



Easter Island Explorations

Easter Island's inhabitation has baffled anthropologists for centuries. The volcanic formation rises abruptly from the infinite South-Pacific Ocean, redefining the sense of distance, mystery and wonder of all who visit its shores.

At Explora, there are over 30 different guided hike, bike rides, snorkeling and scuba diving explorations to immerse in to Easter Island. All our explorations are made in small groups, have different difficulty levels ranging from easy to expert, and have different durations, half day or full day.

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Poike

The Poike zone, named after the oldest volcano on the island, offers some of its most unusual sceneries, with harsh conditions evidencing how the Rapa Nui is eroded by sea and water, one of the its people's most pressing ecological predicaments.

HIKES

Puakatiki

Duration: 4 hrs
Distance: 7,9 km / 4,9 mi

We head to Ahu Mahatua in the Poike peninsula. We follow a trail along a cliff, going by Parehe and Tea-Tea Hills. We continue up to the summit of Puakatiki Hill, which offers a panoramic view of Rapa Nui's isolated position. We descend following a steep path up to Tongariki, the Ahu of the 15 moai.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Poike

Duration: 6 hrs
Distance: 11,8 km / 7,3 mi

We begin this hike in Mahatua, in the Poike peninsula. We hike up a cliff to trachyte or white rock domes. We visit the hills in this area, hike along the coastline and pass sites with archaeological remains, including the only trachyte moai. We continue walking up to Tongariki, the location of 15 moai. Return to the hotel by van.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

BIKE

La peninsula

Duration: 4 hrs
Distance: 24,2 km / 15 mi

We leave by van towards Mahatua, an ancient Rapa Nui settlement. Then we bike ride to the Tea Tea Mountain, in the Poike peninsula. We then follow along the south coastline cliffs and reach Ahu Tongariki, the Island's largest platform from where we return taking byways.

Half day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

The South

The island's very existence is testament to a battle fought long ago between fire and sea.

HIKES

Akanhanga

Duration: 2:30 hrs
Distance: 5,6 km / 3,5 mi

We walk from the lodge to the coastline, descending among prairies, farmlands and archaeological sites. We finish this hike in the area of Akahanga, where the second largest moai platform is found. We return to the hotel by van.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Puna Pau

Duration: 2:30 hrs
Distance: 2,2 km / 1,4 mi

We take a van from the lodge to Maunga Tanga Roa, (the hill with the three crosses) and walk uphill. At the summit, we enjoy a 360° view of the Island. When walking down, we visit the Pukao quarry, red scoria hat-like structures that were formerly placed on top of the moai.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

OVERLAND

Pukao

Duration: 3:30 hrs
Distance: 2,5 km / 1,6 mi

In this exploration we see the traces of the path of the Pukao ("top knot" in Rapa Nui) towards the moai. We start in Puna Pau, the quarry of the Pukao, we continue by van to the South coast to visit Hanga Poukura, the largest non-restored platform or Ahu on the island and Hanga Tee'e with an interpretive center where we walk to learn more about the history and the landscape of a less explored area of Rapa Nui. Return by van.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Lava Flows

From water came lava and from lava came land. Tales to be told only by the elements themselves. The surrounding landscape is overall irregular and interrupted by vestiges of volcanic activity, which also characterize the zone's memorable skyline.

HIKES

Roiho

Duration: 3:30 hrs
Distance: 6,5 km / 4 mi

Departure by van to Ahu Akivi, the only platform with moai looking out to the sea. Then we walk through the Roiho lava fields with their tunnels and caves. Finally, we continue walking along the coast to Hanga Kioe Bay. We return to Explora by van.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Lava Flows

Duration: 7 hrs
Distance: 17,5 km / 10,9 mi

In this exploration we hike along cliffs with a view to the ocean, pass an ancient Rapa Nui settlement and see caves shaped by lava flows. We begin hiking at the foothill of the Terevaka Volcano to reach the highest point in the Island. At the end, we ride a van to the Tahai archaeological complex.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

OVERLAND

Rapa Nui Sanctuaries

Duration: 3 hrs
Distance: 3,6 km / 2,3 mi

We visit Akivi with the Ahu of the 7 moai facing the sea. We walk the Roiho lava field, where we visit a lava tunnel, the Ana Te Pahu cave. We continue by van to visit the Ahu Huri A Urenga, a platform located in the interior of the island that is aligned with the sunrise on the winter solstice. We return by van.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

BIKE

Tahai

Duration: 4 hrs
Distance: 15,3 km / 9,5 mi

We leave the hotel and ride our bikes uphill to Ahu Akivi, the platform with seven moai facing the ocean. We continue up to the Te Peu archaeological site, where we visit an ancient Rapa Nui village with several archaeological remains. We finally reach Tahai, one of the major towns in the west coast.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Akivi

Duration: 1:30 hrs
Distance: 6,8 km / 4,2 mi

We leave Explora on our bikes following inland routes, go up a gentle slope and ride along traditional Rapa Nui crop fields. We arrive to Ahu Akivi, the place where seven moai are facing the ocean. We return to the hotel by van.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

COMBINATION

Caves & cliffs

Duration: 6 hrs
Distance: 6,8 km / 4,2 mi

We ride our bikes from Explora and head to Ahu Akivi, where seven moai are facing the ocean. We visit the place and then continue hiking through lava fields, discovering caves and tunnels. We continue to Tepeu, an ancient settlement featuring remains of the largest boat-house. We continue along cliffs with views to the ocean to finally visit Tahai.

