

explora RAPA NUI

Explorations





TREKKINGS

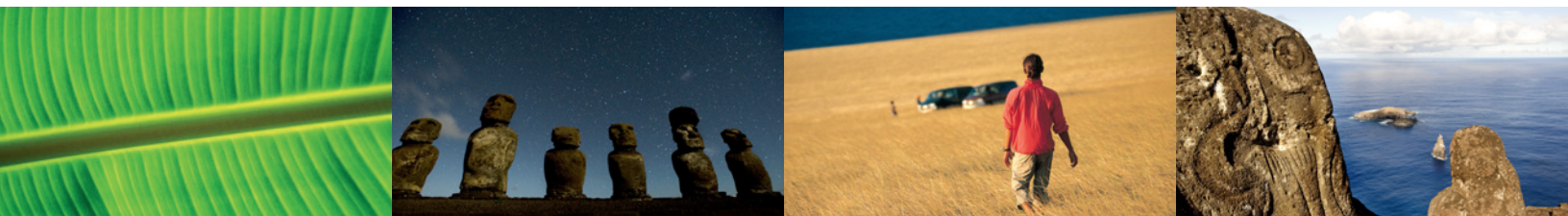
Our hikes have been designed for travelers with different interests and abilities. They vary in length and difficulty, which is why we recommend you always seek our guides' advice when deciding if a particular exploration suits you.

Easy

- T1 Te Miro O One** *Down to the coast*
Type: Half day
Duration: 2 h 30 min
Distance: 4 km / 2,4 miles
Ascent: 105 meters / 336 feet
Description: We leave the hotel by foot and descend towards the coast, passing through prairies and crops and several archaeological sites along the way. The hike ends at the archaeological platform Ahu Akahanga, the island's second largest platform and the resting place of Hotu Matu'a, the first king. We go back to the hotel by van.
Family recommended

- T2 Ara O Te Moai** *The Moai quarry*
Type: Half day
Duration: 3 h
Distance: 4,5 km / 2,7 miles
Ascent: 65 meters / 208 feet
Description: We leave the hotel by van towards Hanga Te Tenga, where we visit a group of moais that were abandoned during their transport. We then walk along the Ara O Te Moai, a trail that was used by the Rapa Nui people to transport moais. Here we will spot some statues that were abandoned as they were being transported and others that were simply never finished. Then we will reach Ranu Raraku National Park, the quarry where all these statues were carved, and we will enter the crater. We return to the hotel by van.
Family recommended

- T3 Mahatua Ovahe** *The fifteen Moai*
Type: Half day
Duration: 3 h 30 min
Distance: 6 km / 3,6 miles
Ascent: 10 meters / 32 feet
Description: We leave the hotel by van towards Ahu Tongariki, a platform with 15 fully preserved moais. This platform, or Ahu, is the island's largest and on its ground floor we will be able to spot some stone petroglyphs. We then border the coastline and admire panoramic views of the ocean's shifting blue and turquoise colors, fishing coves with local inhabitants, and numerous archaeological sites. Finally we will walk to Ovahe, a beach with red sand and crystal clear waters. From here we will take a van to Anakena, the island's largest beach. We return to the hotel by van.
Family recommended



Moderate

T4 Ahu Te Peu–Hanga Roa

Type: Half day

Duration: 3 h 30 min

Distance: 6,5 km / 3,9 miles

Ascent: 115 meters / 368 feet

Description: We leave the hotel by van towards Ahu Akivi, the only site on the island where the moais are facing the sea. We then walk through steep cliffs with spectacular views to the Pacific Ocean until we reach Ana Te Pahu, the banana cave. After that we head towards the Ana Kakenga, a large tube-shaped cavern formed as a result of lava flows. Finally, we take a van to Ahu Tahai, in Hanga Roa, an ideal place to watch the sunset.

Family recommended

T5 Pui Rano Raraku *Volcanic cones*

Type: Half day

Duration: 3 h

Distance: 6 km / 3,6 miles

Ascent: 130 meters / 416 feet

Description: We leave the hotel by van and head to the Cerro de Pui. We begin our hike at the foot of the hill, known for the Haka Pei competition, in which Rapa Nui men slide down the hill over banana tree trunks. The trail continues through the fields, passing various archaeological sites before arriving at the Ranu Raraku, the Moai quarry. We return to the hotel by van.

