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## Documenting the Past: The Easter Island Archaeology Project

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Dear Road Scholar,

“Ia Orana” (WELCOME) to your Road Scholar program. We are delighted that you have enrolled in this exciting educational adventure that will take you to Easter Island (Rapa) and look forward to greeting you. Most of the people who have participated in our previous programs have described them as “a once in a lifetime experience” or “a unique opportunity, not available to most South Pacific travelers.” If you arrive relaxed, with an open heart and mind, ready to learn, and willing to accept things operating on “local time” rather than exactly to schedule, you will enjoy a wonderful experience with some of the most polite, considerate, and friendly people in the world. The enclosed materials are designed to help you prepare for this very special learning experience.

Please take the time to read the following information thoroughly, as we have tried to include everything that has proven helpful to our participants in the past. These materials are also available online on our website. To access them, open your web browser and type [www.explorethepacific.com/16289.asp](http://www.explorethepacific.com/16289.asp)

This program is sponsored by Pacific Islands Institute. Pacific Islands Institute has been offering Road Scholar group programs in Hawai`i and the rest of the Polynesia, Melanesian, and Micronesian parts of the Pacific since 1989. Through its educational programs, Pacific Islands Institute is dedicated to providing positive cultural interactions; to ensuring our programs are culturally and environmentally sensitive; to involving local people in decision making; and to protecting, sustaining and respecting indigenous cultures and environments. For more information, visit our website at [www.explorethepacific.com](http://www.explorethepacific.com).

Should you have questions regarding this program, please contact the following organizations depending on the nature of your inquiry:

For registration and general questions:  
(9 am – 6 pm eastern time, Monday – Friday)

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Boston, MA 02111  
Ph: (877) 426-8056  
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Specific questions about program:  
(8:00 am – 5:00 pm Hawai`i standard time  
[2 – 6 hours behind North American  
time zones] Monday – Friday)

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Please be ready to give us your program destination and number when you call – e.g: 16289-041312, Rapa Nui Service, as we have programs in many different locations.

For all matters relating to travel between your home and your international gateway, travel from your international gateway to your program country, or pre- or post-program travel plans, please contact Road Scholar's designated *TRAVEL COORDINATOR*, our colleagues at:

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999 Putney Road  
P.O. Box 6179  
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A substantial amount of information is included with this letter. May we suggest that you:

- 1- Read all of the information contained in this mailing;
- 2- Make your airplane reservations with Road Scholar Travel Services
- 3- Complete and mail your information forms to us;
- 4- Ensure that your passport is in order and **does not expire within six months** of your program's departure date; and
- 5- Please mail a clear photocopy of the photograph and information page of your current passport to us, on an 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper, with your information forms.

On behalf of everyone at Pacific Islands Institute as well as the people you will soon be meeting during the program, we extend our best wishes for a memorable and rewarding learning adventure.

ʻA Hui Hou – Until we see you soon!



Andrew A. Lockwood  
PII Road Scholar Director

Enclosures: Program Information Welcome Packet  
Road Scholar Health & Safety Questionnaire  
Housing and Transportation Form

## **PROGRAM SUMMARY**

### **PROGRAM GOALS**

#### Documenting the Past: the Easter Island Archaeology Project

Join archaeologists and other researchers for a hands-on exploration of one of the world's most mysterious and fascinating places. Located thousands of miles from the mainland, Easter Island (Rapa Nui) continues to reveal the culture of its inhabitants. More than 800 statues (moai) grace the island, as do the everyday remains of an ancient civilization, and researchers continue to study these sites. Learn archaeological research techniques and contribute to a growing body of research to bring the mysteries of Rapa Nui into view. Contribute to the Rapa Nui community by providing service through field surveys, including locating possible archaeological sites, evaluating possible archaeological sites, marking sites with GPS, describing sites, photographing sites, comparing notes to existing records of sites [if any], and entering information into a database. Recent island wide and ongoing surveys are broadening the knowledge base about ancient Rapa Nui society, and the participants and speakers on the Road Scholar program are contributors to this developing research and understanding. Experts address archaeology, environment, language preservation and history. Field trips highlight Rapa Nui's archaeological treasures.

### **PROGRAM ITINERARY**

Overnight flight from the U.S.A. to Santiago, Chile, 1 night; connect to Rapa Nui flight, 11 nights; overnight return flight to the U.S.A., 1 night.

### **PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

Rapa Nui is one of the world's most remote inhabited places. Field service works will interact with archaeologists and other researchers for a hands-on experience. Experts also address archaeology, culture, environment, government, economy, education, language preservation and health care. Field trips highlight Rapa Nui's includes a UNESCO World Heritage site, museum and park.

Among the classes offered will be: Introduction to Archaeological Method and Use of GPS; The People of Old – Rapa Nui Ancient Culture; Classes on many other subjects of interest will also be offered.

Traveling in the South Pacific is a unique experience. Our plans generally run very smoothly, but sometimes things do not happen “on time” and occasionally may not happen at all! Despite our best efforts, you may encounter “local time,” which is an explanation for things happening when people are ready, but not necessarily as soon as we are. All over the world, people march to the beat of a different drummer so please be patient. Culturally, Polynesians are not typically time focused. They do understand schedules but do not value sticking to specific timing in the way most people from North America do. Your program will be a marvelous learning experience if approached openly and with a positive attitude. If and when things do not happen according to the schedule, just flow with “local time.”

