

2024 - 2025 VOYAGES

NEW ZEALAND



- > South Islands & Fiords of New Zealand - 12 Nights - Bluff to Wellington
- > New Zealand Sounds and Stewart Island - 8 Nights - Bluff to Bluff



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AUSTRALIA'S PIONEERING CRUISE LINE



NEW ZEALAND FOR TRUE EXPLORERS

New Zealand brings to mind awe-inspiring landscapes, fascinating Māori culture and an abundance of unique wildlife. With over 7,000km of coastline to be explored, this is expedition cruising country. With the advantage of a highly capable expedition ship and decades of local experience, you can access glacial fiords, walk forested trails and visit isolated villages. When you return to ship from your day ashore, sample the famed wines and produce of New Zealand onboard as you sail to the next day's attraction.

There is no better way to experience the East Coast.

Our exploration vessels *Coral Geographer* and *Coral Adventurer* will call on remote locations including Fiordland and Marlborough Sounds, Napier, Kaikoura and Dunedin. Hike through the lush Waimangu Volcanic Valley, journey deep into quiet fiords and encounter striking Māori traditions in historical Gisborne. Discover the unique character of east coast towns, from the French-influenced Akaroa to Dunedin's Scottish heritage and Kaikoura's seaside village charm. Experience the vibrant energy and stories of Māori culture, with a Kapa Haka and traditional greeting at Hauiti Marae.

Expedition Note

These are expedition itineraries covering remote regions. Your Captain and Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule when necessary to maximise your experience. These itineraries are indicative - some variation may occur due to weather conditions, safety or local community requirements.

We recommend that you arrive to the embarkation port the day prior to departure and schedule your onward travel arrangements for the day following disembarkation due to any unexpected changes that may occur in scheduling.



Voyage Series

- > **South Islands & Fiords of New Zealand**
12 Nights | Departs 24 Dec 2024
- > **New Zealand Sounds and Stewart Island**
8 Nights | Departs 16 Jan 2025

Australian Hospitality at Sea

On board our Australian-flagged expedition ships, discover a personalised, relaxed style of cruising. With a maximum of 120 guests, there is no need for queues or assigned seating. Instead, an intimate, convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded travellers makes you feel at home.

Our Australian and New Zealand crew share their passion for our destinations and the explorer's life. Join our engine room tours, watch our chefs at work in the open galley, and chat with our Captain or officers on the bridge - they will be delighted to have your company.

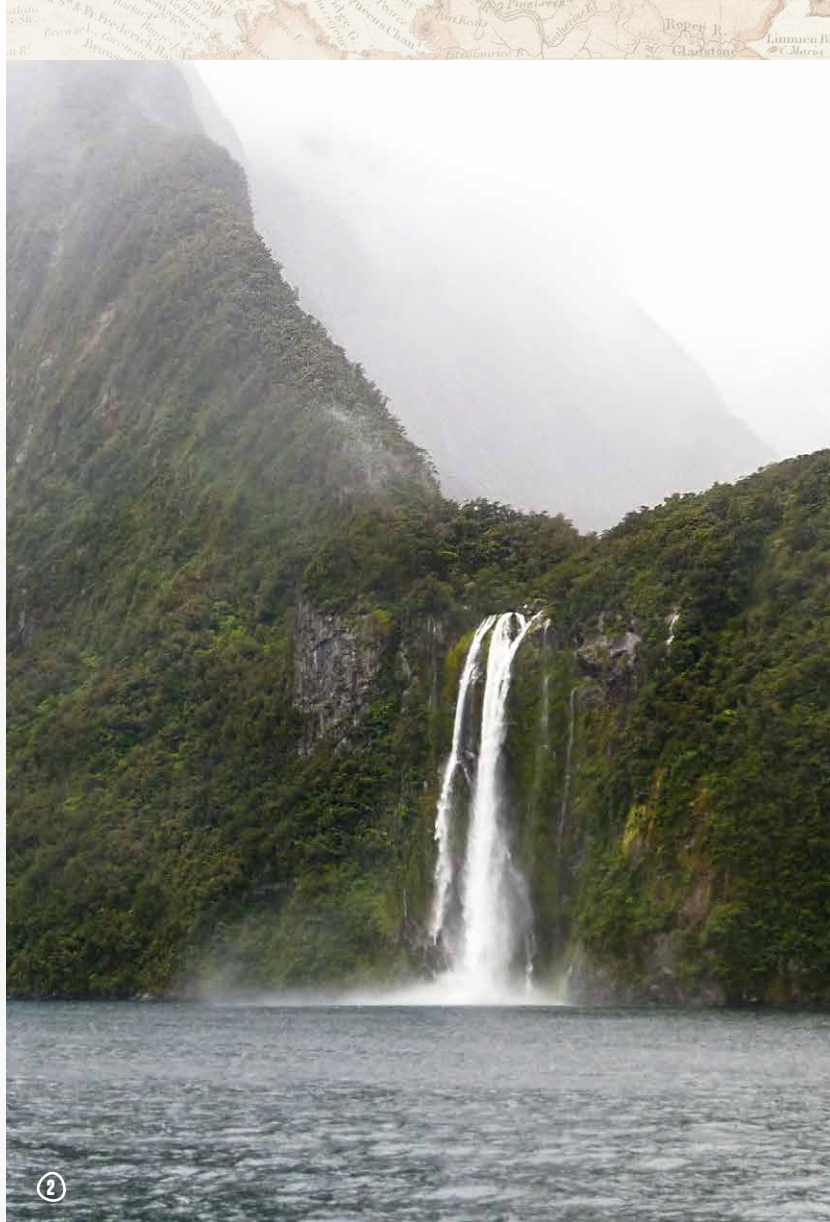
Our chefs, inspired by destination flavours, prepare cuisine from fresh regional produce. Our wine cellars hold a curated selection of wines and unique beers from Australia and New Zealand.

