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NEW ZEALAND - MILFORD SOUND TO WELLINGTON

Join us on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure to discover the dramatic scenery, fascinating Maori culture and iconic wildlife of New Zealand's beautiful South Island. Over 8 unforgettable nights cruise from Milford Sound in the south to the country's charming and cosmopolitan capital Wellington, experiencing the country's iconic sights and the genuine warm welcome for which New Zealanders are renowned. From Queenstown, a resort town of unrivalled beauty, this is a journey deep into New Zealand's heart and soul. Aboard our luxury small-ship Oceanic Discoverer you will cruise the World Heritage-listed waters of the South Island's Fiordland National Park. Experience Milford Sound and cruise amongst the towering peaks of rarely-visited Doubtful and Dusky sounds, where myriad marine life frolics in the cool waters. Then, visit the renowned wildlife area that is Stewart Island. In the company of our expert local guides you will encounter New Zealand's native birdlife, including the iconic kiwi, which is often seen foraging on the beach. Discover Dunedin's fascinating Scottish heritage and soak up the French ambience of pretty Akaroa. Kaikoura is considered to be the world's premier destination for whalewatching and we join a special cruise allowing us to get up close and personal with these majestic mammals. Follow in Captain Cook's footsteps in the stunning Marlborough Sounds, the scenery is sure to leave you breathless. Our expedition concludes in New Zealand's pretty capital city Wellington, which is home to many fine restaurants and a large range of activities and sights to explore.



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Day 1: Queenstown and Milford Sound

This morning join our chartered coach in Queenstown for the scenic drive along the shores of beautiful Lake Te Anau before entering World Heritage-listed Fiordland National Park. Enjoy breathtaking alpine scenery and pass through the remarkable 1,200 metre Homer Tunnel before emerging to unforgettable views of Milford Sound's instantly recognisable Mitre Peak. After boarding Oceanic Discoverer we depart at 2:00pm and enjoy our first experience of the spectacular, deep Fiordland waterways. This evening enjoy the Captain's Welcome Drinks

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whilst absorbing Milford Sound's natural beauty before the first of many delicious dinners.

Day 2: Doubtful Sound

Awaken this morning to the magnificent scenery of Doubtful Sound. The deepest of the sounds, Doubtful was named by Captain Cook in 1770 and is often described as Fiordland's most spectacular waterway. Aboard Xplorer and the zodiacs we join our informative Guest Lecturers on guided excursions through the maze of cliffs and waterways. Keep an eye out for penguins, seals and myriad marine and bird life as we explore what is considered to be the most strikingly beautiful of the fiords in the national park.

Day 3: Dusky Sound and Astronomer's Point

Join the Expedition Staff on an exploratory cruise through rarely visited Dusky Sound, amongst an array of islands, marine and bird life. We land at historic Astronomer's Point, where Captain Cook anchored his ship Resolution using a tree as a gangway, a tree which still exists today. Rejoin Oceanic Discoverer to cruise the spectacular passages through the fiord before a further expedition around the coastline of Pidgeon Island and Facile Harbour, where we are sure to encounter New Zealand Fur Seals, penguins, dolphins and other wildlife.

Day 4: Stewart Island

Discover the natural delights and scenic beauty of Stewart Island, a large island that is almost totally wilderness and home to a vast number of seals, birds and other wildlife. Landing ashore at Paterson Inlet, join a guided walk to encounter native birds such as the Weka, Tui, Bellbird, Kaka and New Zealand's iconic national bird, the kiwi. Unlike other species of kiwi, the Stewart Island Kiwi is active both during the day and night and

is often seen foraging on the beach for sandhoppers and other insects.

Day 5: Discover Dunedin

The Otago Harbour welcomes us as we cruise past the world's largest albatross colony at Tairoa Heads, also home to the world's rarest penguin, the Yellow Eyed Penguin. Of Scottish heritage, Dunedin offers a great diversity of experiences from abundant wildlife to the historic Edwardian and Victorian architecture, the Otakou Maori Marae, the famous Speights Brewery, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Settlers Museum and New Zealand's oldest botanical gardens. We spend a full day in port providing you with the option to explore areas of interest at your leisure.

Day 6: Gallic Akaroa

This morning we cruise into secluded Akaroa Harbour, a very scenic village nestled in the heart of an active volcano. Stroll through the village, discovering its French history, cosy cafes and excellent craft stores. Enjoy optional shore excursions, perhaps swim with one of the smallest and rarest dolphins – the Hector's or New Zealand Dolphin (additional expense).

Day 7: Kaikoura Whalewatching

The scenic coastal town of Kaikoura is renowned as possibly the world's best destination for whalewatching and one of the few places in the world where it is possible to view the giant Sperm Whale in its natural environment. We join a special cruise to discover these majestic mammals along with Fur Seals, dolphins and other migratory whales, an experience never to be forgotten. Enjoy time for a stroll around the pretty coastal village before reboarding Oceanic Discoverer.