## **HEALTH, SAFETY & PHYSICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Please consult with your physician about the physical demands of the program and your participation in it well before departure. If you have any questions or concerns about aspects of the program, please contact the PII Road Scholar office.

**This program is rated Activity Level 6.** Participants must be in excellent health, extremely mobile and used to an active lifestyle. Program activities may require up to six hours of strenuous, moderate- to fast-paced activity per day, equivalent to hiking six miles at a 3-mph pace over varied terrain.

**Because of the nature of this program, agility is a must.** Participants should be in good health, able to stand comfortably for 30 minutes at a stretch, and walk at least one mile in heat and humidity. Please be aware that one mile on flat land at home is less strenuous than one mile in a very warm and humid environment. (For example, if a cane is required for steadiness while walking, participants may be unable to experience certain parts of the program.) Sidewalks are virtually non-existent in most areas and uneven terrain will be encountered everywhere. On many field trips our transportation will drive on unpaved roads which can be very bumpy. Physical activities include walking (and hiking for those who desire), sometimes on slippery trails; maneuvering your way over roots and rocks to approach archaeological sites; going up hills. If balance is ever a problem, we urge you to bring a collapsible cane with you. The mean water temperature in Rapa Nui is 65°, so swimming will only be for the hardy.

## **MEDICAL CLEARANCE**

The U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) bulletin states that no special immunizations or medical precautions are required prior to travel to Rapa Nui . However, if you have not already done so, we would highly recommend that you visit your family doctor and follow his/her recommendations, as he/she knows your personal medical history and current physical conditions best.

## **CDC WEBSITE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following is excerpted and reprinted from the CDC Website:

The CDC recommends (but does not require) the following vaccines as appropriate for age: (See your doctor at least 4–6 weeks before your trip to allow time for shots to take effect.)

- Hepatitis A or immune globulin (IG);
- Hepatitis B
- Rabies
- Typhoid, particularly if you are visiting developing countries; and
- As needed, booster doses for tetanus-diphtheria, and a one-time dose of polio for adults.

**You can reduce your chances of getting sick or injured while traveling by following these recommendations:**

- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Use sunscreen with both UVA and UVB protection.

- Prevent mosquito and other bug bites by wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants; apply insect repellent to exposed skin. You may want to use insect repellents that contain DEET with a concentration of 30%-50%.

### **What to Pack in Your Personal Travel Health Kit**

- Insect repellent containing DEET (diethylmethyltoluamide), in 30%–50% strength for adults.
- Over-the-counter antidiarrheal medicine to take if you have diarrhea.
- Sun block, sunglasses, and hat or visor.
- Prescription medications: make sure you have enough to last during your trip, as well as a copy of the prescription(s).

As the country we will be visiting is located in the tropics, you should take care that any cuts or insect bites don't become infected. We recommend that you take some antiseptic powder to keep any cuts clean. It seems to work better than ointment in this humid climate.

### **For more travel health information:**

View CDC's Travelers' Health Website at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel>, or call CDC's toll-free voice information system at 1-877-FYI-TRIP. You can also download or order a copy of the CDC booklet *Health Information for International Travel (the "Yellow Book")*.

There are pharmacies, hospitals, and medical personnel everywhere we are going, although access to medical services is limited in some rural areas. Bring your prescription drugs AND a copy of the prescription, as well as hearing aid batteries or glasses prescriptions, if necessary. Bring a pain reliever, laxative, antibiotic ointment, Band-Aids, and either kaopectate, lomotil, or imodium. Please also bring your medical insurance card. Your Group Leader carries a first aid kit.

### **A SAFE TRIP ABROAD (Excerpted From U.S. State Department General Notes)**

Millions of U.S. citizens travel abroad each year. The odds are in your favor that you will have a safe and incident-free trip. But crime and violence, as well as unexpected difficulties, do befall U.S. citizens in all parts of the world. Safety begins when you pack. To avoid being a target, dress conservatively. A flashy wardrobe or one that is too casual can mark you as a tourist. Avoid the appearance of affluence. Carry the minimum amount of valuables necessary and plan a place or places to conceal them. Your passport, cash and credit cards are safest when locked in a hotel safe. When you carry them on your person, you may wish to conceal them in several places rather than putting them in one wallet or pouch. Avoid hand bags, fanny packs, and outside pockets which are easy targets for thieves. Inside pockets and a sturdy shoulder bag with the strap worn across your chest are somewhat safer. The safest place to carry valuables is probably a pouch or money belt that you wear under your clothing.