Our guests love to mingle over drinks as the sun sets, enjoy daily educational presentations by our lecturers, participate in stargazing sessions after dark, or simply find a quiet corner on deck and enjoy the solitude.

The Expedition Experience

We explore remote locations that are hard to reach or not often touched by tourists, with shore excursions providing environmental and cultural appreciation. Our small group sizes ensure your experience is personal, with minimal impact on the communities and environments we visit.

Enjoy excursions or activities each day, guided by expert Expedition Leaders and lecturers who provide commentary on culture, history, and the region's unique geology, plants and wildlife to help you connect with these special places.



Why Choose Coral Expeditions

There are many reasons why our guests return to Coral Expeditions. Ours is a true and authentic expedition experience.

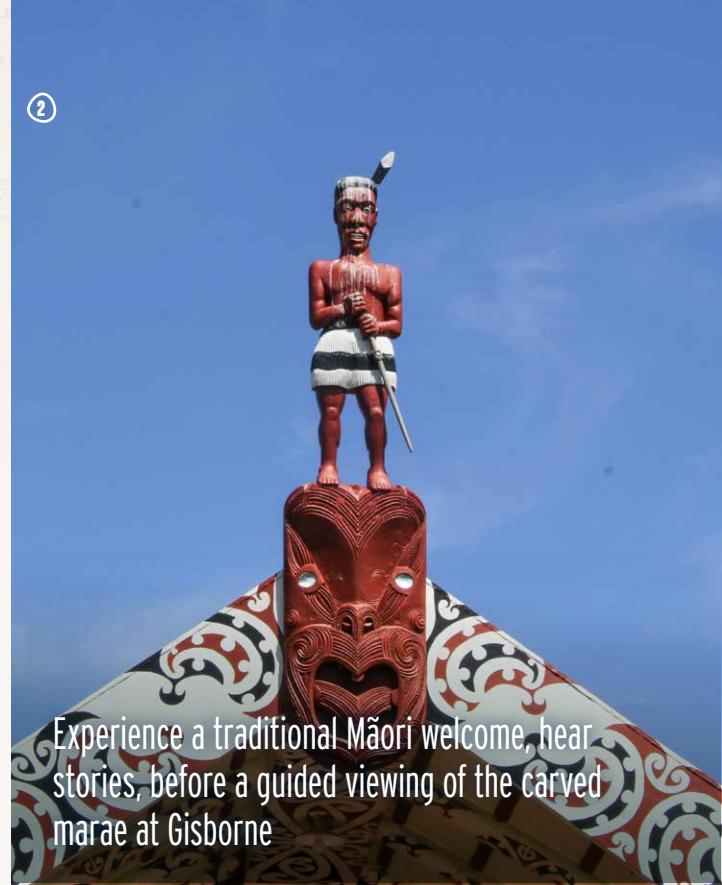
Our fleet of three specialised expedition ships and tenders take guests to some of the most beautiful, yet undiscovered islands and coastal regions of the world. Our explorer guests are attracted by our relaxed small ship atmosphere and itineraries that larger ships cannot replicate.

