

**ISLAND ESCAPE**  
ADVENTURE CRUISES

# **NEW ZEALAND SELECTION 2011 / 2012**



LUXURY CRUISES AND CHARTERS  
New Zealand





## Your floating retreat

The 'Island Passage' is perfect for a leisurely break from a hectic lifestyle. We have accommodation onboard for only 22 passengers. The eleven spacious and individually designed cabins, with timber panelling and hand made furniture, all fitted with DVD, flat screen TV, are separately air-conditioned. Most have doors that open directly onto the outer teak deck. Each cabin has its own private ensuite.



When the ship was designed, the instructions were to provide a luxurious layout, uncrowded and very comfortable areas for a maximum of 22 guests. This has been well achieved. You will encounter the spacious saloon and dining area on the promenade deck, a large aft teak deck with steamers chairs and ease of access to the tenders, oversized cabins and ensuites, wide side teak decks for strolling the ship and an overwhelming feeling of being onboard a small private yacht.





**Exceptional food and fine wines are essential elements of life onboard Island Passage. The clear sparkling water and warm fresh air not only clears your mind, it will build your appetite.**

Our chef is dedicated to making every meal magnificent. Local seafood (maybe even some you caught yourself) is often on the menu; you'll also enjoy other delicacies and organic artisan foods produced in the local region. Breakfast and lunch are usually served on the aft deck, so that you won't miss a single minute of the beautiful scenery. Evenings are a highlight of small ship cruising

where the mood changes onboard to sunset cocktails, white linen dining and personal service as you enjoy excellent Pacific Cuisine.

Our on-board wine cellar is brimming with a selection of award-winning New Zealand wines. You won't need to remember the recipe for your favourite aperitif; our bartender is well-versed in the magic of mixology.







# Marlborough Sounds

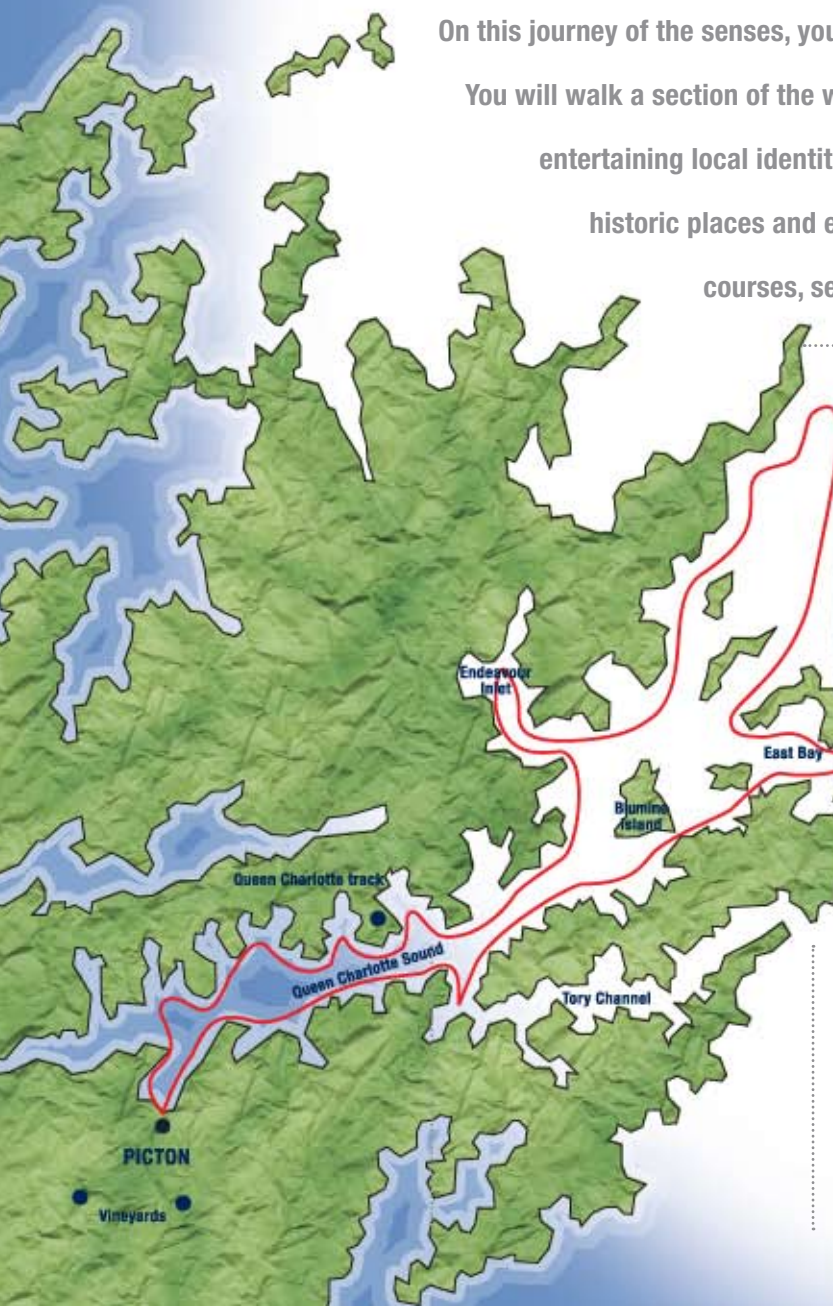
On this journey of the senses, you will visit some of marlborough's most admired areas.