When you leave the U.S., you are subject to the laws of the country where you are. Learn as much as you can about the local laws and customs of the places you plan to visit. Use the same common sense traveling overseas that you would in an unknown city at home. Be especially cautious in crowded subways, train stations, elevators, tourist sites, market places, festivals, and marginal areas of cities. Don't use short-cuts, narrow alleys, or poorly-lit streets. Try not to travel alone at night. Avoid public demonstrations and other civil disturbances. To avoid scam

artists, beware of strangers who approach you offering bargains or to be your guide. Beware of pickpockets. They often have an accomplice who will jostle you, ask you for directions or the time, or distract you by creating a disturbance. Beware of groups of vagrant children. *(This is very rare in the South Pacific; however, be aware of your surroundings in crowded places.)*

Wear the shoulder strap of your bag across your chest and walk with the bag away from the curb to avoid drive-by purse snatchers. Try to seem purposeful when you move about. Even if you are lost, act as if you know where you are going. When possible, ask directions only from individuals in authority. Do not be afraid to alert authorities if you feel threatened in any way. If your possessions are lost or stolen, report the loss immediately to the local police. Keep a copy of the report for insurance claims. At all times take responsibility for your own safety.

### **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE STEP (SMART TRAVELER ENROLLMENT) PROGRAM**

We would like to suggest that you consider using the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP), a free service provided by the U.S. Government to U.S. citizens who are traveling to, or living in, a foreign country. STEP allows you to enter information about your upcoming trip abroad so that the Department of State can better assist you in an emergency. STEP also allows Americans residing abroad to get routine information from the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. US citizens can submit their travel information via the STEP website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov> or by emailing them at [CAIBRS@state.gov](mailto:CAIBRS@state.gov) if you have questions.

### **REQUIRED INFORMATION FORMS**

Please be sure to fill out your enclosed Housing/Transportation and Health/Safety Forms. A Risk Waiver is also required for each participant. Those participants traveling together may complete one general Housing/Transportation Form. **However, each program participant must complete a separate Health and Safety Questionnaire. Please send these forms in as soon as possible and no later than 4 weeks prior to your arrival.**

Please provide all details that would be important in the case of an emergency or that could affect your participation in the program. For your health and safety please understand that accurate and complete responses are essential. These forms will be kept on hand with your Group Leader during your program.

When filling out the Housing and Transportation form, **you must print your name exactly as listed on your passport**. There will be a separate space to indicate your “preferred name” for use on nametags and other program materials.

**Please send the enclosed forms and any letters requesting further information to:**

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Email: [info@pac-island.com](mailto:info@pac-island.com)

**Do not send your travel and emergency information forms to Road Scholar in Boston, as this will significantly delay processing.**

If you do not already have a valid passport and must apply for one, please do so immediately and do not wait to send in your forms. You may send us your passport information, once you receive it. Passport application forms can be obtained at your local post office or online at [www.travel.state.gov/passport/](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/)

### **SUGGESTED READING**

A bibliography of recommended reading materials is included at the back of this packet to enhance your enjoyment of the program. Please check your local library and bookstores for additional titles.

### **STUDY SITE**

The educational program is at the heart of your Road Scholar experience and this section will provide a more detailed outline of what is planned at each study site. Because you will be experiencing a country that is very different from the U.S., we have also provided numerous details about accommodations and meals. International Road Scholar programs are developed very far in advance, so please be aware that the schedule may be modified due to local circumstances and conditions. You'll receive a day-by-day itinerary in the final program packet sent approximately five weeks before departure and an updated schedule during the initial orientation session.

Our sites offer laundry services and a safe in your room. Lodging is provided at a hotel that is open to the general public, so participants will encounter other travelers. Transportation is in small vans, busses, and 4WD vehicles. Please note that transportation options are very limited in Rapa Nui due to its remote, isolated location. Even though vehicles may not be up to the standards that you are used to, please be aware that we have secured the best vehicles available for our group size.

The meals included in your program cost provide more than sustenance. They also provide an opportunity to enhance your appreciation and enjoyment of other countries and cultures. Meals will consist of local foods prepared according to local tastes. Road Scholar regrets that special dietary requests cannot be guaranteed.

### **EASTER ISLAND (RAPA NUI)**

Rapa Nui (Easter Island) is over 2,000 miles from the nearest population center, (Tahiti and Chile), making it one of the most remote inhabited places on Earth. It is 4,300 miles Southeast of Hawai'i, and 1,260 miles from the closest inhabited island, tiny Pitcairn Island of the *Mutiny on the Bounty* fame. Rapa Nui, a triangular shaped, 64 square mile island, was created by three separate volcanoes of different ages coalescing to form a single land mass. While many Pacific Islands are protected by coral reefs and have deep-water harbors, Rapa Nui has no such protection. Its coastline has been

battered by large waves for thousands of years, creating rugged cliffs which rise over 900 feet. There are two beaches on the northern coast, but no deep-water harbor is available.

Rapa Nui was settled around 300AD by Polynesians. Chile annexed Easter Island in 1888 and in the 1960s the island received its own municipal constitution province of Valparaiso. There are no indigenous land mammals and even marina mammals are rare. White tropic birds nest on the offshore pinnacle of Motu Kao Kao. Life revolves around fishing, agriculture and archaeological research carried out by permanently stationed Chileans and foreigners. In the stone quarry near Rano Raraku volcano, you can see where the stone moais were quarried. There are also monuments in indifferent stages of construction. Other major attractions are the magnificent beaches. The ceremonial centre of Orongo perched on the rim of the glazier of the volcano is the best place to view the three islets of Motu which figured in the birdman ritual. At Tahai, a short walk from the village, locals can often be found selling artifacts such as carved replicas of the moais.

