

THE FORGOTTEN ISLANDS OF THE — SOUTH PACIFIC —



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A RNZYS exclusive voyage to the Subantarctic Islands
12 - 19 DECEMBER 2021



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Ian Cook
RNZYS Commodore

Our 150th anniversary year is going to be a busy and exciting one, and what better way to end it than with an epic voyage of the Southern Ocean visiting New Zealand's 'forgotten islands'.

Tourism is restricted on these pristine havens and the RNZYS has managed to secure an exclusive charter, we are excited to share this voyage with friends and family from the club. I encourage you to secure your cabin(s) early, and take this opportunity to invite friends and family on a once-in-a-lifetime voyage filled with impressive wildlife, grand landscapes and excellent company.

Whilst not opulent, the expedition vessel is very welcoming, comfortable and the team on board will include DOC rangers and expedition guides to make sure our trip is truly enhanced with lectures, guided walks and Zodiac cruising. I'm truly excited to be able to share this unique opportunity with you.

VOYAGE OVERVIEW

ABOARD:

Spirit of Enderby

DEPARTS:

12 - 19 December 2021, 8 days

PRICE:

From US\$5,000 pp based on Main Deck Triple*

PLACES VISITED:

- The Snares
- Auckland Islands
- Campbell Island



The Subantarctic Islands are tiny havens for some of the most abundant and unique wildlife on the planet. Situated in the cool temperate zones to the south of New Zealand the great Southern Ocean shapes these windswept islands. Enjoy the flora and fauna that is densely concentrated in the Subantarctic Islands: the number of indigenous plants and seabirds found in the Subantarctic Islands is far greater than that found on similar groups in the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans. The islands also boast a rich history of past explorers and settlers. It is little wonder that these islands of the Subantarctic are all Nature Reserves and World Heritage sites.

*Prices subject to change





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DAY 1: INVERCARGILL

Transfer to the Port of Bluff for embarkation. Set sail for The Snares passing by Ruapuke Island, formerly a local Maori stronghold supporting a population of over 200 people. **Birdlife:** Albatross, petrels, cormorants, gulls and little blue penguins.

DAY 2: THE SNARES - NORTH EAST ISLAND

The Snares comprise two main islands and a group of five islands called the Western Chain; enjoying the highest protection as Nature Reserves. Landings are not permitted so enjoy an offshore Zodiac cruise along the sheltered eastern side of the main island. **Birdlife:** Snares Crested penguin, Snares Island tomtit, fernbirds, cape pigeons, Antarctic terns, white-fronted terns, red-billed gulls and nesting sooty shearwaters.

DAY 3: AUCKLAND ISLANDS - ENDERBY ISLAND

Enderby Island is one of the most beautiful Sub Antarctic islands. The island was cleared of all introduced animals (pests) in 1994. The plan will be to land at Sandy Bay, one of three breeding areas in the Auckland Islands for the Hooker's (rare New Zealand) sea lions. During the day ashore there will be several options - walks catering to different fitness levels and time to sit and enjoy the wildlife. **Birdlife:** Southern Royal albatross, northern giant petrel, Auckland Island shag, Auckland Island flightless teal, Auckland Island banded dotteral, Auckland Island tomtit, bellbird, pipit, red-crowned parakeet, yellow-eyed penguin and the light-mantled albatross.

DAY 4: AUCKLAND ISLANDS - CARNLEY HARBOUR

Carnley Harbour is full of human history including shipwrecks, treasure hunters, Coast-watchers and of course scientific parties. Options include the Tagua Bay Coast-watcher's hut and lookout which was occupied during the Second World War. There is the possibility to visit Epigwaitt and the remains of shipwreck 'Grafton'. Or visit the Erlagan clearing where a German Merchant ship cut firewood to fire its boilers after slipping its moorings in Dunedin on the eve of the Second World War. A final potential visit is Camp Cove where we can see the remains of the castaway depots established and maintained by the NZ government between the 1860s and 1900s.

