-Down

Tuesday 1st November 2022

- ▶ 8:30am: SPTO Board Members to make their way to Edgewater Resort Conference Room for meeting
- ▶ 9:00am: **SPTO Board Meeting begins**
- ▶ 12:30pm: Meeting Ends. Lunch Available at the “Umu Hut”
- ▶ 2:00pm: **Bilateral Meetings begin**
- ▶ 5:00pm: Ministers, Proxy’s and Delegation to be transported to **Antipodes Restaurant** for Welcome Function hosted by Cook Islands Tourism
- ▶ 5:30pm: Guests arrive
- ▶ 6:00pm: **Welcome Function Begins**
- ▶ 9:00pm: Function Ends, guests to be transported back to accommodation

Programme Break-Down

Wednesday 2nd November 2022

- ▶ 8:30am: All to make their way to Edgewater Resort Conference Room for the **Pacific Sustainable Tourism Leadership Summit**
- ▶ 9:00am: **Summit begins**
- ▶ 12:30pm: Meeting Ends. Lunch Available at the “Umu Hut”
- ▶ 2:00pm: **Afternoon Tour Hosted by Cook Islands Tourism**
- ▶ 5:00pm: Ministers, Proxy’s and Delegation to be transported to **On The Beach Restaurant** for a Reception Evening hosted by SPTO
- ▶ 5:30pm: Guests arrive
- ▶ 6:00pm: **SPTO Reception Evening Begins**
- ▶ 8:00pm: Function Ends, guests to be transported back to accommodation

Pacific Sustainable Tourism Leadership Summit

"Partnering for a resilient, prosperous and inclusive Pacific through sustainable tourism"

Edgewater Resort
Rarotonga, Cook Islands
2nd November 2022

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
9.00am	<i>Opening Session</i>	
	Delegates seated and welcomed	MC - Mr Tony Fe'ao
	Prayer	RAC Representative
	Summit Introduction	SPTO Chair of Board of Directors: Mr Petero Manufoiau
	Official Opening Address	Chair of the SPTO Council of Tourism Ministers: Hon. Tingika Elikana
	Group Photo	SPTO Communications
9.30am	<i>Morning Tea</i>	
9.55am	Keynote Address	CEO, Global Sustainable Tourism Council: Mr Randy Durband
10.05am	<i>Ministerial Panel 1 - Country-led solutions for regional progress towards 2030</i>	
10.05am	Introduction of Panel 1	Moderator: Petero Manufoiau, Chairman, SPTO Board of Directors & CEO Tourism Authority of Kiribati
10.10am	Goal 1: Prosperous Economies	Vanuatu
10.15am	Goal 2: Thriving & Inclusive Communities	Hon. Minister, TBC
10.20am	Goal 3: Visible and Valued Cultures	Hon. Minister, Tonga
10.25am	Goal 4: Healthy Islands & Oceans	Hon. Minister, Samoa
10.30am	Q&A and Wrap up by Moderator	Petero Manufoiau, Chairman, SPTO Board of Directors & CEO Tourism Authority of Kiribati
10.45am	<i>Ministerial Panel 2 - Enhancing Pacific resilience and competitiveness through sustainable tourism 2030</i>	
10.45am	Introduction of Panel 2	Moderator: Christopher Cocker, Chief Executive Officer, SPTO

