



« Is not about the tours, is all about the guides. »

*Sunrise at Ahu Tongarikli
Rapa Nui*

Île de Pâques - Isla de Pascua - Easter Island

Easter Island is a dream destination for many, for some, a dream that they been trying to accomplish for decades, a lifetime experience that most will only live once in their lives.

Our commitment is to help you discover the island and its culture to create memories that will stay with you forever.



Rano Raraku, the moai quarry.



View of Hanga Roa town

We propose to ways to prepare your trip with us:

A customized experience organized by us:

This means one guide will discuss with you all the details of your trip to understand your needs and interest and then use that information to present to you a proposal of the tours and activities.

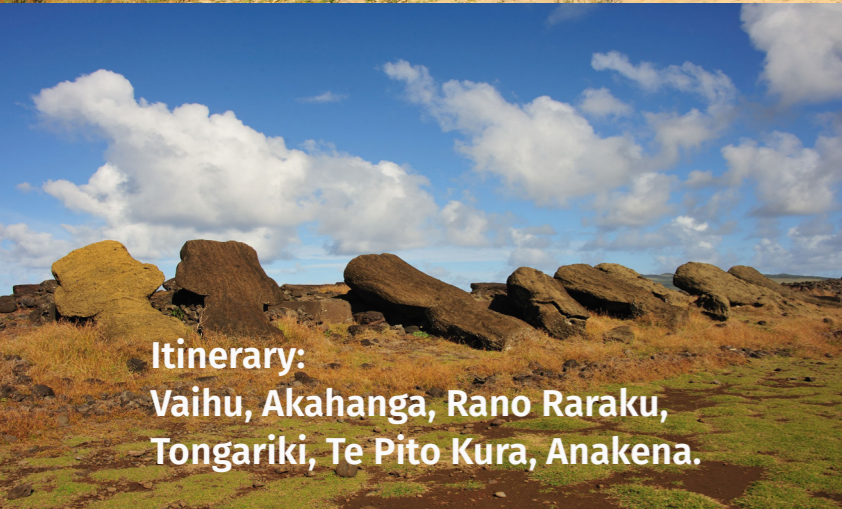
We suggest a direct communication with your guide by email or video conference.

That will also allow you to get to know your guide beforehand.

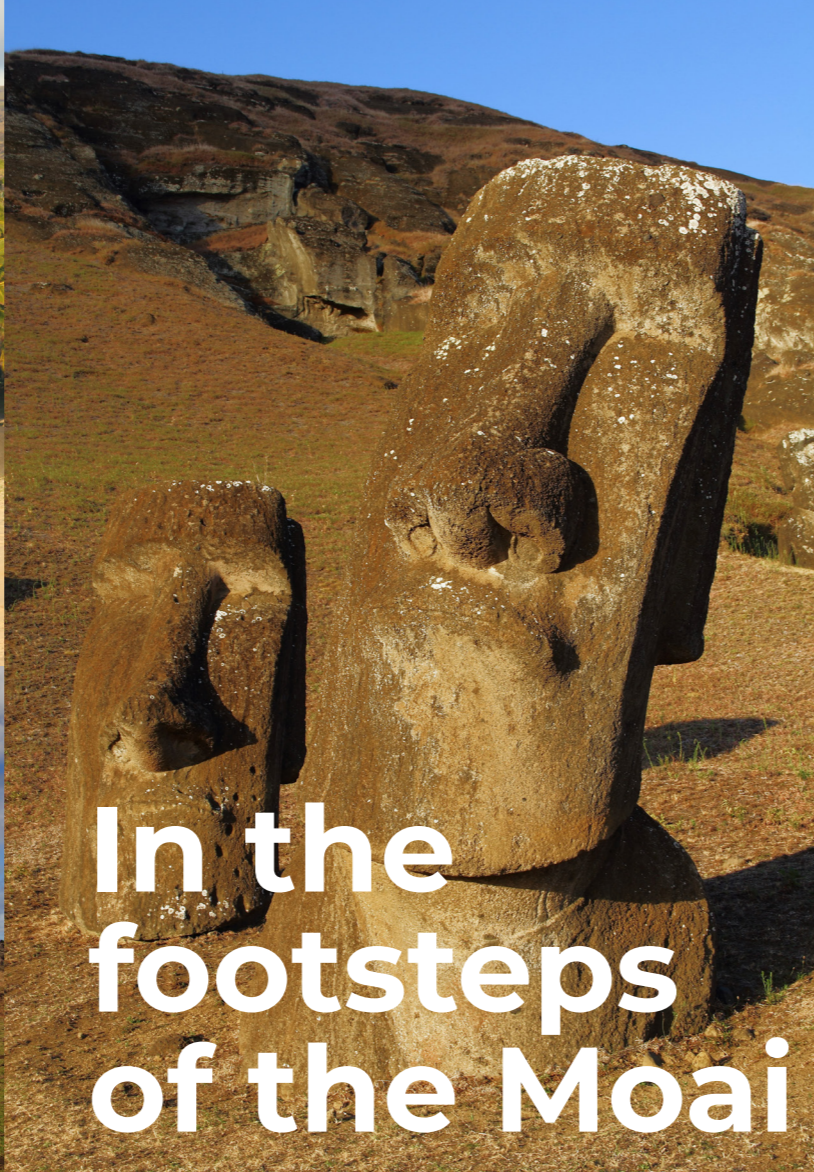
A customized experience organized by yourself:

This means you will create your own itinerary choosing from the predesigned experiences we offer.

In that way you will have a program adapted to your interests and to the time that you'll have on the island.



Itinerary:
 Vaihu, Akahanga, Rano Raraku,
 Tongariki, Te Pito Kura, Anakena.



In the footsteps of the Moai



We will pick you up from your hotel in town and after a short ride of 15 minutes we will be getting to **Vaihu**, to visit the recreation of traditional ancient village of the island, with the boat-houses, stone gardens, earth ovens, chicken coops, and other traditional structures that use to form part of the villages on the island in ancient times.

We will then continue to **Akahanga** to visit an unrestored archeological site that is still very well preserved and where we will observe the original structures of an ancient village along with 12 statues toppled in their platform or ahu and a cave near by.

Around noon we will arrive at **Rano Raraku**, the moai quarry, where most of the statues of the island were made. We will walk in between 400 statues in different stages of construction to learn all about the carving process and discuss theories about their transportation.

After the visit of the quarry, we will make a little pause to take a

quick lunch and recharge energies. (Optional)

We will continue to **Tongariki** one of the most well-known sites of the island, the famous platform with 15 statues, the biggest of the island and the largest archeological site in Polynesia.

After our visit we will drive to the north coast of the island to continue to **Te Pito Kura**, where we will find the largest moai that was ever standing on the island, though it is toppled today. We will also see the famous magnetic stone that some refer to as the navel of the world.

We will finally arrive to **Anakena**, the main beach of the island but also an important archeological and historical site, the landing site of the first settlers according to the oral tradition of the island and a site where we are going to find two restored platforms each one of those with a very special history behind it.

- ⌚ Duration: Approximately 7 hours.
- 🕒 Suggested starting time: 9:30
- 👤 Difficulty: Easy. Walking shoes recommended. The itinerary can be adapted for visitors with low mobility or other special circumstances. Bathing suit and towel is advised if you want to go to the water in the beach.
- 📋 Included: English speaking guide/driver, private transportation in modern vehicles with air conditioned, bottle of water.
- 🚫 Not included: Meals, park tickets.



This tour will start at your hotel in town and from there after a 15-minute drive we will get to the top of **Rano Kau**.

We will do our first stop here to visit the crater or caldera of the volcano, one of the most beautiful sights of the island in terms of natural beauty.

Also an important historical site that was a source of food and water for the people of the island both in ancient and up till modern times.