Full day | Easy ● ● ○ ○

Rano Kau

As one of the volcanoes from which the island originated, Rano Kau's vigilant gaze defines Rapa Nui's enigmatic cultural landscape.

HIKES

The bird man

Duration: 4 hrs
Distance: 9,2 km / 5,7 mi

We start in Ahu Tahira, a construction platform with perfectly overlapping stone structures. We go up to the rim of the Rano Kau crater, the largest in the Island and then we hike to Orongo, an ancient ceremonial village where the Birdman competition took place.

Half day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Bird Cult

Duration: 3:30 hrs
Distance: 2,1 km / 1,3 mi

Departure by van to Vinapu to visit its Ahu and its unique construction. Afterwards, we head by van to Rano Kau, the island's largest crater. We hike around part of the crater where we watch the biodiversity of the wetland within it and continue to the ceremonial town of Orongo, known for the Birdman competition. Subsequently, we visit the Mateveri area with its unique volcanic landscapes and its relationship with Orongo.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

OVERLAND

Cook's bay

Duration: 3 hrs
Distance: 1,82 km / 1,1 mi

We go by van to the Hanga Kioe archaeological site, where the Ahu Akapu is located on the west coast near the town of Hanga Roa. We continue by van to the anthropological museum to visit it. We continue walking from the museum along the coast to the village cove, passing through the Tahai archaeological complex and other attractive historical sites.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

SELF GUIDED

Hanga Roa

Duration: 2 hrs

For those travelers who want to explore the town of Hanga Roa independently, we offer you the option to go during your stay. Request map and recommendations from our guides.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Hanga Roa Bicycle

Duration: 3:30 hrs

We offer the option of cycling part of the island and visiting the Hanga Roa Village autonomously. We have a route to suggest to you. Request map, recommendations and equipment from our guides.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Rano Kau

Duration: 6 hrs
Distance: 9,2 km / 5,7 mi

We start in Ahu Tahira, a construction platform with perfectly overlapping rock structures. We begin hiking to the crater of the Rano Kau Volcano and Orongo. This is the ancient ceremonial village where Birdman competitions used to take place. We head down south by bike and ride along the coast visiting several archaeological sites. We keep on going to Explora.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

MIRU

The zone's lowlands, which include the north and northeastern coasts, host many archaeological vestiges, most of which remain intact and have therefore been vital clues in understanding the island's mysterious past.

HIKES

Mahatua

Duration: 3:30 hrs
Distance: 7 km / 4,4 mi

Hike along the coast. We pass fishing coves, archaeological sites and Ovahe beach until we get to Anakena where we can visit the archaeological remains of the Rapa Nui kings who lived there. It's time to enjoy the beach. Bring your swimsuit.

Half day | Maoderate ● ● ○ ○

The highest point

Duration: 3:30 hrs
Distance: 10,5 km / 6,5 mi

We begin our hike at the foothill of the Terevaka Volcano, going up a narrow creek and passing between archaeological vestiges until we reach the volcano's summit, the highest point in the Island with 360° views to the horizon. When descending, we hike towards Ahu Akivi, the 7 moai facing the sea.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

The Miru

Duration: 7 hrs
Distance: 16,2 km / 10,1 mi

We follow a trail along cliffs in the north area, crossing plains and ancient villages that belonged to the Miru, which used to be the most powerful tribe in Rapa Nui. We continue hiking up to Anakena, this tribe's capital city, where we get some time to enjoy the beach. Bring your swimsuit.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

OVERLAND

Hanga

Duration: 3:30 hrs
Distance: 1,9 km / 1,2 mi

We take a van to Papa Vaka, an archaeological site with petroglyphs. We hike (1) and go by a cove and continue hiking up to Tepito Kura, a site featuring a huge tumbled moai and a magnetic stone associated with Rapa Nui's origins. We continue by van to Anakena, the landing area of the first Polynesian settlers (2). Time to enjoy the beach. Bring your swimsuit.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

BIKE

Anakena

Duration: 4 hrs
Distance: 22,9 km / 14,2 mi

We ride from the hotel towards Ahu Tongariki, the best rebuilt platform with 15 intact moai. We continue along the coastline to the Mahatua area, visiting several archaeological sites up to Anakena, with its ruins, crystal-clear waters and white sands. We return to Explora by van. Bring your swimsuit.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Navigators Mountain

Duration: 3 hrs
Distance: 12,8 km / 8 mi

We leave Explora and ride uphill along the Terevaka Volcano, a point of orientation for navigators. With a 360° view, we can see the remoteness of this destination. We then ride up to Ahu Akivi, the platform with seven moai facing the ocean. We return by van.

