



ISLAND ESCAPE CRUISESTM

Your very own Superyacht



2021/2022 SEASON

NEW ZEALAND and AUSTRALIA CRUISES

ISLAND ESCAPE CRUISES is a New Zealand based luxurious super yacht operator with a 15-year history in operating small ship voyages in New Zealand and the remote South Pacific Islands.

In 2021 we launch our brand-new yacht, the *Island Escape*. She is a 53.5 metre yacht designed by Vard in Norway and with the interior designed by well-known Tillberg Design of Sweden and will offer a new standard of yachting to our guests.

With just 32 guests onboard, *Island Escape* will provide an exclusive experience that is supported by our professional crew of 14 who love to overdeliver on personalized service.

We invite you to explore the wonders of New Zealand, Australia and the South Pacific with us. During the southern hemisphere summer months, November to April, we can take you to NZ's World Heritage Fiordland National Park. Virtually isolated, with access only by sea and helicopter, this region is beyond sensational and often described as the ultimate nature lovers paradise. Or let us show you our beautiful Bay of Islands with its rich history and its more than 140 subtropical islands, undeveloped beaches and rich fishing grounds. In 2021 we explore the Wild Kimberley Coast of Australia, with more than 2600 islands, cascading waterfalls, reefs and crystal-clear water, this destination is on many bucket lists. The largest coral reef system in the world, The Great Barrier Reef, with its 2,900 individual reefs, uninhabited cays & island, stretching over 2,100km and a huge abundance of sealife, is on our schedule for 2021.

During the winter season, from May to October, we usually call the beautiful South Pacific our home. The name Pacific was coined by Ferdinand Magellan during his 1521 world circumnavigation where he enjoyed favourable winds; Mar Pacifico meaning 'peaceful sea' in Portuguese. We cruise from East to West, from Tahiti to New Guinea and most areas in between. These exceptional cruises are expected to restart in the winter of 2022.

We look forward to welcoming you onboard the 'Island Escape'.

OUR NEW ZEALAND & AUSTRALIA CRUISE SCHEDULE | 2021 - 2022

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Life Onboard

Island Escape is being delivered in 2021 to take you to some of the world's most spectacular places in style and comfort. She has a fully certified helideck, two luxury tenders, two zodiacs, fish and snorkel gear, kayaks, paddle boards and a charming 14 member crew to look after your every need.

Measuring 56 metres in length, she has been meticulously designed for just 32 passengers to cruise New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands in superb comfort. She is purpose designed for coastal cruising and island hopping so as to explore where the larger ships simply cannot travel. In line with my ambitions, she represents a beautiful eco-friendly ship designed to over-deliver experiences whilst providing the highest standards of safety, comfort and enjoyment for guests while they are exploring our part of the world. The spacious surroundings and numerous outdoor spaces define this yacht. Be that relaxing on the aft deck or a spa on the sun deck, you will appreciate the indulgent feel we have created. For guests wishing to keep up with the world, the WIFI and access to satellite phones will be appreciated. Our housekeeping team aim to present the yacht as if you are the first guests ever to step onboard into our child-free environment.

We have designed a range of interesting and engaging activities, on the water and on land, to offer rewarding memories to last a lifetime – to be there, to touch and feel and enjoy the experience that only a few can share. During each excursion, our officers and crew are on hand to share their knowledge.

We trust you will enjoy the relaxed days onboard.





Art of Dining

Relaxation, exceptional food and carefully selected wines are an essential part of your vacation. Fresh sea air not only clears your mind, it also makes you hungry. Our chefs are dedicated, ensuring that every meal is magnificent. Fresh seafood, maybe even some that you caught yourself, is featured daily. You'll enjoy local, sustainable specialties and even an opportunity for the chefs to prepare some of your own fresh catch.

The best quality lamb, poultry and beef, fresh produce and award-winning cheeses are all presented by our chefs with a European flair. Our on-board wine cellar is stocked with carefully selected fine wines from Europe, Australia and New Zealand. All served for you in a smart casual dining environment.





Suite Selection

With only 32 guests on-board she is spacious, yet intimate enough to give you a truly exclusive private yacht atmosphere.

All seventeen suites are designed by Tillberg Design of Sweden and come with ocean views. Our premium Owners suite and six Horizon suites are located on the upper deck and have floor to ceiling panoramic doors to your balcony. The spacious Ocean Suites are available in king, twin or single configurations.



Solo Suite



Ocean Suite



Horizon Suite



The Owners Suite

Our Yacht

At *Island Escape Cruises* we are passionate about preserving the beautiful waters in which we are travelling. We built a yacht which goes above and beyond the future global standards for emission, but we want to go a little further.

We have installed an advanced wastewater treatment system onboard enabling us to have zero impact in the sensitive areas where we are exploring. Our yacht complies with the latest SOLAS rules and is designed and certified as an ocean-going ship to travel to all corners of the world. For further passenger comfort she is fitted with state-of-the-art stabilisers to minimise sea conditions. Fuel-efficient and quiet diesel-electric propulsion, and catalytic invertors reduce NOX emissions to the air by up to 90%. Further, we have installed a heat recovery system that uses heat from the engines to make sufficient hot water for showers and the galley. To protect the seabed, we fitted a dynamic positioning system, which allows us to be stationary in areas without the use of anchors that would damage the seabed.

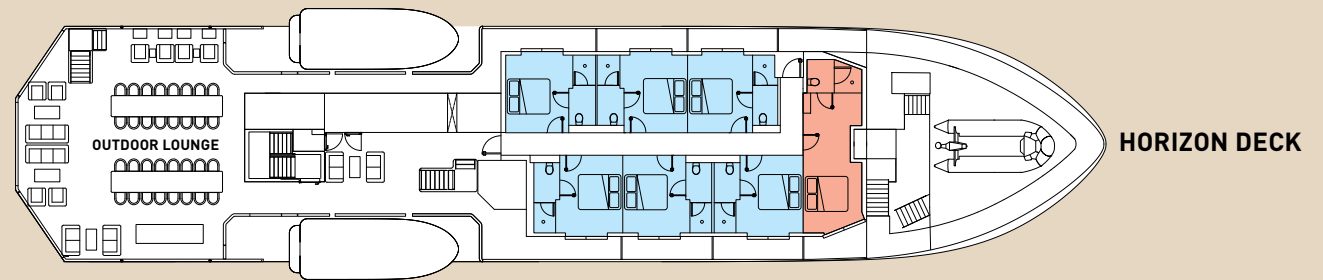
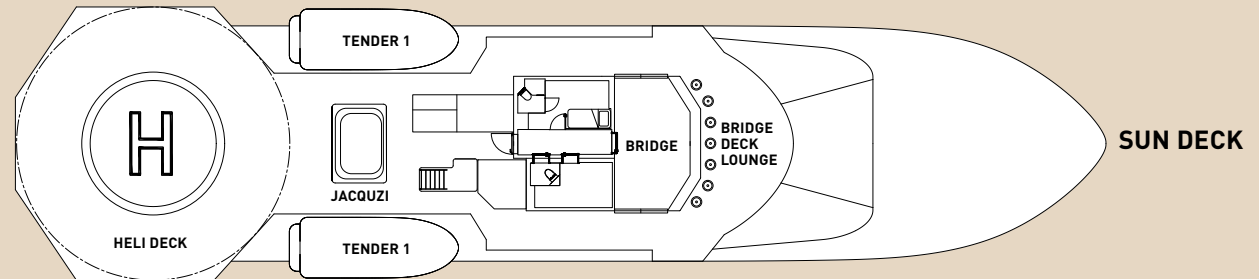
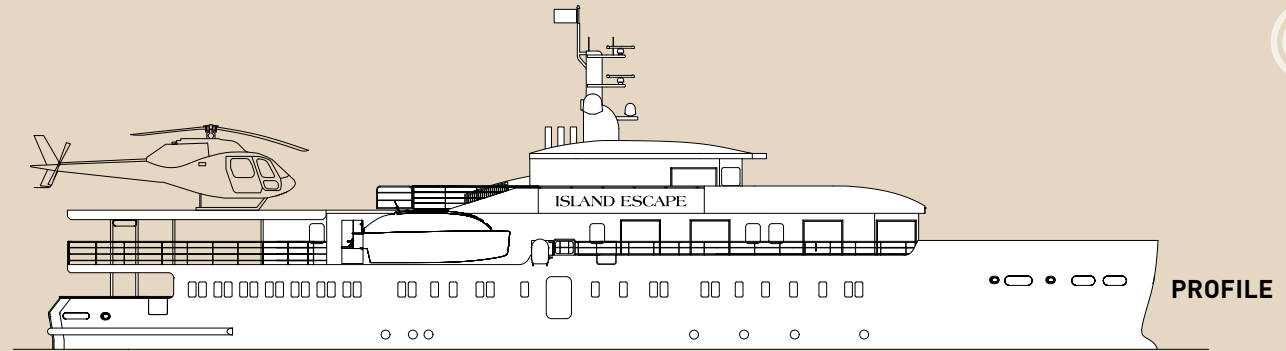
The *Island Escape* will set new cruising standards, making her one of safest, most environmentally friendly and comfortable yachts of her class to operate in our special little part of the world. With just 32 guests and 14 crew, we look forward to providing exceptional cruising in some of the most amazing areas on our Australasia and South Pacific cruising schedule.