You will walk a section of the world famous Queen Charlotte track. You will also meet

entertaining local identities, relax in an indulgent seaside spa, visit remarkable

historic places and every day our chef will win you over with unforgettable

courses, served with a generous helping of marlborough scenery.



## DAY 1 - SUNDAY

Boarding commences in Picton Harbour from 3pm. You'll become acquainted with your cabin and take a walk around the ship - your home for the next five nights. We sail shortly thereafter and cruise to our first dinner anchorage for a sumptuous evening meal under the brilliant southern stars.

## DAY 2 - MONDAY

After breakfast served on the aft deck, we raise the anchor and begin a day of exploration around the Marlborough Sounds. The water displays a thousand shades of blue and green. The backdrop is a tapestry of native tree ferns, overhanging rata vines and tall beech trees. Seals, dolphins





and penguins are a common sight. After lunch onboard in a sheltered cove, there's plenty of time for you to create your own adventure in one of the onboard sea kayaks. Once again, your day concludes with an evening of exceptional wine and food matches.

## DAY 2 - TUESDAY

Today we continue our nautical explorations of the Sounds, with a special focus on history of the area. If you like to hike, you can venture ashore for a few hours to walk part of the famous Queen Charlotte Track from Ship Cove to Resolution Bay. Ship Cove gave safe harbour to the explorer Captain James Cook on five occasions during the 1770s. Here you can visit the

monument and read all about his epic journeys. Other entertainment options for today include taking a crewed landing craft to other areas of the sounds or a fishing trip in our guided fishing tender. Lazing on deck is an acceptable option.

## DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY

Relaxation is the theme for the day – a chance to enjoy the serenity of the sounds, interspersed with fabulous food and refreshments. Today we hope to have fresh mussels on the menu for lunch, accompanied by a fine Marlborough sauvignon blanc. The deep, clean and cool waters of the Marlborough Sounds provide an ideal environment for raising green-lipped mussels.



The ladies have the option of going ashore to a seaside day spa to enjoy a pre-booked sauna, facial and massage. As always, our landing craft and fishing tender are at your service.

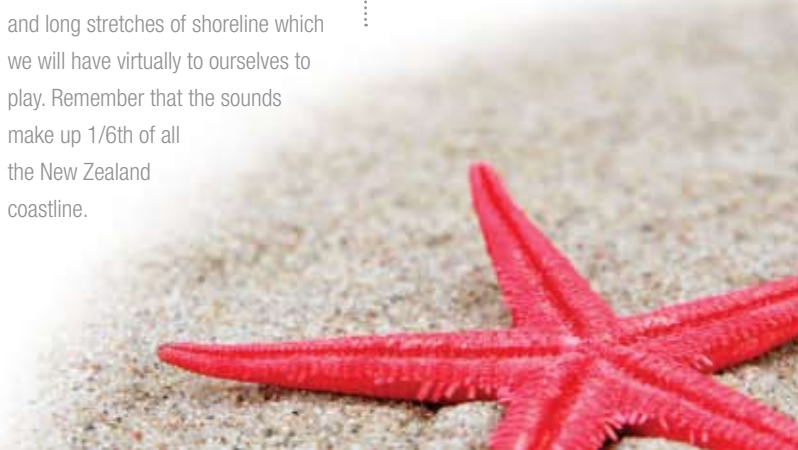
Beach combing is a lovely way to spend some of the afternoon before we welcome you back with snacks before the Captains farewell dinner served from 7pm.

