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COMPLIMENTARY TWO NIGHT STOPOVER IN HONG KONG

New Zealand Coastal Cruising

*An exploration of New Zealand's North and South Islands
aboard the MS Clipper Odyssey*

17th January to 3rd February 2010



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If you have promised yourself that one day you will tour New Zealand, but have not been enticed by the thought of touring by coach or self-drive car, then our coastal cruise could be the answer. After all, the islands of New Zealand are perfect for exploration by sea as most of the main scenic attractions are close to the coast.

Our coastal voyage will introduce you to an unspoiled and unpolluted landscape of remarkable natural beauty. There are steep-sided glacial fjords, geysers and boiling mud, coastal rain forests, snow-capped mountains, rolling green pasture lands and enchanting sandy bays and coves. In the cities, towns and villages you will encounter that unique combination of New World and British heritage.

All this will be achieved with great ease. Our voyage around the North and South Islands will allow us to drop anchor in the remote bays, navigate channels, fjords and rivers and call into harbours both large and small. With our Zodiac landing craft we will be able to land in otherwise inaccessible places making the most of New Zealand's extraordinary natural attractions.

Please note that Zodiac landing craft will be used on some days of this cruise.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Wellington. Fly by scheduled flight via Hong Kong and Auckland.

Day 2 En route.

Day 3 Wellington. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the *MS Clipper Odyssey*, moored in the city. Take the chance for an after dinner stroll before the ship sails late tonight.

Day 4 Ship Cove & Picton. Morning expedition cruising in Ship Cove, where Captain James Cook spent much of his time in New Zealand. We will look out for playful dolphins, a variety of seabirds and enjoy the scenic waters of Queen Charlotte Sound. This afternoon there will be an excursion from Picton to the famous Marlborough wine producing region. The excursion will end with a scenic drive through Picton and the Marlborough region.

Day 5 Nelson & Golden Bay. Nelson has for many years attracted resident artists. There are more than 350 working artists and craftspeople living in Nelson, including traditional and contemporary Maori artists. Their work is often inspired by the region's exceptionally beautiful geography – coastal, forest and valley landscapes. Join the morning excursion of the area's highlights which will include popular Tahunanui Beach. Return to the vessel for lunch and cruise to Golden Bay. Alternatively, there will be a full day



excursion to Abel Tasman National Park. This marine reserve offers some marvellously scenic coastal walks and excellent wildlife opportunities including seal colonies and numerous aquatic birds including penguins. Those taking the full day excursion will rejoin the ship in Golden Bay.

Day 6 Golden Bay. Golden Bay is a most diverse and appealing holiday destination with golden beaches, alpine valleys and tranquil fishing rivers. Our morning in the area will include a welcome by the local community, a tour of the local highlights including Te Waikoropupu Springs, limestone rock formations, and Abel Tasman memorial. Return to the vessel for lunch and enjoy an afternoon cruising.

Day 7 Jackson Bay. Morning at sea, arriving at Jackson Bay at lunchtime. The Haast is a diverse region offering a wide variety of scenery

and chances to view wildlife. We will enjoy a river safari on a jet-powered river craft and continue by coach to the inter-tidal zone where local guides will explain the ecology of the estuary and the rich birdlife. We will also visit the South Westland World Heritage Visitor Centre.

Day 8 Milford Sound. This morning we navigate the narrow entrance into Milford Sound. This spectacular fjord is one of the world's scenic wonders. We will explore with our Zodiacs, looking out for wildlife.

Day 9 Doubtful Sound & Dusky Sound. We will spend the day amongst the wilderness of Doubtful & Dusky Sounds. Making use of our Zodiacs, we will experience the incredible scenery of the fjords, go ashore to explore luxuriant rain forests and watch for bellbirds, tui, fantails and the kereru, a large native wood pigeon. We also hope to spot the rare Fiordland crested penguins.

Day 10 Stewart Island. New Zealand's third island is well off the usual tourist track. It is a wonderfully tranquil place, the scenery of untouched bushland is stunning. We will visit Oban, see the fascinating Rakiura Museum and drive to some of the beauty spots. Later, with our local guides we will take the short journey across Paterson Inlet to Ulva Island, a scenic gem and open bird sanctuary.

