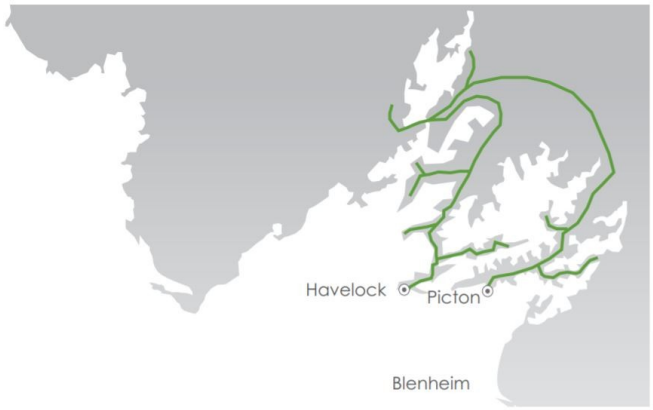


DISCOVER MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS: AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF THE MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

Discover the tranquil waterways, wildlife and rich history of New Zealand's Marlborough Sounds on an unforgettable 7-day Kiwi adventure exploring Queen Charlotte and Pelorus Sounds, French Pass and d'Urville Island. Famed for the breath-taking beauty of their winding cobalt waterways, iconic landscapes, lush native forests, wildlife and remote coastlines these regions are also rich in early New Zealand history and the location of some of the country's most important conservation efforts. Formed by a system of submerged valleys carved out following the last ice age around 10,000 years ago, the scenic playground of Marlborough Sounds encompasses some 1,500-kilometres of forested coastline, sheltered inlets and bays awaiting exploration, many only accessible by sea. The union of three main bodies of water - Queen Charlotte, Kenepuru and Pelorus Sounds - Marlborough Sounds has more than 50 Department of Conservation managed reserves and several predator-free wildlife sanctuaries. Just 500 treacherous metres from the mainland, d'Urville Island was named after French admiral Jules Sebastian Cesar Dumont d'Urville and his ill-fated passage of the infamous French Pass in January 1827. After several near misses, while seeking passage inside the island, he came close to losing his ship Astrolabe after hitting the reef. Now a possum, rat and weasel-free conservation reserve, d'Urville Island is one of the last strongholds of the critically endangered Long-tailed Bat and provides a respite for the world's rarest shag - the King Shag - and several other species of rare birds and geckos. A voyage of adventure and discovery awaits in Marlborough Sounds.





ITINERARY

Day 1: Blenheim

Make your way to the designated meeting point in Blenheim for your transfer to Heritage Explorer in Picton (times and meeting point will be confirmed with your voyage documents). The captain and expedition team will be waiting to welcome you aboard Heritage Explorer and show you to your cabin. You will have the opportunity to familiarise yourself on board then join the captain on the bridge or fellow travellers on deck as we set sail along Queen Charlotte Sound this afternoon.

Days 2 & 3: Queen Charlotte Sound

First sighted in 1642 by Abel Janszoon Tasman while seeking shelter for his ships Heemskerck and Zeehaen from a storm near d'Urville Island, it was Captain James Cook who would first set foot here aboard the Endeavour during his five visits to Ship Cove, his New Zealand base between 1770 and 1777, in what he would call Queen Charlotte Sound. We spend two full days exploring the waterways and islands of scenic Queen Charlotte Sound with opportunities to head ashore and walk a section of the Queen Charlotte Walkway as well as search for birdlife on the predator free islands. A visit to Tory Channel brings the whaling history of the Perano Whalers to life. We also plan to visit Ship Cove and learn of its history, exploring the region and visiting Captain Cook's memorial inaugurated in 1913. Another conservation success story, Blumine Island has seen the translocation of several rare bird species including the once widespread Orangefronted Parakeet, now New Zealand's rarest parakeet, which were translocated to the island between 2011 and 2012. Also thriving on the island are South Island Saddleback, brought back from the brink of extinction last century from just 36 birds rescued in 1964, descendants of these birds were translocated to Blumine Island in 2009.