## DAY 5 - THURSDAY

The ship will venture into East Bay which is a remote section of the sounds and filled with beautiful bays and long stretches of shoreline which we will have virtually to ourselves to play. Remember that the sounds make up 1/6th of all the New Zealand coastline.

## DAY 6 - FRIDAY

There's time for more cruising before the ship returns to Picton for disembarkation at noon.







# Bay of Islands

Step aboard the luxurious 'Island Passage' and explore the Bay of Islands in the Northland region of New Zealand. The 144 islands are a haven for holiday makers who enjoy sea activities and the beauty of the uncrowded sub-tropical sandy beaches and native forests. It is also an area of considerable historical significance and is popular with craftspeople. It is the cradle of European civilisation in New Zealand and has fine examples of Maori culture for you to experience.







## DAY 1 SUNDAY

Island Passage departs the port town of Opua at 3pm. We'll cruise up the Veronica Channel, past the historic settlement of Russell and around Tapeka Point before entering the maritime paradise known as the Bay of Islands. Our first anchorage is Te Hue Bay, which also goes by the name of Assassination Cove.

### ASSASSINATION COVE.

French explorer Marion du Fresne and 26 of his crew were killed and eaten in this bay - an act of utu (revenge) by the local tribe. The Frenchmen had

made the mistake of fishing in tapu waters, even though they had been warned to stay away. You can relax - the tapu has long-since been lifted from Te Hue Bay.

## DAY 2 MONDAY

After a sumptuous breakfast on deck, make yourself comfortable for the passage to Motuarohia Island, where we'll anchor in Cooks Cove. In the Maori language, Motuarohia means 'island to be desired'. You'll quickly see why. From here, we can guide your explorations of this fabulous island and nearby Urupukapuka.

### MOTUAROHIA ISLAND.

Like Assassination Cove, this island has a murderous history. It was farmed by a widow, Mrs Roberton, and her farm manager Thomas Bull. Bull apparently brutally mistreated a young Maori farm worker, Maketu, who took his revenge with an axe. Mrs Roberton threatened Maketu with an English hanging, so he killed her and her two daughters, then chased her son to the top of the pa site and threw him over the 60 metres cliffs to his death.

### URUPUKAPUKA ISLAND

The largest island in the bay, Urupukapuka has eight significant







terraced pa (fortified village) sites, which you can discover on an archaeological walk that's interpreted with signs. Located mostly on headlands, the pa allowed Maori to see enemies approaching by sea.

In a 2006 study, the Bay of Islands was found to have the second bluest sky in the world, after Rio de Janeiro. Dumé, Belle (2 August 2006)

### DAY 3 TUESDAY

This morning we'll cruise through the bay, possibly with dolphins for company, to Cape Brett Peninsula (Rakaumangamanga) .

About mid-way up the peninsula is Deep

Water Cove, a fantastically beautiful deep-water anchorage. From here our tenders can take you on a fishing expedition or to the Hole-in-the-Rock (Piercy Island).

#### DEEP WATER COVE.

Framed by steep, forested hillsides, Deep Water Cove was the site of Zane Grey's first angling base and an early whaling station. It's now a nature reserve, complete with idyllic waterfall. Beneath the waters of the cove lies the HMNZS Canterbury, a Leander-class frigate built in Scotland for the Royal New Zealand Navy. The ship was scuttled in 2007 to become a dive attraction.

"Rakaumangamanga is a mountain of renown standing here to the east the words spread of the ancestors from

Hawaiiiki comes handed down."