Day 11 Dunedin. Arrive into Dunedin this morning and drive to the nearby harbour coastline which boasts an abundance of wildlife rarely seen so close to a city; fur seals, the endangered yellow-eyed penguin, colonies of cormorants and at Taiaroa Head the mighty albatross colony. This is the only place in the world where a colony of northern royal albatross can be seen so close to human habitation. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon cruising.

Day 12 Christchurch. Today enjoy a city tour of this most British of cities. The tour will include an overview of the city and the Southern Alps from the Port Hills, a tour of the International Antarctic Centre and a visit to the stately home of Mona Vale. Spend the afternoon at leisure in Christchurch. Alternatively, join an optional full day tour on the Tranz Alpine Express Train to Arthur's Pass in the heart of the Southern Alps.





Bay of Islands

Day 13 Kaikoura. Kaikoura is a famous whale watching area due to its nutrient rich waters and is one of the only places in the world where you can easily see sperm whales. This morning enjoy a guided coastal walk and time at leisure or alternatively enjoy an optional whale watching cruise. Sail this afternoon.

Day 14 Napier. Our morning tour of Napier will include its charming art deco buildings. Totally rebuilt after the 1931 Hawkes Bay earthquake, it has enormous style. Later visit Brookfields Vineyard for wine tasting and continue to Okawa Homestead for a wander through the park-like gardens. Alternatively, take the optional visit to the gannetry at Cape Kidnappers where you are able to get amazingly close to the birds. Afternoon cruising.

Day 15 Whakatane for Rotorua. Arrive in Whakatane this morning and disembark for a full day tour to Rotorua. Visit the famous thermal springs to see the geysers and pools of bubbling mud. At the Tamaki Maori Centre we will enjoy a traditional Maori welcome and lunch and later visit the Agrodome, where we will see a demonstration of sheepdog trials. The ship will sail to Tauranga where we will re-embark this evening.

Day 16 Bay of Islands. Morning at sea before we arrive into Pahia at lunchtime. This is the finest Maritime Park in New Zealand with 144 islands, secluded bays and an abundance of marine life. Discovered by Captain Cook in 1769, it is the cradle of European civilisation in New Zealand and has important historical significance for both Maori and Europeans. The scenery is spectacular. Enjoy a guided tour which will include the Waitangi Treaty House and a visit to Puketiki Kauri Forest.

Day 17 Auckland. Disembark this morning. A city tour will include the Auckland Museum and lunch in a local restaurant. This afternoon transfer to the airport for the scheduled flight to London via Los Angeles.

Day 18 London Heathrow. Arrive this afternoon.

Prices per person

Based on double occupancy Tour code: SCCO170110

CAT	CABIN DESCRIPTION	DECK	
1	Twin with portholes	A	£6495
2	Forward twin with window	Main	£6995
3	Twin with window	Main	£7395
4	Twin with window	Lido	£7795
5	Twin with window	Bridge	£8295
6	Deluxe with veranda	Bridge	£8995
7	Suite with veranda	Bridge	£9595
1	For sole use	A	£7295
2	For sole use	Main	£7995

Price includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, 14 nights aboard the *MS Clipper Odyssey* on full board, shore excursions, entrance fees, local guides, expedition team including guest speaker, transfers, port taxes, UK departure tax.

Not included: Travel insurance, gratuities, shore excursions shown as optional, New Zealand departure tax.

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Book before 31 August 2009 and receive a complimentary stopover in Hong Kong prior to joining your cruise in Wellington. Make the most of your time in this exciting city; take a ferry across Victoria

Harbour, browse the bustling markets or visit one of the city's museums. The stopover includes two nights accommodation on bed and breakfast basis at the Harbour Plaza hotel situated on the Kowloon waterfront, a half day orientation tour and airport transfers.

Flight Upgrade Offer

If you would like to upgrade your flights between London and Auckland, we are offering you the chance to upgrade to Pacific Premium Economy for a supplement of £995 per person and Business Premier for £3295 per person. Flight upgrades are subject to availability and must be requested when making your cruise booking. Please see our website for full details.