T6 Papa Vaka Tongariki

Type: Half day

Duration: 2 h 30 min

Distance: 5 km / 3 miles

Ascent: 15 meters / 48 feet

Description: We leave the hotel by van and head towards the archaeological site of Papa Vaka, where many petroglyphs have been preserved in a collection of exposed rocks. We walk through the surrounding fields, observing some examples of traditional agriculture, and end our hike at Ahu Tongariki, the largest platform on the island and the biggest ceremonial site in the Pacific Ocean. We return to the hotel by van.

T7 Ara O Te Tangata Manu

Type: Half day

Duration: 3 h 30 min

Distance: 9 km / 5,4 miles

Ascent: 280 meters / 896 feet

Description: We leave the hotel by van and travel to the Ahu Tahira, a platform of similar construction to those of the Incas in Perú due to its perfectly overlapping stone structures. Next, we skirt steep cliffs until reaching the edge of the Rano Kau crater, with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and the interior of the volcano. We walk around the rim crater until reaching Orongo, the ancient ceremonial village where the Tangata Manu (birdman) competition was performed. Return to the hotel by van.

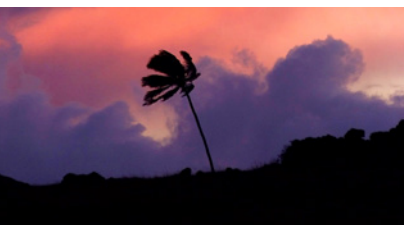
T8 Avaranga Uka Akivi *Hibiscus ravine*

Type: Half day

Duration: 3 h

Distance: 7 km / 4,2 miles

Ascent: We leave the hotel by van and travel towards the foothills of the Terevaka volcano. We then go up through a small ravine, passing by several archaeological sites. After visiting the Rano Aroi crater, we reach the island's highest point, where we will enjoy 360° views of the area. We will then descend and end our exploration near the Akivi platform. We return to the hotel by van.

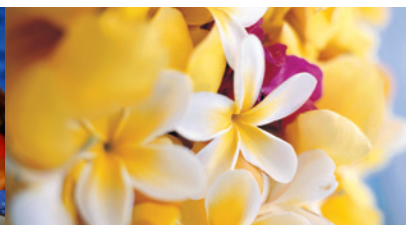


Advanced

T9 Puakatiki *Headland of poike*
Type: Half day
Duration: 3 h 30 min
Distance: 8,5 km / 5,1 miles
Ascent: 365 meters / 1.168 feet
Description: We leave the hotel by van and head to Ahu Mahatua. We walk down a path along a steep cliff, passing Maunga Parehe and Maunga Tea-Tea, two small knolls on this area of the island. Along the way, we can see the Vai Aheva fountain and climb to the top of Maunga Pua Katiki, the highest point of the hike. We then have a steep descent to the Tongariki platform to view the fifteen Moai from above, and return to the hotel by van.

T10 Terevaka Anakena *The highest point*
Type: Half day
Duration: 4 h
Distance: 10 km / 6 miles
Ascent: 511 meters / 1.635 feet
Description: We leave the hotel by van and travel to Vaitea. We begin the hike here, before climbing to Maunga Kuma and the Maunga Terevaka, the highest point on the island. From here we have 360° panoramic views of the entire island and Pacific Ocean. We then follow the path to Anakena along high coastal ridges, slowly descending, passing through various archaeological sites. Finally, we arrive at Anakena Beach where you can swim and enjoy the shade of the palm groves. We return to the hotel by van.

T11 Hanga O Teo
Type: Full day
Duration: 6 h
Distance: 13,5 km / 8,1 miles
Ascent: 60 meters / 192 feet
Description: We leave the hotel by van towards the Ahu Akivi platform. From there, we walk through a trail that borders steep cliffs, visiting some natural lagoons, passing through plains, and observing several archaeological sites. We then reach Anakena, a pristine beach with white sands and crystal clear waters. During the trip we will enjoy a picnic. We go back to the hotel by van.





BIKE RIDES

The island is perfect for exploring by bicycle. The incline of the roadways are very forgiving and there are numerous lightly travelled routes with panoramic island and ocean views. In addition to our 4 explorations, guests can also explore the island on their own. You simply need to request your bike and a map from the hotel reception. The village of Hanga Roa is located 8 km to the southwest of *explora*, and the Anakena and Ovahe beaches are located at a similar distance. The use of helmets, which we provide, is required, as is the use of sunglasses, sunscreen and appropriate footwear.