Maori paddling song

### DAY 4 WEDNESDAY

After breakfast, we'll up anchor and set course for the sub-tropical Cavalli Islands.

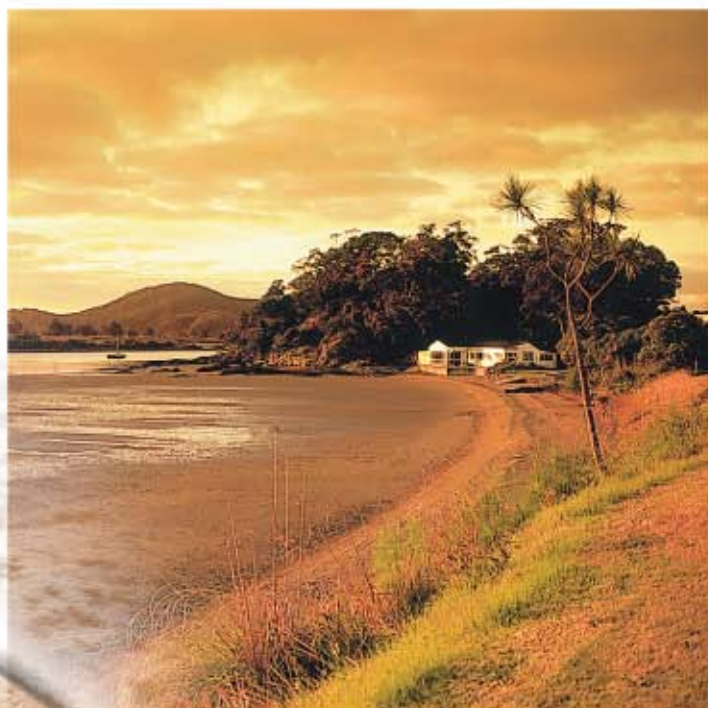
#### CAVALLI ISLANDS.

The Cavalli group consists of the island of Motukawanui and a number of smaller islets. Motukawanui has around 70 archaeological sites, including 14 pa and 36 pit and terrace complexes. It's cared for by the Department of Conservation, who have been replanting native forest and introducing rare birds - the North Island brown kiwi is doing

well here. The walking track on the island takes around two hours to complete. It follows the ridge tops, delivering outstanding views of Mahinepua Peninsula and Matauri Bay.

### DAY 5 THURSDAY

Rangihoua Bay on the mainland is our next destination. At Oihi in the bay, the Marsden Cross stands lonely above the sandy beach. It commemorates the site of New Zealand's first European settlement, as well as Samuel Marsden's first sermon on Christmas Day in 1814.





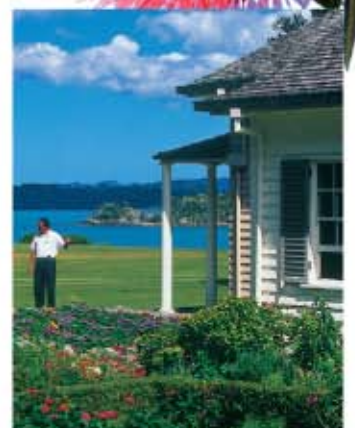


"Move here, move there, Gaze upon the tides of Tokerau like the shining cuckoo All is well, all is well." Haka performed by chief Ruatara and his people to greet Samuel Marsden.

#### DAY 6 FRIDAY

On the final day of our Bay of Islands expedition, we'll cruise past the Black Rocks on the way back to Opua.

Subject to weather conditions we will land at Waitangi to visit the Treaty House and grounds; the birthplace of New Zealand. Expect to disembark at Opua Wharf around 14.30.







# Treasure Islands of Auckland



The Treasure Islands cruise offers first class excursions, led by expert guides who travel with you and uncover the mysteries of the region's wildlife, guided walks, kayaking, fishing, small boat exploration, shore transfers and island tours.

Or you may choose to relax with a good book from the library or laze on a steamer chair in the sun. You decide...

Treasure Islands cruises include luxury accommodation, all onboard chef prepared meals, juices, water, exclusive shore excursions, snorkel equipment, kayaks and small boat exploration, onboard expedition leader, fishing equipment and guides.