All Ocean View Suites

- All suites are modern stylishly designed
- Comfortable beds with luxury 100% Egyptian cotton bed linen
- Beautifully designed bathrooms and showers with heated floors featuring luxury amenities
- Hairdryer
- International 240V sockets and USB charging points
- Entertainment system with a choice of hundreds of movies
- All suites have sizable closets
- Horizon suites and the larger Owners suite comes with floor-to-ceiling panoramic door to your balcony.

- Owners Suite
- Horizon Suites
- Solo Suites
- Ocean Suites
- Ocean Twin Suites



Private Charters

If you are looking for a true super yacht experience tailored for you and your valuable family, friends or colleagues please contact our friendly reservations team. We can assist you in customising your itinerary to make this voyage unique with everlasting memories.







Destination: New Zealand

We invite you to explore this wonderland with us – we know it better than most – this is our home. With 15,000 kilometres of fabulous coastline and more than 25 marine reserves, ocean scented scenery is a large part of the New Zealand way of life.

We have chosen for you the very best cruising regions of the North and South islands.

You will discover the captivating local culture, drop into museums and galleries so be prepared to fall in love with this amazingly beautiful country.



BAY OF ISLANDS



AUCKLAND TO AUCKLAND - 7 NIGHTS

These are summertime voyages to the Bay of Islands: Where you'll discover uninhabited sanctuary islands, watch dolphins at play, visit fascinating historic places and enjoy superb cuisine, served with endless sea views. You will discover perfect beaches, untouched native forests and fabulous walks. In terms of New Zealand's history this region is the birthplace of our nation.



DAY 1 - **AUCKLAND**

Welcome to Auckland and your Bay of Islands cruise.

You'll find *Island Escape* moored at Auckland's Princes Wharf – boarding is at 5 pm for a 6.00 pm departure. Once onboard please make yourselves at home in your cabins then join the Captain, crew and fellow passengers for cocktails and canapés on deck. Relax and mingle as we cast-off into Waitemata Harbour, taking in evening views of Auckland's waterfront, harbour bridge and glittering skyline. We head into the Hauraki Gulf, passing Devonport's North Head and the dormant volcanic island of Rangitoto on our port side. We anchor for the night in a secluded bay at nearby Waiheke Island and set the table for a delicious dinner together to celebrate the start of your adventure.

DAY 2 - **WAIHEKE ISLAND**

Rise early, and you can start day two with a refreshing swim off the stern of the ship (or sleep in a little!) before joining the others for a sumptuous breakfast on the aft deck. We'll take you ashore for a short walk up to Oneroa, Waiheke's charming little township. You'll find funky craft shops, galleries and eateries to explore – look out for local Waiheke wines and produce. We'll get you back on board in time for lunch and get ready for our passage out to Great Barrier Island across the beautiful Hauraki Gulf. Once under-way, *Island Escape's* bow is the place to be – there is a good chance we will encounter pods of dolphins, they often come to play in our bow-wave. Whales frequent the Hauraki gulf also so keep an eye out – the crew will help you spot them if they are around. Great Barrier Island's distinctive jagged skyline and verdant



hillsides will soon come in to view – our anchorage tonight is spectacular Port Fitzroy Harbour.

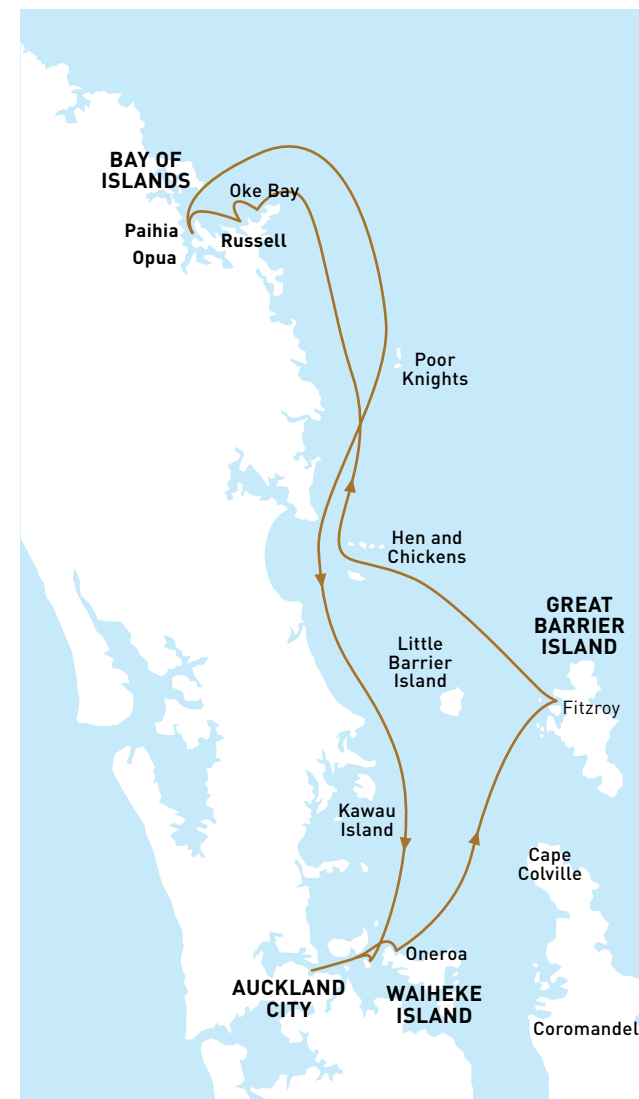
DAY 3 - **GREAT BARRIER ISLAND**

Great Barrier Island is wild, remote and unspoilt – you'll wake on day three to a real sense of being 'away-from-it-all'. Fitzroy Harbour is one of New Zealand's most beautiful natural harbours with a colourful history of whaling, gold mining, shipwrecks and alternative lifestyles. Today you have the opportunity to explore the island's coastline by landing craft with the First Mate and maybe try a spot of fishing in these abundant waters. We sail north towards the Bay of Islands after dinner. Off the coast, far from major habitation, clear dark skies give stargazers a spectacular celestial canopy.