Easy

- B1 Orito** *A ridge along the south coast*
Type: Half day
Duration: 2 h
Distance: 17 km / 10,2 miles
Ascent: 10 meters / 32 feet
Description: We leave the hotel by bicycle and ride to Hanga Roa, the island's main town. We cycle through land with diverse vegetation such as eucalyptus and ceibo trees. We ride along the edge of Orito hill overlooking the coastline, feeling the coastal breeze as we descend. Along the way, we discover several ceremonial platforms, such as Hanga Poukura, and the fishing cove Hanga Tee. We then return to the hotel by bicycle on a paved road.
Family recommended

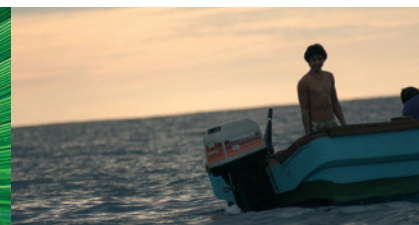
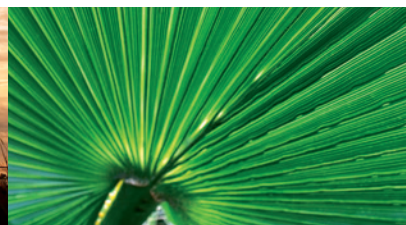
- B2 Te Miro O One**
Type: Half day
Duration: 3 h
Distance: 18 km / 10,8 miles
Ascent: 10 meters / 32 feet
Description: We leave the hotel by bicycle and ride along a dirt road that passes through farmlands. We then follow the coastline, bordering several archeological sites, until we reach the Tahira platform. We then pedal along paved and dirt roads to make our way back to the hotel.

Moderate

- B3 Tongariki** *A ride to the fifteen Moai*
Type: Half day
Duration: 3 h
Distance: 22 km / 13,2 miles
Ascent: 15 meters / 48 feet
Description: We ride our bikes from the hotel to Ahu Tongariki, the island's greatest platform, which boasts 15 fully preserved moais. During our journey we pass by several archaeological sites and then continue our exploration towards Anakena, to enjoy a swim at the beach. We go back to the hotel by van.

Advanced

- B4 Akivi Taha** *A ride to the seven Moai*
Type: Half day
Duration: 4 h
Distance: 30 km / 18 miles
Ascent: 10 meters / 32 feet
Description: We leave the hotel by bicycle and cycle to the town of Hanga Roa. We then take a small dirt road to the platform of the 7 moai, Ahu Akivi. Along the way we will see pineapple, taro, and yam plantations. We then continue along the coast, passing the Te Peu platform, the Ahu Tahai, and the village of Hanga Roa. We return to the hotel on a paved road.





AT SEA

As one of the world's most isolated islands, Rapa Nui is defined by the immense Pacific Ocean, which has shaped the local culture in many aspects. This is why we have included several explorations of the surrounding ocean in our exploration program.

Easy

S1 **Hi Ika** *Artisanal fisheries*

Type: Half day

Duration: 2 h

Description: We leave the hotel by van and travel to a local cove. From here we embark on a traditional fishing boat with local fishermen who, along with our guide, will teach us how to fish in the open sea, using traditional Rapa Nui techniques. Fish include red snapper and glass eye snapper, which can be cooked upon returning to the hotel.

Family recommended

S2 **Motu** *A journey to the islets by boat*

Type: Half day

Duration: 2 h

Distance: 8 kms / 4,8 miles

Description: We leave the hotel by van and travel to the coves of Hanga Otai or Hanga Piko. From here, we take a boat to the coastal caves, with panoramic views of the cliffs, Rano Kau and the Motus, small islets famous for the Birdman competition, navigating the crystal clear waters that surround the island.

Family recommended

S3 **Snorkeling**

Type: Half day

Duration: 1 h

Description: The waters of Rapa Nui are famous for their clarity. Diving in them is a true privilege. We sail to one of the best areas for snorkeling. *explora* provides all the proper equipment and a guide to assist in discovering the island's marine wild life, such as corals, mollusks, crustaceans, and tropical fish.

Family recommended

