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# NEW ZEALAND

## 2026 VOYAGES



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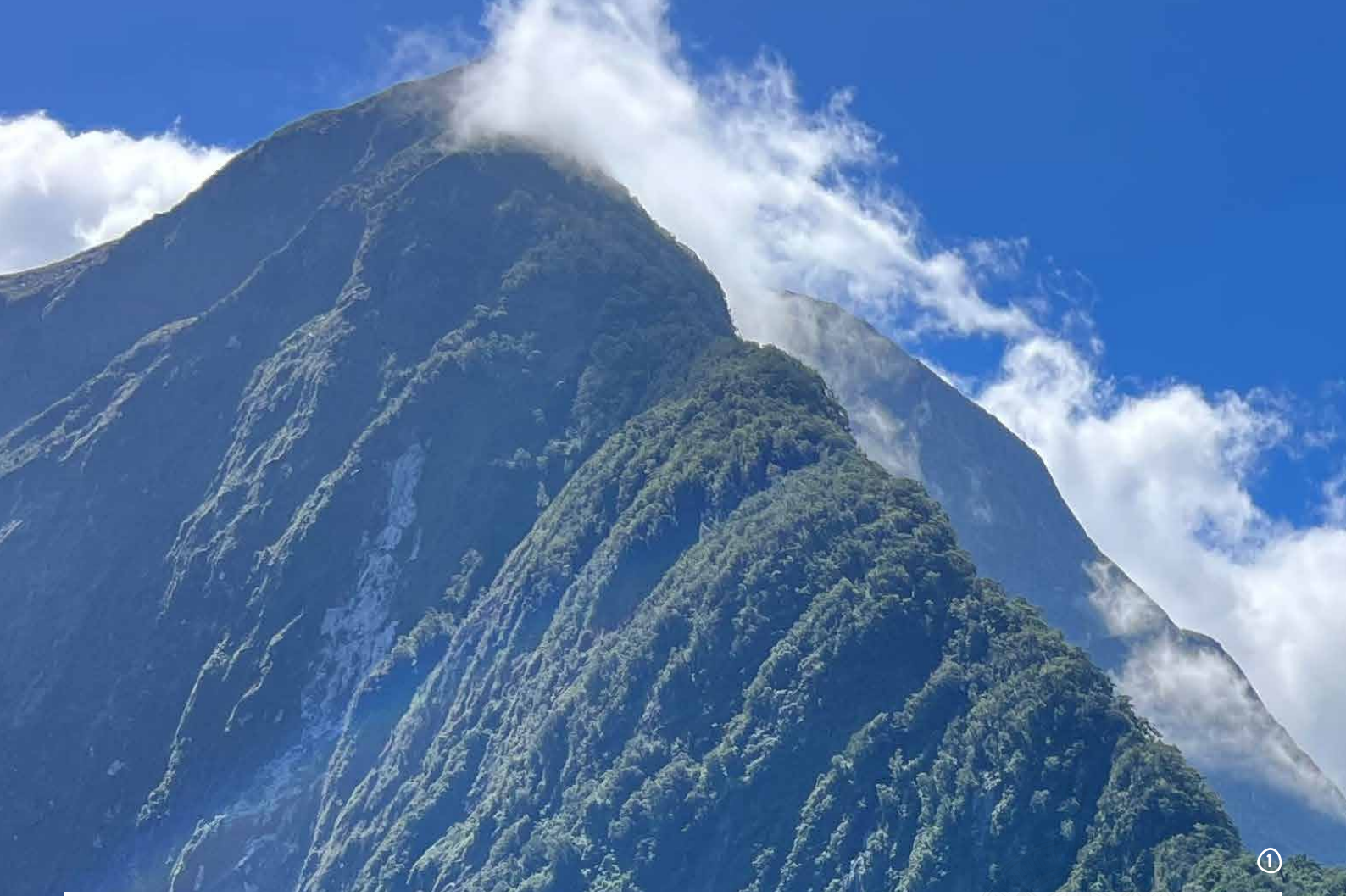
UNRIVALLED LOCAL EXPERTISE

A TRUE EXPEDITION ETHOS

PURPOSE BUILT SHIPS

WARM AUSTRALIAN HOSPITALITY

UNIQUELY DEEP CONNECTIONS



# NEW ZEALAND
## FOR TRUE EXPLORERS

New Zealand's spectacular southern coastlines offer a truly captivating expedition experience. Journey deep into the heart of Fiordland, exploring iconic sites such as Milford, Doubtful, and Dusky Sounds.