DAY 4 - **BAY OF ISLANDS**

During the night, we round Cape Brett and anchor in the beautiful turquoise waters of Oke Bay – one of our favourite spots. Feel free to dive off the stern, and perhaps swim to the white sandy beach before breakfast. Dolphins are regular visitors to the Oke Bay, they are bold and enjoy playing around the ship, keep an eye out for them.

We take to the air after breakfast – helicopters pick you up from *Island Escape's* helipad, whisking you away to get stunning views across the Bay of Islands – don't forget your cameras! The afternoon of day four is spent bay-hopping for swims and beach exploration. You always have the option to relax onboard of course. We anchor in Parekura Bay just before sunset, then sit down to another beautiful dinner and perhaps share a few photos of the day's adventures.



...snorkel in the sheltered lagoon, kayak around the bay or hike up to the historic Maori Pa site...





DAY 5 – BAY OF ISLANDS

Today we head west to the beautiful Motuarohia-Roberton Island and moor up exactly where Captain James Cook anchored his ship Endeavour in 1769.

You can explore the island in many different ways – snorkel in the sheltered lagoon, kayak around the Bay or hike up to the historic Maori Pa site. From the summit, you'll be rewarded with panoramic views of the Bay. After lunch, we motor back across to Urupukapuka island, the largest in the Bay, to enjoy its crystal clear waters and collect green-lipped mussels from our special spot. They make a lovely afternoon snack served with a chilled sauvignon blanc and some gentle herbs from our chef's onboard garden.

We anchor for the night off Russell.

DAY 6 – BAY OF ISLANDS

After breakfast on day six, you can explore Russell. The town has a rich history – known in the old whaling days as the lawless 'the hellhole of the Pacific' – it became the first capital of New Zealand in 1840. Russell today retains an old-world charm – enjoy the shops and cafes or perhaps take a ferry across the Bay and visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. We usually all end up back at Russell's waterfront



in the afternoon, gathering at the Duke of Marlborough Hotel's veranda bar. Enjoy a drink here with the Captain while overlooking the Bay before returning to the ship for dinner. Overnight we head south again, returning to Waiheke Island.

DAY 7 – WAIHEKE ISLAND

Day seven and there's an aroma of fresh coffee and croissants in the air! Returning to the opposite end of Waiheke Island in time to go ashore and visit Ostend Market, Waiheke's Saturday morning craft and produce fair. Our vineyard and olive oil tasting tours are next on the itinerary – Waiheke has a multitude of wineries and produces some of New Zealand's best wines. You will start to understand the charm of this beautiful island. In the afternoon, the First Officer will lead a fishing trip to help supply our chef with fresh ingredients for our celebratory dinner party tonight.

DAY 8 – AUCKLAND

Lifting anchor at 7.30 am, we say farewell to Waiheke and breakfast is served on deck as we cruise back to into Auckland. We begin guest disembarkation from 9am alongside Princes Wharf. We wish you a safe onward journey, taking home with you memories of magical islands, adventure, great food, good company.



DEPARTURE DATES

Sunday, 05 December 2021

Sunday, 12 December 2021

Sunday, 19 December 2021

Sunday, 26 December 2021

FARES – 7 NIGHTS - NZD

OCEAN SUITE	\$7,950
HORIZON SUITE	\$10,950
SOLO SUITE	\$11,950
OWNERS SUITE	\$12,950

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FIORDLAND NORTHERN PASSAGE



QUEENSTOWN TO QUEENSTOWN - 8 NIGHTS NORTHERN FIORDLAND

These are incredible voyages through the New Zealand Fiordland National Park. With like-minded travellers, we share a world class scenery seldom visited that will often take your breath away. All the while enjoying fine gourmet dinners under the stars, the discovery of stunning beauty while paddling a kayak on the fiords, wander unexplored foreshores or simply relax on deck enjoying cocktails as you take in these outstanding world heritage site surroundings inside Fiordland.



DAY 1 - **QUEENSTOWN**

Arrival in Queenstown is always spectacular – especially by air, the Southern Alps surround you, breathe in the mountain air.

However you arrive, you will find a warm welcome awaits you at the Heritage Hotel and a comfortable room reserved under your name.

We recommend you plan in enough time to explore this world-class alpine destination and enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants beside the lake. It's a beautiful location, and you'll find numerous delicious options to tempt you.

DAY 2 - **DOUBTFUL SOUND**

Soon after breakfast, we'll have you out in the big scenery on a private coach trip over to Lake Te Anau. You'll have time to explore Te Anau township, the gateway to Fiordland, before boarding a helicopter for a 20-minute scenic flight to join your yacht.

The helicopter flight is an experience-of-a-lifetime, a chance to take in the panoramic grandeur of Fiordland, before descending into the wild solitude of Doubtful Sound

– and the helipad of *Island Escape*. Remember to have your cameras ready.

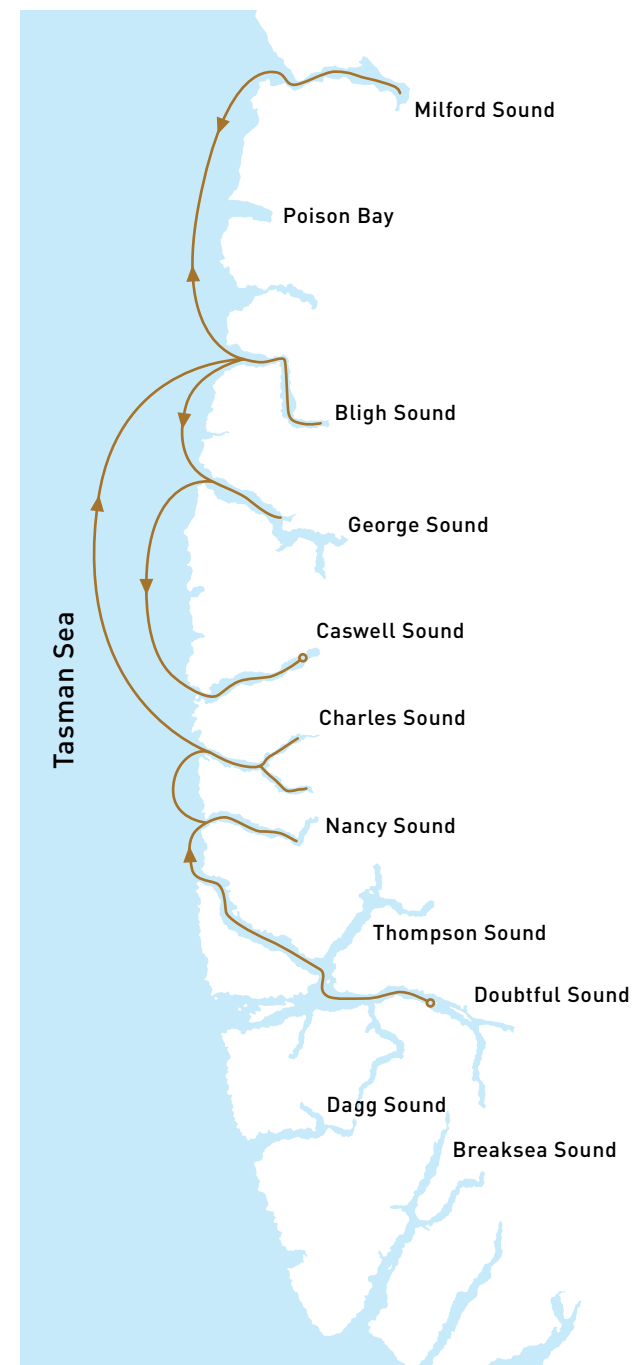
Once you have taken in the view and the crew have shown you to your suite, we invite you to gather on deck so our crew can acquaint you with the ship's layout and run through a safety briefing.

