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# NEW ZEALAND COASTAL VOYAGE

AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF THE WONDERS OF NEW ZEALAND  
ABOARD THE CORAL ADVENTURER

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# CORAL ADVENTURER – A UNIQUE SMALL SHIP FOR AUSTRALASIA



For our small ship adventures in Australia and New Zealand, we have chosen to partner with Coral Expeditions and their vessel the Coral Adventurer which was purpose built to explore the remote and tropical regions of Australasia. An Australian-owned and operated company established over forty years ago, Coral Expeditions share our passion for small ships and our aim of bringing small groups of like-minded travellers to some of most beautiful and culturally fascinating places in the world accompanied by a team of experts and in a high degree of comfort.

We have exclusively chartered the Coral Adventurer which was launched in 2019 and is simply the perfect small ship for the region. Accommodating a maximum of 120 passengers (limited to just 100 for our exclusive charters) and featuring a shallow draft and high manoeuvrability, the vessel can navigate inaccessible reef systems, rivers and shores which are out of reach to larger vessels. In addition to a fleet of Zodiacs, the Coral Adventurer carries two unique Xplorer tenders which provide guests with unrivalled access to nature with ease. The atmosphere on board is relaxed and informal with the focus being on exploration and the excellent Australian crew are dedicated to providing attentive hospitality with a warm and relaxed Australian style.

## EXPLORING ASHORE

An unrivalled and unique benefit of sailing aboard the Coral Adventurer are the two tender vessels which simplify travelling ashore and were designed with flexibility and guest comfort in mind. The Xplorer vessels ensure that all guests can travel to shore or explore hidden bays and inlets safely and comfortably. The Xplorers are very easy to board directly from the deck and provide comfortable seating. Onboard, a microphone and speakers assist the guides in sharing their expert commentary, a canopy overhead protects from the sun, and there is a toilet for remote convenience. The Xplorers can be boarded directly from the ship's Coral Deck, before the hydraulic platform gently lowers into the water, making it easily accessible for all guests. The twin Xplorers are equipped with 2x twin 225 horsepower engines and can reach up to 20 knots in speed. The onboard Zodiacs provide a further flexible option for shore excursions and can be paired with the Xplorers for navigating narrow inlets and waterways.





## YOUR SPACE

Public areas throughout the ship are open, light and airy with large picture windows to take in the surrounding vistas. The comfortable lounge on the Bridge Deck is a place to relax with a good book, attend lectures and presentations and enjoy evening films and activities. The elegant Dining Room on the Promenade Deck features indoor and outdoor seating and operates an open seating arrangement meaning you can sit with whom you like each evening. In addition to the Dining Room and Bridge Lounge Bar there are two additional outdoor bar areas. A much-loved aspect of the onboard experience is the open bridge policy which allows you to spend time with the Captain and Officers learning about all aspects of navigation and trip planning. In addition, for those intrigued by the inner

workings of the vessel, engine room tours provide fascinating access below decks. For guests seeking to maintain their wellness routine while at sea there is access to onboard fitness equipment and a small gym, enabling active guests to make the most of their days at sea. There is also a resource library on board with a selection of books covering natural history, geology, local cultures, and flora & fauna, as well as fictional novels and games to enjoy. Outside there is over 1000 square metres of open deck space with a wrap-around promenade deck providing panoramic views. Another unique attribute of the Coral Adventurer is the wonderful indigenous artworks which you will discover throughout the vessel.



Lounge



Open Bridge



Bridge Deck & Bar

## YOUR DINING

The culinary experience on board emphasises freshness, seasonality, and sustainability and is inspired by the regions being discovered. Meals are prepared daily in small batches in the open galley, maximising freshness and minimising waste. There is a generous daily breakfast buffet which offers a wide choice of hot and cold options, cereals, pastries, fruit and juices. Lunches on board feature a selection of hot and cold dishes including freshly prepared salads, local seafood and seasonal tropical fruits whilst dinner is a three course affair. In between meals, chefs will welcome you back on board with freshly baked treats and will prepare delicious canapés to accompany pre-dinner drinks. Complementing lunch and dinner are a selection of included wines, beers and soft drinks. There is also a 24-hour tea and coffee station with biscuits, cake slices and fresh fruit always available.