Rapa Nui is best known for the giant stone monoliths, known as Moai, that dot the coastline. The early settlers called the island "Te Pito O Te Henua" (Navel of The World). Admiral Roggeveen, who came upon the island on Easter Day in 1722, named it Easter Island. Today, the land, people and language are all referred to locally as Rapa Nui. Hanga Roa is the tiny capital where most of the 2,000 inhabitants live. About 69% of the islanders are descendants of the original Polynesian ancestors. The remainders are mostly from Chile.

Rapa Nui's current population is approximately 3,800 people, fifty percent of whom are from Chile, the majority of the rest being descendants of native Polynesians, with Europeans and North Americans mixed in. Chile annexed Easter Island in 1888 and it is now a civil department of Chile, with a municipal constitution within the province of Valparaiso. While the official language is Spanish, most islanders speak "Rapanui" (the Rapa Nui language is derived from Spanish, Tahitian and Maori) at home.

Although the huge stone statues, Moai, are the image that comes to mind when one thinks of Rapa Nui, there are other important types of stonework and artifacts. Recent island wide and ongoing surveys are broadening the knowledge base about the ancient Rapa Nui society.

Lectures address archaeology, culture, government, education, economy, language preservation and health care. Field trips highlight Rapa Nui's archaeological treasures.

Centuries ago, Polynesians from the Marquesas Archipelago set sail and settled on Easter Island. Their descendants carved the mysterious and iconic Easter Island statues. Follow these ancient mariners while you work field service and continue your journey.

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS: Hotel Otai**

The hotel accommodations in Rapa Nui will be in single or double occupancy non-air-conditioned rooms with fans. The Hotel Otai is a small, locally-owned hotel centrally located in the village of Hanga Roa and a short walk from, shops, restaurants, municipal buildings and community markets. The hotel has 21 rooms with fully-equipped bathrooms. There is a restaurant specializing in Polynesian specialties and international cuisine, and there is a small cozy bar.

It is in an excellent location to get a real feel for community life on Rapa Nui. A short distance below the Hotel Otai is the pier where fishing boats return every evening with their catch of huge tuna and pacific lobsters. Archeology sites with restored statues abound along the coastline and are within easy walking distance of the hotel as well. This area of the coast provides a favorite sunset walk for tourist and locals alike, and is where many extraordinary photographs have been taken.

Originally, Hotel Otai was a small guesthouse called “Rosita’s. Rosita and Nico Haoa were the first Rapa Nui family to host tourists at their home in the late 1960’s. Their home was where the archeologist William Mulloy lived with his family in 1960 while working on the restoration of Ahu Akivi. The Hotel Otai has also hosted many famous visitors, movie stars and scientists over the years and can rightly claim its place as the “Historic Hotel” of Rapa Nui.

The beautiful gardens and informal atmosphere of the Hotel Otai is a perfect to place to get a feel for Rapa Nui culture and experience the attitude of hospitality that is a unique blend of Polynesian and Latin American culture.

Most meals will be served from set menus in the hotel dining room. There will also be meals off-property while on excursions that will include a picnic lunch or at a restaurant. Alcoholic beverages may be purchased on your own.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **PROGRAM ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE POINT**

This program begins and ends at the airport in Rapa Nui (Easter Island). Your Group Leader will meet you upon arrival in Rapa Nui at the airport. At the end of the program, the Group Leader will see you off at the airport in Rapa Nui.

### **ROOM ASSIGNMENTS**

**Participants traveling together will be housed together. Those traveling independently will be paired and housed two to a room unless registered for a single room.** You will, of course, be with your requested roommate. If you registered with Road Scholar for single occupancy you will be assigned a single room at the hotel and aboard the ship. Couples will generally be assigned a room/cabin with one bed unless otherwise specified on the Housing & Transportation Form. All others will be assigned a room/cabin with two beds unless otherwise specified. Please note that we will do our best to obtain your preferred bedding arrangements, however, there are no guarantees. Rooms will be assigned randomly.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

This *SAMPLE* outline is intended to give you a general idea of how program events are scheduled. The order of elements and island visits may vary from program to program. You will receive a daily schedule from your group leader when the program begins.

<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>In Transit</b>	<b>DAY 6</b>	
Afternoon	Depart for Santiago on overnight flight	Morning	Breakfast Class: The People of Old – Rapa Nui Ancient Culture Field Trip: the Padre Sebastian Englert Archaeological Museum
<b>DAY 2</b>		Afternoon	Lunch Service Work
Morning	Arrive Santiago, Chile Breakfast on own Flight to Rapa Nui Arrive Rapa Nui. Check-in	Evening	Dinner
Afternoon	Lunch Free afternoon to rest Introductions & Orientation	<b>DAY 7</b>	
Evening	Dinner	Morning	Breakfast Field Trip: Road to Anakena
<b>DAY 3</b>		Afternoon	BBQ Lunch Continue Field Trip
Morning	Breakfast Class: Introduction to Rapa Nui History & Archaeology	Evening	Dinner
Afternoon	Lunch Field Trip: Archaeological Sites	<b>DAY 8</b>	
Evening	Dinner	Morning	Breakfast Free Time or Optional Church Service
<b>DAY 4</b>		Afternoon	Lunch Field Trip: “the Parque Nacional Rapa Nui”
Morning	Breakfast Class: Introduction to Service Work Projects Service Work	Evening	Dinner
Afternoon	Lunch Continuation of Service Work	<b>DAY 9</b>	
Evening	Dinner	Morning	Breakfast Service Work
<b>DAY 5</b>		Afternoon	Lunch Service Work
Morning	Breakfast Service Work	Evening	Dinner
Afternoon	Lunch Continuation of Service Work	<b>DAY 10</b>	
Evening	Dinner on your own	Morning	Breakfast Service Work
		Afternoon	Lunch Service Work
		Evening	Dinner on your own