Day 4: d'Urville island

Today we sail through the iconic French Pass and the wake of French Explorer Dumont d'Urville and then explore the island named in his honour. The outermost island in the Marlborough Sounds, d'Urville Island features imposing sea cliffs along its west coast, a high mountainous backbone and the fastest moving tidal flows in New Zealand between the French Pass tempered by some of the country's finest peninsula scenery. Dolphins and New Zealand Fur Seals are frequently seen in the waters surround the island and it was here that Pelorus Jack, the endearing Risso's Dolphin who famously stole the nation's heart, guided ships across the dangerous waters of Cook Strait between 1888 and 1912.

Days 5 & 6: Pelorus Sound

The largest in the Marlborough Sounds, Pelorus Sound's main channel winds some picturesque 55 kilometres south between steep verdant hills from Cook Strait to Havelock. Boasting 380



kilometres of shoreline, the endless bays and sheltered coves of Pelorus Sound are perfect for exploration. Venturing into Pelorus Sound we head to Ngawhakawhiti Bay where nature surrounds us and it's possible to get a glimpse of what the sounds would have been like before the native forest was cleared. The more active are able to enjoy the walking part of the Nydia Track before we explore Nydia Bay. On the final night we will enjoy a farwell dinner

Day 7: Blenheim

We arrive into the inner reaches of Pelorous Sound this morning. After a final breakfast and farewells, a Zodiac tender takes you ashore at Havelock where a transfer to a central Blenheim drop off point or the airport waits. In case of unexpected delays we ask you not to book any onward travel from Blenheim until after midday today.

Please Note:

Some voyages will operate the itinerary in reverse. During our voyage, circumstances may make it necessary or desirable to deviate from the proposed itinerary. This can include poor weather and opportunities for making unplanned excursions. Your Expedition Leader will keep you fully informed.



YOUR SHIP: HERITAGE EXPLORER

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

New Zealand-built expedition yacht Heritage Explorer joins Heritage Expedition's small ship fleet creating new opportunities of discovery around the shores of New Zealand. Setting a new standard for discovery travel in New Zealand, Heritage Explorer combines the ultimate in comfort with unique itineraries and a personalised experience with a maximum of just 18 guests on board. Heritage Explorer is a 30-metre, 4-deck New Zealand flagged vessel built in 2004 by the renowned wooden boat building family Carey's Boatyard in Picton. It features a contemporary wood-finished interior, 10 well-appointed cabins across three decks, dining room boasting spectacular 180-degree panoramas and theatre capabilities; lounge and bar featuring a flight of inclusive regional New Zealand wines, beers and spirits; and a well-stocked local library. Outside, guests can enjoy plenty of covered space on the Bridge Deck, or ajourn to the Sun Deck perfect for wildlife spotting, sunrises and sunsets, or simply enjoying watch your voyage unfold. Kayaks and fishing equipment are available for use during the voyage, while two tenders allow for deeper exploration and the unforgettable wildlife encounters synonymous with all Heritage Expeditions adventures. As with as with our other vessels, Heritage Explorer will have an open bridge policy and a full commercial kitchen helmed by a talented chef focused on highlighting local produce and any guest catches of the day, as well as an enthusiastic and passionate expedition team, and will be shipped by a New Zealand captain and crew. The expedition yacht features state-of-the-art technology to provide a comfortable expedition with high performance dual Scania 653 horsepower engines, bow thrusters, fin stabilisers, full air-conditioning, sound attenuated twin generators and a hydraulic aft ramp, while a comprehensive navigation package ensures the ultimate Kiwi adventure awaits all guests. Accommodation Details Royal: Located on the Bridge Deck, our Master Suite features a spacious bedroom with a queen-sized bed, ample storage with wardrobe and drawers, mirror and washbasin, private en suite, personal climate control, TV, PABX satellite telephone, window and French doors opening out on to the covered Bridge Deck. Salvin's: Located on the Lower Deck, Salvin's cabins have the option of either a double bed or two lower berths. Both feature ample storage with wardrobe and drawers, TV, PABX satellite telephone, private en suite and a picture porthole. Wandering: Located on the Lower Deck, Wandering cabins feature one lower single berth, ample storage with wardrobe and drawers, TV, PABX satellite telephone, private en suite and a porthole. Buller's: Located on the Lower Deck, the Buller's cabin features one bunk (one upper and one lower berth), ample storage with wardrobe and drawers, TV, PABX satellite telephone, private en suite and





a porthole.

