New Zealand and Circumnavigating the South Island

Extraordinary 12-day/9-night cruise exploring New Zealand’s North and South Islands

Departure: January 14 to 25, 2023

See inimitable natural wonders that exist nowhere else on the planet as you cruise New Zealand’s North Island and circumnavigate the South Island. Experience Māori culture in the “thermal city” of Rotorua and enjoy panoramic tours of the Art Deco city of Napier and the cosmopolitan capital of Wellington. Cruise for two days through Fiordland National Park for up-close views of deep fjords, untamed gorges and the glacier-grooved landscapes of Milford Sound and Dusky Sound. Enhance your journey with the Spectacular Sydney Pre-Program and/or Queenstown Post-Program Options.
12-Day/9-Night Itinerary

1 **Depart the U.S. or Canada**

2 **Cross the International Date Line**

3 **Arrive in Auckland, North Island, New Zealand/Embark the ship**—Enjoy a few hours in a day room or exploring cosmopolitan Auckland before joining the group for a transfer to the ship.

4 **Auckland**—Discover modern skyscrapers on a scenic drive through downtown Auckland. Continue to see restored Victorian buildings and the colonial-style shops that line the streets of Parnell Village. Conclude your tour with a visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Enjoy a welcome reception on board this evening.

5 **Tauranga for Rotorua**—Journey to the “thermal city” of Rotorua to experience rich Māori culture and other spectacular marvels. Visit Te Puia, located in the Whakarewarewa Geothermal Valley, to see the boiling mud pools and cascading Pohutu geyser that make Rotorua famous.

6 **Napier**—Explore the city of Napier on the east coast of the North Island, including a walking tour of its iconic Art Deco Precinct.

7 **Wellington**—See the Wellington waterfront, the Parliament buildings—including the Beehive (which houses the executive wing)—and Oriental Bay, on a panoramic drive. Visit Old St. Paul’s Cathedral and Te Papa Tongarewa, the national museum of New Zealand. The Māori name literally translates as “container of treasures.”

8 **Cruising the Tasman Sea**—Enjoy a day at sea, where you can choose to attend various educational lectures.

9 **Milford Sound, South Island Fiordland National Park**—Milford, Doubtful and Dusky Sounds comprise Fiordland National Park, which is part of Te Wahipounamu, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Look for New Zealand fur seals, the Bottlenose Dolphin and the Little (Blue) Penguin from the ship. See spectacular scenery as the ship enters Milford Sound—which author Rudyard Kipling referred to as the Eighth Wonder of the World.

10 **Dusky Sound**—Cruise through Dusky Sound for views of dramatic wilderness, sheer cliffs and tumbling waterfalls. Look for cormorants, seagulls and New Zealand fur seals on Zodiac excursions. In 1773, the British navigator James Cook spent a few weeks at Dusky Sound, which is noted by a plaque that can be seen at Astronomer’s Point.

11 **Dunedin**—Soak up the grandeur of Dunedin’s architecture and lively business district with a panoramic tour of the famous Octagon city center and the Dunedin Rail Station. Visit Olveston House, a historic, Jacobean-style mansion, and Larnach Castle on the crown of a wooded hill overlooking Otago Harbour—formed by a violent volcano more than 10 million years ago.

12 **Lyttelton/Disembark ship/Christchurch**—Visit the Mona Vale Gardens, whose grounds include a lily pond, rose garden and fern conservatory. See areas affected by the 2011 Canterbury earthquake and visit the Canterbury Earthquake Memorial, which includes the Memorial Wall and the Bridge of Remembrance along the River Avon. After lunch transfer to the Christchurch airport.

**Return home to the U.S. or Canada.**
Experience a rare opportunity to cruise through magnificent Milford Sound and Dusky Sound in UNESCO-designated Fiordland National Park.

Discover the architecture, sights and sounds of Auckland, Napier, Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch on scenic city tours.

**Highlights**

- Immerse yourself in indigenous Maori culture on an excursion to Rotorua.
- Embark on Zodiac excursions to view the extraordinary flora and fauna of the incredibly biodiverse South Island.
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**EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED FIVE-STAR, SMALL SHIP**

**Le Lapérouse**

- Only 92 suites and staterooms, each with a private balcony.
- All meals included on board the ship, as well as alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise.
- Enjoy an underwater universe with the multisensory Blue Eye Observation Lounge.

**PRE-PROGRAM OPTION**

**Spectacular Sydney**

Begin your journey with a three-night immersion into cosmopolitan Sydney. Enjoy stunning harbor views and visit the iconic Sydney Opera House, the Royal Botanic Garden, the Yiribana Aboriginal Art Gallery, the famous Bondi Beach and the Gap. Accommodations at the five-star Shangri-La Hotel Sydney.

**POST-PROGRAM OPTION**

**Queenstown**

Take a three-night tour of New Zealand’s interior in Queenstown. Enjoy panoramic views from Bob’s Peak and discover the delightful 19th century gold mine village of Arrowtown. Visit the Lakes District Museum and enjoy a cruise of Lake Wakatipu on a gracious 106-year-old steamship. Accommodations are at the ideally located Hotel St. Moritz.

**2023 DEPARTURE DATE:** January 14

**Category** | **LAND/Cruise Rates including taxes** | **Early Booking Savings (if booked more than six months prior to departure)** | **Rate after Early Booking Savings**
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8 | Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 5, midship. (limited availability) | $5,995 | $6,895
7 | Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 4, midship. | $6,695 | $7,695
6 | Deluxe stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, **private balcony**. Deck 5, midship and aft | $7,395 | $8,495
5 | Deluxe stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, **private balcony**. Deck 6, midship and aft | $7,995 | $9,195
4 | Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, **private balcony**. Deck 3, midship. (limited availability) | $8,995 | $10,345
5 | Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, **private balcony**. Deck 4, midship. (limited availability) | $9,895 | $11,380
2 | Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, **private balcony**. Deck 5, midship. | $10,795 | $12,395
1 | Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, **private balcony**. Deck 6, midship. | $11,695 | $13,450
2 | Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony**. Deck 6, midship. | $12,295 | $14,140
| **Prestige Suite II** | Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony**, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship. (limited availability) | $12,895 | $14,830
| **Prestige Suite I** | Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony**, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship. (limited availability) | $13,195 | $15,175
| **Privilege Suite** | Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony**, sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6, aft. (limited availability) | $13,995 | $16,035
| **Grand Deluxe Suite** | Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, **spacious private terrace**, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. Decks 5 and 6, aft. (limited availability) | $14,195 | $16,325
| **Owner’s Suite** | Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, **spacious private terrace** with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. Deck 6, aft. (limited availability) | $14,595 | $16,795

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.

Taxes are an additional $380 per person.

Le Lapérouse has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or upon request from Gohagan & Company.

The Pre-Program and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided during the reservation process.

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