**DAY 11**

Morning Breakfast  
Service Work

Afternoon Lunch  
Free Afternoon

Evening Dinner

**DAY 12**

Morning Breakfast  
Service Work

Afternoon Lunch  
Conclude Service Work  
Wrap Up Session

Evening Farewell Dinner & Cultural  
Show

**DAY 13**

Morning Breakfast  
Free Morning to prepare for  
departure

Afternoon Depart Rapa Nui for  
Santiago, Chile

Evening Arrive Santiago, Chile &  
transfer to flight for U.S.A

**DAY 14**

- Morning Arrive U.S.A

Please note: Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of this information at the time of printing. Itineraries are based on our best information at this time. Circumstances beyond our control may require us to adjust itineraries or other details. We regret any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

## **PII ROAD SCHOLAR PROGRAMS**

Pacific Islands Institute also offers other Road Scholar Programs in Hawai`i and the South Pacific. You may wish to consider one of these before or after your program or another time in the future.

### **In the Road Scholar U.S. & Canada catalog:**

**Service Learning: Maintaining "Mighty Mo" in Pearl Harbor (#2617):** Walk the decks of the historic USS Missouri – the "Mighty MO" – and feel its storied history as the site of the Japanese World War II surrender, a veteran of four wars, and the last battleship to be active in any navy in the world. On this 6-night program, become a part of the Mighty Mo's history as you join the ship's "Teak Crew" of this magnificent vessel.

**Hawai`i's National Parks (#2810):** A 15-night program in which participants visit national parks, historic sites, wildlife refuges, and state parks on five islands.

**Hawaii's Humpback Whales and Marine Environment - Maui (#12140):** This 6-night program on Maui, Hawai`i's most popular island has a focus on Maui's humpback whales (Dec-Apr).

*Adventure programs are for those who enjoy a more physically active program. Courses include hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, and surfing.*

**Hawaiian Water Adventure: An Intergenerational Marine Exploration (#4827):** This 8-night active program will bring you and your grandchild to O`ahu for 5 nights and to Kona for 3 nights. Swim, surf, sail, and snorkel together and learn about Hawai`i's glorious undersea world and its bountiful ocean treasures.

**Maui/Big Island Snorkeling (#18116):** Explore Hawai`i's underwater world on this 9-night program with 5 nights on Maui followed by 4 nights in Kona

**Paradise Adventure From Mountains to Sea - O`ahu/Maui/Kaua`i (#12294):** An 11-night Adventure program with 3 - 4 nights on each island. Focus is on active exploration of Hawai`i's outdoor environment.

### **In the International Road Scholar catalog:**

**The Atacama Desert (Chile) & Easter Island: Different Worlds (#3892):** Spend 20 days exploring Chile's natural beauty and Easter Island's awe-inspiring monoliths, the moai. This program focuses on the history & culture of the ancient peoples that inhabited these diverse lands.

**Below and Above Blue Waters – Snorkeling and Exploring in Fiji (#17863):** Learn about Fiji's spectacular coral reefs by snorkeling them and through classes provided by marine experts on this 12- night program. Savusavu is a wonderful easy place to snorkel with its clear warm waters, teeming fish and coral life.

**NEW! Easter Island: The Majesty and Mystery of Rapa Nui (#16342):** At the turn of the millennium, the island of Rapa Nui — later named Easter Island by a Dutch explorer — flourished with the communities of early Polynesians. Delve into their legacy and history on this 9-night program as you explore Easter Island and relish in an opportunity to study the monolithic moai that still exist. Meet archaeologists and historians who study these ancient peoples as well as local residents who continue to call this sub-tropical island their home.

**Documenting the Past: The Easter Island Archaeology Project (#16289):** Join archaeologists and other researchers for a hands-on exploration of one of the world's most mysterious and fascinating places. Learn archaeological research techniques and contribute to a growing body of research to bring the mysteries of Rapa Nui into view.

**Dive in and Discover: Snorkel Palau and Yap (#18535):** Strung across the Western Pacific like a thousand green emeralds on a sea of blue are the islands of Micronesia, or “little islands.” These islands are steeped in ancient traditions and fascinating legends, and also offer some of the best snorkeling in the world. Dive in and discover two of these sparkling gems — Palau and Yap on this 14-night program.

**In the Adventures Afloat catalog:**

**Hawaii on the Horizon: A Transpacific Voyage Into Island Culture and Nature (#16225):** On this 16 day program, discover the treasures of this idyllic Hawai`i without the hassle of flying. Onboard lecturers lay the groundwork for your Hawaiian discoveries, as you voyage across the Pacific enjoying the amenities of a full-service ocean cruiser, Holland America's *MS Zaandam*. As you venture to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, the USS Arizona Memorial, Haleakala National Park and more, experts introduce the people and nature of Hawai`i and the fiery geology that sustains them.