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
10.50am	Market & destination collaboration for recovery	Hon. Vice President, French Polynesia
10.55am	Sustainable cruise development post pandemic	Hon. Minister, New Caledonia
11.00am	Climate resilience and its role in future-proofing tourism	Hon. Minister, Cook Islands
11.05am	Improving Air Connectivity for Small Islands States	Hon. Minister, Kiribati
11.10am	Q&A and Wrap up by Moderator	Christopher Cocker, Chief Executive Officer, SPTO
<i>Stakeholder Panel - Partnerships for strengthening climate and disaster resilience in tourism</i>		
11.25am	Introduction of Stakeholder Panel	Moderator: Mrs Pania Tyson-Nathan, CEO, New Zealand Maori Tourism
11.30am	Glasgow Declaration- a pathway for the Pacific	United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)
11.35am	Partnerships for Climate - Resilient Tourism	Mr. Paul Davis, Senior Advisor, Tourism NZMFAT
11.40am	Public-Private Partnerships for accelerating climate & disaster risk reduction action	Ms. Liana Scott, President Cook Islands Tourism Industry Council
11.45am	Nature Based Solutions partnerships for enhancing climate & disaster resilience in tourism	Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra, Director General, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
11.50am	Role of research in resilience building for people-centered tourism recovery	Dr. Apisalome Movono, Massey University
11.55am	Q&A and Wrap up by Moderator	Mrs Pania Tyson-Nathan, CEO, New Zealand Maori Tourism
12.10pm	<i>Short Break</i> - Presentation by Pacific Youth (Cook Islands) at the Global Youth Tourism Summit - Signing of Statement of Commitments of remaining SPTO member countries	
12.25pm	<i>Concluding Session</i> Presentation of Draft Summit Recommendations	MC: Mr. Tony Fe'ao SPTO Chair of Board Directors: Mr Petero Manufo'alu Cook Islands Tourism Corporation CEO: Karla Eggelton
12.35pm - 1.30pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>	

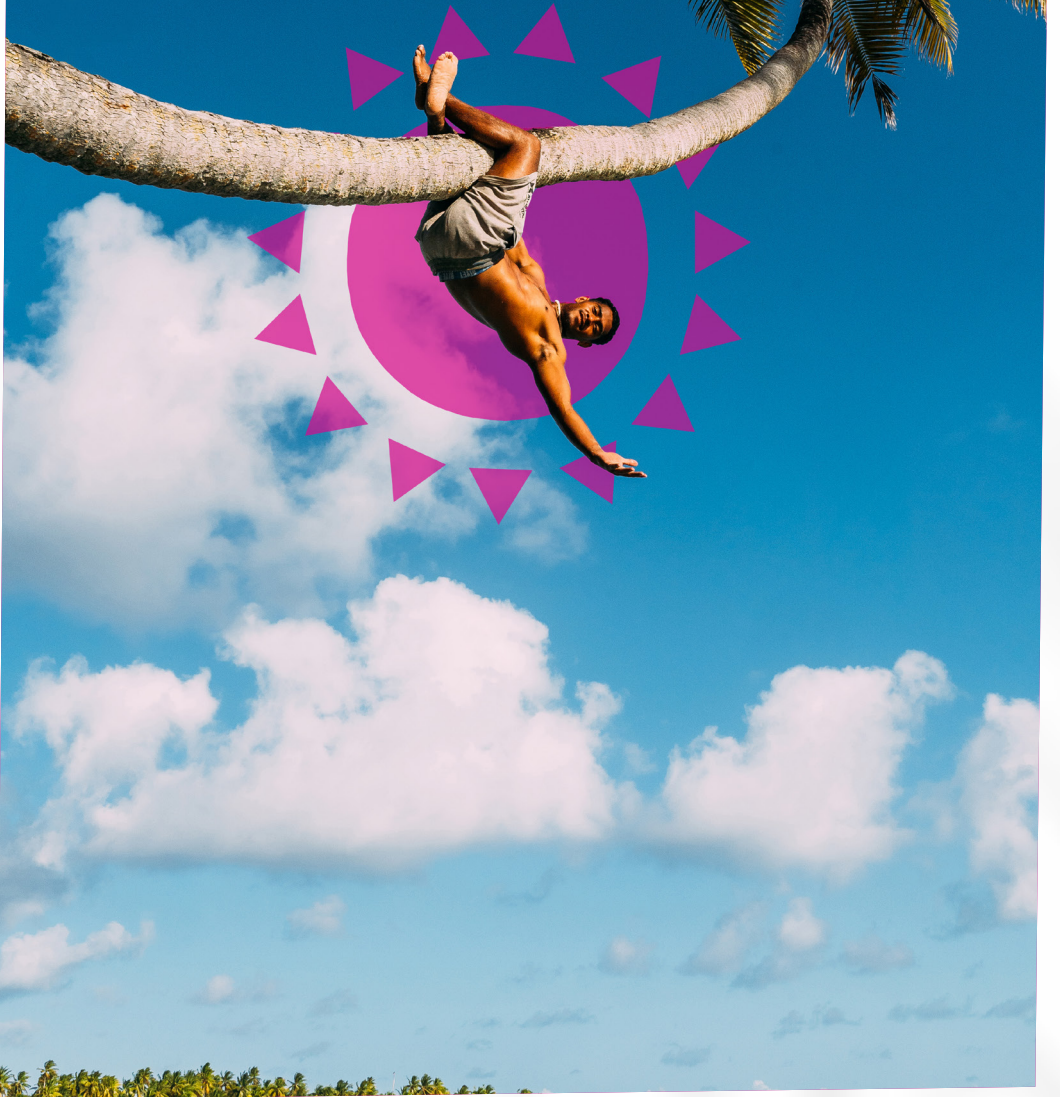
Afternoon tour hosted by Cook Islands Tourism Corporation