Restaurant

## YOUR LIFE ON BOARD

On board you can expect laid-back Australian hospitality and a relaxed convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded explorers. With no designated seating and few formalities, a spirit of camaraderie and friendship flourishes. You will be accompanied by an expert team who will inform and entertain through their presentations and each evening the Expedition Leader will provide an overview of the next day's activities. A Daily Newsletter outlining excursion information, meal hours, and onboard activities for the following day will be also delivered to your cabin each evening during turn down. The Australian crew enjoy a high level of interaction with the guests and after a day of exploration, guests are invited each evening to gather on deck for pre-dinner drinks.



On Deck



## YOUR CABIN

All cabins are outside facing with ensuite bathroom, premium amenities, wardrobe, desk, armchair and many feature a private balcony allowing you to enjoy the spectacular vistas from your cabin. With the exception of the two suites on board, all staterooms feature a junior king sized bed which can be separated into twin beds. Staterooms on the Coral and Promenade Decks measure 17 square metres with those on the Coral Deck featuring portholes whilst those on the Promenade Deck feature a large picture window. Staterooms on the Explorer and Bridge Decks measure 21.4 square metres and feature a private balcony with seating for two. There are two very spacious suites on the Bridge Deck which measure 55.8 square metres and are equipped with a super king sized bed, lounge area, private balcony, minibar, personal coffee machine and a large bathroom which features a bath and separate shower.



Explorer Deck Stateroom

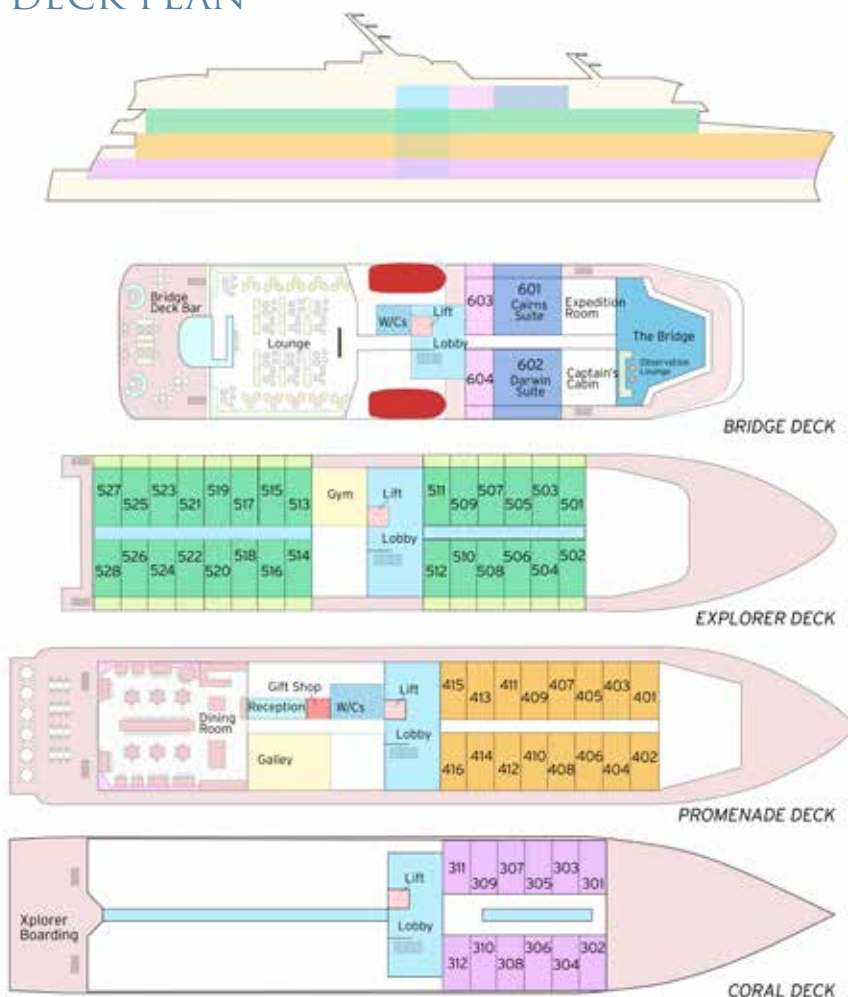


Promenade Deck Stateroom



Bridge Deck Balcony Suite

## DECK PLAN



- 2 Bridge Deck Balcony Suites
- 2 Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms
- 28 Explorer Deck Balcony Staterooms
- 16 Promenade Deck Staterooms
- 12 Coral Deck Staterooms

