



10 Night Ultimate New Zealand Cruise

**Golden Bay, Abel Tasman and Pelorus, Kenepuru
and Queen Charlotte Sounds**

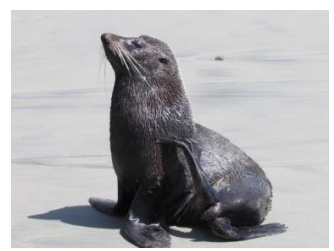
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Cruising Highlights

- Your adventure starts from Wellington Domestic Airport with a fantastic scenic flight over the Marlborough Sounds to Golden Bay.
- You will go to Anatoki – a salmon farm with a difference, where you are able to catch your own salmon in their man made ponds, this is a great activity for the young and the old, the fisherman and the non-fisherman.
- Sit back, relax and cruise the scenic waterways of the captivating Abel Tasman National Park. This area is well known for its golden beaches, sculptured cliffs, and world-famous Abel Tasman Coast Track.
- Kick your shoes off and walk along the beautiful sandy beaches of Golden Bay, or take a swim in the pristine waters of this extraordinary area of New Zealand.
- Cruise along the inside of Farewell Spit and see it from a unique perspective. The spit is around 35km long and access is more strictly protected than a national park, so cruising this area on Affinity is an amazing way to view this secluded coastline.
- Cruise through all 3 Sounds – Queen Charlotte, Kenepuru & Pelorus which makes up the Marlborough Sounds. You will experience something different when visiting each one, whether it is the species of fish, history or incredible scenery.
- Go ashore at d'Urville Island, and indulge in a wholesome dinner at The Wilderness Resort Café.
- Cast your rod for Blue Cod, Snapper and other species. There's nothing like eating fresh fish caught by your own hands.
- Travel through the exciting waters of French Pass and take a walk through the village up to the lighthouse which was first built in the late 1880's.

- Enjoy a wonderful day excursion; to Pupu Springs - New Zealand's largest springs, renowned for their beauty and water clarity; four wheel drive bus journey to the lighthouse on Farewell Spit, the South Islands northern most point - home of a bird sanctuary and wetland of international importance; then round off our day with a visit to Heathcroft Studio where fascinating and entertaining artist Geoff Heath paints and resides.
- Walk sections of the award winning Queen Charlotte Track, including a section of the track from Portage to Te Mahia, which features regenerated native bush with Giant Rimu, Nikau, Beech trees and tree ferns.
- We will visit a salmon farm and explain the process of salmon farming and also visit a King Shag colony. The King Shag can only be found in this remote part of NZ.
- Hear the story of the Russian Cruise Liner 'Mikhail Lermontov' and see the area where she now lies at the bottom of the sea.
- Visit Motuara Island – a Bird Sanctuary Island where Robins, Tuis, Kiwis, Bellbirds, Kakariki and Saddleback live. Hear the birdsong and look out for the rare South Island Saddleback as you walk along.
- Go ashore at Ship Cove where English explorer Captain James Cook made his home in the early 1770's. Here you will find information panels explaining early Maori occupation and a monument to honour Captain Cook.

For those who join us on board, they'll truly be able to say
” WE’VE DONE THE TOP OF THE SOUTH”



**Memorable trip,
great food and
fishing, excellent
crew
– G & A Craig**

**Amazing scenery, good fishing and great company.
Perfect weather and many happy memories.
Thank you all – E & P Redfern**

**Great crew, great
travel mates and a
real trip of a lifetime
– A & J Graham**

All walks are optional, you may wish to stay on board and relax or there may be a shorter walk option that would suit you better. *Please understand you are responsible for your own safety and actions during these unguided walks.*