**Tropical Splendor: Exploring the Hawaiian Islands (#11513):** Spend 3 nights on O`ahu followed by 7 nights on Norwegian Cruise Line's *Pride of America* visiting Maui, the Big Island (Hilo and Kona), Kaua`i, and studying Hawai`i's history, culture, natural environment, and people. Spend days in port and cruise at night.

**Submarines, Volcanoes & Tropical Forests: Intergenerational Hawai`i (#12426):** With 2 nights on O`ahu followed by 7 nights on Norwegian Cruise Lines' *Pride of America*, visit Maui, the Big Island (Hilo and Kona), and Kaua`i while studying Hawai`i's volcanoes, marine life, culture and traditions with your grandchild.

**NEW! A Polynesian Adventure: The Society Islands, Tonga & Fiji (#20360):** More than 1,000 years ago, brave navigators set out in ocean-going canoes to explore what lay beyond the horizon of the wide blue Pacific. Recreate their journey on this 17 night program in luxury aboard the *MS Paul Gauguin* as you venture to distinctive islands including the Society Islands, the remote Kingdom of Tonga and three Fijian isles.

**NEW! Deep Into French Polynesia: Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands (#20359):** Journey through French Polynesia, beginning in Tahiti then sailing aboard the *MS Paul Gauguin*

to the Tuamotus and an island so pristine it is considered a biosphere reserve. Explore the mist-covered Marquesas, discovering waterfalls, wild stallions, tiki sculptures and other delights. Plus embark on spectacular shore excursions in the Society Islands.

**Following Captain Cook: The Cook Islands & Society Islands (#19387):** On this 15- night South Pacific odyssey, spend 3 nights in Tahiti first and then set sail on the *MS Paul Gauguin* to discover the isle of Huahine, renowned for its spectacular rainforests, experience the unique majesty of the Cook Islands, then return to the Society Islands of French Polynesia for days in alluring Bora Bora, Tahaa, Moorea and Tahiti.

**Intergenerational South Pacific: The Future of the Oceans (#19388):** On this intergenerational adventure starting with 3 nights in Tahiti and then cruising for 7 nights to the French Polynesian islands of Bora Bora, Tahaa, Raiatea, and Moorea, you and your grandchild — or even three generations if their parent(s) wish to enroll — will have a hands-on, interactive experience of French Polynesia’s marine and island ecosystems. Explore coral reefs, hike rainforest trails and much more. This voyage on the *MS Paul Gauguin* is specially designed to be an exciting and memorable learning experience for all ages.

**Heart of French Polynesia: Tahiti & the Society Islands (#19384):** Spend your first 3 nights in Tahiti exploring and learning about French Polynesian culture. Then soak in nature’s beauty as you sail for 7 nights on the *MS Paul Gauguin* from Tahiti to the French Polynesian islands of Raiatea and its reef-bound lagoon, its companion island Tahaa, beautiful Bora Bora and Moorea.

**Voyage Through French Polynesia: The Islands of Tahiti, Marquesas, And Tuamotu (#14177):** Spend 13 days on the *Aranui* freighter, and 4-5 days in Tahiti exploring the archaeology, history, cultures, and natural history of this fascinating part of Polynesia.

**French Polynesia Below the Surface: The Society Islands & Tuamotus (#19386):** On this 14- night program, experience life below the waves in the Tuamotus, a snorkeler’s paradise where the warm, crystal-clear waters are home to rays, dolphins, sharks and brilliantly colored reef fish. Learn about life onshore in French Polynesia including Tahiti and two lesser-known isles, Huahine and Raiatea as you sail on the *MS Paul Gauguin*.

**NEW! Connected Cultures: New Orleans and the Caribbean (#20409):** New Orleans has been described as a city whose identity is as much Caribbean as it is American. Experience this cultural connection in the pounding drums, exciting flavors and unique celebrations of the Crescent City. Then explore the Caribbean for yourself during a voyage on a Norwegian cruise ship to ancient ruins and modern communities of Mexico, Belize and Honduras.

**NEW! The Great West: California to Canada by Sea and the Rocky Mountaineer (#20450):** Experience the majesty of the west on a journey up the coast by sea and through the Canadian Rockies by rail. Encounter First Nations people and Vancouver’s thriving Chinese community. Then take an incredible journey on the Rocky Mountaineer, a luxury train that operates during the day so you enjoy every spectacular view of the Rocky Mountains, lakes, forests and wildlife through its large picture windows.

If any of these programs interest you, please contact Road Scholar at (877) 426-8056 or [www.road scholar.org](http://www.road scholar.org) for further information. PII Road Scholar can be reached at (808) 732-1999 or [explorethepacific.com](http://explorethepacific.com) but other organizations in Hawai`i also offer Road Scholar Programs.

## GENERAL ROAD SCHOLAR INFORMATION

### INSURANCE

As explained in the “Welcome to Road Scholar” brochure that was included with your enrollment notice, your program cost includes the Road Scholar “Travel Assistance & Insurance Plan.” The primary purpose of this plan is to provide 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies. In addition, this plan provides insurance coverage in the event of accidental death or dismemberment. This plan also provides limited, supplemental, medical, and baggage insurance. Please read the Road Scholar brochure carefully to understand what is involved.