At a time when the cruise industry is moving to larger and less personal ships with more gimmicks, we have purposefully limited the size of our ships to maximise the expedition experience. Our cuisine is prepared in small batches from our onboard galley using quality Australian produce and wine. We operate to high Australian standards of safety with qualified Australian crew wherever we go. We were the first to offer interpretive programs reflective of the destinations we visit and to employ Expedition Leaders, Guest Lecturers, Marine Biologists, and SCUBA Instructors - a tradition that continues today.

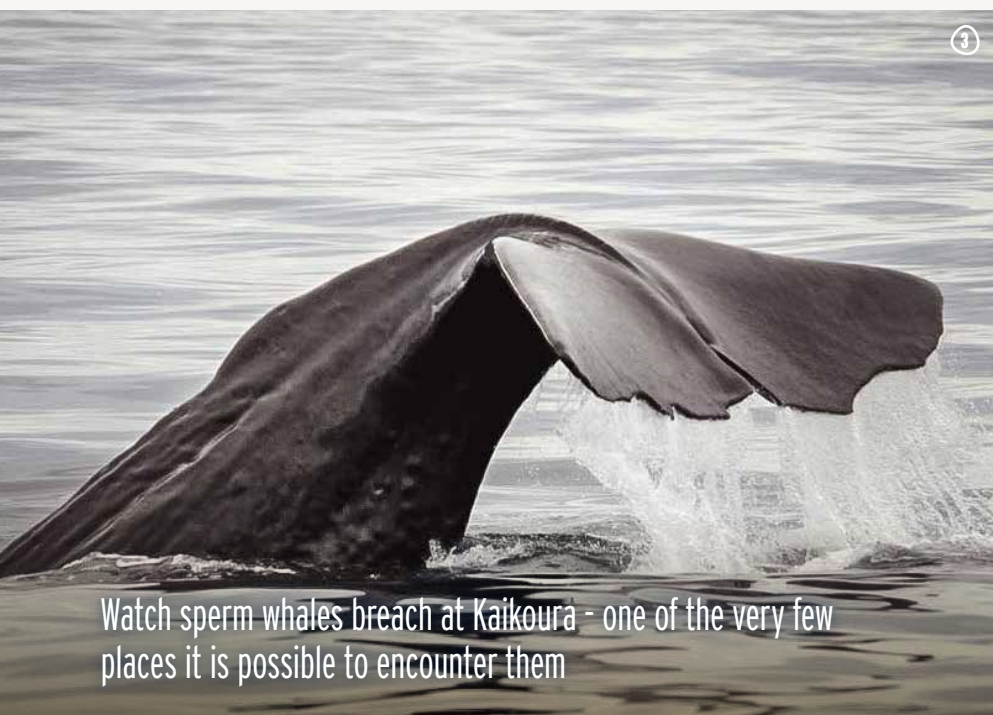




Spend days exploring the astonishing landscapes of Fiordland & Marlborough Sounds



Experience a traditional Māori welcome, hear stories, before a guided viewing of the carved marae at Gisborne



Watch sperm whales breach at Kaikoura - one of the very few places it is possible to encounter them



Observe New Zealand's wildlife, including fur seals, penguins, whales and numerous bird species

Our Australian team of Expedition Leaders and regular Guest Lecturers have a wealth of knowledge of the unique landscapes, flora and fauna and cultures of New Zealand. Passionate explorers, marine biologists, and naturalists, they provide on board lectures and interpretation and are always keen to chat with you and share their expertise. They will ensure your experience is as enlightening and enjoyable as possible by bringing you a new understanding and appreciation of the places you will discover on your expedition.