Programme Break-Down

Thursday 3rd November 2022

- ▶ 8:30am: Tourism Ministers to make their way to the Edgewater Resort Conference Room for their meeting
- ▶ 9:00am: **Council of Ministers Meeting begins**
- ▶ 12:30pm: Meeting Ends. Lunch Available at the “Umu Hut”
- ▶ 2:00pm: **Bilateral Meetings begin**
- ▶ 5:00pm: Ministers, Proxy’s and Delegation to be transported to **Tamarind House Restaurant** for Farewell Function hosted by Cook Islands Tourism
- ▶ 5:30pm: Guests arrive
- ▶ 6:00pm: **Farewell Function Begins**
- ▶ 9:00pm: Farewell function ends, guests to be transported back to accommodation/ airport for departure

Kia Orana!



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Discover our hidden gem of the South Pacific and you'll see why there's so much more to a little paradise. A modern Polynesian nation of 15 islands scattered across a vast swathe of the Pacific Ocean halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii. Come share our Kia Orana spirit and discover why everyone loves a little paradise.

Airlines servicing the Cook Islands are Air New Zealand and Jetstar via Auckland, New Zealand, and Air Rarotonga.



Rarotonga

The beating heart of our little paradise will capture yours. As the hub of the Cook Islands, there's so much to see and do. Yet we remain unspoilt, with no traffic lights, no McDonalds and no building taller than a coconut tree. There are over 50+ restaurants and cafes scattered all over Rarotonga alone. Just 32 km around, explore an island where you can find treasure around every corner.



Aitutaki

Aitutaki, home to approximately 1,800 people and the world's most beautiful lagoon, is only 220 km away, a 45 minute domestic flight from Rarotonga. This destination is the top of any bucket list in the South Pacific.



Southern Group

For the truly adventurous in spirit, our Outer Islands (Pa Enea) have a remote, unspoiled appeal for the explorer in all of us. The following islands are accessible by domestic flight via Rarotonga with Air Rarotonga, no boat or ferry services are available. Island Hopping Packages are available.

ATIU

✈ 45mins

There are a few places left in the world like Atiu. Known also as 'Enea Manu', the land of birds, Atiu is about half the size of Rarotonga. Villages are in the central plateau where soil is rich, and some of the best coffee in the Pacific Rim is organically grown.

MITIARO

✈ 50mins

Also known as 'Nukuroa'. Visitors to the island can be guaranteed a very real opportunity to immerse into the mellow way of life. Mitiaro has a distinctive history, plus the unique appeal of some of the most stunning subterranean limestone pools and caves in Polynesia.

MAUKE

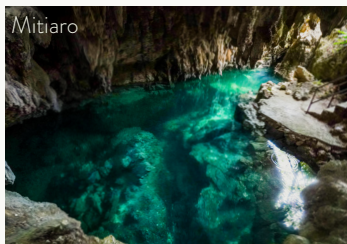
✈ 50mins

The traditional name for Mauke is 'Akatokamanava' which translates to "where my heart rests." It's a fitting name for this little garden of Eden, as many visitors find the island takes hold of their heart on arrival.

MANGAIA

✈ 40mins

Mangaia is traditionally known as 'Auau Enea'. Mangaia is the second largest and southernmost island of the Cooks. This island is made up of raised limestone coral, peppered with numerous caves that stretch into giant underground caverns.



