



NEW ZEALAND *by Sea*

Auckland to Milford Sound
aboard the *Caledonian Sky*

November 29–December 12, 2018



With its tidy English gardens and untamed wilderness, white-suited lawn bowlers and tattooed Maori elders, austere glacial fiords and boiling volcanic mud pots,

New Zealand is a spectacular country of striking contrasts.

Isolated from other land masses by the swells of the Tasman Sea and Pacific Ocean, it is a world unto itself.

Back by popular demand, *New Zealand by Sea* explores the country's lush green islands, from the city of Auckland on the North Island to world-famous Milford Sound on the South Island, aboard the *Caledonian Sky*, an ideal vessel for accessing New Zealand's islands, fiords, and craggy coastline. Visit Rotorua, the heartland of Maori culture, and the stunning Te Papa Tongarewa Museum, which brings to life the history of the native people of New Zealand, in Wellington. At the Canterbury Museum's Hall of Antarctic Discovery in Christchurch, learn about "Operation Deep Freeze." Travel by motor coach to the Otago Peninsula for a visit to the Royal Albatross Centre to see the only mainland breeding colony of these majestic birds. Land by Zodiac craft on Stewart Island to hear the strange "dingdong" call of the bellbird, and marvel at the sheer granite walls and tumbling waterfalls of Doubtful and Milford Sounds in Fiordland, a region so remote and wild that it remains largely unchanged since the days of Captain Cook. Optional post-tour excursions in Queenstown and Sydney, Australia, are also available.

New Zealand is a perennial sell-out destination, so to ensure your space on this memorable cruise, please call (888) 328-2089 or (650) 328-2089; or email res@criteriontravel.com.



LECTURERS



Smithsonian Journeys Expert **NEVILLE PEAT** is an award-winning New Zealand writer and adventurer who has published nearly forty books on geography, biography, history, and the natural environment, the most recent being *Shackleton's Whisky*. A former Dunedin city councilor, Neville has accompanied ship-based tours of mainland New Zealand and the New Zealand Subantarctic Islands for the past 15 years as a lecturer and guide. He also led Dunedin's Orokonui Ecosanctuary, an ecological island wildlife reserve, for six years. A very popular lecturer, Neville infuses travelers with his passion for and encyclopedic knowledge of New Zealand's natural wonders.



GORDON TURNBULL is the general editor of the Yale Boswell Editions. Born in Sydney, he graduated with first-class honors from the Australian National University in Canberra, taught at the University of Newcastle (New South Wales), then joined Yale as a Fulbright scholar to pursue his doctorate in English literature. He taught for seven years in Yale's Department of English and in 1997 assumed the directorship of the Boswell project, one of Yale's greatest scholarly enterprises. A lively and witty lecturer and seminar leader, Mr. Turnbull also taught in the Yale-in-London program.



Explore New Zealand's magnificent natural beauty, epitomized by Milford Sound (cover); spectacular wildlife, including large and raucous royal albatrosses (pictured here); and fascinating Maori culture, whose traditional and distinctive tattoo art form, or *moko*, has experienced a recent resurgence as a sign of cultural identity and pride.

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NEW ZEALAND



Thursday–Saturday,
 November 29–December 1, 2018

Home Auckland, New Zealand

Depart home on an overnight flight to Auckland, the “City of Sails,” on New Zealand’s North Island. Lose one day crossing the International Date Line. This evening meet fellow travelers at a welcome reception. PULLMAN HOTEL (R)

Sunday, December 2 Auckland (Embark)

Enjoy an overview motor coach tour of the city and a visit to the Auckland Museum to learn about New Zealand’s indigenous Maori and Polynesian cultures from experienced docents. Following lunch, embark the *Caledonian Sky* and enjoy a welcome dinner this evening. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

Monday, December 3

Rotorua

Disembark in Tauranga and travel by motor coach to Rotorua, the heartland of Maori culture. Attend a private gathering with Maori elders at a special *pōwhiri* (welcome) ceremony including the traditional Maori *haka* dance. Observe the hot mud pools for which the Wai-O-Tapu thermal region is known, and enjoy a traditional *hāngi* (“earth oven”) lunch. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)



islands. Enjoy an evening at leisure for independent exploration in the city.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L)

Tuesday, December 4

At Sea

En route to Wellington, enjoy ample time to relax, the continuation of the educational program, and a tour of the ship’s bridge. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

Wednesday, December 5

Wellington

Wellington is New Zealand’s capital city, with colorful Victorian houses and a lovely harbor. Walk through the city’s lush botanical garden and stop at Old St. Paul’s Church, a Wellington landmark that exemplifies 19th-century Gothic Revival architecture adapted to colonial conditions and materials. Visit the spectacular waterfront museum Te Papa Tongarewa (Maori for “Repository of Things Precious”) to learn about Maori myths and traditions, as well as their exceptional skills in navigating the Pacific to arrive on these