Half day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Terevaka

Duration: 4 hrs
Distance: 21 km / 13 mi

We leave Explora and ride up to the Terevaka Volcano. In the summit, we enjoy a privileged view of the Island. We ride down to Ahu Akivi and then head to the Ahu Tepeu archaeological site. Finally we ride to Tahai, the location of the only moai with coral eyes. We return to Explora by van.

Half day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

The hills

Duration: 5 hrs
Distance: 38,7 km / 24 mi

In this exploration we'll see the contrasting landscapes of Easter Island. We first ride up to the Terevaka, enjoy the view and then ride down to Ahu Akivi. Then, we head to Ahu Tepeu, a site with different archaeological remains. We continue to Hanga Roa and ride along the south coastline enjoying a view to the ocean. We return by bike.

Full day | Expert ● ● ● ●

Hotu Iti

Carved from the volcanic slopes of the Rano Raraku, the moai are as much a part of Rapa Nui as the soil itself on which it stands.

HIKES

Ara Moai

Duration: 3 hrs
Distance: 5,3 km / 3,3 mi

We start our hike in Rano Raraku, the moai quarry, among huge statues in different carving stages. After visiting the crater, we continue hiking through one of the old moai transportation routes.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Pui

Duration: 4 hrs
Distance: 7,1 km / 4,4 mi

We begin hiking at the foothill of Pui Hill, known by an ancient competition in which Rapa Nui men slid on banana tree barks. We continue through plains and former moai transportation routes, going by archaeological sites until reaching Rano Raraku, the moai quarry.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Hotu Iti

Duration: 4 hrs
Distance: 6,5 km / 4 mi

We take a van to the Papa Vaka archaeological site, which features a large number of petroglyphs. We hike through the area of Hotu Iti, plains among archaeological remains, rock gardens and traditional farming sites. We arrive to Ahu Tongariki, the largest ceremonial platform in the Island. We return by van.

Half day | Moderate ● ○ ○ ○

Walking Moai

Duration: 7 hrs
Distance: 12,7 km / 7,9 mi

We start at the foothill of Pui Mountain, where men used to compete sliding on banana tree barks. We continue over ancient moai transportation routes until we reach the Rano Raraku quarry. We visit the place and then walk through Ara O Te Moai, another moai trail, until we reach a group of abandoned moai.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Moai process

Duration: 6:30 hrs
Distance: 7,1 km / 4,4 mi

We take a van from the hotel and head to Pui Hill, where we begin trekking towards Rano Raraku, the moai quarry. We visit the archaeological site and the crater. We then head to Anakena by bike, where we see archaeological remains and enjoy the best beach in Rapa Nui. Bring your swimsuit.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

OVERLAND

Tongariki

Duration: 3 hrs
Distance: 2,5 km / 1,6 mi

We take a van to Ahu One Makihi with its huge tumbled moai. We continue to Tongariki to learn the history of Rapa Nui's largest Ahu and we explore its surroundings, after which we understand the division between east and west in Rapa Nui.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Moana

The waters surrounding the island offer a unique clarity for sea explorations. This is due to low levels of plankton in the area, which also cause a lower number of larger species to be found.

AT SEA

Snorkeling Motu Tautara

Duration: 1:30 hrs

Departure by van from the lodge to the Hanga Roa cove, where we take a boat north to the Motu Tautara, an islet that is located very close to the island and in front of Ana Kakenga, a cave also known as two windows. During the boat trip you can appreciate a different view of the Tahai complex, as well as other archaeological sites located on the northwest coast of the island. The area where the Motu Tautara is located is part of a protected coastal marine area in which corals and a diversity of marine fauna can be seen, in addition to endemic species.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Discover Scuba diving

Duration: 2 hrs

This exploration is the easiest way to get to know Rapa Nui's amazing submarine world. It includes two stages: The first stage where a guide teaches diving theory and conducts a controlled immersion so that guests can get used to the equipment and perform some exercises. The second stage involves a dive in the Hanga Roa bay, experiencing diving in waters known worldwide for their visibility. After completing the diving experience, the traveler gets a discovery or baptism PADI Certificate.

*Additional cost apply

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Snorkeling bird islets

Duration: 1:30 hrs

We take a van from the lodge to Hanga Roa's cove, where we take a boat to sea caves with views to the cliffs, the Rano Kau crater and Motus, the famous islets due to the Birdman competition. We can snorkel around the Motus due to unbeatable clear water conditions.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Rapa Nui diving

Duration: 2 hrs

Private diving for travelers with diving certificates, either beginner's or advanced. This exploration is an invitation to discover Easter Island's underwater world and includes two dives. Some of the places we visit include the sunken moai the Nui and Iti motus, surrounded by corals, and the Cathedral, a complex of submarine caves. * Additional cost apply.

Half day | Advanced ● ● ● ○