Your cruise begins! – we make-way out towards the Tasman Sea along Doubtful and Thompson Sounds then up the coast to anchor for the evening in Nancy Sound.

DAY 3 - **NANCY SOUND + CHARLES SOUND**

The lush vertiginous beauty of Nancy Sound greets you this morning. From our anchorage, you can relax and enjoy the views from the yacht or join trips to explore the pristine shoreline of the fjord. You may be lucky enough to gather a crayfish with the help of the one of the crew or catch a fish at the head of the sound.

After lunch, we set off north to explore the two arms of Charles Sound. It's one of our favourite spots – the untouched natural beauty is awe-inspiring. You can join the crew in one





of our Zodiacs for a trip up the Irene River that flows into the Emelius Arm of the sound.

We spend the evening at the head of Charles Sound – enjoying dinner, the spectacular views and sharing some fascinating local histories.

DAY 4 - **BLIGH SOUND**

We say farewell to Charles Sound after breakfast and sail north to our next port of call, Bligh Sound. This fiord is an interesting Z-shape, named after William Bligh (of Mutiny on the Bounty fame), the then Governor of New South Wales.

We anchor at beautiful Amazon Cove for lunch, then head ashore to explore and hear fascinating histories of lost tribes and the Wild Natives River.

Back onboard, feel free to relax and take in the view from the jacuzzi on *Island Escape's* top deck. On clear evenings this is the perfect place for some stargazing into a pure dark sky.

DAY 5 - **MILFORD SOUND**

We depart Bligh Sound and travel north again to explore world-famous Milford Sound. Cruising up the Sound, making stops to take a look at some of the sound's many cascading waterfalls along the way.

Circling through Harrison Cove, we reach perhaps the visual climax of our cruise, an iconic New Zealand vista, Mitre Peak.

As we head back to Bligh Sound for the night, you will see many sea birds – perhaps even albatross, pods of dolphins often ride our bow wave and occasionally you might sight whales.

DAY 6 - **GEORGE SOUND**

After breakfast on day six, we head on to George Sound, the longest fiord in northern Fiordland, to see the beautiful Alice Waterfalls. For those up for a good walk and breath-taking views, you can go ashore and take the track up above the falls to Alice Lake.

Halfway along the fiord, we arrive at Anchorage Cove at the mouth of the George River, a great spot to relax and enjoy a stroll along the deserted foreshore.

We lay at anchor here overnight, and have dinner surrounded by the calming sound of waterfalls.

DAY 7 - **CASWELL SOUND**

We arrive in Caswell Sound early. Here, you can join a fishing trip to the head of the fiord with the one of the crew, hopefully, to restock our dinner supplies with fresh crayfish and blue cod.

Alternatively, you can stay on board, read a book or chat with fellow passengers and enjoy the views of the beautiful Ellice Falls and the majestic 1400 metre peaks that flank the sound.

This evening we celebrate your Fiordland adventure aboard *Island Escape* with a fabulous farewell dinner hosted by your captain and crew.

DAY 8 - **QUEENSTOWN**

After a relaxed breakfast, a helicopter will take you back to Te Anau. Enjoy another spectacular airborne transfer with Mount Irene and Mount Lyall to your right.

You will be back at the Heritage Hotel by Mid-afternoon, with time to explore Queenstown a little more. Dinner options include eating at a local vineyard or perhaps taking the historic TSS Earnslaw across the lake to Walter Peak Sheep Station for dinner and a glimpse of rural life in the high country.

DAY 9 - **QUEENSTOWN - SUNDAY**

Your itinerary with us concludes after breakfast.

We wish you safe travels, taking home with you memories of adventure, great food, good company and the vast unspoilt nature of Fiordland.



...to enter the mighty
Milford Sound.
Cruising the entire
length as well as
making stops under
rainfall infused
waterfalls along
the way



DEPARTURE DATES

Saturday, 08 January 2022

Saturday, 22 January 2022

Saturday, 05 February 2022

Saturday, 19 February 2022

Saturday, 05 March 2022

Saturday, 19 March 2022

Saturday, 02 April 2022

FARES – 8 NIGHTS - NZD

OCEAN SUITE	\$9,950
HORIZON SUITE	\$12,950
SOLO SUITE	\$13,950
OWNERS SUITE	\$14,950

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DAY 1 - **QUEENSTOWN**

Arrival in Queenstown is always spectacular, especially by air. Your comfortable room and a warm welcome awaits at the Heritage Hotel. We recommend you plan in enough time to explore this world-class alpine destination and enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants beside the lake. It's a beautiful location, and you'll find numerous options to tempt you.

DAY 2 - **DOUBTFUL SOUND**

Soon after breakfast, we'll have you out in the big scenery on a private coach trip to Lake Te Anau. You'll have time to explore Te Anau township before boarding the helicopters for a 20-minute scenic flight to the ship. The helicopter flight is an experience-of-a-lifetime, a chance to take in the panoramic grandeur of Fiordland, before descending into the wild solitude of Doubtful Sound – and the helipad on *Island Escape*. Once bags have been dropped in your cabin, we will ask you to gather on deck so our crew can acquaint you with the ship layout and run through the safety systems. Your cruise begins – we make-way out towards the Tasman Sea



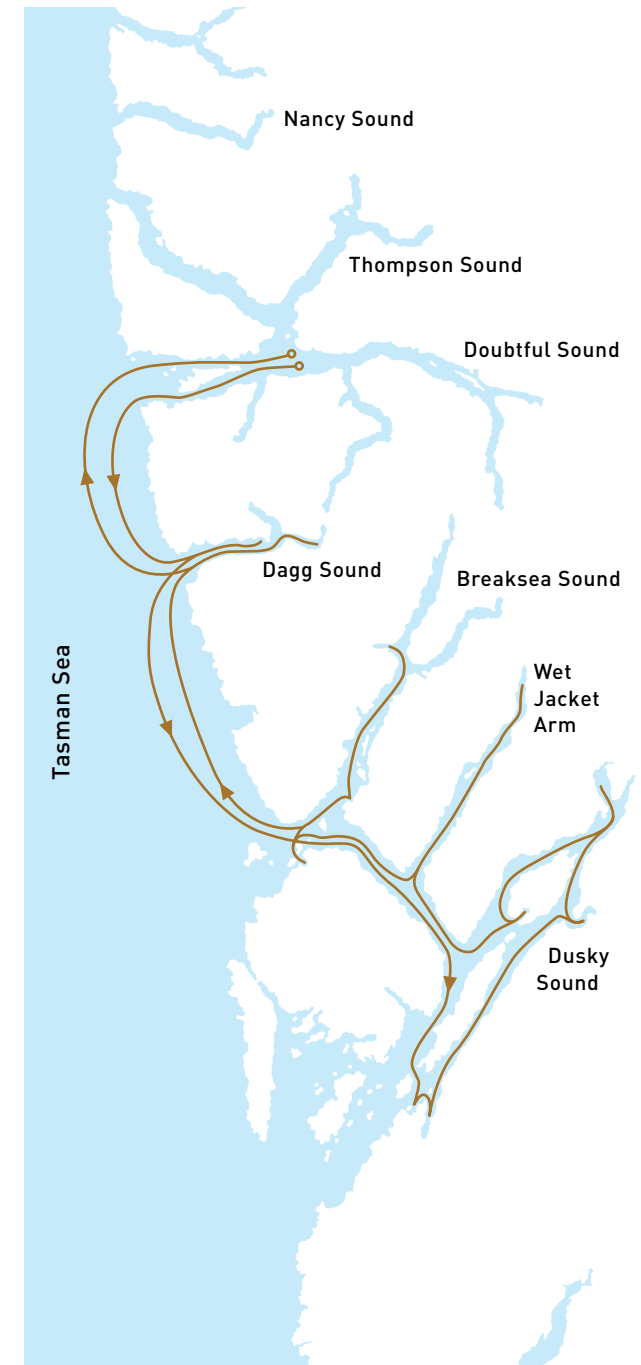
along Doubtful Sound then down the coast to anchor for the evening in Dagg Sound. Chef has prepared a welcome dinner that is served alfresco.