## DAY 1 SUNDAY

Your Treasure Island adventure begins when you board the ship late Sunday afternoon for a 5pm sailing. On the way to our anchorage for the night, the ship glides past the volcanic island Rangitoto. A few decades ago this island was a barren landscape of tumbled basalt lava; today it supports New Zealand's largest pohutukawa forest and prolific birdlife. Your first night aboard Island Passage will be spent anchored at Waiheke Island.

## DAY 2 MONDAY

Today provides the opportunity to explore Waiheke Island. Begin with a refreshing ocean swim off the back of the ship, enjoy a sumptuous breakfast on the deck, then choose

the morning's activity. Include an indulgent fully guided Waiheke wine experience. Beachcombing on these islands is also the perfect start to your adventure.

## DAY 3 TUESDAY

Great Barrier Island - the final frontier. Half the size of Singapore, but with no electricity and a population of just 850, Great Barrier Island is the guardian of the gulf. It shields the inner islands, while taking a pounding from the Pacific Ocean on its eastern side. Fitzroy Harbour, on the sheltered side of the island, is one of the country's most naturally-gifted harbours - the water is deep right up to the shore, making it possible to anchor and tie the stern to a pohutukawa tree.

The island has a colourful history involving whaling, gold and silver mining, shipwrecks and alternative lifestyles. Today a passion for conservation connects the residents, who believe (with good reason) that they've found heaven on earth. More than 120 kilometres of walking tracks let you connect with Great Barrier Island's wild spirit.

The Glenfern Sanctuary guided walk will give you a special insight into the natural world of Great Barrier Island. The sanctuary, which is on the Kotuku Peninsula near Port Fitzroy, has an

extensive network of walking tracks. A highlight is the swing bridge that enables you to climb into the crown of a 600-year-old kauri tree.



## WAIHEKE WINE TIME

A vineyard discovery tour will introduce you to the island's famous cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc and malbec. Waiheke's clay soils have a layer of 'rotten rock' beneath, which helps to produce complex, intense red wine.







## DAY 4

### WEDNESDAY

Coastal explorations are actively encouraged on Island Passage. You can do it the fast way, in one of our high-powered tenders, or you can slip into a sea kayak and enjoy the tranquility of a paddling tour. And then there's the fishing – you catch 'em, we'll cook 'em. Island Passage entering Port Fitzroy, Gt Barrier Island You'll awake to the extraordinary beauty of Fitzroy Harbour, your launching pad for two days of soft, medium or hard adventure on Great Barrier Island. The choices are many: forest hiking to the kauri dam, Kaitoke hot springs or the summit of Mount Hobson; a peaceful kayak tour on the pristine waters of the harbour; a trip to Miners Head in one of our tenders; fishing at a spot known only to the locals; seabird photography from a chair on the deck. We'll help you to find outdoor entertainments that suit your interests and fitness level.

## DAY 5 THURSDAY

Kawau's character rests on the historic shoulders of Sir George Grey, who owned the island from 1862 to 1888.

Kawau Island is almost bisected by the long inlet of Bon Accord Harbour, which is geologically a 'drowned valley'. Within this sheltered haven there are many attractive bays, however Mansion

House Bay is the most remarkable. Here you can tour Sir George Grey's stately home, then stroll along the road that Grey's carriage (pulled by two zebras!) used to take. From the historic coach road, a track leads to the picturesque ruins of an underground seashore copper mine. Another great Kawau walk is the Redwood Track, which reveals an interesting collection of exotic trees planted by Grey – redwoods, Australian bush cherry and bunya-bunya pines, to name just a few. A visit to the yacht club will uncover some interesting local characters,

and you'll find that the fishing around Kawau is most rewarding.

## DAY 6 FRIDAY

Tiri Tiri Matangi represents the glory of conservation success – an eroded farm that has been ecologically restored. Island Passage arrives back in Auckland at noon on Friday. Tiri (as the locals call it) is one of New Zealand's most important and exciting conservation projects. An ecological restoration process that began in 1984 has transformed the island from eroded farmland into a sanctuary for rare birds.