Our expeditions vessels *Coral Geographer* and *Coral Adventurer* will voyage to Auckland. Our expert guides will introduce you to the lush Waimangu Volcanic Valley, Māori traditions in historic Gisborne, the sea-drowned valleys of World Heritage listed Te Wahipounamu (place of the greenstone), known as Fiordland, and one of the world's most precious and wild habitats, the sub-Antarctic Islands. These unspoiled lands are a sanctuary for wildlife, fostering numerous species of native birds including the rare yellow-eyed penguin. This coast is home to sea lions, fur seals and pods of friendly dolphins.

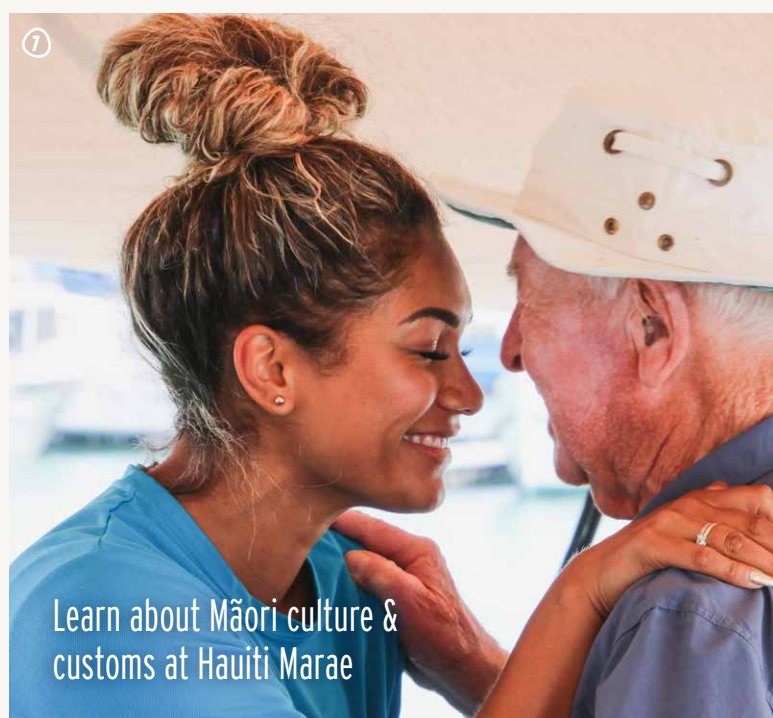
Find freedom as you explore the farthest reaches.



Take a guided walk to spot birdlife on Stewart Island, New Zealand's little-visited 'third island'



View the world's only mainland breeding colony of northern royal albatross at Dunedin



Learn about Māori culture & customs at Hauiti Marae



Discover the marvellous landscapes of the Solander Islands from sea



Observe the birdlife on Stewart Island

SOUTH ISLAND & FIELDS OF NEW ZEALAND

12 NIGHTS | 24 DECEMBER 2024



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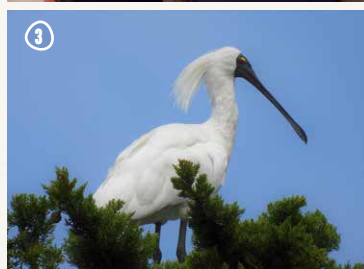
Expedition Highlights

- > Cruise past Solander Island, a trio of uninhabited volcanic islets with rare wildlife, ferns, orchids, and birds such as fernbirds, snipe, and white-fronted terns
- > Explore Fiordland National Park, a World Heritage site with 14 fiords carved by glaciers over thousands of years. Our voyage visits the iconic Milford, Dusky and Doubtful Sounds over three epic days
- > Take a guided tour or enjoy time to yourself in Dunedin, a city settled in and around an ancient volcanic crater, with rich Scottish and Māori heritage and unique cathedrals and architecture
- > Stroll through the quiet forests of Ulva Island to spot New Zealand's iconic birds, including the Stewart Island Weka, South Island Saddleback, Yellow-and Red-crowned Parakeet (Kakariki) and Rifleman (New Zealand's smallest bird)
- > Visit Kaikoura, renowned as amongst the best whale watching destinations in the world to sight the breaching sperm whales
- > Enjoy a special Christmas at sea as we sail by Solander Island and ring in the New Year with a memorable day in Akaroa, a small and scenic settlement with a unique French heritage