With over 7,000 kilometres of coastline to explore, this is expedition cruising country. A purpose-built expedition ship and decades of local experience give you access to ancient rainforests on Stewart Island, windswept shores teeming with fur seals and seabirds, and remote corners of the South Island rich in Māori and early settler history.

Discover the cultural charm of Kaikoura and Dunedin, cruise through glassy inlets framed by towering peaks, and enjoy daily guided hikes and Xplorer tender excursions. Each day ends with fresh local cuisine and warm hospitality aboard.

### Voyage Series

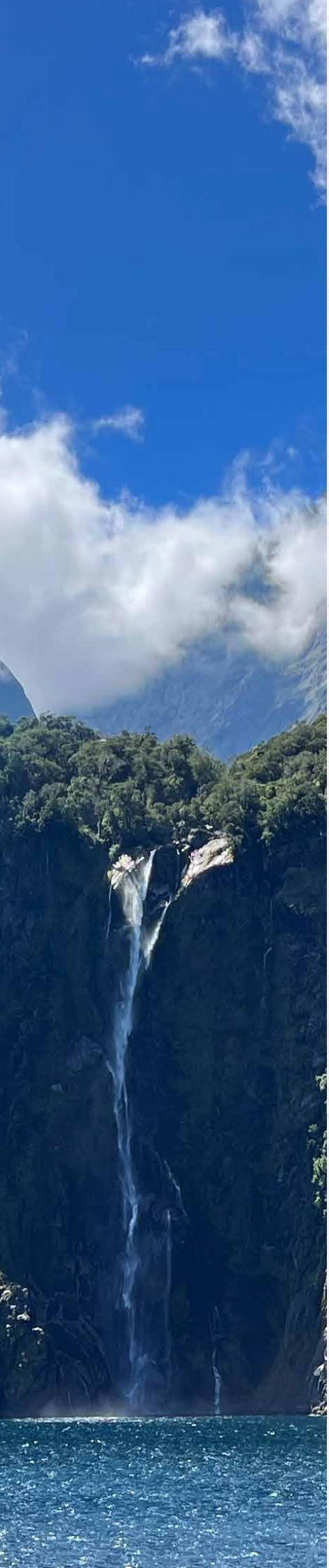
- **New Zealand Sounds and Stewart Island**
  **8 Nights | Bluff to Bluff**
  **Departs 16 Dec 2026**
- **South Island and Fiords of New Zealand**
  **10 Nights | Bluff to Wellington**
  **Departs 24 Dec 2026**

### Expedition Note

These are expedition itineraries covering remote regions. Your Captain and Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule when necessary to maximise your experience. These itineraries are indicative - some variation may occur due to weather conditions, safety or local community requirements.

We recommend that you arrive to the embarkation port the day prior to departure and schedule your onward travel arrangements for the day following disembarkation due to any unexpected changes that may occur in scheduling.