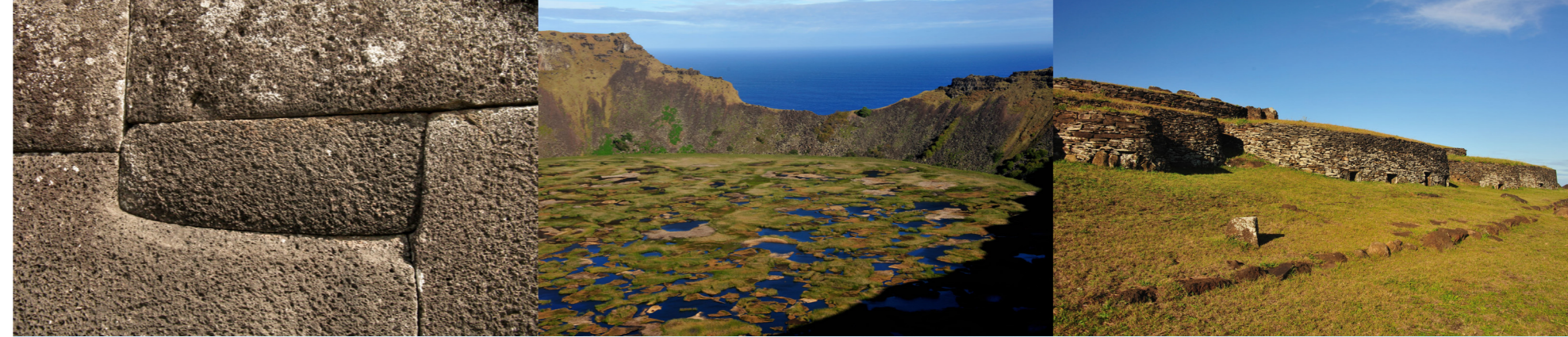
We will continue to **Orongo**, one of the most important archeological sites of the island, the ancient village where the Birdman competition took place. In this site you will learn all about the competition of the Birdman, its meaning for the ancient rapa nui society and its impact on the political and religious structures of the island.

Our last stop will be at the foot of the volcano at **Vinapu**, an unrestored archeological site with a platform that has been connected to some Inca structures because of the fine work in its retaining wall, raising many discussions regarding the connection between Polynesia and South America.

We will also see on this site another thing, a female statue.



- ⌚ Duration: Approximately 3 hours.
- 🕒 Suggested starting time: 9:30 or 14:30
- 👤 Difficulty: Easy. Walking shoes recommended. The itinerary can be adapt it for visitors with low mobility or other special circumstances.
- 📄 Included: English speaking guide/driver, private transportation in modern vehicles with air conditioned, bottle of water.
- 🚫 Not included: Meals, park tickets.



The new era: The Birdman



Itinerary:

Rano Kau, Orongo, Vinapu



Inland sites

Itinerary:
Ahu Akivi, Puna Pau, Tahai.

This tour will take us inland to visit some relevant and unique sites we will find in this area of the island.

Our first stop will be **Ahu Akivi**, a platform that is known by many as the one with the only statues looking to the sea, during our visit we will discuss that topic but also about the astronomical orientation of this platform.

The tour will continue to **Puna Pau**, the quarry of the red stone used to carve the topknots of the Moai.

Finally, we will go to **Tahai**, an archeological site with three restore platforms and other secondary structures.

The most special feature, the only Moai with the eyes restored.

- ⌚ Duration: Approximately 3 hours.
- 🕒 Suggested starting time: 9:30 or 14:30
- 👤 Difficulty: Easy. Walking shoes recommended. The itinerary can be adapt it for visitors with low mobility or other special circumstances.
- 📄 Included: English speaking guide/driver, private transportation in modern vehicles with air conditioned, bottle of water.
- 🚫 Not included: Meals, park tickets.



This tour will take you from your hotel directly to **Tongariki**.

We will arrive around 45 minutes before the sunrise to enjoy the changing colors of the sky as the sun rises before the 15 Moai, the largest platform of the island. It is important to know that during the winter season, between April-October, the sun will rise behind the volcano and not directly behind the statues, even though, the beauty of it is outstanding.

- ⌚ Duration: Approximately 3 hours.
- 🕒 Suggested starting time: 1 hour before the sunrise.
- 📏 Difficulty: Easy.
- 📋 Included: English speaking guide/driver, private transportation in modern vehicles with air conditioned.
- 🚫 Not included: Meals, park tickets.



Sunrise with the Moai



Itinerary:
Ahu Tongariki



Hanga Roa and the recent history of the island, City Tour

Itinerary:
Musée, Marché, Église,
Place Centrale, Hanga Piko.

With this tour we invite you to discover the history and most important sites of the town.

We will start with the local **museum** that will help us to obtain a more detail understanding of the rapa nui culture by learning about many different artifacts that are part of the collection of the museum, we will see tools, the ancient script of the island, the eye of a Moai and also many traditional Moai that were made in wood and that were also part of the ancient culture of the island.

The **Craft market** will allow you to appreciate the work of modern-time carvers and get some souvenirs of your trip to the island.

We will next stop by the **Church**, a unique example of religious syncretism in Polynesia, where we will learn more about the role of the missionaries in the modern history of the island.

In the **main square** we will see two monuments in honor of two important man of the modern history of the island, the ones that signed the treaty between Rapa Nui and Chili for the annexation of this territory, here we will

discuss in detail the relationships between the island and Chile and how that has shaped the culture and social structure of the island in modern times.

