



## New Zealand's Subantarctic & Chatham Islands - Itinerary

### Day 1. Auckland. Embarkation.

Auckland is New Zealand's largest, most populated and busiest city, known for its abundant nature and magnificent black-sand beaches. A blend of Maori, European and Asian cultures give the city a vibrant atmosphere.

### Day 2-3. At Sea.

### Day 4-5. Chatham Islands, New Zealand.

The Chatham Islands are renowned for their stunning scenery, intriguing history, geology, flora, and fauna. The ancient 80 million year old archipelago consists of about ten islands within an approximate 60-kilometre radius, the largest of which are Chatham Island and Pitt Island. Much of the natural character of the Chatham Islands is protected in a network of areas set aside for conservation. Discover Rangatira Island, with several endemic species of birds and plants, and a sanctuary for endangered invertebrates.

### Day 6. Bounty Islands.

The Bounty Islands are a scattering of 20 igneous islets and rocks lying 700 km south-east of New Zealand. The Bounty Islands can be smelt and heard from far away, as every available rock is covered in New Zealand fur seals and seabirds. If time and weather permit, you will have the opportunity to explore the coastal environments and view the prolific wildlife from our fleet of Zodiacs®.

### Day 7. Antipodes Islands.

The volcanic islands of the Antipodes Island group lie 860 km to the southeast of New Zealand. The group consists of one main island, Antipodes Island, with Bollons Island to the north, and numerous small islets and stacks. The islands are home to a wide variety of sea and land bird species including two species of parakeet.

### Day 8. At Sea.

### Day 9. Campbell Island.

Campbell Island is known for its megaherbs, herbaceous, perennial wildflowers characterised by their great size, huge leaves and very colourful flowers. Campbell Island is also home to six species of albatross, and several critically endangered endemic birds including the Campbell Island teal and snipe. You will have the opportunity to undertake a guided walk on the Col Lyell Saddle boardwalk as well as undertake a Zodiac® tour around the coastline of Perseverance Harbour.

### Day 10. Musgrave Inlet, Auckland Islands.

Musgrave Inlet is a picturesque bay on the eastern side of Auckland Island. Its sheer cliffs have protected the endemic flora from the introduced species, providing one of the best floral displays in the entire island group. Landing in Musgrave Inlet is prohibited. If time and weather permits, you will have the opportunity to view the spectacular flora and fauna from our fleet of Zodiacs®.

### Day 11. Enderby Island, Auckland Islands.

Enderby Island is situated off the north eastern tip of Auckland Island and is the second largest Island in the group. You will head ashore and have the opportunity to undertake a guided walk on the Northern Cliffs track as well as spend time viewing the New Zealand Sea Lion colony. There will also be an opportunity to undertake a Zodiac® tour around the coastline of Enderby Island in search of the Auckland Island Teal and other endemic species.

### Day 12. The Snares Islands.

The Snares Islands boasts more nesting seabirds than the entire realm of the British Isles. Over 2 million Sooty Shearwaters breed here in the summer months. There are also approximately 1,000 New Zealand fur seals and 500 New Zealand Sea Lions. Landing on the Snares is prohibited. If time and weather permit, you will have the opportunity to explore the coastal environment and view the wildlife from our fleet of Zodiac®.

### Day 13. Ulva Island (Stewart Island), New Zealand.

Ulva Island is a haven for many species of birds and plants that are rare or have died out on the mainland of New Zealand. Bird species regularly encountered include; the flightless Stewart Island Weka, South Island saddleback, yellowhead and Stewart Island robin. Ulva Island is not only a bird enthusiast's paradise, it is also one of the few offshore islands with a largely undisturbed podocarp forest. Well-maintained tracks offer easy walking for most people, providing a unique opportunity to see rare birds and plants at close quarters in a safe environment.

### Day 14. At Sea.

### Day 15. Lyttelton. Disembarkation.

Lyttelton is a colourful town, home to a community of nearly 3,000 people, brimming with bohemian artists, cafés, quirky shops and restaurants. This small town has re-invented itself as one of the most creative communities in the Christchurch region. *Le Lapérouse* will be alongside the wharf and disembarkation will commence after breakfast.



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