IMAGES: Covers | Inside cover - Milford Sound visitas from the ship



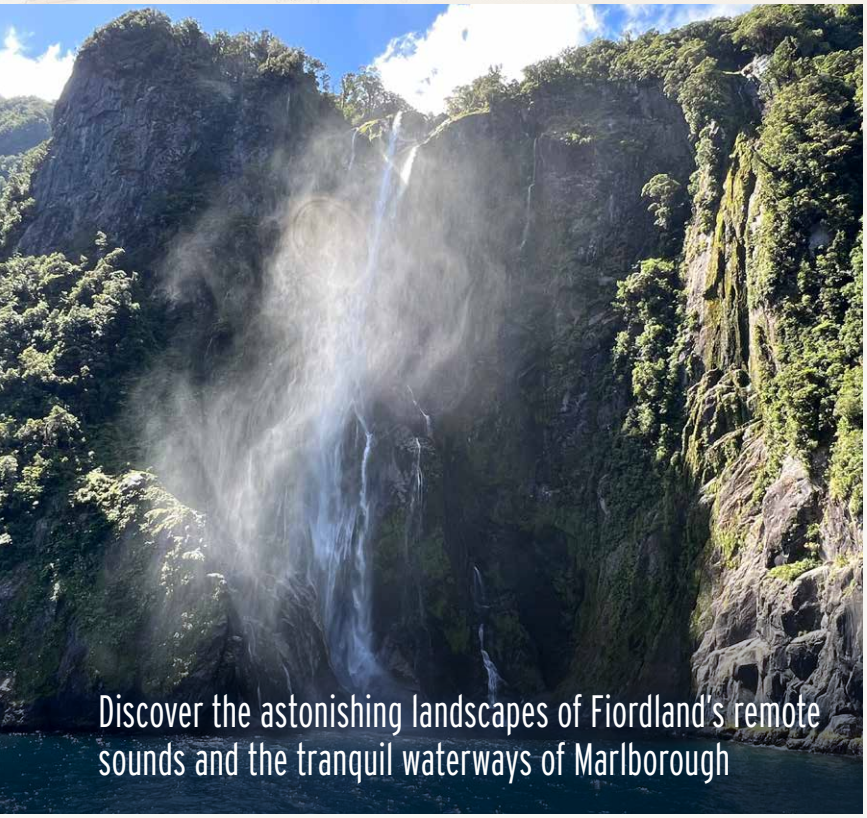
# WHY CHOOSE CORAL EXPEDITIONS

Our fleet of three specialised expedition ships and tenders take guests to some of the most beautiful, yet undiscovered islands and coastal regions of the world. Our guests are attracted by our relaxed small ship atmosphere and itineraries larger ships cannot replicate.

At a time when the cruise industry is moving to larger and less personal ships with more gimmicks, we have purposefully limited the size of our ships to maximise the expedition experience. Our cuisine is prepared in small batches from our onboard galley using quality Australian produce and wine. We operate to high Australian standards of safety with qualified Australian crew wherever we go. We were the first to offer interpretive programs reflective of the destinations we visit and to employ Expedition Leaders, Guest Lecturers, Marine Biologists, and SCUBA Instructors – a tradition that continues today.

- **We focus on the destinations.** Connecting guests with nature, culture, and heritage with more time ashore in remote natural areas away from the crowds.
- **A true expedition ethos.** Small ships mean fewer guests and more intimate and personal encounters along the way. We have deep respect and strong connections with the places we visit and maintain flexibility in our planning to make impromptu stops if extraordinary opportunities in nature present.
- **Warm Australian hospitality.** Our all-Australian crew are passionate and proud to share the adventure with you. Always attentive and caring with a friendly and approachable style in keeping with our Australian values.
- **Purpose-built ships.** Designed for tropical expedition access, our fleet is comfortable, safe, and maneuverable enabling you to get in shallow and close to nature with ease where other operators cannot. Plenty of wide-open public spaces and all outward facing staterooms connect you with the destination.
- **Our unique Xplorer tenders.** The safari jeeps of the sea; our Xplorers enable guests safe and easy access onto excursions into remote rivers, reef systems and isolated beaches. All guests get out on excursion at once with no queues or waiting. Shade canopy to protect from the tropical sun, comfortable seats, open sides and audio systems enhance the journey. These are supported by Zodiacs along the way.
- **Local expertise that is unrivalled.** Our expert guides and local crew have decades of experience to draw on regarding the tides, the charts, and the seasons. We get you to the right place at the right time and always explore in a respectful and caring manner.
- **All inclusive.** Your cruise fare covers everything that matters most including excursions, activities, meals and drinks, expert guides, taxes, and fees. Unpack once and then simply relax and enjoy the experience.
- **Our service and care.** Our friendly staff and crew have one focus – to help you enjoy the trip of a lifetime. We will always be willing to assist and with a genuine care that is part of our culture.

This is true expedition cruising. At Coral Expeditions, we have built our reputation on offering a truly immersive and authentic expedition cruise experience. It is more relevant today than ever and sets us apart from the pack.



Discover the astonishing landscapes of Fiordland's remote sounds and the tranquil waterways of Marlborough



Pouwhenau statue, Ship Cove



Watch sperm whales breach at Kaikōura - one of the very few places it is possible to encounter them



Observe New Zealand's wildlife, including fur seals, penguins, whales and numerous bird species

Our Australian team of Expedition Leaders and regular Guest Lecturers bring a wealth of knowledge about New Zealand's unique landscapes, flora, fauna, and cultures. Passionate explorers, marine biologists, and naturalists, they deliver onboard lectures and guided interpretation, and are always happy to share their insights with you. Their aim is to enrich your journey by offering new understanding and appreciation of the remarkable places you'll encounter.

