

Pacific Islands Research Institute

Islandexplorer.org Program

Raivavae Archaeological Project

Booking Terms & Conditions

1. What will I be charged ? If reserving a space on a team 90 days or more before the team start date, you need to include a \$500 non-refundable deposit with your application. If reserving by credit card, we will charge your \$300 deposit to your credit card at the time you make your reservation. The current rate for 2009 is \$8,200 for 14 days plus airfare to Raivavae.

If it is under 60 days at the time you reserve your space, the full Contribution is required to hold the space. If reserving by credit card this amount will be automatically charged to your card. All payments must be submitted in \$US.

2. When do I pay the full Contribution ? If you reserve your space 90 days or more before the project, the remainder of the balance is due 45 days prior to travel. Payment Policy is as follows:

Sign up ninety (90) days or more prior to team start date: Minimum of \$500 U.S. non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a place on an Expedition. Balance of payment is due forty five (45) days prior to team departure; if full payment is not received reservation is subject to cancellation by the R. A. P. You can pay either by check or with most major credit cards through Google Check out on our web page.

Full Contribution is required to reserve a place on an Expedition. As funds must be sent directly to the expedition at this stage (45 days), the Contribution is non-refundable unless due to researcher refusal (see below). Trip cancellation insurance is recommended. You are advised to check flight availability prior to payment. Expedition Briefing/Forms will be sent to you by overnight courier at an additional \$10 charge.

3. What does the Contribution cover ? The price of each Expedition, which we call your Contribution, covers your food, accommodation, on-site travel (not airfare), and all of the various costs of field research (field permits, equipment, etc.). So once you arrive in Raivavae, you should not have any additional expenses.

4. Are my project costs tax-deductible ? In the United States, the Pacific Islands Research Institute is a 501c3 non profit. In general, contributions of cash, securities and property donated by US citizens to support scientific research projects are tax-deductible.

Note: Contributions of cash or securities to a charitable organization are tax deductible only upon completion of giving. As such, your payment(s) towards an expedition may be tax deductible only after such payment(s) is non-refundable or, in other words, 45 days before your team start date (when Contribution is no longer refundable). **AS WITH ALL TAX MATTERS, PLEASE CONSULT YOUR PERSONAL TAX ADVISOR ON ALL ISSUES CONCERNING TAX DEDUCTIBILITY.**

5. What is the cancellation & refund policy?

Cancellations ninety (90) days or more prior to team start date: are 100% refundable less \$500 handling fee.

Cancellations between forty-five (45) and eighty-nine (89) days prior to team start date: Deposit payment of \$500 U.S. is non-refundable; all other payments are refundable.

Cancellations less than forty-five (45) days prior to team start date: All payments are non-refundable and non-transferable unless due to denied acceptance on project by the lead expedition researcher. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

6. Can I be removed from a team? PIRI reserves the right to refuse reservations on its projects. This is an unusual event and is normally due either to an applicant's failure to meet the health requirements of a particular project or in the interest of team compatibility. PIRI will support the right of the scientist to send volunteers away from a project once in the field should their behavior compromise the safety, research objectives or general performance of the team. Self misrepresentation in any way, including but not limited to age, health, intentions etc. will be grounds for rejection of reservations or dismissal from project. In the case of self misrepresentation, volunteers will not be eligible for a refund.

PLEASE NOTE: These terms and conditions are subject to change at any time, and the PIRI conducts its own policies according to the laws and subsidies of their country of residence.

FINAL REMINDER: The Raivavae Archaeological Project is a scientific research expedition, not a tour. The PIRI makes every effort to describe field conditions accurately both in its publications and verbally, but fieldwork in remote locations is a delicate business and prone to last-minute change. We accept this as part of what makes the PIRI a unique experience.

Questions ?? email Lynn@islandexplorer.org