DAY 3 – **PICKERSGILL HARBOUR**

Our journey starts to delve into the early history and exploration of Fiordland. We depart Dagg Sound after breakfast heading south. Whales frequent the waters near the fiord entrance and a great place to spot them is from the bridge deck.

As we enjoy lunch in Dusky Sounds, the Captain will give an orientation of the history of the area and on the life of Captain James Cook and his visits to this part of New Zealand. After lunch we head ashore in Pickersgill to explore the area Captain Cook beached his ship *Resolution* here in 1773 to repair her hull. Nearby is Astronomers Point, the site of a temporary observatory set up during Cook's stay.

Back onboard, feel free to relax and take in the view from the jacuzzi on *Island Escape's* top deck. On clear evenings this is the perfect place for some stargazing into a pure dark sky.





DAY 4 - **DUSKY SOUND**

Wake to the smells of a hearty breakfast, following which, we head inland to the head of Dusky Sound and Supper Cove. This cove is the western trail-head for one of New Zealand's greatest wilderness hikes – the Dusky Track. Further we visit Cascade Cove, Cook Channel, Fanny Bay and Nine Fathom Passage. The Captain continues his talk over lunch where you will be acquainted with the long-running moose story. In the afternoon we take the Zodiac's ashore to visit the Seaforth Hut and perhaps explore the Seaforth River by Zodiac or on foot.

DAY 5 - **WET JACKET ARM**

After breakfast we proceed to peaceful Sportsman's Cove for morning tea and more history from the Captain. The focus remains on Cook and his journeys of exploration – and the ongoing Fiordland moose story. Lunch served underway, and with a renewed taste for adventure, we take the Acheron Passage north and head up Wet Jacket Arm to Herrick Creek. There have been moose sightings reported in this area – have your cameras ready. We anchor off Oke Island for the night.

DAY 6 - **BREAKSEA SOUND**

We follow the inland Acheron Passage heading for Disappointment Cove at the mouth of Breaksea Sound. Look out for seals close to shore and dolphins approaching the



ship. Today's lunchtime talk focuses on conservation – the history and efforts to mitigate the impact of introduced fauna to Fiordland. We stop at Sunday Cove for afternoon tea and an introduction to the local venison industry. We stay overnight further up Breaksea Sound in Third Cove, below Mount Kellard at the mouth of Vancouver Arm.

DAY 7 – VANCOUVER ARM

We explore Vancouver and Broughton Arms today. For those who like to fish, the one of the Officers is available for fishing trips throughout the day, hopefully, to restock our dinner supplies with fresh crayfish and blue cod. Non-fishers can go ashore to explore the intertidal shoreline and bush at a SW corner of Broughton Arm. Fresh fish for dinner is virtually guaranteed.

DAY 8 – DAGG SOUND

We sail out into the Tasman Sea for the short northbound passage to Dagg Sound. Captain William Dagg, an early sealer, named this amazing fiord. As we cruise deeper into the interior, we anchor where Dagg is almost connected with Doubtful Sound, via Narrow Neck. This evening, we celebrate your Fiordland adventure with a fabulous farewell dinner hosted by the captain and crew in the heart of Fiordland. We can almost guarantee there are no other human beings within 20 kilometres so we can make some party noise.

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We return to Doubtful Sound, having breakfast underway, to rendezvous with the helicopters to take you back to Te Anau. Enjoy another spectacular airborne transfer with views of Mount Irene and Mount Lyall. You will be back at the Heritage Hotel by mid-afternoon, with time to explore Queenstown a little more. You are free enjoy a meal at a local vineyard or perhaps taking the historic TSS Earnslaw across the lake to Walter Peak sheep station for dinner and a glimpse of rural life in the high country.

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FIORDLAND and STEWART ISLAND



QUEENSTOWN TO BLUFF - 8 NIGHTS STEWART ISLAND AND FIORDLAND

The Southern Fiords offer a selection of some of the worlds' most stunning scenery. Their history envelopes greats like Captain James Cook and his crew who have left behind remarkable landmarks for us to follow on our cruising through this amazing seascape. Our ship was designed for these waters and the crew will explain in detail the wonders of this Fiordland National Park. Venture ashore to explore places where few have explored before you, while returning afterwards to the comfort and luxury of your ship, *Island Escape*.



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DAY 3/4 - **DUSKY SOUND**

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It is a sanctuary for both birds and plants, holding species that on the mainland of New Zealand are rare or have died out



Passage. There will be an opportunity to join the Zodiac's excursion to Seaforth Hut and perhaps explore the Seaforth River. Morning tea will be served in peaceful Sportsman's Cove. Lunch is served underway, and with a taste for adventure, we sail to Long Sound for the evening.

DAY 5/6 - **CHALKY INLET, PRESERVATION INLET AND LONG SOUND**

Captain James Cook was the first European to see Taiari / Chalky Inlet during the second voyage in 1773, naming both it and Chalky Island after the white cliffs on the island's seaward side. Cook did not enter the fiord. The first Europeans known to have entered and explore came in 1813, when the cutter Snapper entered the fiord and established a camp for a number of months.

Pest control efforts on the islands in Chalky Inlet have led to the eradication of pests from Great Island, the Passage Islands and Chalky Island, with the latter three having been declared predator free since 1999. This has allowed the islands to become a sanctuary for many native species which have been reintroduced to the area since 2002, including the mohua, orange-fronted kakariki, little spotted kiwi and tieke.



Chalky Island is also home to the Te Kakahu skink. With 3,672 hectares, Long Sound Marine Reserve is the largest reserve in Fiordland. It includes the main Long Sound basin, 'the Narrows', and Revolver and Useless Bays.

The first shore-based whaling station in New Zealand was established here in 1828 exploiting southern right whales in the area. In the 1890s gold deposits were found. Two settlements, known as Cromarty and Te Oneroa, were established in Kisbee Bay for miners. By 1904 only a few miners were left, and few traces of the settlements remain.

This is an amazing area of NZ history we explore as only a very few have ever visited here in the recent past.

DAY 7/8 - PATERSON INLET, STEWART ISLAND

We arrive for breakfast within the shelter of the inlet. Oban is the only town on Stewart Island. It is located in Halfmoon Bay within Paterson Inlet, with access via aircraft from Invercargill and regular ferry services from Bluff. It has a choice of places to eat, a few souvenir retailers, and all the essential shops. We walk the numerous tracks across the islands, kayak the beautiful coastline and cruise the very nearby islands.

