

South Pacific Activities



Gauguin Artist Paul Gauguin spent the later part of his life living in the South Pacific. Many of his works feature the inhabitants of these lovely and exotic islands. Learn more about the life of [Paul Gauguin](#). Enjoy a [slideshow](#) of his works.

Dancers Polynesian dance is unique and entertaining. Check to see if there is a local Polynesian dance troop in your area. Invite them to perform for your residents and their guests. If a live performance isn't possible, enjoy some wonderful [online performances](#).



Shells Beautiful shells litter the beaches of the South Pacific islands. Purchase a grab bag of [inexpensive shells](#). Create interesting displays throughout your community or create a shell collecting opportunity. Bury shells in buckets of sand and have your residents discover them.



Pareo A common form of dress in Polynesia is the pareo. There are many different ways to tie and wear a pareo. Purchase some colorful fabric and let your residents experiment with different ways to tie and wear a pareo.



Leis Tropical islands in the South Pacific are unique because of the beautiful flowers growing wild. Leis, necklaces, and headwear made of flowers are frequently worn by residents and visitors alike. Depending on what flowers are available in your area, use them to teach your residents [lei making](#). Your residents might also enjoy making [ribbon leis](#).



Sunshine The South Pacific is known for its tropical weather and sunshine. A small dose of vitamin D is good for the body. Arrange for residents to spend some time with the warmth of the sun on their skin. Provide umbrellas and hats to avoid over exposure.



Tropical Fish The seas of the South Pacific are literally swimming with colorful marine life. If you live near an aquarium, plan a field trip with your residents to enjoy the beautiful fish. You can also take your residents on a [virtual snorkeling trip](#) or use the iN2L system to explore tropical fish (Lifelong Learning > Animal Kingdom).



Tapa Cloth Tapa cloth is made throughout the pacific islands. Learn more about this traditional art form, [The making of tapa cloth](#). Your residents can also try their hand at making [mock tapa cloth](#) using brown paper bags.