Thursday, December 6

Marlborough Sounds

Cruise across Cook Strait between the North and South Islands and enter a world of pristine natural beauty. Anchor at Ship Cove, where Captain Cook arrived aboard the HMS *Endeavour* in 1770. Explore islands and inlets by Zodiac and, during short walks in the bush, keep an eye out for some of the wildlife Cook described in his reports, as well as rare birds such as the South Island saddleback, the bellbird, and the New Zealand robin. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

Friday, December 7

Lyttelton Christchurch

Disembark in the harbor at Lyttelton and drive to Christchurch, headquarters for “Operation Deep Freeze” and supply point

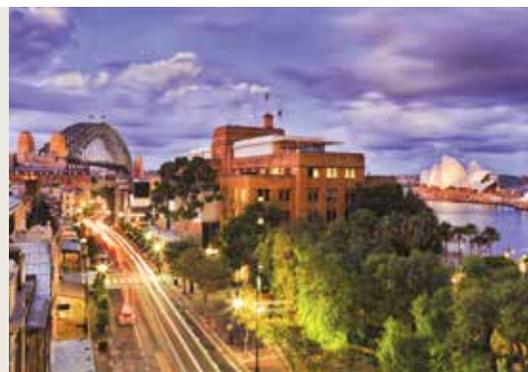


OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE EXTENSION 1

Queenstown December 12–13

Travel by motor coach to historic Arrowtown, established in 1862 during the height of

the Otago gold rush. Observe the many well-preserved cottages and shops, as well as the restored Chinese settlement at the edge of Lake Arrow, and enjoy the Lakes District Museum’s authentic exhibits on early life in the Wakatipu District. In the evening, take a steamboat cruise across scenic Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Sheep Station for dinner at the Colonel’s Homestead and demonstrations by the station’s experienced sheep shearers. Rates: \$590 per person, double occupancy; \$760 per person, single occupancy.



OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE EXTENSION 2

Sydney, Australia December 13–16

Fly to Sydney, Australia, for three nights in this cosmopolitan city. Activities

include a private tour of the iconic Sydney Opera House; a walking tour of the Rocks District (above), Sydney’s historic center that has been sensitively revitalized; a viewing of the aboriginal art at the Art Gallery of New South Wales; and a visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens, plus time for independent exploration. **Note:** Accommodations in Queenstown or Sydney on the night of December 12 are not included. Rates: \$1,790 per person, double occupancy; \$2,290 per person, single occupancy.



Kiwi, sheep, and waterfalls are among the iconic treasures of New Zealand, and large cities such as Queenstown (left) enjoy beautiful surroundings comprised of an extraordinarily serrated coastline, deep lakes, mist-shrouded and snowcapped mountains, and dense forests.



for U.S. bases in the Antarctic. Explore the unique Canterbury Museum and its Hall of Antarctic Discovery, which preserves and exhibits fascinating historic artifacts from the exploits of Antarctic explorers. Then view an ethereal cathedral constructed of cardboard tubes and an innovative shipping container shopping mall, both part of Central Christchurch's innovative response to the damage of the 2011 earthquake. Round out the day with a visit to the Ohinetahi Garden, considered one of New Zealand's finest. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

Saturday, December 8
Dunedin

From Dunedin, widely regarded as the best-preserved Victorian and Edwardian heritage city in the southern hemisphere, drive to Taiaaroa Head on the tip of the Otago Peninsula. This is the only mainland location in the world where it is possible to see northern royal albatrosses, the largest seabirds in the world, in their natural habitat. Special viewing areas have been constructed for observing these birds without disturbing their natural activities. Before returning to the ship, visit the Otago Museum's Southern Land, Southern People gallery, with its informative exhibits on the landforms, lost fauna and flora, and challenging climate of southern New Zealand. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

Sunday, December 9
Stewart Island

Anchor in Paterson Inlet to visit Stewart and Ulva islands. Stewart Island (Rakiura) is the southernmost inhabited outpost of New Zealand. With a population under 500, this quiet, seldom-visited wilderness oasis is an ornithologist's delight. Ulva Island is a sanctuary for both birds and plants, including species that are rare or

extinct on the mainland. Naturalist guides lead bush walks for possible sightings of weka, kākā, albatrosses, the flightless Stewart Island kiwi, silvereyes, and fantails.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

