

# Magnificent

# Marlborough

## **Come and Experience the Magic**

The Marlborough Sounds Natural Beauty provides a relaxing and peaceful holiday. Cruise and explore hidden bays and coves, walk parts of the award winning Queen Charlotte Track through picturesque native forest. Visit Motuara Island Bird Sanctuary, to see many of our native birds such as the South Island Saddleback and the Blue Penguin in their natural habitat. You will learn about areas where Captain Cook spent a lot of his time and visit the site where he proclaimed sovereignty over New Zealand.

Visit d'Urville Wilderness Resort and have a meal at its famous cafe (6 night, 10 night cruises); to get here we must travel through the French pass passage where the water races through on each tide at up to eight knots creating whirlpools, eddies and currents a truly awesome passage. Fishing or dredging for scallops may be on the cards when in season.

On our way around Brian will show you where the Russian Cruise Liner 'Mikhail Lermontov' now lies at the bottom of the sea.

This is a wonderful place to cruise and explore in summer. You can relax on deck enjoying sunset nibbles while our crew will take care of the meals, accommodation, shore visits and activities so you can sit back and enjoy it all.

*'It will leave you with many wonderful memories'*

## Exploration Dates 2016/17



**6 Night Scenic Cruise 11-17 April 2016 - \$1,950pp**  
(Enjoy walks, history and great friends)

**2 Night Scallop Cruise 4-6 November 2016 - \$695pp**  
(Scallops, scallops and more scallops!)

**5 Night Cruise & Walk 11-16 November 2016 - \$1,699pp**  
(Enjoy walks, history and great friends)

**5 Night New Year's Eve Cruise 29 Dec 2016-3 Jan 2017 - \$1,599pp**  
(Cruise the sounds and Celebrate New Year's on d'Urville Island)

**2 Night Scallop Cruise 13-15 January 2017 - \$695pp**  
(Scallops, scallops and more scallops!)

**2 Night Scallop Cruise 4-6 February 2017 - \$695pp**  
(Scallops, scallops and more scallops!)

**6 Night Scenic Cruise 8-14 February 2017 - \$1,950pp**  
(Enjoy walks, history and great friends)

**6 Night Scenic Cruise 16-22 February 2017 - \$1,950pp**  
(Enjoy walks, history and great friends)

**5 Night Cruise & Walk 24 February-1 March 2017 - \$1,699pp**  
(Enjoy walks, history and great friends)

**6 Night Scenic Cruise 11-17 March 2017 - \$1,950pp**  
(Enjoy walks, history and great friends)

**10 Night Ultimate New Zealand Cruise 21-31 March 2017 - \$3,595pp**  
(In-depth journey; truly explore the Top of the South begin with a scenic flight)

**6 Night Scenic Cruise 4-10 April 2017 - \$1,950pp**  
(Enjoy walks, history and great friends)





In 1996 Brian and Diane Appleby along with their daughter Vicky began their dream and developed cruises (generally for the over fifties) that focused on cruising – **Kiwi Style!** They realised that the Marlborough Sounds had so much to offer; the scenery, isolation and relaxation. The smaller vessel means less impact on the environment and Affinity Cruises are very conscious of protecting the precious areas we visit.

**They have always kept true to what their passengers want:**

- Interesting and flexible itineraries
- Knowledgeable skipper who is able to give interesting commentary
- Time for special requests to visit areas of importance to our passengers
- Not to rush around but to sit back and take in the atmosphere
- You get to see the untouched areas of the Marlborough Sounds
- Great Kiwi style hospitality
- Viewing from inside the vessel is easy as the windows are big and allow for unrestricted viewing
- Go ashore and explore, walking tracks are easily accessible and you have every opportunity to walk them
- Small number of passengers on board (max 16) allows for more personal experience
- An experience designed by Kiwi's with Kiwi's in mind
- Go fishing and catch a blue cod or grouper, then cook it up for dinner
- Amazing photo opportunities

Our cruises are more than being on-board a vessel, it's an environmental, cultural and lifestyle experience where we aim to give you the **"Ultimate Experience"** of the Marlborough Sounds, so you will leave with a lifetime of memories.



We would like to sincerely thank you for looking after us in style and taking us on a voyage of discovery. It was a wonderful trip which we would eagerly do again and recommend to everyone.

In a word – Fantastic **Mr and Mrs Picketts**

Where do I start... THANK YOU so much for everything you did. We had the best time, Brian and the crew were fantastic and such lovely people. We had the best weather – thanks for that too.

We all got together for a share photo night and to reminisce on our holiday.

Again thank you and the team for arranging such a wonderful holiday, you guys made it so much more special!!

Especially for me – **Friends and Family Charter**