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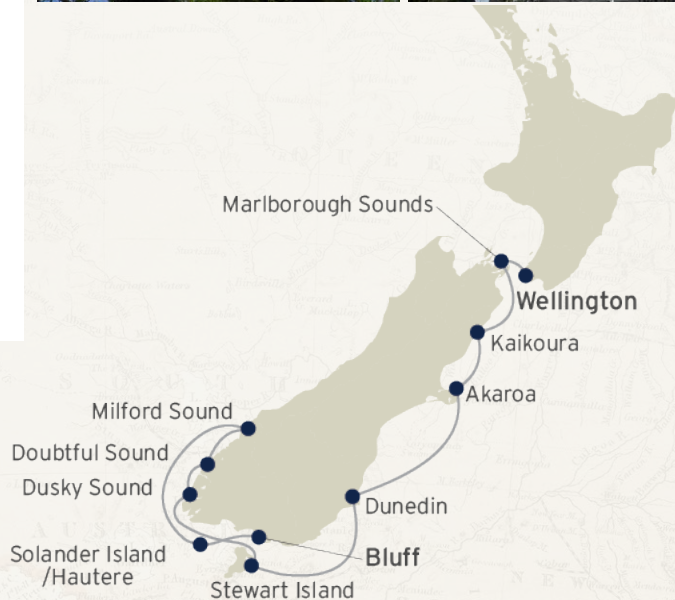
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ITINERARY: 12 NIGHTS > BLUFF TO WELLINGTON

DAY 1: DEPART BLUFF, NEW ZEALAND

Enjoy a complimentary transfer by coach from Queenstown after SailSAFE check-in to board at 4:00pm at Bluff, New Zealand. There is time to settle into your stateroom before our 5:00pm departure towards Dusky Sound cruising past Solander Island. Spend the day exploring *Coral Adventurer* and all her facilities. Take in the sights while enjoying Captain's welcome drinks and meet your crew and fellow passengers.

SEA - SOLANDER ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Today we will cruise past Solander Island on our day at sea as we travel toward Fiordland. The Solander Islands, with the Māori name Hautere translating to 'flying wind', are a trio of uninhabited volcanic islets that lie just beyond New Zealand's South Island.

FIORDLAND: DUSKY SOUND, NEW ZEALAND

Fiordland National Park, a World Heritage site once described as the Eighth Wonder of the World by author Rudyard Kipling, is characterised by 14 fiords carving through just 215km of coastline. These fiords were carved by glaciers over thousands of years, and you will see waterfalls cascading down the sheer cliffs, rainforest cloaking the steep ridges, and granite peaks reflected in the deep shimmering waters.

These mostly inaccessible and awe-inspiring landscapes were the mysterious source of powerful pounamu (New Zealand Jade), gathered by Māori from the riverbeds and boulders of the South Island - the only place it occurs. While some European settlers took shelter here, the deep isolation and rugged terrain thwarted all except the toughest from staying. Many of the flora and fauna species have developed in relative isolation, so many of the diverse plants and animals are unique to the area.

Enter Fiordland National Park at dramatic Tamatea / Dusky Sound, and cruise among towering cliffs and sheet granite walls of Facile Harbour, cascading waterfalls, pass some of the 365 small islands and explore the depths of the inlets in the zodiacs. Inaccessible by road, Tamatea / Dusky Sound is the largest and most complex of the Fiordland Sounds. It is also a designated Important Bird Area for the Fiordland Penguins that breed here. We will also encounter the fur seals of Luncheon Cove.

FIORDLAND: MILFORD SOUND, NEW ZEALAND

This afternoon, we enter Milford Sound / Piopiotahi to a world-famous view of Mitre Peak, rising some 1,682 metres. Its triangular silhouette rises opposite beautiful Stirling Falls, falling from the top of a 162m high cliff between two towering ridges into the inky dark water. You may have a chance to feel the spray from the waterfall - according to Māori legend, it will make you ten years younger! The steep overhanging cliffs are awe-inspiring as we cruise to Harrison Cove, where an ancient glacier entered the fiord, and visit Bowen Falls.