Our last stop will be **Hanga Piko** the main harbor of the island.

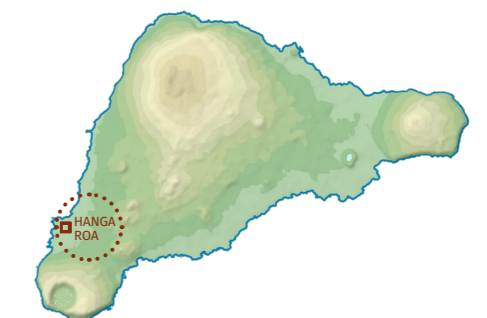
⌚ Duration: Approximately 3 hours.

🕒 Suggested starting time: 9:30 or 14:30

👤 Difficulty: Easy. Walking shoes recommended. The itinerary can be adapt it for visitors with low mobility or other special circumstances.

📄 Included: English speaking guide/driver, private transportation in modern vehicles with air conditioned, bottle of water.

🚫 Not included: Meals, park tickets.



This tour has been designed for everyone who wants to immerse deeper into the rapanui archaeology and history. This is a suggested itinerary and can be modified according to your interests.

We would be starting at **Vaitea**, where we will learn about the history of the XX century when the island was used as a sheep farm, something that produced a profound impact in the island and in the rapanui society.

We will then take a look at **Ovahe**, the less known beach of the island.

Along the north coast we will also stop at **Hanga Ho'onu**, a little fisherman harbor also known as La Pérouse, because of the French captain that disembarked here in 1786.

Next to this site we will find **ahu Heki'i** one of the largest platforms on the north coast of the island.

After we will move to **Papa Vaka**, a unique site of the island to learn about the importance of the petroglyph in the ancient rapanui art expressions, also here is where you can see the largest petroglyph of the island.

Not far from there we will find along the road a little rock called **Pu o Hiro**, an ancient rock used to generate a big sound like a trumpet.

After here we will continue to the south coast of the island and we will stop nearby the Moai quarry to visit the ancient road of transportation of the statues, **Ara o te Moai**, here you will be able to walk among the giants statues that are fallen.

We will then continue down the south coast to get to **Hanga Poukura**, an archeological site where the Moai have been not only toppled but also abandoned in a very particular order.

Our last stop will be at **Huri a Urenga**, a restored platform with an astronomical orientation and with a very special Moai with four hands.



⌚ Duration: Approximately 6 hours.

🕒 Suggested starting time: 9:30

📏 Difficulty: Easy.

📋 Included: English speaking guide/driver, private transportation in modern vehicles with air conditioned, bottle of water.

🚫 Not included: Meals, park tickets.

The unknown sites

Itinerary:

Vaitea, Ovahe, Hanga Ho'onu, Ahu Heki'i, Papa Vaka, Pu o Hiro, Ara o te Moai, Hanga Poukura, Huri a Urenga.

Hiking

We offer you the chance to discover the hidden corners of the island through hikes to more isolated spots.

We organize half-day or full-day hikes with different levels of difficulty to suit different physical conditions.





The Highest Point

Itinerary:

Vaitea, Ava Ranga Uka, Rano Aroi et Terevaka

This tour is very popular because of the views we can get from the highest point of the island, being the only place of the island where you can see only ocean around it and the horizon line in 360 degrees.

On the way up we visit the archeological site of **Ava Ranga Uka** where interested findings regarding hydraulic structures have been made.

Also, on the way up we get to see the crater of **Rano Aroi**, one of the two that contain water today.

Finally we will get to **Terevaka** the highest point of the island.



⌚ Duration: Approximately 4.5 hours.

🕒 Suggested starting time: 9:00 or 14:30

📏 Difficulty: Moderately Strenuous. Terrain is grassy and easy to walk without rocks or uneven areas, but hilly, constant elevation during the hike sometimes mild elevation and sometimes steeper. Elevation gains 250 meters (820 ft). Total hike 10K (6 mi).

📋 Included: English speaking guide/driver, private transportation in modern vehicles with air conditioned, bottle of water.

🚫 Not included: Meals, park tickets.

This tour would focus on the caves and lava tunnels and one archeological site unrestored.

The landscape is quite different from the rest of the island because of the lava flows and dramatic cliff on the ocean side.

Our first stop on the hike is **Ana te Pahu**, where we will learn about one of the many functions of the caves, been used as a garden.