NB. Ports subject to change. All special offers are subject to availability.

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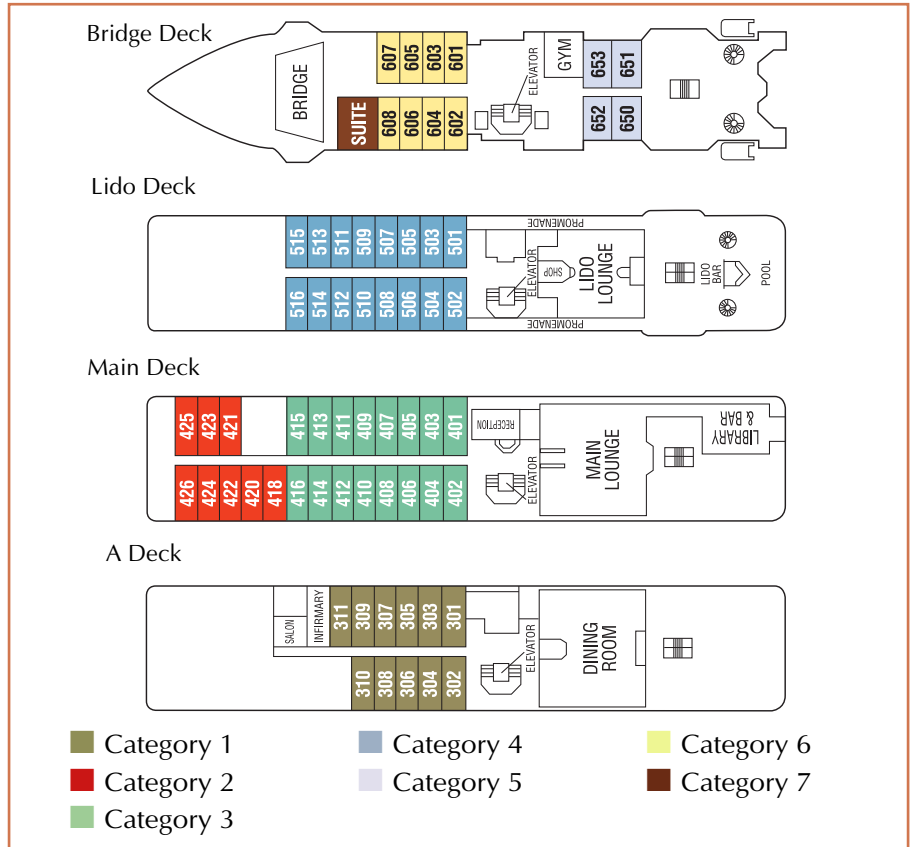


MS Clipper Odyssey

We have chartered this fine ship and once onboard you can unpack and relax and enjoy the best of both worlds - a superbly comfortable ship with exciting and rewarding visits ashore. After a day exploring you can return to your floating home for good food and service and a restful night's sleep as we travel on towards another endlessly fascinating day.

Accommodating a maximum of 128 guests, the *MS Clipper Odyssey* is the ideal size for an expedition cruise. Well known in the Pacific waters, she operates trips from Antarctica to the Russian Far East. The well trained crew of 70 provides an excellent service. All staterooms have an ocean view, and each feature lower beds, private bathroom, sitting area with sofa, individual temperature control, in-room music system and television for film viewing. A lift allows easy access to all passenger decks, and an INMARSAT telecommunications system permits 24-hour e-mail access. International meals are served in the window-lined dining room, individually prepared by the excellent chefs.

Other facilities include a lounge, library, gym, outdoor pool, medical clinic staffed by a registered physician and a gift shop. A fleet of onboard Zodiac landing craft allows exploration and landings anywhere nature or curiosity dictates, accompanied by destination experts individually selected for each voyage. A customised glass-bottom boat affords us a carefree look at the magnificent underwater world.



This cruise visits out of the way destinations. You will be accompanied by an expedition team and many landings ashore will be made by Zodiac landing craft. This cruise will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.



Category 5 Cabin



Category 7 Suite



Lido deck Pool



Main Dining Room

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Whale watching, Kaikoura;
MS Clipper Odyssey; Milford Sound