From dramatic coastlines and remote islands to rare wildlife and vibrant Māori culture, New Zealand promises an unforgettable journey. Explore its natural beauty and rich heritage. These unspoiled lands are a sanctuary for wildlife, home to sea lions, fur seals, pods of playful dolphins, and countless native bird species.

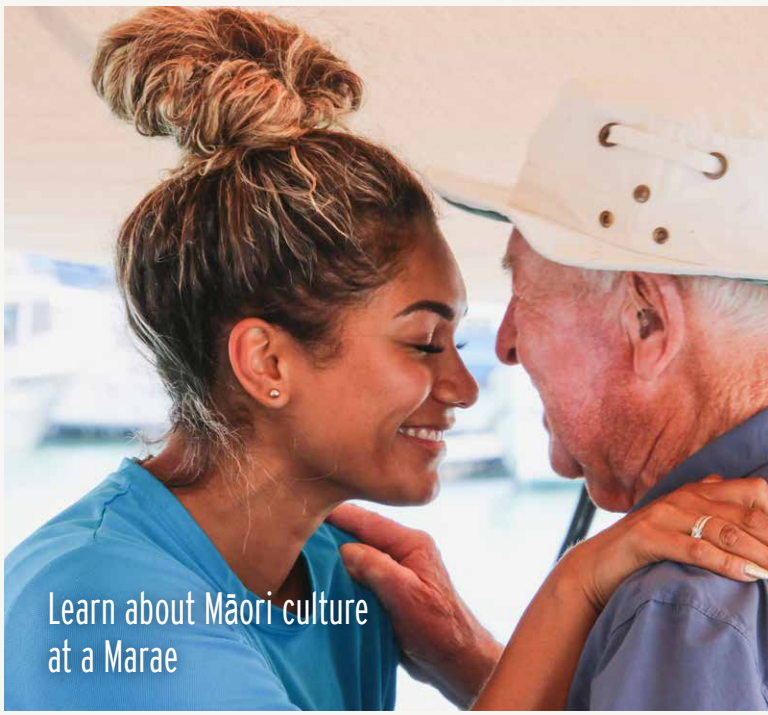
Find freedom as you explore the farthest reaches.



Take a guided walk to spot birdlife on Stewart Island, New Zealand's little-visited 'third island'



View the world's only mainland breeding colony of northern royal albatross at Dunedin



Learn about Māori culture at a Marae



Discover the marvellous landscapes of the Solander Islands from sea



Observe the birdlife on Stewart Island

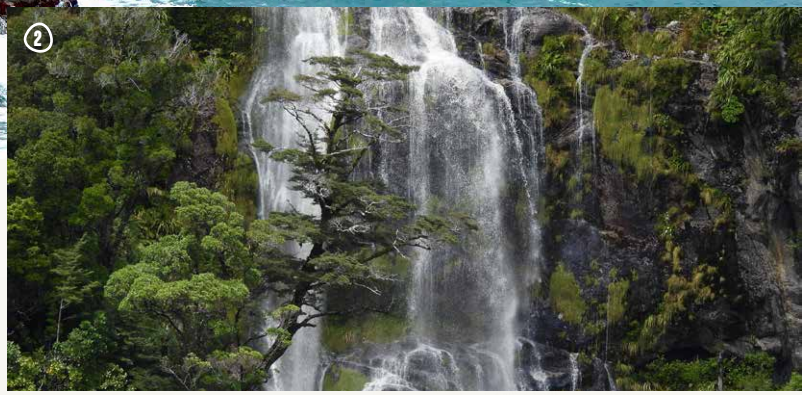
# NEW ZEALAND SOUNDS AND STEWART ISLAND



Image: Bernard Spragg

## Expedition Highlights

- Cruise Doubtful, Dusky and Milford Sounds (Tamatea), rich in diverse flora and fauna, passing the Nee Islets, 'the Gut,' and outer seal colonies where fur seals lounge on rocks and dolphins may appear in pods.
- Explore Stewart Island (Rakiura) to a Norwegian whaling station and a guided hike along the Rakiura Track.
- Enjoy birdwatching on predator-free Ulva Island, a sanctuary for rare native species.
- Join a guided whale-watching tour in Kaikōura to spot sperm whales and dolphins.
- Kayak, and if you dare, go for a cold water plunge in the Fiordland National Park (Piopiotahi).