FIORDLAND: DOUBTFUL SOUND, NEW ZEALAND

Doubtful Sound / Patea is the deepest and widest fiord, flanked by towering cliffs and adorned by cascading waterfalls. The stillness and silence of this Fiord is compelling and unforgettable. We will cruise into Doubtful Sound / Patea, and past the outer Seal Islands, Nee Islets and through 'the Gut', before cruising by Blanket Bay and into Te Awa-o-Tu / Thomson Sound. You may spot fur seals lounging on the rocks, pods of dolphins, and the Fiordland penguin.

STEWART ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Known in Māori mythology as Te Punga o Te Waka - The Anchor Stone of Maui's Canoe' - Stewart Island (Rakiura) is New Zealand's rarely visited 'third island'. Nearby Ulva Island is also found within the Rakiura National Park, offering a predator-free

environment for rare and endangered birds. Spend two days interacting with local communities, exploring national parks, and spotting some of the endemic and endangered local wildlife.

DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND

Dunedin is known for its Scottish and Māori heritage. Named after the Scottish Gaelic name for Edinburgh, the city's heritage buildings, cathedrals, and charming atmosphere share an old-world atmosphere.

The Otago Peninsula is an area of exceptional diversity, and we will be welcomed with sights of the world's only mainland breeding colony of northern royal albatross and a colony of the rare, yellow-eyed penguin. There will be a choice of included excursions with local operators - choose between a coach tour of the Otago Peninsula or Dunedin City Highlights. Alternatively, take time to explore the city at your leisure: Visit the famous Speight's Brewery, art gallery, or New Zealand's oldest botanic gardens.

AKAROA, NEW ZEALAND

This morning, sail into the long harbour of Akaroa. The village of Akaroa has the unique identity of being the only French settlement in New Zealand, and its charming cottages and French street names still carry that identity today. This scenic village was once a bustling whaling outpost. Here, choose between two included excursions: a harbour cruise to spot marine wildlife, or a tour to visit the world's largest colony of little penguins at Pohatu Bay, with the chance to learn more about the conservation efforts that are protecting them. A variety of short walks are available into the surrounding nature reserves, guided by our expedition team.

KAIKOURA, NEW ZEALAND

Surrounded by the breathtaking snow-dusted Seaward Kaimouras Ranges, the picturesque town of Kaimoura is renowned as possibly the best whale watching destination in the world. Kaimoura is one of the very few places it is possible to observe the Sperm Whale. Aboard our Xplorer tender vessels, explore the ocean in search of these amazing mammals, as well as fur seals, dusky and Hector's dolphins and other migratory whales.

Kaimoura means 'to eat crayfish', and you may have the opportunity to taste the seafood available here. You will also have the opportunity to walk through this small town to visit the museums, galleries, and cafes, before joining the expedition team on a guided walk over the peninsula to marvel at the scenery.

SHIPS COVE & MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS, NEW ZEALAND

The ancient river valleys that form the Marlborough Sounds make up 20% of New Zealand's coastline. The webs of sunken channels are surrounded by forest-cloaked peaks and vineyards, all of which present a breathtaking view from any perspective.

Anchor at historic Ship Cove on your first morning here, before spending the day exploring Queen Charlotte Sound. Over the next two days discover the dolphins and seals of the sounds with marine spotting from the Xplorer and enjoy wonderful birdwatching on walks through Motuara Island birdlife sanctuary. Be guided by our expedition team and lecturers, there will be options to hike a section of the spectacular Queen Charlotte Track, or shorter walks available. The history of the region is also brought to life with our visit to Ship Cove, where informative storyboards tell of Captain Cook's time here.

DAY 13: ARRIVE WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

This morning farewell *Coral Adventurer*, crew, and new-found friends as we disembark. A complimentary post-cruise transfers to the airport or CBD will be available.

NEW ZEALAND SOUNDS AND STEWART ISLAND

8 NIGHTS | 16 JANUARY 2025

Image: Bernard Spragg

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Expedition Highlights

- > Stroll through the quiet forests of Ulva Bird Sanctuary on Stewart Island to spot New Zealand's iconic birds, including the Stewart Island Weka, South Island Saddleback, Yellow and Red-crowned Parakeet (Kakariki) and Rifleman (New Zealand's smallest bird).
- > Explore Fiordland National Park, a World Heritage site with 14 fiords carved by glaciers over thousands of years. Our voyage visits the iconic Milford, Dusky and Doubtful Sounds where you can witness the iconic seal colonies.
- > Visit the historic Astronomers Point boardwalk where James Cook set up a temporary observatory in 1773 and encounter the fur seals of Luncheon Cove.
- > Cruise into Doubtful Sound, past the Nee Islets and through 'the Gut' and outer seal colonies where you may spot fur seals lounging on the rocks and pods of dolphins.
- > Set sail to Solander Island, a trio of uninhabited volcanic islets with rare wildlife, ferns, orchids, and birds such as fernbirds, snipe, and white-fronted terns.