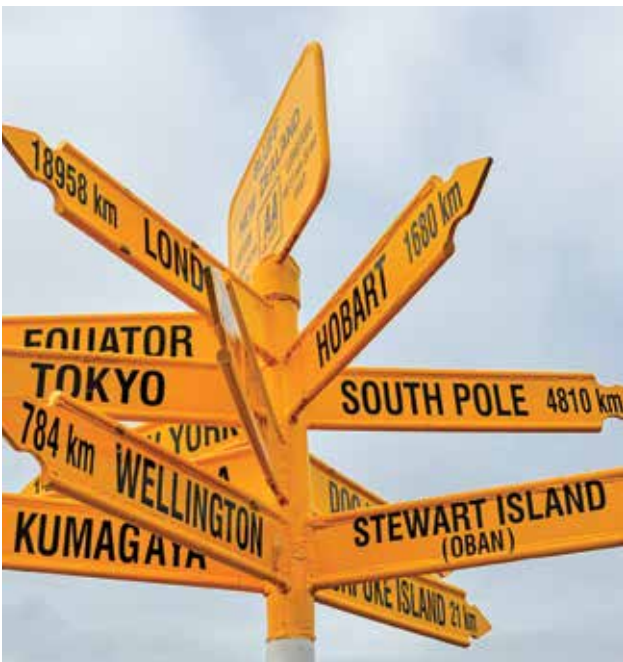


Ulva Island is a small island about 3.5 km long lying within Paterson Inlet. It has an area of 267 hectares. Ulva Island's relative isolation, but easy access from Stewart Island has allowed it to become an important natural resource area. It is a sanctuary for both birds and plants, holding species that on the mainland of New Zealand are rare or have died out. Our guided walking tour will give you a chance to learn about the primeval rainforest, birds and plants. We will stop often to view endemic and native birds at close range. You may hear kaka, bellbird and tui song, glimpse rare saddleback and yellowhead and try to spot New Zealand's smallest bird, the rifleman.

The kiwi spotting tour is available to our more adventurous night owls. After dark we depart in small groups to search very quietly for kiwi. We may hear their shrill calls in the night, or the lovely sounds of the morepork. Our expert guides are experienced at finding kiwi and will do all they can to make this a memorable experience.

DAY 9 - BLUFF/INVERCARGILL

We sail at breakfast to arrive alongside the main Bluff wharf by 10:30am and disembark by 11am.



BLUFF TO QUEENSTOWN
CRUISE OPERATES IN REVERSE -
DEPARTS SUN 06 MAR 2022

DEPARTURE DATES	
QUEENSTOWN – BLUFF	Fri 25 February 2022
BLUFF – QUEENSTOWN	Sun 06 March 2022

FARES – 8 NIGHTS - NZD	
OCEAN SUITE	\$9,950
HORIZON SUITE	\$12,950
SOLO SUITE	\$13,950
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THE WILD KIMBERLEY COAST



BROOME TO BROOME - 12 NIGHTS KIMBERLEY

With more than 2600 islands, cascading waterfalls, reefs and crystal-clear water, a visit to the Kimberley coastline is on many bucket lists. Explore with us the incredible nature, ancient rock art and pristine white beaches while perfecting the art of sunset drinks. The most relaxing way to experience the largely untouched Kimberley coastline is from a luxury yacht. Sit back and enjoy as the amazing landscape slips past from the comfort of a deck chair, get up close in one of our Zodiacs or take a guided hike ashore. For convenience your adventure starts and ends in Broome.



DAY 1 - BROOME.

Welcome to Broome and your Wild Kimberley Coast voyage. You will find Island Escape and our crew waiting for you in the port. Boarding commences at 3 pm for a 4 pm departure. If you arrive early, you can drop your luggage onboard when you arrive. We recommend you explore the rich history of Broome or enjoy her 22km long Cable Beach.

Once boarded please make yourselves at home in your suite, then join your Captain, his crew and your fellow passengers for cocktails and canapés on deck. Our chefs have prepared a welcome dinner for you which will be served as we sail into the sunset towards adventure.

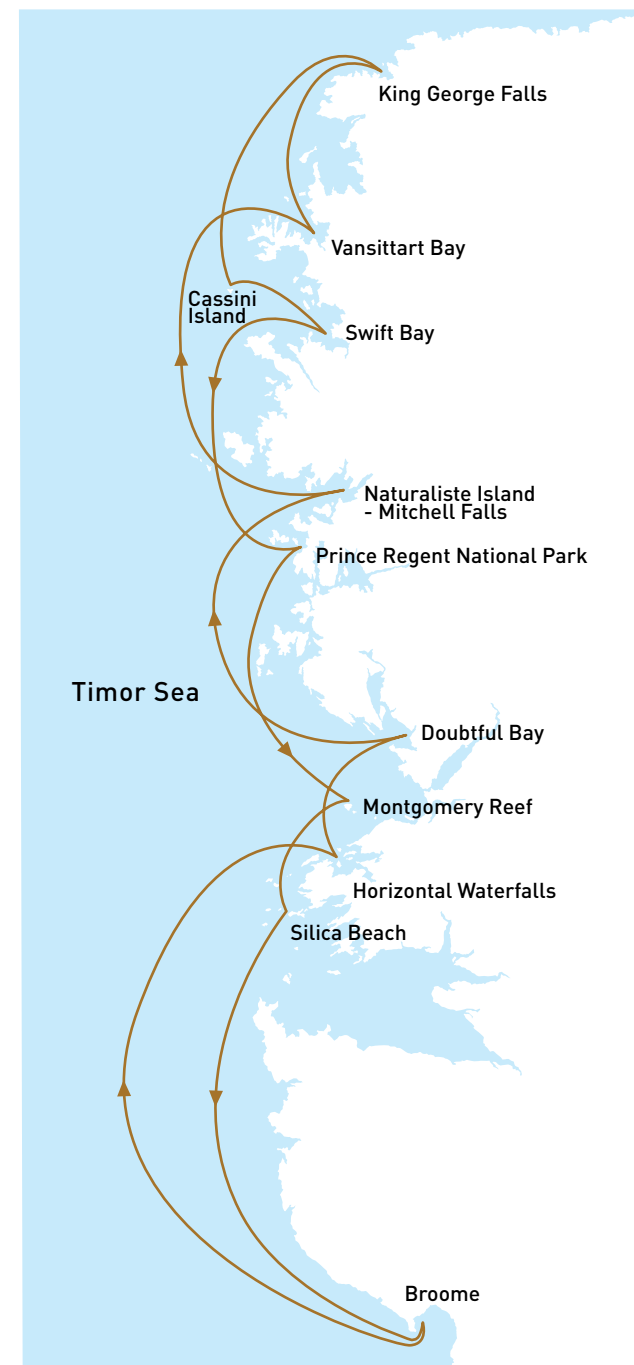
DAY 2 - HORIZONTAL WATERFALLS.

After a good night's rest, enjoy an al-fresco breakfast on the aft deck of the yacht while you take in gorgeous views as we glide through some of the 1000 islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago. Be ready for your adrenaline to start pumping as we visit Australia's largest tides at the 'horizontal waterfalls'. The tidal movement in this area is huge, with some of the greatest

tides on the planet. Here, an enormous measure of water endeavours to course through a small gap, creating a 4m wave rushing along at up to 20 knots. Another is Whirlpool Passage, which has the territory on one side and an island on the other, causing huge whirlpools, with some reaching the size of a football field. We will launch our Zodiacs and get 'really close' to these amazing acts from mother nature.

DAY 3 - DOUBTFUL BAY.

Wake up to the stunning views of Doubtful Bay, named by early explorer Phillip Parker King who thought Doubtful was an entrance to the Mythical Inland Sea. After breakfast, the crew are ready with the Zodiacs to take you on an adventure up the Sale River towards Red Cone Creek. Here you will find the small but impressive Ruby falls, surrounded by rock walls and we may be able to track over to reach crocodile-free freshwater swimming holes and waterfalls. After a day of exploring, enjoy the relaxing scenery as we sail to our next destination.