You should review your personal insurance policies and the scope of this insurance plan to determine whether, together, they provide adequate coverage for your individual needs. The Road Scholar “Travel Assistance & Insurance Plan” applies for the program dates published in the catalog or subsequent notices. Independent travel (before, during, or after the published program dates) is not covered.

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Many people cooperate to make Road Scholar programs a success. Following are the roles and responsibilities of key organizations and individuals involved.

Program Coordinator: the organization(s) that develops and administers programs under Road Scholar guidelines. Your Program Coordinator is Pacific Islands Institute (PII). PII is responsible for the quality and performance of all program-related staff and for all program content and related activities.

Group Leader: the person who travels with, and oversees, the group throughout the program. The Group Leader accompanies the group during scheduled activities, assists with rooming, participant concerns, emergency situations, and provides assistance with logistics as needed to both participants and program staff. While well-informed, the group leader is not usually part of the program’s educational staff.

Educational Staff: lecturers are drawn from the local community on each island and are selected for their expertise on the subject area being studied, as well as for their communication skills. Lecturers have a wide range of backgrounds.

Road Scholar Participants: program participants also have certain responsibilities. We have endeavored to present sufficient information in the catalog and on Road Scholar’s website ([www.roadscholar.org](http://www.roadscholar.org)) for participants to make intelligent decisions as to which programs are suitable for your personal health condition and individual circumstances.

Since Road Scholar does not conduct screenings for fitness prior to enrollment, it is your responsibility as a participant to inquire about any aspects of the program that may be of doubt or concern and to consult your health care provider(s) as appropriate regarding your ability to deal with the demands involved. It is also your responsibility to prepare for the program by carefully reading the preparatory materials and following any recommendations.

## **ROAD SCHOLAR MISSION STATEMENT**

Road Scholar is the new name for the programs developed and offered by Elderhostel, Inc., the not-for-profit world leader in lifelong learning since 1975. Our mission is to empower adults to explore the world's places, peoples, cultures and ideas, and in so doing to discover more about themselves. A fellowship of learning and the joy of discovery are the hallmarks of the Road Scholar experience.

Road Scholar programs bring together instructors and participants from diverse backgrounds to foster dynamic interaction, engaging discourse and warm camaraderie. In a world that seems to shrink smaller by the day because of technology, we believe that true insight and understanding are still sparked by hands-on experience and open discussions that stimulate the senses, energize the body and challenge the mind. We are committed to continually developing new program destinations, topics and formats to reflect the shifting realities and emerging trends of our ever-changing world.

## THE ROAD SCHOLAR SPIRIT

We believe learning is a lifelong process – that sharing new ideas, challenges, and experiences is rewarding in every season of life. Participants come together as an assortment of diverse individuals who share a passion for learning. This common bond creates a rich environment for intellectual and personal growth, a supportive group spirit, and opportunities for making new friends. Some important things to remember:

- Road Scholar is educational – participants are considered students, not tourists.
- Programs are not for credit but for the enjoyment of learning.
- There is no homework and no exams or grades.
- No special educational background is needed or required.

At the core of our programs are liberal arts courses designed to stimulate your thinking and increase your knowledge. In addition to background lectures and discussions, we also provide fascinating field trips, excursions, and enrichment activities for a balanced schedule of active learning and doing.

Our budgetary guidelines are to seek the best value at the best cost. Just as you will be sensitive towards other cultures and customs, we trust you will be adaptable with respect to meals and accommodations that may be quite different from what you are used to at home. Accepting and dealing positively with such differences will greatly enhance your appreciation of the experience.

You will also encounter a wonderful diversity of people in the group who may span several generations and get to know folks with distinctive histories, interests, and levels of physical ability. Wherever you fit into the mix, you will be respected as an “elder” in the best sense of the word – someone who has attained wisdom and a wealth of life experiences. For these reasons, we look forward to your full participation and the enrichment it will provide. Should you find that some activities are beyond your abilities, you have the option of relaxing on your own.

There will some free time to pursue individual interests, take care of personal business, sightseeing on your own, shopping, laundry, etc. Because you are a vitally important part of Road Scholar, we ask that you undertake any independent touring or visiting friends/relatives either before or after the program.

Successful participants are friendly, active, adaptable; able to function independently and as members of the group; know how to deal flexibly with unexpected circumstances and changing conditions; are able to pace themselves and be tolerant of others who move at a different pace; and have a sense of humor. Having an attitude of openness towards new people, places, and customs may be the most significant factor in enjoying the program. On behalf of our staff and esteemed associates, best wishes for an outstanding adventure in lifelong learning!

## SUGGESTED READING LIST

*(Please note: Some of the books may be highly specialized and some libraries may not carry them. We recommend checking online sites like amazon.com to check if they are available for purchase.)*

### **Recommended**

Benson, Captain N. P. The Log of the El Dorado (Capt. Benson's Own Story). The James H. Barry Co, 1914. Out of print; Easter Island sailing history adventure

Englert, Father Sebastian Englert. Island at the Center of the World Scribners. 1970  
(Translated by William Mulloy) Out of print, available used.