This island is a twitter's dream come true. A network of walking trails lets you explore a range of beautiful natural environments. Highlights include encounters with takahe, the rarest of NZ's flightless birds; and kokako, which were on the brink of extinction. Nectar feeding stations are usually a frenzy of bellbirds – interrupted regularly by much-larger tui. Fantails enjoy leading you along the higher tracks, where bright green kakariki parrots also like to hang out. At Hobbs Beach, penguin nesting boxes are occupied in spring.

Department of Conservation volunteers are available to lead your walk around this beautiful island sanctuary. Island Passage arrives back in Auckland at noon on Friday.







## Private ship charters

**Chartering ships is a growing trend. People are booking ship charters for wedding, birthday or anniversary celebrations with friends or for family reunions. Corporations are chartering ships for incentive or meetings at sea. On a chartered boat you have complete control over the utilization of all the public areas, activities and entertainment. The ship is yours, without any conflicts from other passengers or other activities. You can arrange whatever schedules or activities you require, tailoring programs for any interest.**



Companies are starting to use ships for executive retreats and meetings. You have no distractions, just bonding with company companions, being inspired by the sea, and being able to think with a clear head away from suits, ties, and a sterile hotel atmosphere.

You can even combine cruises with wine seminars, golf excursions, fishing adventures or other specialized interests.

Our ship is small enough so nobody becomes lost, but large enough to afford private corners for a delightful hour alone with a good book. Groups from as few as five couples to as many as 24 guests celebrate the privacy of private chartering.

On the adventure side the Island Passage is equipped with three tenders for shore excursions plus a host of opportunities to discover secret coves, private islands and special passages for your enjoyment. If required the helicopter will be made available for trips beyond the range of the tenders. Our chef will tailor menus to your exact requirements and our professional crew will always be on hand to care for your exact needs. Start planning your next charter now with our seasoned chartering team.







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### RATES & DATES

Our rates show the pricing for available departure dates and suite categories for this itinerary.

### INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISE PRICE

En-suite accommodation - all outside cabins.  
All shore excursions as described.  
Onboard professional cruise leader.  
Use of all tenders, kayaks, snorkel and fishing gear.  
All onboard chef prepared cuisine.  
Complimentary coffee, tea, juices, bottled water or soft drinks.  
All port charges, taxes, fees and onboard services.

Early Bird Savings, Solo Travellers, Returning Passengers, Free Hotels, Deposit / Cancellation / Terms and Conditions refer to our website.

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Cape Runaway  
Cape Reinga



Motutapu Island  
Rakino Island  
Pakatoa Island  
Kawau Island



Rangitoto Channel  
Colville Channel  
Jellicoe Channel  
Tiri Tiri Channel  
Waimate Channel



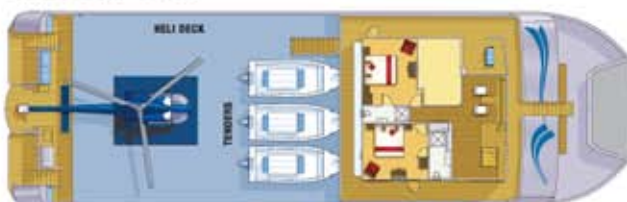
### 2011-2012 RATES (BASED ON PER PERSON - SHARE TWIN)

Cabin Category	AUD	NZD
Expedition Cabin	2995	3750
Stateroom Cabin	3995	4950
Bridge Deck Suites	4995	6250
Private Ship Charter	75900	94600

### DEPARTURE SCHEDULES

Marlborough Sounds Gourmet		November 2011	
Sunday		06 November	
Sunday		13 November	
Sunday		20 November	
Sunday		27 November	
Bay of Islands	January 2012	February 2012	March 2012
Sunday	8 January	5 February	4 March
Sunday	15 January	12 February	
Sunday	22 January	19 February	
Sunday	29 January	26 February	
Treasure Islands of Auckland		December 2011	March 2012
Wednesday		28 December	
Sunday			11 March
Sunday			18 March
Sunday			25 March

### BRIDGE DECK - SUITES



### PROMENADE DECK - STATEROOMS



### MAIN DECK - EXPEDITION CABINS



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