Northern Group

Six of the beautiful Cook Islands lie to the north. Described as “the stuff that dreams are made of”, their remote appeal and promise of true escape pulls at the hearts of explorers, adventurers, authors and artists. The following islands are accessible by domestic flight via Rarotonga with Air Rarotonga, no boat or ferry services are available. Island Hopping Packages are available.

PUKAPUKA

✈ 4hrs

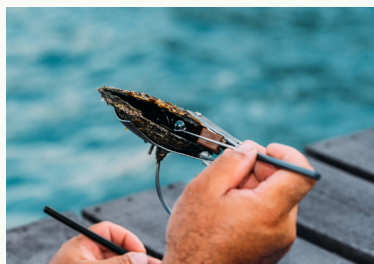
This is one of the most beautiful untouched and secluded places in the Pacific. Its remoteness has also helped to keep the wonderful traditions and culture of its people largely unchanged for centuries.



MANIHIKI

✈ 3hr 20mins

Manihiki, a necklace of 40 tiny islands with a clear, deep blue lagoon. Manihiki is the epicentre of the Cook Islands’ pearl industry. It provides a true escape from the modern world.



TONGAREVA

✈ 2.5hrs

The northernmost island of the Cook Islands group, also known as Penryhn. Its most spectacular feature is the immense, enclosed blue water lagoon that covers 233 sq. km and is one of the largest in the South Pacific.



Fast facts

Population

Cook Islands (2021 Census): 15,020
Rarotonga (Capital): 10,890

Entry Requirements

A valid passport with 6 months validity is required, This will allow you a stay of up to 31 days in the Cook Islands. New Zealand passport holders are eligible of up to 90 days stay in the Cook Islands.

Currency & Banking

Currency in the Cook Islands is the New Zealand dollar, supplemented by Cook Islands' notes and coins. ANZ, BSP, and BCI banks' are open from Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm in downtown Avarua. Most hotels and stores offer EFTPOS. ATMs are conveniently located around Rarotonga and Aitutaki. There is a Western Union office in Avarua that offers money exchange and transfers. When visiting the outer islands, we recommend taking cash as there is limited access to EFTPOS and only some businesses accept credit cards.

Domestic air travel

Domestic flights are operated by Air Rarotonga with daily flights to Aitutaki and scheduled flights to Atiu, Mangaia, Mauke, Mitiaro, Manihiki, Tongareva and Pukapuka. For domestic flight schedule please visit www.airraro.com

Dress code

Although the dress code is informal, we do ask that you please dress modestly by not wearing brief attire when visiting town, villages and church. Nude or topless sunbathing will cause offence.

Driving

Driving is on the left-hand side of the road. Cars and motor scooters can be rented. International visitors (16 years and over) can drive in the Cook Islands for up to six

months using their full overseas license. If a visitor wants to ride a scooter or motorbike in the Cook Islands and is not licensed to do so at home, they will still have to obtain a Cook Islands Driving License at the Police Headquarters in Avarua. Helmets are compulsory.

Tipping

It is not customary to tip in the Cook Islands, but feel free to do so at your leisure.

Medical & dental

There is a well equipped hospital situated in Rarotonga and a small hospital in Aitutaki. There are no poisonous animals or insects in the Cook Islands. **For any emergency call: 999**

Electricity

Electricity voltage is 240 AC/50 cycle, the same three pin plugs as used in New Zealand and Australia.

Wifi

Internet on the island is readily available with over 150+ wifi hotspots (visit: www.vodafone.co.ck). Most accommodations offer wifi hotspots, and some offer internet in rooms that can be purchased.

Telecommunications

Traveller sim cards can be purchased from Vodafone (our telecommunications provider) and come pre loaded with calls, text and mobile data. Most smart phones will work with a local sim however check with your provider in your country before travelling to the Cook Islands.

Water

It is recommended that visitors not drink directly from taps, instead boil tap water before drinking. Free UV-treated water refill stations can be found around Rarotonga, as well as in the outer islands.

Quick Contacts

Medical and Emergencies

Rarotonga Hospital

Open 24 hours, Mon-Sun

P: +682 22664

Emergency Dial: 999

Tupapa Primary Health Care

Open 8am - 4pm, Mon-Sun

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Cook Islands Police

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