## CORAL ADVENTURER VIDEO ONLINE



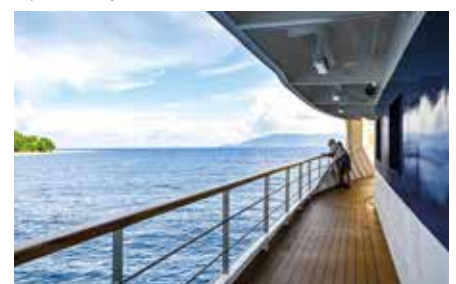
For further information on the vessel and what to expect, you can view a video tour of the Coral Adventurer on our website [www.noble-caledonia.co.uk](http://www.noble-caledonia.co.uk)



Gym



Open Galley



Promenade Deck

# NEW ZEALAND COASTAL VOYAGE

With a stunning, meandering coastline and the vast majority of the 'must see' places being either on the coast or close by in the hinterland, New Zealand is uniquely suited to small ship cruising, and there isn't a vessel more perfect for our exploration than the Coral Adventurer which we have exclusively chartered for this journey.

With vast open spaces filled with stunning rugged landscapes and a temperate climate, New Zealand is a land of rare natural beauty and contrasts. There are steep-sided fiords, geysers and boiling mud, coastal rainforests, snow-capped mountains, rolling green pasture lands, often spectacular geothermal activity, enchanting sandy bays and coves, fast flowing rivers and a variety of birdlife. By contrast, in the cities and towns you can experience that unique combination of New World and British heritage, see some splendid gardens, visit wonderful vineyards, encounter fascinating wildlife and meet the friendly people.

We have devised our itinerary which explores both North and South Islands, on the basis that most travellers from the UK will only tour New Zealand once and the trip should therefore be as comprehensive and as full of contrasts as possible. We will explore the beautiful city of Napier with its Art Deco buildings, discover historic Dunedin with its rich blend of both Māori and Scottish heritage and visit the nation's capital of Wellington. For scenic splendour we spend time in the Bay of Islands, explore the beautiful Coromandel Peninsula, visit the Abel Tasman National Park, cruise through the Marlborough Sounds which divide New Zealand's islands, sail around the renowned World Heritage region of the Fiordland National Park, one of the world's most spectacular natural landscapes and stroll through the serene forests of Ulva Island.

All this is best achieved travelling by a small ship and with the Coral Adventurer we can drop anchor in remote bays, navigate channels and fiords and call into harbours both large and small. With the unique Xplorer tender vessels and the Zodiac landing craft on board we will be able to land in otherwise inaccessible places, making the most of New Zealand's extraordinary natural attractions. We will also learn of New Zealand's colourful and dramatic history and at the end of each day, return to the Coral Adventurer and indulge in the delights of the celebrated cuisine and wine along with the convivial company of fellow passengers.



Waitangi Treaty House, Bay of Islands

## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London or Manchester to Auckland, New Zealand.** Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

**Day 2 En-Route.**

**Day 3 Auckland.** Arrive into Auckland and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day and evening are at leisure.

**Day 4 Auckland.** This morning you may choose to relax in the hotel or join a morning city tour including the Domain and the excellent Auckland Museum which overlooks Waitemata Harbour and houses the world's largest collection of Polynesian artefacts. We will meet for a light lunch before transferring to the Coral Adventurer to embark.

**Day 5 Bay of Islands.** Discovered by Captain Cook in 1769, this area is the cradle of European civilisation in New Zealand and has important historical significance for both Māori and Europeans. The Coral Adventurer will be at anchor and we will transfer ashore aboard the Xplorer. During our guided morning tour we will visit the Waitangi Treaty House where in 1840 the treaty was signed between the Māori and the British Crown. We then continue to Kerikeri, where the Māori first welcomed missionaries in 1819, and see the oldest buildings of New Zealand dating from the 1820s. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore the charming, historic town of Russell.

**Day 6 Whitianga, Coromandel Peninsula.** After a morning at sea we arrive at our anchorage off the small town of Whitianga, our base to explore the beautiful Coromandel Peninsula. Named after the HMS Coromandel which called here in 1820 to take on timber supplies, the area built its trade on timber and gold mining. We will transfer ashore using the Xplorer launch vessel and drive the short distance to the 'Driving Creek Railway', a narrow gauge bush and mountain railway. Once on board the train, we will cross ten bridges and pass through three tunnels as it climbs to the Eyefull Tower viewing platform which offers wonderful views over the Hauraki Gulf. On our return to Whitianga



Gannetry at Cape Kidnappers



Abel Tasman National Park



Rotorua

we will make a stop at the historically significant Wharekaho Beach. It was here local chiefs welcomed British explorer Captain James Cook and botanist Joseph Banks to their shores in 1769. Under the ancient sprawling Pohutukawa tree that still reaches along the beach today, Ngati Hei warmly acknowledged the crew of the Endeavour with the very first official ceremony (Powhiri) recorded in New Zealand.