DAY 4 - CAREENING BAY

Overnight the crew have sailed the yacht to Careening Bay, an uninhabited raw natural beauty that has very limited access. Here you will find one of the most interesting historical features of the Kimberley, the 'Mermaid' boab tree. The carving on its bark, which is still well and truly visible today, is evidence of early European visits to the area. Philip Parker King careened HMC Mermaid on the beach in 1820. His crew inscribed the date and name of the Cutter on the large boab tree which is situated approximately 60 metres from the high water mark. Enjoy wonderfully crafted cocktails on deck as we sail with the sun setting on the horizon.

DAY 5 - NATURALISTE ISLAND - MITCHELL FALLS

We anchor near the mouth of the Hunter River and in front of the beautiful beach of Naturaliste Island. From this beach we will embark on a scenic helicopter flight to the famous multi-layered Mitchell Falls where emerald-tinted rock pools cascade down the slopes. Mitchell River National Park is populated by many bird species, reptiles, mammals, and amphibians. Here you will also view the indigenous flora, fauna, and ancient Aboriginal rock art sites. The sandstone platforms are a wonderful way to relish in the peacefulness

of the spectacular terrain. We sail at 3pm along this wild Kimberley coast for Jar Island. The views from the aft deck bar and lounge are amazing.

DAY 6 - VANSITTART BAY (JAR ISLAND)

Vansittart Bay is a picturesque, cultural, and historical must-see destination, named by Phillip Parker on one of his surveys of Northern Australia in the 19th century. Not only will you see pristine white beaches and glistening aqua waters, but you will also visit the grave of a DC3 aircraft. During World War II, the plane was on its way from Perth but needed to crash land onto the saltpan after it veered off course and ran out of fuel. It was on a mercy mission, clearing four Dutch citizens from the island of Java and was a blessing that all lived to tell the story. Also on display are the ethnic shards of pottery and Gwion Gwion rock art galleries dating back 40,000 years - Aborigines name the paintings Gwion after the bird whose blood was used to create these artworks.

DAY 7 - KING GEORGE FALLS

Welcome to the spectacular King George Falls, Western Australia's highest twin waterfalls which reaches approximately 100 metres. The King George River plunges down the red sandstone cliffs into flowing tidal water,

creating the great King George Falls where our Zodiacs will take you close enough to be showered by the waterfall. You will spend the day exploring and savouring the overwhelming scenery the river has to offer and gaze in awe at the ancient wilderness coast that is only experienced by a small number of people. We sail to nearby Faraway Bay where we anchor for dinner before proceeding around midnight.

DAY 8 - SAILING

Today is dedicated to exploring the area further offshore. We arrive around the Sand and Cassini Islands for lunch. The area is well known as a turtle breeding area as well as a productive fishing location. We wind through the islands on the way to our anchorage at Swift Bay.

DAY 9 - SWIFT BAY

Swift Bay is home to a series of Wandjina art galleries, located only a short walk from the Zodiac landing. The area holds some of the largest aboriginal artwork dating back between 5,000 and 17,000 years. Birds, fish, turtles and Wandjina, the Aboriginal spirits who created the land and controlled the weather. After lunch, it is time to move and anchor at Winyalkan Bay and explore Hathaway's Hideaway. Be prepared to see geckos, bats, and other signs of life, albeit a long time



ago when it was used as an Aboriginal midden. The curves and segments inside the cavern project the sensation of an optical dream, explains why they are often described as maze-like. In the evening we can enjoy the sun setting over the Indian Ocean whilst sipping delicious, crafted cocktails.

DAY 10 - PRINCE REGENT NATIONAL PARK

This morning we will be sailing through one of Australia's most important conservation sites, the Prince Regent National Park. Take breakfast on the aft deck whilst we pass some brilliant terrain as we sail to King Cascade, a traditionally beautiful, terraced waterfall said to be the most photographed in the Kimberley. Tumbling from an impressive height and around 50m across, water dives down a staggered patio of Kimberley sandstone – welcome to King Cascade. Here our crew will position the zodiacs under the falls for a wonderful showering experience.

DAY 11 - MONTGOMERY REEF

Today we visit Montgomery Reef, a remarkable naturally assorted coral reef covering nearly 300 square kilometres. Watch in awe as the monstrous Montgomery Reef rises out of the ocean at low tide, the outward development of the tide frames a downpour of water, falling cascades and a plethora of marine life as they try to escape the emerging reef



- octopuses, turtles, reef sharks and even dugongs, manta rays and dolphins. The reef and island were named by Philip Parker King, the first European to find the island, on board the Mermaid, whilst investigating the territory in 1818. King named the reef after the ship's surgeon, Andrew Montgomery.

DAY 12 - SILICA BEACH

Wake up in beautiful Silica Beach, located on the remote Hidden Island, Silica Beach is an extraordinariness in these parts, known for its turquoise ocean and ivory sand, the only such beach on the entire Kimberley coast. The white sand slants seaward between the headlands to more profound stone reefs, allowing small boat access. Here you will have the opportunity to relax with a glass of champagne and indulge in the wonderful views of the clear blue glistening water.

DAY 13 - BROOME

Our incredible, memory-filled journey along the Wild Kimberley Coast concludes in Broome this morning at 9:00am. We serve a healthy brunch as we sail into Broome and it is now time to say goodbye to your new friends, captain, and crew onboard Island Escape. We look forward to seeing you onboard soon for another adventure in the near future.

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DEPARTURE DATES	
Sunday, 04 July 2021	
Friday, 16 July 2021	
Thursday, 29 July 2021	
Tuesday, 10 August 2021	
Monday, 23 August 2021	
Saturday, 04 September 2021	
FARES – 12 NIGHTS - AUD	
OCEAN SUITE	\$12,950
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GREAT BARRIER REEF - AUSTRALIA



CAIRNS TO BRISBANE - 10 NIGHTS GREAT BARRIER REEF

The Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef system in the world, consisting of 2900 individual reefs spanning 14 degrees of latitude and stretching 2100 km from north to south. We cruise through the reef over 10 nights in comfort and luxury, from Cairns to Brisbane or in reverse.



DAY 1 - CAIRNS

Passengers who arrive in Cairns on early flights or have an early hotel check-out may drop their bags at the yacht by 11am and may explore Cairns until we are boarding from 4pm. Freshen up and be on deck when we sail at 6pm. Our welcome dinner is served as we become acquainted while sailing to Fitzroy Island.

DAY 2 - FITZROY IS / SUDBURY REEF

Wake to the tropical island backdrop that is Fitzroy. Breakfast on the aft deck and a refreshing swim are a great way to start the day. The crew will be on-hand to introduce you to the island environment. Fitzroy is a continental island 4 square km in size while 97% of the island is National Park, covered in tropical rainforest and accessible via an established network of clearly marked walking tracks. The gentle, hilly terrain inland makes for great walking throughout the whole island, including to the two main beaches, Welcome Bay and Nudey Beach, the Summit the highest vantage point on the island and the historic lighthouse at the Eastern end. The island is a major sponsor of the Turtle Rehabilitation Centre; to ensure sick and injured sea turtles are able to recuperate in clean waters of Welcome Bay. During lunch we lift anchor and sail to Sudbury Reef. Put on a

