



ARIIMOANA WALKABOUTS—INLAND DISCOVERIES WALK Rarotonga

The Inland Discoveries Walk takes you to the lush interior of Rarotonga with the perfect combination of nature and culture.

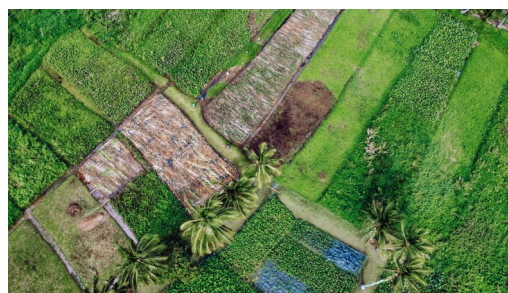
Exploring the island with guides Kura and Jacopo offers a personable and memorable adventure with a unique insight to Rarotonga that can only be experienced with locals. Kura is an iconic figure of Rarotonga having grown up on the shores of Vaimaanga she now leads the way as an eco-warrior in the moana (sea) and enua (land). Jacopo compliments this with a wealth of island knowledge, energy and a passion for the inland jungles and mountains of the Cook Islands. Originally from Milan, Italy, he has settled comfortably and now calls the southern shores of Rarotonga, home. Together with their canine companions, Kura and Jacopo will take you on an inland adventure and give you a true Cook Islands experience.

Connecting with nature and culture are two of most memorable parts to any holiday or visit to Rarotonga, and the Inland Discoveries Walk encompasses both right along with fruit to taste and truly breathtaking island scenery.

The adventure begins along the beach of Vaimaanga where Kura grew up, and then heads inland through the back roads where you can taste all kinds of edible flowers and fruits along the way. Follow the private track up the Vaimaanga ridgeline for panoramic views over the entire south side of Rarotonga before returning a different way through the lush green taro plantations and orchards.

Following the walk you will be provided with light refreshments and a cold nu (drinking coconut) - the perfect finish to an island adventure.

The option to book as a Private Tour is available at additional costs. Private Tour also includes pickup and drop off from your place of accommodation.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Authentic and environmentally friendly

The tour is a personable and memorable adventure that takes you into the lush interior of Rarotonga, across streams and riverbeds, through private fruit and vegetable plantations, and up to the ridgeline lookout for breath-taking views of the Southern coast of the island and Rua Manga "The Needle". You will also have the opportunity to see a variety of Cook Islands birds such as the Kakerori, I'oi, Rupe and the colorful Kukupa. Learn about rural life in Rarotonga and try in-season fruits like pawpaw, tamarind, passionfruit, jackfruit, mangosteen, rambutan, hibiscus and coconut at different stages (new, dry and sprouted!).

TOUR DETAILS

DAYS OF OPERATION	TOUR DURATION	INCLUSIONS
MONDAY—SUNDAY	APPROXIMATELY 3-4 HOURS	TOUR GUIDE, WALKING STICKS, FRESH NU, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
PAX REQUIREMENTS	CHILD POLICY	WHAT TO BRING
MIN. 2 PAX REQUIRED TO OPERATE. SHARED - MAX 6 PER TOUR. PRIVATE - MAX 4 PAX	CHILDREN 7 YEARS AND OVER WELCOME	CAMERA, SUNSCREEN, SUN HAT, WALKING SHOES, BOTTLE DRINKING WATER, TOWEL AND CHANGE OF CLOTHING,
TOILET STOPS	TRANSLATORS	ACCESS FOR DISABLED
AVAILABLE AT KURAS HOME—MEETING POINT FOR BRIEFING.	TRANSLATOR GUIDES AVAILABLE AT AN EXTRA COST: ITALIAN, JAPANESE, MANDARIN CHINESE, SPANISH	NOT SUITABLE

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ARIIMOANA WALKABOUTS—REEF EXPLORER TOUR

Rarotonga

Well-known by the locals as a talented guitarist and singer/songwriter, Kura Happ—owner and tour guide of Ariimoana Walkabouts, is also an eco-warrior with a very deep passion for caring for nature and the environment. Kura has spent over 10 years learning about this fragile ecosystem and the importance of protecting it for the future, she has also worked closely with local authorities on several marine protection projects. When not entertaining on land, this self-confessed mermaid can be found in her element, exploring and learning more about the ocean.

The Reef Explorer Tour is an eco-friendly low-tide reef walk. Along with her trusty canine companion Mahi, Kura will take you on an adventure to encounter the extraordinary marine creatures of the tai roto (lagoon) and akau (reef), which can be as hands on (or not) as you wish it to be.

As you walk very carefully along the reef, being sure not to disturb the coral, Kura will introduce you to her marine friends. As she gently picks them up for you to admire, she'll share her knowledge on these creatures before returning them safely to their homes. The tour is a unique, eye-opening experience that will leave you in wonderment of mother nature and eco-warriors like Kura who strive to protect her.

Following your reef walk, you will be provided with light refreshments on the beach or at Kuras beachside home where you may also read through her collection of publications on local flora and fauna.

The reef walks are tide dependant meaning the operating times differ from month to month.

Kura also operates a guided 'Inland Discoveries Walk' which takes you through the lush interior of Rarotonga—through local plantations, gardens, creeks and streams to mountain ridges with breath-taking birds eye view of the island. Another fascinating learning experience for eco-lovers.

The option to book as a Private Tour is available at additional costs. Private Tour also includes pickup and drop off from your place of accommodation.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Authentic and environmentally friendly

The tour is an intimate experience that will bring you closer in appreciation for nature and the marine environment as learn about its importance to our people and island paradise. You will encounter sea creatures such as sea cucumbers, crabs, starfish, snails, moray eels, sea urchins, octopus, and also learn about one of the most important living creatures in our waters, the coral and reef. Your walk takes you to the edge of Avaavaroa passage where, if you're lucky, you may spot green turtles and eagle rays.

TOUR DETAILS

DAYS OF OPERATION	TOUR DURATION	INCLUSIONS
MONDAY - SUNDAY	TIDE DEPENDANT—TOUR START TIME IS CONFIRMED ON ISLAND APPROX. 3 HOURS	TOUR GUIDE, WALKING STICKS, FRESH NU, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
PAX REQUIREMENTS	CHILD POLICY	WHAT TO BRING
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