**Day 7 Tauranga for Rotorua.** From our berth in Tauranga we drive inland to the famous thermal springs at Rotorua. Discover Wai-O-Tapu, meaning Sacred Waters, an active geothermal area with colourful hot springs, steaming ground and boiling mud pools. Marvel at the incredible palette of vibrant hues displayed in the pools, lakes and craters, and enjoy the melodic sounds of birds singing in the native forest. From here we visit a Māori marae where we will enjoy a traditional Māori welcome and lunch before returning to the ship in the late afternoon.

**Day 8 Gisborne.** Spend the morning cruising to Gisborne, where Captain James Cook first made landfall in New Zealand in 1769. This afternoon a scenic drive takes us along the seafont, past the Captain Cook monument, then out into the beautiful countryside through stunning scenery of hills, valleys, farmlands, orchards and vineyards to the Eastwoodhill Arboretum, the National Arboretum of New Zealand which encompasses over 131 hectares planted in exotic and native trees, shrubs and climbers. The collection was planted by Douglas Cook and is regarded as the largest and most comprehensive collection of Northern Hemisphere trees south of the equator. In 2017 the immense collection of trees at Eastwoodhill was recognised as a 'Garden of National Significance' with a five-star rating by the New Zealand Gardens Trust. After a short introduction there will be a choice of walks from flat, tree-lined paths to walks skirting the higher ridges around the arboretum with great views of Douglas Park and Glen Douglas.

**Day 9 Napier.** Arrive this morning in Napier and join a tour of this beautiful town including its charming Art Deco buildings. Totally rebuilt after the 1931 Hawke's Bay earthquake, Napier's Art Deco is unique, with Māori motifs and the buildings of Louis Hay, admirer of the great Frank Lloyd Wright. We also visit a local vineyard to sample the region's wines. Alternatively join the excursion to the gannetry at Cape Kidnappers, a 13 hectare reserve which is home to the saddle and black reef gannet colonies.

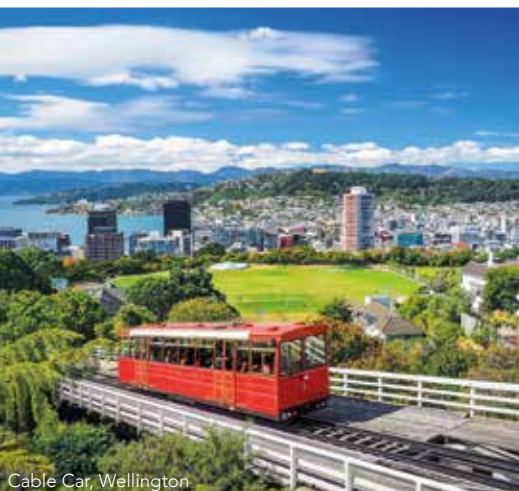
**Day 10 Resolution Bay & Ship Cove.** This morning we will sail through the beautiful Marlborough Sounds which divide the North and South Islands of New Zealand. Arrive in the early afternoon at Resolution Bay on the South Island where keen walkers can enjoy a longer hike over to Ship Cove along the Queen Charlotte Track enjoying fantastic views over the archipelago of islands. Alternatively you can choose to alight a little later at Ship Cove where Captain James Cook spent much of his time in New Zealand. View the monument dedicated to Cook or maybe walk the forest trail to the nearby waterfall.

**Day 11 Abel Tasman National Park & Nelson.** There will be a choice of excursions today. Choose to disembark after breakfast to visit Abel Tasman, New Zealand's smallest national park, protecting over 23,000 hectares of the most easily accessible coastline in the country. Enjoy a coastal walk and scenic cruise with excellent wildlife opportunities including seal colonies and numerous aquatic birds including penguins. Alternatively enjoy a morning exploring Nelson which has for many years attracted resident artists. There are more than 350 working artists and craftspeople living in Nelson and their work is often inspired by the region's exceptionally beautiful geography incorporating coastal, forest and valley landscapes. Join a guided tour of the area's highlights or maybe take a walk along the riverside to the Queens Garden.