# SAMPLE ITINERARY: 8 NIGHTS > BLUFF TO BLUFF

*Your Expedition Team may make changes to the itinerary in order to maximise your expeditionary experience. Below are the key destinations we visit.*

### DAY 1: DEPART BLUFF | MOTUPŌHUE

Your journey begins in Queenstown, where you'll meet your fellow travellers and expedition team at the QT Queenstown hotel (formerly Rydges Lakeside) from 10:30am for check-in and a warm welcome, with tea, coffee and morning tea.

From here, we will travel south to Bluff – the southernmost settlement on New Zealand's mainland and gateway to Stewart Island. Alternatively, a Bluff pickup can be arranged. Please speak to our reservations team for more information.

You'll board *Coral Adventurer* in the afternoon and settle in before setting sail along the rugged southern coastline. This evening, enjoy Captain's welcome drinks and take in views of Stirling Point, marking the start of your journey.

### STEWART ISLAND | RAKIURA

Known in Māori mythology as Te Punga o Te Waka – Stewart Island (Rakiura) is New Zealand's little-known 'third island'. Apart from the communities on the island, many people never venture to this remote corner of the world. For the next three days, we will truly connect with nature. Enjoy a guided walk led by the expedition team at the Ulva Bird Sanctuary, which offers a predator-free environment for rare and endangered birds, and visit the remains of the Norwegian Whaling Base. Spend the day on a guided hike on a section of the Rakiura trail (conditions permitting) and a local bus tour of Oban and its surrounds.

### DUSKY SOUND | TAMATEA

Spend two days exploring Fiordland National Park, a World Heritage site once described as the 'Eighth Wonder of the World'. Discover the remote wilderness of Dusky Sound (Tamatea), first sighted by Captain Cook in 1770. With sheer cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and a dense rainforest reflected in glassy waters, this vast fiord offers spectacular scenery and a rich history. Join our expedition team for zodiac and Xplorer trips to hidden inlets and wildlife colonies. We will then land at Astronomer's Point, where Cook's crew once charted the stars. Take part in guided walks, waterfall viewing, kayaking, and a cold-water swim to uncover the true remoteness of this region.

### DOUBTFUL SOUND | PATEA

Wake to the silence of Doubtful Sound (Patea), where this deep, long and narrow inlet, with cliffs, has been formed by glacial erosion over millions of years. We are currently in one of New Zealand's most pristine environments. Cruise past the outer Seal Islands and spot dolphins, fur seals, and possibly the elusive Fiordland crested penguin or join a guided hike between Deas Cove and Neck Cove and take a swim in the cool, clear and shallow waters.

### MILFORD SOUND | PIOPIOTAHI

Encounter breathtaking views as we enter the Milford Sound (Piopiotahi), heading towards the famous Stirling Falls. You will have a chance to feel the spray from Stirling Falls and get a close-up view in your designated Zodiacs/Xplorers. Witness the world-famous view of Mitre Peak, rising some 1,682 meters. Its triangular silhouette rises opposite the beautiful Stirling Falls, falling from the top of a 162m-high cliff between two towering ridges into the water's deep shades of turquoise and emerald.

### SOLANDER ISLAND | HAUTERE

Spend the day cruising through the Solander Islands (Hautere), a trio of uninhabited volcanic islets that lie just beyond New Zealand's South Island. Aboard the Endeavour, Captain James Cook spotted the islands in early 1770, and was named after a Swedish scientific crew member on board, Daniel Solander. The islands have only been known to be inhabited briefly due to marooning or shipwreck. With one third of the wildlife on the islands being incredibly rare, it is likely that you will spot fernbirds, snipe and white-fronted terns. The island has been declared an Important Bird Area as it is a breeding site for common diving petrels and Buller's albatrosses amassing some 5000 pairs.

### DAY 9: ARRIVE BLUFF | MOTUPŌHUE

Prepare for disembarkation as the ship arrives into Bluff Port, followed by farewell to the crew and new-found friends at 8:00am.

Enjoy a complimentary transfer by coach to Queenstown hotels or airport after disembarkation.