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ITINERARY: 8 NIGHTS > BLUFF TO BLUFF

DAY 1: DEPART BLUFF

After check-in (location TBC), guests board a 3-hour complimentary transfer by coach to board the *Coral Adventurer*, docked at Bluff Harbour. After boarding at 4:00pm, there is time to settle into your stateroom before our 5:00 pm departure towards Stewart Island for overnight anchorage. Take in the sights while enjoying Captain's welcome drinks and meet your crew and fellow passengers.

DAYS 2-9:

Your Expedition Team may make changes to the itinerary in order to maximise your expeditionary experience. Below are the key destinations we visit.

STEWART ISLAND

Known in Maori mythology as Te Punga o Te Waka - The Anchor Stone of Maui's Canoe' - Stewart Island (Rakiura) is New Zealand's little known 'third island'. Apart from the communities on the island, many people never venture to remote Stewart Island. Enjoy a guided walk by the expedition team at the Ulva Bird Sanctuary offering a predator-free environment for rare and endangered birds and visit the remains of the Norwegian Whaling base. Spend the rest of your day embarking on a nature cruise and later visit the Oban Township.

FIORDLAND

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FIORDLAND: DUSKY SOUND

Today, we sail into Dusky Sound which is a remote destination inaccessible by road. Dusky sound is the largest and most complex of the Fiordland Sounds. It is also a designated Bird Area for the Fiordland penguins that breed here. Visit the historic Astronomers Point boardwalk where James Cook set up a temporary observatory in 1773 and encounter the fur seals of Luncheon Cove. Guests will have a chance to explore the Cascade Cove followed by some water activities such as using the ships kayaks for a fun paddle or taking a polar dip in the crystal-clear waters. Depart Dusky Sound cruising through the Acheron and Cooks passages.

FIORDLAND: DOUBTFUL/THOMPSON SOUND

Doubtful Sound is the deepest and widest fiord, flanked by towering cliffs and adorned by cascading waterfalls. The stillness and silence of this Fiord is compelling and unforgettable. We will cruise into Doubtful Sound and past the Nee Islets and through 'the Gut' and outer Seal colonies where you may spot fur seals lounging on the rocks, and pods of dolphins. If the weather permits, head to nearby Thompson Island and enjoy a walk at Deas Cove.

FIORDLAND: MILFORD SOUND

Encounter breathtaking views as *Coral Adventurer* enters the Milford Sound, heading towards the famous Stirling Falls. You will have a chance to feel the spray from Stirling Falls and get a close-up view in your designated Zodiacs/Xplorers. Witness the world-famous view of Mitre Peak, rising some 1,682 meters. Its triangular silhouette rises opposite beautiful Stirling Falls, falling from the top of a 162m high cliff between two towering ridges into the water's deep shades of turquoise and emerald.

SOLANDER ISLAND & SEA DAY

Spend the day transiting through the Solander Islands, with the Maori name Hautere translating to 'flying wind', are a trio of uninhabited volcanic islets that lie just beyond New Zealand's South Island. Aboard the Endeavour, Captain James Cook spotted the islands in early 1770, and was named after a Swedish scientific crew member on board, Daniel Solander. The islands have only been known to be inhabited briefly due to marooning or shipwreck.

With one third of the wildlife on the islands being incredibly rare, it is likely that you will spot fernbirds, snipe and white-fronted terns. The island has been declared an Important Bird Area as it is a breeding site for common diving petrels and Buller's albatrosses amassing some 5000 pairs.

DAY 9: ARRIVE BLUFF

Prepare for disembarkation as the ship arrives into Bluff Port at 7:00am followed by farewell to the crew and new-found friends at 8:00am. Enjoy a complimentary transfer by coach to Queenstown hotels or airport after disembarkation.