**Day 12 Wellington.** Returning to the North Island we spend the day in Wellington, the nation's capital. From our central berth we will explore the city on a guided walk and see St Paul's Cathedral, the parliament buildings, stroll through the Botanical Gardens and take a ride on the iconic cable car which offers panoramic views over the city. After the tour, you can choose to visit the impressive Te Papa National Museum of New Zealand and enjoy lunch ashore independently or return to the vessel for lunch followed by an afternoon at leisure to explore further at your own pace.

**Day 13 Akaroa.** Akaroa meaning, 'Long Harbour', in Māori, was founded by French whaling Captain Jean Langlois on his ship Cachelot in 1838. He returned in 1840 with 60 settlers on the Comte de Paris to create a French colony. Arriving over lunch we will spend the afternoon here and there will be a choice of excursions including a dolphin watching trip using local boats to explore the scenic coastline and search for the rare Hector's dolphin or a guided historic walk in Akaroa and through the native bush of the Garden of Tane.





**Day 14 Dunedin.** Arrive this morning in Dunedin and enjoy a guided tour including the gracious 19th century buildings and the beautiful botanical gardens, the oldest in New Zealand containing over 6,800 plant species. Alternatively choose to drive to the Otago Peninsula where we board local boats to view Taiaroa Head, the world's only mainland albatross nesting place. We may also see fur seals on the rocks or be joined by dolphins around our boats. Continue to the Royal Albatross Centre where we can learn more about these fascinating birds. After lunch on board, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to discover more of Dunedin at your own pace.

**Day 15 Stewart Island.** New Zealand's third island is well off the usual beaten tourist track. It is a wonderfully tranquil place, the scenery of untouched bushland is stunning. We will enjoy a morning on the small Ulva Island where we will use Zodiacs to go ashore for a choice of walks with our local guides. We will explore the dense vegetation and keep an eye out for the amazing birdlife. This afternoon we land at Oban on Stewart Island and will have the chance to wander amongst the shops and see the museum or join a drive along some of the 15 miles of sealed road to some of the beauty spots including Observation Rock with views over Iona and Ulva Island and the beaches lining the east coast.

**Days 16 & 17 Fiordland.** We have two days to explore the incredible wilderness of the fiords in the southwest corner of the South Island. This is an area rich in history, Captain Cook landed here on HMS Resolution in 1773, majestic scenery and abundant wildlife. The area is only accessible by sea, making it the most remote region of New Zealand. Our schedule may include Astronomer's Point, Doubtful Sound and Dusky Sound but final itinerary decisions will be made by the Captain and Expedition Leader based on weather conditions. The Xplorers and Zodiacs will be used to transfer from the ship to a landing site, or as our transport to explore the fiords beyond the ship's anchorage position.

**Day 18 Bluff to Christchurch.** Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Christchurch. On arrival we will check into a hotel before an afternoon city tour during which we will view the Southern Alps from the Port Hills and ride a restored tram. The remainder of the day will be free for independent exploration.

**Day 19 Christchurch to London or Manchester.** Check out this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London or Manchester.

**Day 20 London.** Arrive this morning.

## SHIP TO SHORE

This voyage is a combination of both expedition style cruising and small ship destination cruising. Whilst we will be alongside in most ports, we will be at anchor in Paihia, Whitianga, Ship Cove, Akaroa, Stewart Island and Fiordland. The vessel's Xplorers and Zodiacs will be utilised to transport passengers ashore and to explore the more remote regions we will be visiting. The use of the Xplorers and Zodiacs will be key to the operation of the itinerary as shown. If you have any queries pertaining to the use of Zodiacs or the level of fitness required for this voyage please do not hesitate to contact one of our experienced Travel Consultants.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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DECK	CABIN DESCRIPTION	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Promenade	Stateroom with picture window	£13995	£13495
Explorer	Stateroom with private balcony	£15495	£14995
Bridge	Stateroom with private balcony	£16495	£15995
Bridge	Suite with private balcony	£17995	£17495
Coral	Stateroom with porthole for sole use	£14495	£13995

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • Overnight hotel accommodation in Auckland & Christchurch with breakfast • 14 nights aboard the Coral Adventurer on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Onboard Team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (eTA), dinner on days 3 & 18.





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