Monday, December 10
Doubtful & Dusky Sounds

When the glaciers covering Fiordland retreated 14,000 years ago, they left behind an extraordinarily serrated coastline, plunging fiords, and deep branching lakes, further enhanced by mist-shrouded mountains, cascading waterfalls, and vast beech forests. This is New Zealand at its wildest, most remote, and most beautiful. Explore this unspoiled waterway, well known for its wildlife, including fur seals and a resident pod of bottlenose dolphins. This evening celebrate your adventure at a festive farewell dinner aboard the ship. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

Tuesday, December 11
Milford Sound (Disembark) Queenstown

On arrival in Milford Sound, cruise close to iconic Mitre Peak and the towering cliffs and cascading waterfalls of spectacular Milford Sound before disembarking. Then drive to Queenstown for an orientation coach tour and free time to explore the city on your own. MILLENNIUM HOTEL (B,L,D)

Wednesday, December 12
Queenstown Home

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home, regaining the day lost on the inbound journey. (B)

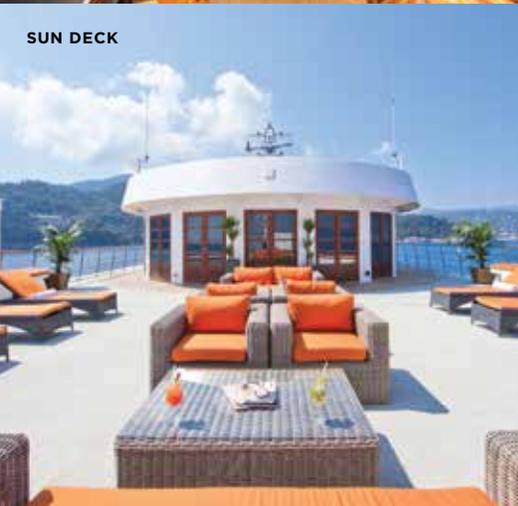
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OWNER'S SUITE



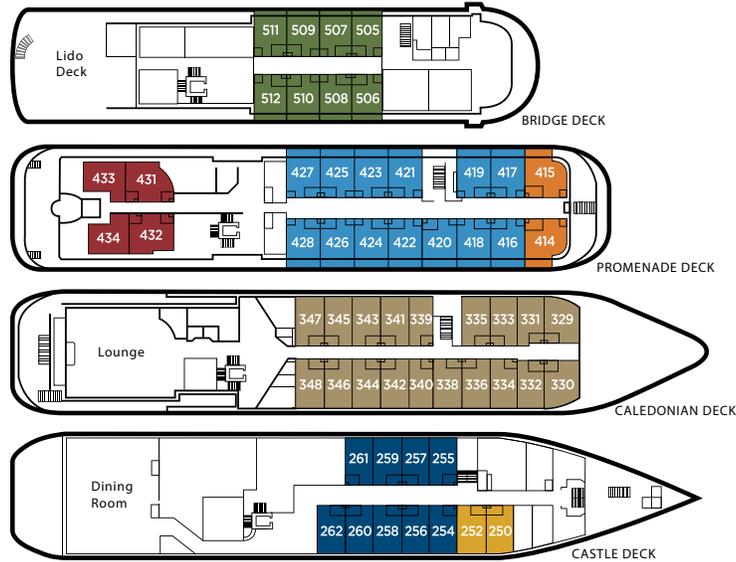
SUPERIOR SUITE



SUN DECK

CALEDONIAN SKY

The *Caledonian Sky*, formerly the *Hebridean Spirit*, is a 114-passenger premier expedition ship refurbished in 2012. All cabins have an ocean view, en suite bathroom with walk-in shower and/or bathtub, spacious wardrobe or walk-in closet, safe, minibar, individually controlled heat/air conditioner, flat-screen television, and sitting area with sofa. Twenty-three of the suites feature private balconies. The ship's amenities include a dining room, two lounges with bar service, small library and gym, sun deck with comfortable lounge chairs, hairdresser, laundry service, and gift shop. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. The *Caledonian Sky's* chefs prepare quality international meals, predominantly Western-style, served in a single open seating. A friendly crew provides exceptional, personalized service, with more than a 1:2 crew-to-passenger ratio. The ship features advanced satellite navigation and communication equipment, roll stabilizers, and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft.