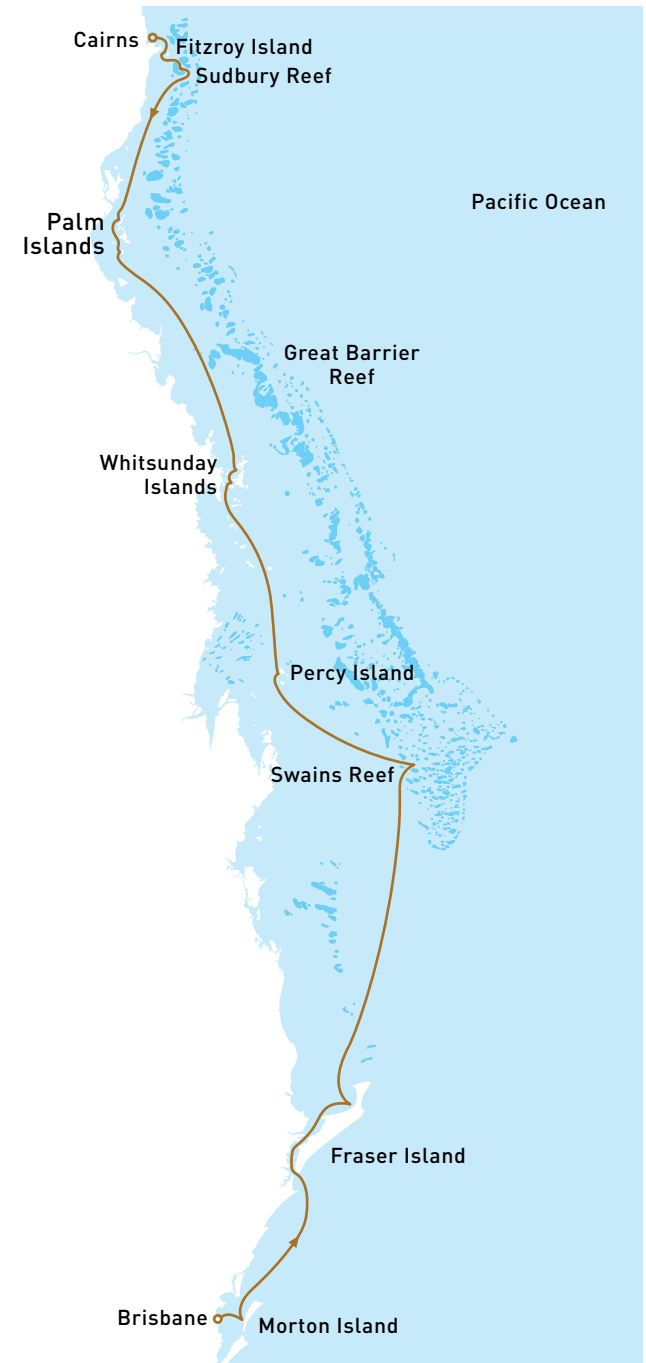
mask and snorkel the lagoon-like water over the reef before we prepare for dinner at our anchorage.

DAY 3 - ORPHEUS/PALM ISLAND

At Orpheus Island, in conjunction with James Cook University, marine scientists are busy working to preserve the Great Barrier Reef system. We anchor in Pioneer Bay and have a brief overview of their activity before continuing onto Havannah Island. Uninhabited, here spend the afternoon in the zodiac boats sightseeing, swimming in clear waters, snorkelling the reefs, beachcombing the white sands, fishing and crabbing. Dinner is served from 7pm as we cruise to the Whitsundays.

DAY 4/5 - THE WHITSUNDAYS

In the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, this group of 74 tropical islands are highly regarded as a holiday haven. Days are filled with kayaking, paddling a stand-up board, a stroll on the white silica sands of Whitehaven Beach, and snorkelling over the reef. A highlight of your voyage will be the scenic helicopter flight over the spectacular heart reef. This will be a dream come true for many. We will experience selected parts of the Whitsundays Ngaro Sea Trail, this journey allows walks through some of the most magical sites as we weave our way through





Hook Island, South Mole Island, Whitsunday and Haslewood Islands. Along the way, there are opportunities to sight the native flora and fauna and really appreciate the beautiful view of the islands and aqua coloured Coral Sea.

DAY 6 - **PERCY ISLANDS**

This morning we wake up in the Percy Islands. These pristine islands were named in September 1802 by Capt. Matthew Flinders, commander of the British sloop HMS Investigator, are uninhabited and protected by National and Conservation Park status. Here anglers will have an opportunity to target spanish mackerel and giant trevally. The boats also explore the bays and beautiful beaches.

DAY 7 - **SWAIN REEFS NATIONAL PARK**

This reef complex has over 250 reefs with more than 25 cays. The reefs range in size from a few hundred metres to 20 kilometres in length. The reefs are rich in sea life while the cays are important as seabird rookeries and nesting areas. It is usual to see trout, cod and whitetip reef sharks in the gutters. Angelfish, butterfly, damsels, surgeonfish wrasse and parrotfish are common place. Snorkel and swim, kayak and fish to your hearts content in this enormous reef system. We sail during dinner for Fraser Island.



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DAY 8/9 - FRASER ISLAND AND GREAT SANDY NATIONAL PARK

Fraser Island is one of the world's most unusual islands. Not only is it the largest sand island in the world, being 120 kilometres long and 20 kilometres wide, but it's the only place on Earth where tall rainforests grow on sand dunes. It also has half the world's perched lakes, being lakes formed when depressions in dunes fill permanently with rainwater. Also home to the most pure strain of dingoes remaining in eastern Australia, and one of the best places to see baby humpback whales and their mothers. The island has superb scenery, with massive shifting sand blows and superb swimming spots. No visit to the island is complete without a long leisurely float in Eli Creek, a clear freshwater creek. You can walk along its boardwalk then float with the current about a kilometre to the beach. Champagne Pools, where the surf crashes over a series of rock walls into a calm but bubbly rock pool below the headland on the northern tip of the island, is another top spot to cool off after walking the miles of dune trails on this very special nature island.

At Great Sandy you can experience the majesty of nature's sculpture in sand. Massive dunes, towering cliffs of coloured sands and wide ocean beaches have been etched by wind and water. Tall forests, fragrant wildflower heaths and paperbark swamps decorate the sands. Water features abound, including surf, freshwater lakes and the undisturbed upper Noosa River. Walk one of the many scenic tracks to explore the historic Double Island Point Lighthouse. For past and present surfers onboard, head-off to catch a wave or take an easy stroll around Carlo Sandblow; a unique "moonscape" sand mass covering over 15 hectares and overlooks the towering coloured sands and the coastline from Double Island Point to Inskip Peninsula and the southern tip of Fraser Island. In the afternoon take in the sun setting over Tin Can Bay and the Great Sandy Strait.

DAY 10 - MORETON ISLAND

Around Moreton Island 15 ships were deliberately sunk to create a break water and an amazing man-made reef structure to delight the snorkellers. There is more surfing for those wishing to try again today and the lighthouse has great walking. Back onboard this evening for sunset drinks and our special farewell dinner hosted by the Captain and his team.

FINAL DAY - BRISBANE

Breakfast is served before we arrive in Brisbane at 9am.

BRISBANE TO CAIRNS - CRUISE OPERATES IN REVERSE DEPARTS WED 06 OCT & WED 27 OCT 2021

DEPARTURE DATES

CAIRNS – BRISBANE Sunday 26 September 2021

BRISBANE – CAIRNS Wednesday 06 October 2021

CAIRNS – BRISBANE Sunday 17 October 2021

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Experience the South Pacific | winter 2022

During the winter season, from May to October, we usually call the beautiful South Pacific our home. The name Pacific was coined by Ferdinand Magellan during his 1521 world circumnavigation where he enjoyed favourable winds; Mar Pacifico meaning 'peaceful sea' in Portuguese. We cruise from East to West, from Tahiti to New Guinea and most areas in between. These exceptional cruises are expected to restart in the winter of 2022.





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