IMAGES 1 Milford Sound | 2 Cascades of Doubtful Sound | 3 Guided walk at at the Ulva Bird Sanctuary, Stewart Island | 4 Fur seals, Dusky Sound | 5 Buller's Albatross

# SOUTH ISLAND AND FIORDS OF NEW ZEALAND



## Expedition Highlights

- Spend Christmas Day exploring the remote beauty of Dusky and Doubtful Sounds in Fiordland National Park, then come together in the evening for a celebratory dinner with your fellow travellers.
- Explore Stewart Island (Rakiura) to a Norwegian whaling station and guided hike along the Rakiura Track.
- Enjoy birdwatching on predator-free Ulva Island, a sanctuary for rare native species.
- Join a guided whale-watching tour in Kaikōura to spot sperm whales and dolphins.
- In Akaroa, take a scenic harbour cruise to spot Hector's dolphins, fur seals, sea bird colonies and potentially the endangered Little Penguin.
- Discover the importance of Ship Cove (Meretoto) and learn about its maritime significance.









# ITINERARY: 10 NIGHTS > BLUFF TO WELLINGTON

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### DUSKY SOUND | TAMATEA, NEW ZEALAND

Fiordland National Park, a World Heritage site once described Today we will celebrate Christmas and Boxing Day exploring the remote wilderness of Tamatea/Dusky Sound, first sighted by Captain Cook in 1770. With sheer cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and a dense rainforest reflected in glassy waters, this vast fiord offers spectacular scenery and a rich history. Join our expedition team for zodiac and Xplorer trips to hidden inlets and wildlife colonies, with opportunities to spot fur seals, Fiordland crested penguins, dolphins, and native birdlife. We will then land at Astronomer's Point, where Cook's crew once charted the stars. Take part in guided walks, waterfall viewing, kayaking, and a cold-water swim to uncover the true remoteness of this region.

On Christmas evening, we'll come together to celebrate the beginning of our journey with a festive dinner.

### DOUBTFUL SOUND | PATEA, NEW ZEALAND

Wake to the silence of Patea, where this deep, long and narrow inlet, with cliffs, has been formed by glacial erosion over millions of years. We are currently in one of New Zealand's most pristine environments. Cruise past the outer Seal Islands and spot dolphins, fur seals, and possibly the elusive Fiordland crested penguin or join a guided hike between Deas Cove and Neck Cove and take polar plunge in the cool, clear and shallow waters.

### STEWART ISLAND | RAKIURA, NEW ZEALAND

Spend two days exploring Stewart Island/Rakiura, a haven of native bush, rare wildlife, and quiet charm.

Explore Ulva Island, where you might spot a kiwi, bush robins and saddlebacks in their natural habitat. Enjoy guided walks on the Rakiura Track – one of New Zealand's Great Walks – or visit the remains of a Norwegian whaling station. There's time to discover the island's only township, Oban, with its quirky arts scene, community-run theatre, and friendly locals.

There will be an optional scenic helicopter flight during our visit to Stewart Island. Enjoy a scenic flight with an expert pilot taking in the views of Rakiura National Park, the Ruggedy Ranges and a landing on the golden sands of Mason's Bay.

### DUNEDIN | ŌTEPOTI

Today, we arrive in Dunedin, a city shaped by both Scottish heritage and Māori culture. With its grand stone architecture, botanical gardens, and steep hills, it offers a glimpse into New Zealand's colonial past. Throughout the day, guests will experience Dunedin's unique blend of culture and history on a guided tour. During free time, explore at your own pace, perhaps visit the local art gallery, grab a bite at a local cafe or simply take in the scenery.

### AKAROA

Nestled in an ancient volcanic crater, Akaroa is New Zealand's only French settlement, retaining its charming European character. Cottages and street names nod to its French heritage, while the harbour teems with marine life. Take a scenic harbour cruise to spot Hector's dolphins, fur seals, sea bird colonies and potentially the endangered Little Penguin.

### KAIKŌURA

Framed by the snow-capped Seaward Kaikōura Ranges, the town of Kaikōura is globally renowned for its whale watching and marine encounters. Once a whaling centre, today Kaikōura is a model for eco-tourism and sustainable wildlife conservation. Join a local operator for a guided whale-watching tour, with the chance to see sperm whales, dolphins, and even blue whales. On shore, take a walk along the scenic Kaikōura Peninsula. This evening, we celebrate the journey so far with festivities on board.

### SHIP COVE | MERETOTO

We conclude our voyage in the tranquil waters of the Marlborough Sounds, a network of sunken river valleys cloaked in native bush. Anchor at historic Ship Cove (Meretoto), where Captain Cook spent more than 170 days during his Pacific voyages. Learn about the site's significance through storyboards and interpretation on shore before choosing between two activities: a guided walk along the scenic Queen Charlotte Track from Ship Cove to Resolution Bay, or birdwatching on predator-free Motuara Island. This final day blends nature, history, and the serenity of New Zealand's northernmost sounds.