PROGRAM RATES, per person, double occupancy

		ORIGINAL RATES	SPECIAL REDUCED RATES
A	CASTLE DECK (STANDARD FORWARD) • 244 sq.ft. with two portholes, shower	\$8,990	\$7,990
B	CASTLE DECK (STANDARD) • 244 sq. ft. with two, three, or four portholes, shower	\$10,490	\$9,490
C	CALEDONIAN DECK (SUPERIOR) • 232 sq. ft. with large window, bathtub, shower (except #329, #330, and #331, shower only)	\$11,990	\$10,990
D	PROMENADE DECK (PREMIUM) • 217 sq.ft. with large window, shower (#431 and #432 with bathtub and shower)	\$12,490	\$11,490
E	BRIDGE DECK (DELUXE BALCONY) • 215 sq. ft. plus 45 sq. ft. private balcony, sliding glass door, walk-in wardrobe, bathtub, shower	\$12,990	\$11,990
F	PROMENADE DECK (PREMIUM BALCONY) • 217 sq. ft. plus 60 sq. ft. private balcony, sliding glass door, walk-in wardrobe, shower	\$13,990	\$12,990
G	PROMENADE DECK (OWNER'S BALCONY) • 243 sq. ft. plus 60 sq. ft. private balcony, sliding glass door, two portholes, walk-in wardrobe, shower	\$14,990	\$13,990

PROGRAM RATES, per person, single occupancy

		ORIGINAL RATES	SPECIAL REDUCED RATES
B	CASTLE DECK (STANDARD) • 244 sq. ft. with two, three, or four portholes, shower	\$16,790	\$14,790
C	CALEDONIAN DECK (SUPERIOR) • 232 sq. ft. with large window, bathtub, shower (except #329, #330, and #331, shower only)	\$18,990	\$16,990

AIR ARRANGEMENTS Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (877) 376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. **PLEASE NOTE:** U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Round-trip economy-class airfare from New York to Auckland, with return from Queenstown, is approximately \$2,200 per person as of December 2017 and is subject to change without notice.

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE Full program of briefings, lectures, and presentations by study leaders and local guides • All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • All excursions, including entrance fees, as specified in the itinerary • Scheduled transfers on group arrival and departure days • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers, and ship's crew for all group activities • Port fees and embarkation taxes • House wine, beer, and soft drinks at lunch and dinner on board the *Caledonian Sky* and at group meals off the ship • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • Bottled water on excursions • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport and visa fees • Medical expenses and immunizations • Trip cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess-baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals • Alcohol or soft drinks except where indicated as included • Private transfers or transfers not on program arrival and departure days • Personal items such as room service; email, telephone, and fax charges; and other items of a personal nature

WHAT TO EXPECT You will experience varying weather conditions during this trip, with temperatures ranging from the mid-50s to the mid-60s Fahrenheit. Rough seas are always a possibility, and intermittent rain showers are common year-round. The pace of this program is moderately active, with up to two miles of walking often over uneven terrain, or where stairs are unavailable or do not have handrails. Participants will need to climb into and out of Zodiacs for some shore excursions (staff and crew members will be on hand to assist). Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff.

TRAVEL INSURANCE Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended, and we urge you to obtain it for this tour. Trip cancellation policies are detailed above and strictly applied. Travelers are free to purchase travel insurance of their choice. It is recommended that travelers clearly understand the difference between "primary" and "secondary" travel insurance. Please be sure to carry the details of your travel insurance coverage with you on the program.

GROUP SIZE This program is limited to 94 participants.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. You may complete the reservation form included in this brochure and mail it with your check or credit card information to Criterion Travel, 145 Forest Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Or you may fax the completed reservation form to (650) 560-6400. If you have questions, please call (888) 328-2089 or email res@critteriontravel.com. Final payment deadline is August 1, 2018. For those who register after August 1, 2018, full payment is due upon registration.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS Upon payment of the \$1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by

which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Cancellations after final payment deadline of August 1, 2018: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Note: Criterion Travel accepts no liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of nonrefundable tickets.

ITINERARY Changes The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Criterion Travel reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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RESERVATION FORM

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To reserve a place, please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel, to: Criterion Travel, 145 Forest Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. For more information or to reserve by phone, please call (888) 328-2089 or (650) 328-2089; or email res@critteriontravel.com. You may also fax the completed reservation form to (650) 560-6400.

PAYMENT

- Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel), to reserve _____ place(s) on New Zealand by Sea. OR
Please charge the deposit to my:
VISA MasterCard Discover AmEx

CREDIT CARD NUMBER EXP. DATE

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE SECURITY CODE

I/we understand that final payment is due August 1, 2018, 120 days prior to departure. Registrations after August 1, 2018: full payment is due.

NAME #1 (AS ON PASSPORT) DATE OF BIRTH

NAME #2 (AS ON PASSPORT) DATE OF BIRTH

STREET ADDRESS

CITY/STATE ZIP/POSTAL CODE

HOME PHONE WORK PHONE

FAX E-MAIL

SINGLE TRAVELERS

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

- I prefer to have single accommodations.
I plan to share accommodations with

I'd like to know about roommates.

I am a Non-smoker Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of August 1, 2018, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin Category Preference: 1st _____ 2nd _____
Bed Preference in hotels (not guaranteed) Queen Twins

I/we have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

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Fascinating
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Royal
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Outstanding
lecture series