Flenley, John and Bahn, Paul. The Enigmas of Easter Island Oxford University Press 2003  
The aim of this book is to provide a serious and balanced account of the history and archaeology of the island. Informative and thorough scientific research supports hypotheses which may well answer many of the intriguing questions posed since Thor Heyerdahl's expeditions and his controversial theories drew the attention of the world to this most isolated place.

Fischer, Steven. Island at The End of the World Reaktion Books 2006

"Fischer's fluent narrative reveals how smallness, isolation, and a fragile environment have shaped the history of this tiny community. . . . Its strength lies equally in the author's sensitive micro-study approach and its subject matter. Above all, it deserves a wide readership because Easter Island still presents a global warning about the imperative of environmental sustainability."--American Historical Review (Philippa Mein Smith American Historical Review)

Lee, Georgia Ph.D. Rapa Nui, Island of Memory. Easter Island Foundation. 2006

This book is a celebration of the people of Rapa Nui--embracing their continuity with the past. Included are numerous photos documenting island life over the last 25 years. These and the many personal anecdotes make Rapa Nui, Island of Memory easy reading.

McCall, Grant. Rapanui: Tradition & Survival on Easter Island, 2nd edition. University of Hawaii

Press. Honolulu, Hawaii. 1994.

General history of Easter Island, its culture and society from ancient to modern times.

McLaughlin, Shawn. The Complete Guide to Easter Island. Easter Island Foundation 2007  
Very comprehensive guide. If you read only one book, this is our recommendation.

Metraux, Alfred . Ethnology of Easter Island. A Bishop Museum Press Reprint 1971

Almost 60 year later it remains the unsurpassed Encyclopedia Pascuensis. Geography, climate, flora, fauna, society, art, language, culture, everything is there, tattoos, games, the still undeciphered writing system, religion, traditional law... everything. Indispensable to anyone interested in Easter Island.

Neruda, Pablo. Translator W. O'Daly. The Separate Rose Copper Canyon Press 1985  
Recommendation from a participant who traveled to Rapa Nui: "Pablo Neruda visited there late in life and wrote 25 poems about his visit. I found it worthwhile reading both before going and while there. This is a bilingual presentation, for those with Spanish facility."

Ramirez, Jose Miguel. Easter Island Rapa Nui, a Land of Rocky Dreams Carlos Huber Schulz 2000 Note: Limited Availability

The text was written by the archaeologist José Miguel Ramírez, who was Superintendent of the Easter Island National Park for seven years. This is a very high-quality book, with 192 pages, which dimensions are of 20 x 30 cm (approximately 10 x 12.5 inches). It contains more than 220 full-color photographs that range from aerial photos taken during various flights and under different light conditions, to underwater pictures of caves and native fish species of the island. It has a large number of photographs of archaeological sites and landscapes, but, and perhaps most importantly, the last 58 pages are devoted to photographs of islanders of Rapa Nui that belong to the Rapa Nui ethnic group. Also included are images of the Tapati Rapa Nui, which is an event that brings their ancient customs and rates to life.

Scoresby Routledge, Mrs. The Mystery of Easter Island, The Story of an Expedition. Hazell, Watson & Viney Ltd. 1920.  
Historical adventure travel

### **Viewing**

For Hollywood's take on Easter Island, consider renting the 1994 movie "Rapa Nui" starring Jason Scott Lee.

### **Internet**

<http://www.netaxs.com/~trance/rapanui.html>

The Easter Island Homepage - Information on Easter Island's history, culture and tourism. Check out the great list of web links.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/easter/>

PBS's Nova – The Secrets of Easter Island. Lots of information and links to other interesting sites

### **Other Resources**

Embassy of the Republic of Chile, 1732 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036 USA  
Tel: 202-785-1746

Embassy of the Republic of Chile, 50 O'Connor St., Suite 1413, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 6L2  
CANADA

Tel: 613-235-4402, 613-235-9940, 613-235-1308, or 613-235-2313/ Fax: 613-235-1176.

The U.S. Embassy and Consulate in Santiago are located at 2800 Andres Bello Avenue, Las Condes, Santiago, Chile. Tel: (011 56) 2-232-2600 Fax: (011 56) 2-330-3710

The mailing address is Casilla 27-D, Santiago, Chile.

The embassy's website is located at: <http://www.usembassy.cl>.

The Canadian Embassy in Santiago is located at Nueva Tajamar 481, 12th Floor, Torre Norte, Las Condes, Santiago, Chile. Tel: (011 56) 2-362-9660 Fax: (011 56) 2-362-9663

The mailing address is 139, Correo 10, Santiago, Chile.

The embassy's website is located at: [www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/santiago/](http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/santiago/)

The Consulate of Canada is located at: Caupolican 245, Chiguayante, Concepción, Chile. Tel: (011 56) 41-36-75-53 Fax: (011 56) 41-36-81-85 The mailing address is P.O. Box 425, Concepción, Chile.

*We are eager to keep our resources up to date. Please let us know if you have suggestions or comments.*

We would also like to suggest that you check with your local library *National Geographic* index to find the many issues of this magazine which may contain interesting articles relating to Rapa Nui (Easter Island) and Chile and their natural history, cultures, traditions and history.