### DAY 11: ARRIVE WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

This morning farewell crew, and new-found friends as we disembark at 8:00am. An included post-cruise transfer to the airport or CBD will be available.




IMAGES 1 Playful and rare: Hector's dolphins may be spotted on our voyage. | 2 Admire cascading falls, Milford Sound | 3 Guided walk, Ship Cove 4 University of Otago Clocktower Building, Dunedin 5 The flightless Weka is endemic to Stewart Island.







## CUISINE & WINE

On board you will discover a personal and relaxed atmosphere befitting our Australian heritage. We do not have formal nights, organised entertainment or designated seating. Instead, you will enjoy a convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded explorers, with our experienced and friendly crew always at hand.

Enjoy freshly prepared meals from the open galley featuring local ingredients from the regions we visit. Relax in the spacious and open atmosphere of our indoor and outdoor bars and dining areas. Enjoy craft beers, artisanal spirits and wines sourced from the Australia and New Zealand's finest terroirs at the end of a long day ashore.

## WINE SELECTIONS

We offer two wine packages, which guests may purchase in addition to our house selection, that feature hand-selected Australian wines and French Champagne.

- A Taste of Australia Selection: Six bottles featuring Australian wines - three reds, two whites and a rosé.
- Connoisseur Selection: Six bottles featuring two whites, three reds and French Champagne.

## INCLUSIONS

- All excursions with our Expedition Team
- Use of Xplorer, Zodiacs and kayaks
- Wi-Fi access – standard speed connectivity enabling email, social image sharing, web browsing and messaging
- Daily lectures and briefings with Guest Lecturers
- All meals, chef-prepared on board
- Captain's welcome and farewell events, and open bridge access
- Selected wines, selected beers and house spirits, juices, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner
- 24-hour barista-style coffee and tea station
- All entrance fees to National Parks, ports, traditional owner fees and charges imposed by governing authorities
- Tips and gratuities
- Use of all onboard facilities, incl. a reference library
- Your expedition photos captured during the voyage

IMAGES 1 Chefs at work, credit David Kirkland | 2 Fine dining cuisine experience | 3 Sunset drinks on the Vista Deck

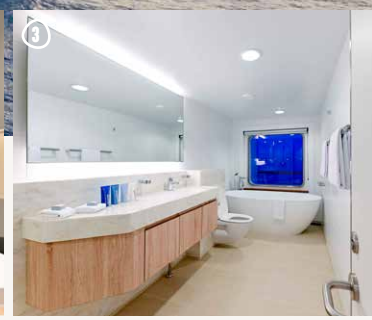



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# CORAL ADVENTURER



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## Features

· 2 Xplorer tenders, 6 Zodiacs · Navigator Lounge in Bridge · Single seat dining with wine table · Three cocktail bars · Well-equipped gym · Passenger elevator · Anchor-free technology

## Stateroom Categories

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|---|---|
| Bridge Deck Balcony Suites | · *55.8sqm · Private Balcony* |
| Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms | · *21.4sqm · Private Balcony* |
| Explorer Deck Balcony Staterooms | · *21.4sqm · Private Balcony* |
| Promenade Deck Staterooms | · *17sqm · Picture Window* |
| Coral Deck Staterooms | · *17sqm · Porthole Window* |

IMAGES *Coral Adventurer* | 2 Explorer Deck Stateroom | 3 Bridge Deck Suite Bathroom | 4 Sunset drinks | 5 Xplorer tender | 6 Zodiac tender



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# XPLORERS

## Features

Xplorers on all ships are boarded directly from the ship's deck, before the hydraulic platform gently lowers into the water, making it easily accessible for all guests.
Comfortable seating | Onboard toilet | Roof for shade | Front ramp for easy walk-on/off | Side gate for transfers to Zodiacs, snorkelling & scuba | Open sides for fresh air & expansive views Clear awnings for water & wind protection | Sound system for interpretation while on expedition | Onboard storage to supply shore events & activities | Drop-down life-jacket storage
Two high-speed, long range 300HP outboard engines



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# ZODIACS

## Features

Inflatable Zodiacs provide another exciting and flexible option for shore excursions and navigating narrow inlets and waterways.



Akaroa pier

SMALL SHIPS FEWER THAN 120 GUESTS

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