From there we will keep walking till we get to **Ana Kakenga**, the famous two windows cave, with a modified entrance that was used to hide people in times of the battles.

The last cave we will visit is **Ana te Pora**, there we will discuss more about the funerary purpose of the caves on the island.

Our last stop on the hike is **Ahu te Peu**, one of the best preserved unrestored archeological sites and where we can see the largest boat-house on the island.



⌚ Duration: Approximately 4.5 hours.

🕒 Suggested starting time: 9:00 or 14:30

📏 Difficulty: Moderate. Terrain is rocky and uneven and mostly flat with moderate inclined sections. The visit and walking inside the caves are relatively easy with some areas that have uneven terrain, loose rocks and low height inside. Only one cave has a more difficult entrance that is very narrow for a few meters but then widens and we can walk standing. Elevation gains 80 meters (250 ft). Total hike 9K (5 mi).

📋 Included: English speaking guide/ driver, private transportation in modern vehicles with air conditioned, bottle of water.

🚫 Not included: Meals, park tickets.



The underground world of Rapa Nui

Itinerary:
**Ana te Pahu, Ana Kakenga,
Ana te Pora, Ahu te Peu**

The unexplored region of Poike

Itinerary:

Vai a Heva, Pu a Katiki, Ahu Riki-Riki, Ana o Keke, Maunga Parehe.



This is one of the least visited areas of the island.

During the hike we will visit a few archeological sites starting with **Vai a Heva**, a giant Make-Make face in the side of a secondary volcanic cone that was used as a water reservoir.

Then will hike up to the top of the volcano with an altitude of 400 meters.

From there we will hike down the hill to see **Ahu Riki-Riki**, a site where you can see some white Moai that have been carved in trachyte.

After there we will go closer to the cliff to get to **Ana o Keke**, also known as the cave of the virgins, where girls were kept for months to whiten their skin in preparation for the competition of the Birdman.

In our way back we will stop at **Maunga Parehe** to observe remains of another archeological site and appreciate the very special shape of this side of the volcano eroded in half by the sea.

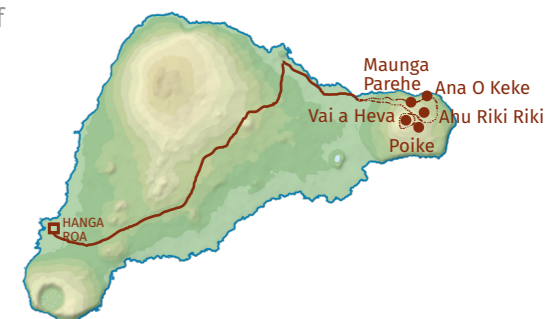
⌚ Duration: Approximately 6 hours.

🕒 Suggested starting time: 9:00

📏 Difficulty: Strenuous 10 km. Terrain is mostly grass that can be long and dense, long pants recommended. Constant steep elevation. Elevation gains 450 meters (1400 ft). Total hike 11K (7 mi).

📋 Included: English speaking guide/driver, private transportation in modern vehicles with air conditioned, bottle of water.

🚫 Not included: Meals, park tickets.



This hike was designed for those who want to do some hiking but not a very strenuous one and still enjoy the nature and the landscapes the island has to offer.

In this hike we will walk all around the edge of the **Rano Kau** crater, the biggest of the island, and we will enjoy amazing views of the surroundings.

We will arrive to the other end of the crater in **Vai a Tare**, where we will enjoy the stunning views of the 300 meters (1,000 ft.) cliffs that finish down in the sea.

The view from this point is different from the one you get from **Orongo** on the other side, here you get a unique perspective of the crater, the cliffs, the islets and the route the competitors followed at the time of the Birdman competition.



- ⌚ Duration: Approximately 2.5 hours.
- 🕒 Suggested starting time: 9:30 or 15:00
- 📏 Difficulty: Moderate. The terrain is mostly grass easy to walk with some mild hills up and down. Total hike 5K (3 mi).
- 📖 Included: English speaking guide/ driver, private transportation in modern vehicles with air conditioned, bottle of water.
- 🚫 Not included: Meals, park tickets.



The cliffs of Vai a Tare

Itinerary:
Point vue Rano Kau,
Vai a Tare

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- We are a tour company created by independent guides passionate about the island and about our profession.
- We offer you a direct contact with a guide that will help you design your trip to the island and customized the itinerary to your needs and interests.
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