Day 8: Marlborough Sounds

Our arrival to the dark green hills and blue-green waters of the Marlborough Sounds is highlighted with a cruise through the scenic Tory Channel. We spend the day exploring an array of spectacular waterways including the fiord-like Queen Charlotte Sound. Retracing the history of Captain Cook we visit Ships Cove, a regular stop for Captain Cook on his voyage of discovery and the place where he careened HMS Endeavour. The day offers a multitude of explorations aboard Xplorer and inflatable zodiacs under the guidance of our Expedition Leader and with interpretation from our experienced Guest Lecturers. Travel ashore to Moturoa Island where its possible to view a variety of New Zealand's iconic native birdlife on a guided bushwalk.

Day 9: Wellington

This morning we enjoy breakfast whilst admiring spectacular views of Wellington as we approach our mooring. At 8:00am, after farewelling the Captain, his staff and new-found friends, it is time to disembark at the end of our memorable expedition.



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Yacht-like Coral Discoverer set a new benchmark standard of sophistication in expedition cruising when she was constructed by us in 2005. Coral Discoverer sailed on pioneering expeditions through Papua New Guinea, the islands of the South Pacific, Vanuatu, New Zealand, West Papua, and the Spice Islands. She led explorations into remote areas, focusing on destinations that were largely inaccessible to larger cruise ships. Coral Discoverer is exceptionally nimble and maneuverable, with a shallow draught to get up close to destinations, ocean views from all public spaces, an expansive open-air sun deck, all outside-facing staterooms, and state-of-the-art tools for exploration including the Xplorer, zodiacs, a glass-bottom boat, and kayaks. A full refurbishment in 2018 saw the addition of private balconies, the much-loved Xplorer sundeck bar, and all new furnishings throughout the ship. Comfortable, reliable, and intimately scaled, Coral Discoverer now conducts expeditions across Australia's coast - Tasmania, Cape York and Arnhem Land and the Kimberley. Australian flagged and staffed by an Australian and New Zealand crew, your experience aboard Coral Discoverer will be memorable. Onboard Accommodation Onboard accommodation comprises 36 spacious modern

staterooms. You can select from Bridge, Promenade or Main Deck staterooms offering a choice of twin through to junior king-size doubles. All staterooms have an ocean view, en-suite facilities, settee, large wardrobe, desk, luggage storage, individual air-conditioning control, and are serviced daily. Onboard Facilities What you would expect of a much larger cruise ship: Large sundeck Spa Pool Guest computer Comprehensive reference library Phone and fax facilities Lecture lounge with large plasma screen Limited laundry facilities Two fully stocked cocktail bars Boutique and dive shop Air-conditioned public areas Coral Discoverer is equipped with the latest technology active stabilizers and is fitted with state-of-the-art safety and navigational equipment and is the only Australian passenger ship registered with full SOLAS compliance allowing opportunities to explore a multitude of international voyages. Dining All meals during the cruise are included. Breakfast and lunch are served in the Dining Room located on the Main Deck and are buffet-style while dinner is table d'hote. Coffee and tea is available 24 hours. Standard hours are breakfast from 7:00-8:30am, lunch at 12:30pm and dinner at 7:30pm however meal times may vary according to the day's activities. Meal times will be advised in the onboard daily bulletins. Excursion Boats And Zodiacs The "Xplorer" is a specially designed aluminium excursion vessel used for the majority of our excursions. This vessel has high horsepower engines and will accommodate all passengers at one time. The "Xplorer" will be used for landings and for extensive exploration of rivers and tributaries. For your added convenience and comfort, the "Xplorer" is equipped with an awning and toilet. We



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also carry two inflatable landing craft (Zodiacs). Designed for expedition work, these large and heavy-duty inflatables are extremely safe. Separate air compartments retain a large reserve of buoyancy even if the boats damaged. The flat bottom design permits these crafts to land directly onto the beaches. Expect nonetheless to wade through shallow water to reach the shore. See photo



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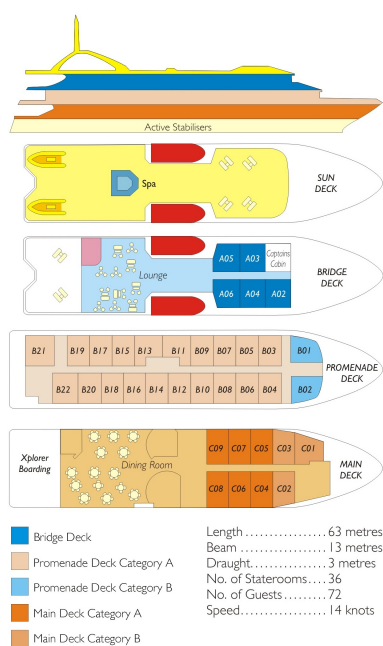
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