DEPARTURES & FARES

SOUTH ISLAND & FIORDS OF NEW ZEALAND

VISIT >

12 Nights - Departs Bluff | 24 Dec 2024 | Coral Adventurer

	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	\$24,120	\$18,760	\$17,160	\$12,860	\$10,720
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$25,740*	\$19,290*	\$16,080*

NEW ZEALAND SOUNDS AND STEWART ISLAND

VISIT >

14/15 Nights - Departs Bluff | 16 Jan 2025 | Coral Adventurer

	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	\$16,150	\$12,950	\$11,950	\$8,950	\$7,650
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$17,925*	\$13,425*	\$11,475*

DISCOVER MORE ONLINE >

Prices are per person, listed in Australian Dollars (AUD).
Refer to website pricing at time of booking as pricing may be subject to change.
*Limited sole use occupancy available.



CUISINE & WINE

On board you will discover a personal and relaxed atmosphere befitting our Australian heritage. We do not have formal nights, organised entertainment or designated seating. Instead, you will enjoy a convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded explorers, with our experienced and friendly crew always at hand.

Enjoy freshly prepared meals from the open galley featuring local ingredients from the regions we visit. Relax in the spacious and open atmosphere of our indoor and outdoor bars and dining areas. Enjoy craft beers, artisanal spirits and wines sourced from the Australia and New Zealand's finest terroirs at the end of a long day ashore.

WINE SELECTIONS

We offer two wine packages, which guests may purchase in addition to our house selection, that feature hand-selected Australian wines and French Champagne.

- > A Taste of Australia Selection: Six bottles featuring Australian wines - three reds, two whites and a rosé
- > Connoisseur Selection: Six bottles featuring two whites, three reds and French Champagne.

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INCLUSIONS

- > All excursions with our Expedition Team
- > Use of Xplorer, Zodiacs and kayaks
- > Wi-Fi access - standard speed connectivity enabling email, social image sharing, web browsing and messaging
- > Daily lectures and briefings with Guest Lecturers
- > All meals, chef-prepared on board
- > Captain's welcome and farewell events, and open bridge access
- > Selected wines, selected beers and house spirits, juices, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner
- > 24-hour barista-style coffee and tea station
- > All entrance fees to National Parks, ports, traditional owner fees and charges imposed by governing authorities
- > Tips and gratuities
- > Use of all onboard facilities, incl. a reference library
- > Your expedition photos captured during the voyage

IMAGES 1 Chefs at work, credit David Kirkland | 2 Fine dining cuisine experience | 3 Sunset drinks on the Vista Deck



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CORAL GEOGRAPHER

Features

• 2 Xplorer tenders, 6 Zodiacs • Navigator Lounge in Bridge • Single seat dining with wine table • Three cocktail bars • Well-equipped gym • Passenger elevator • Anchor-free technology

Stateroom Categories

Bridge Deck Balcony Suites • 37.5sqm • Private Balcony
 Explorer Deck Balcony Staterooms • 21.4sqm • Private Balcony
 Promenade Deck Staterooms • 17sqm • Picture Window
 Coral Deck Staterooms • 17sqm • Porthole Window

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CORAL ADVENTURER

Features

• 2 Xplorer tenders, 6 Zodiacs • Navigator Lounge in Bridge • Single seat dining with wine table • Three cocktail bars • Well-equipped gym • Passenger elevator • Anchor-free technology

Stateroom Categories

Bridge Deck Balcony Suites • 55.8sqm • Private Balcony
 Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms • 21.4sqm • Private Balcony
 Explorer Deck Balcony Staterooms • 21.4sqm • Private Balcony
 Promenade Deck Staterooms • 17sqm • Picture Window
 Coral Deck Staterooms • 17sqm • Porthole Window

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IMAGES 1 Coral Geographer | 2 Explorer Deck Stateroom | 3 Gym | 4 Lounge | 5 Coral Adventurer | 6 Explorer Deck Stateroom | 7 Bridge Deck Suite Bathroom | 8 Sunset drinks, Coral Adventurer



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IMAGES 1 Pier at Akaroa | 2 Māori carving at Gisborne | 3 Dunedin landmark | 4 Gannet colony at Cape Kidnappers

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