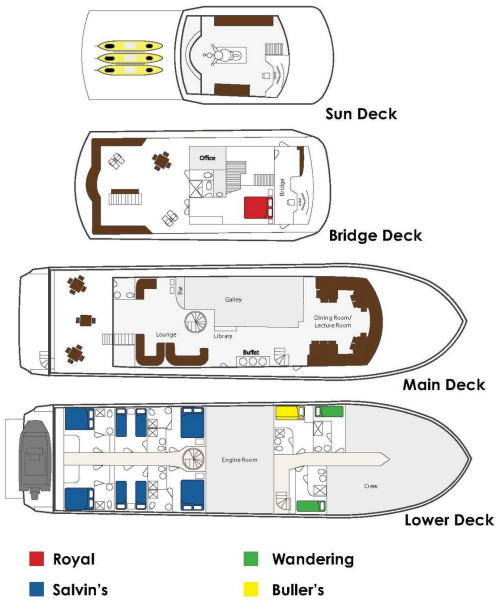
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Buller's



Royal



Salvin's Double



Salvin's Twin



Wandering





PRICING

20-Nov-2026 to 26-Nov-2026

Buller's	£2995 GBP pp
Salvin's Twin	£3435 GBP pp
Salvin's Double	£3435 GBP pp
Wandering	£3615 GBP pp
Royal	£4195 GBP pp

26-Nov-2026 to 02-Dec-2026

Buller's	£2396 GBP pp
Salvin's Double	£2748 GBP pp
Salvin's Twin	£2748 GBP pp
Wandering	£2892 GBP pp
Royal	£3356 GBP pp

02-Dec-2026 to 08-Dec-2026

Buller's	£2995 GBP pp
Salvin's Double	£3435 GBP pp
Salvin's Twin	£3435 GBP pp
Wandering	£3615 GBP pp
Royal	£4195 GBP pp

08-Dec-2026 to 14-Dec-2026

Buller's	£2995 GBP pp
Salvin's Twin	£3435 GBP pp
Salvin's Double	£3435 GBP pp
Wandering	£3615 GBP pp
Royal	£4195 GBP pp

19-Apr-2027 to 25-Apr-2027

Buller's	£3145 GBP pp
Salvin's Twin	£3600 GBP pp
Salvin's Double	£3600 GBP pp
Wandering	£3800 GBP pp
Royal	£4400 GBP pp

25-Apr-2027 to 01-May-2027

Buller's	£3145 GBP pp
Salvin's Twin	£3600 GBP pp
Salvin's Double	£3600 GBP pp
Wandering	£3800 GBP pp
Royal	£4400 GBP pp

17-May-2027 to 23-May-2027

Buller's	£3145 GBP pp
Salvin's Double	£3600 GBP pp
Salvin's Twin	£3600 GBP pp
Wandering	£3800 GBP pp
Royal	£4400 GBP pp



PRICING

23-May-2027 to 29-May-2027

Buller's	£3145 GBP pp
Salvin's Twin	£3600 GBP pp
Salvin's Double	£3600 GBP pp
Wandering	£3800 GBP pp
Royal	£4400 GBP pp

12-Nov-2027 to 18-Nov-2027

Buller's	£3145 GBP pp
Salvin's Twin	£3600 GBP pp
Salvin's Double	£3600 GBP pp
Wandering	£3800 GBP pp
Royal	£4400 GBP pp

18-Nov-2027 to 24-Nov-2027

Buller's	£3175 GBP pp
Salvin's Twin	£3532 GBP pp
Salvin's Double	£3532 GBP pp
Wandering	£3727 GBP pp
Royal	£4369 GBP pp

24-Nov-2027 to 30-Nov-2027

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Salvin's Double	£3600 GBP pp
Salvin's Twin	£3600 GBP pp
Wandering	£3800 GBP pp
Royal	£4400 GBP pp