DAY 5 - 6: CAMPBELL ISLAND

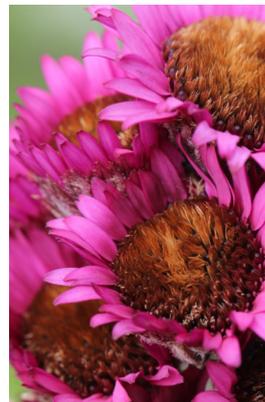
You will enjoy two days exploring Campbell Island, New Zealand's southernmost Subantarctic territory. Between 1895 to 1934, the island was used for farming with considerable burning of shrub modifying the island. All stock was removed by the early 1990s and the island has since been declared pest free allowing birdlife and vegetation to recover. The removal of rats marks the Department of Conservations largest rat eradication programme. The predator free island allowed for the reintroduction of the Campbell Island flightless teal. The vegetation which the great English botanist, Sir Joseph Hooker described in 1841 as having a "flora display second to none outside the tropics" is flourishing and is nothing short of spectacular. There are a number of walking options for these days, which will allow you to explore the island and visit areas that contain outstanding examples of the mega-herbs for which the island is renowned for. **Birdlife:** Campbell Island teal and snipe, the endemic shag, rockhopper penguins, grey-head, black-browed and the Campbell Island albatross, the light-mantled sooty albatross, northern giant petrel, southern skua, red-billed gull, black-backed gull, Antarctic tern, redpoll, dunnock and New Zealand pipit.

DAY 7: AT SEA

Take the opportunity to recap the many experiences you have had on this expedition. Tonight enjoy a farewell and celebratory dinner.

DAY 8: INVERCARGILL

Arrive at the Port of Bluff early in the morning, after breakfast and customs formalities disembark and be transferred to your choice of either a central city point in Invercargill or to the airport.





THE SHIP: SPIRIT OF ENDERBY

The **Spirit of Enderby** is a fully ice-strengthened expedition vessel, built in 1984 for polar and oceanographic research and is perfect for expedition travel. She carries just 50 passengers and was refurbished in May 2019 to provide comfortable accommodation in twin share cabins approximately half of which have private facilities. All cabins have outside windows or portholes and ample storage space.

The real focus of every expedition is getting you ashore as often as possible for as long as possible with maximum safety and comfort. The expeditions are accompanied by some of the most experienced naturalists and guides.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION: Russian register KM ice class

YEAR BUILT: 1984

ACCOMMODATION: 50 berths

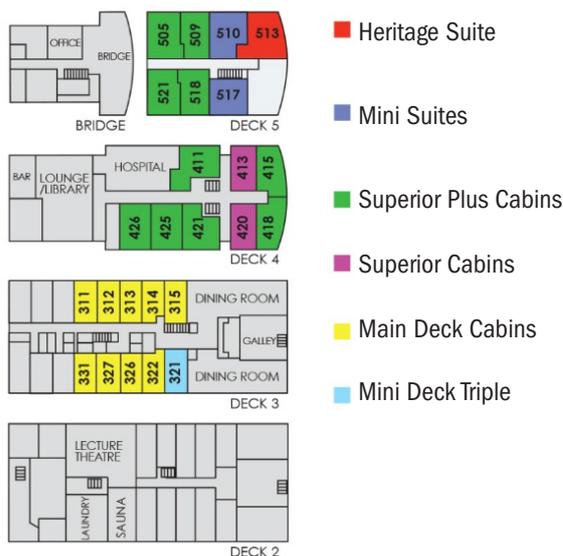
SHIPYARD: Finland

MAIN ENGINES: Power 2x1560 bhp (2x1147 Kw)

REGISTER: Russia

CRUISING SPEED: 10 knots (one engine)

BUNKER CAPACITY: 320 tons



DATE:

12 - 19 December 2021

EARLY BIRD PRICE!*

Heritage Suite	US\$6,900 pp
Mini Suite	US\$6,400 pp
Superior Plus	US\$6,000 pp
Superior	US\$5,600 pp
Main Deck	US\$5,400 pp
Main Deck Triple	US\$5,000 pp

*Early Bird Price: Book 2021 at 2020 prices until March 9th 2020. Prices and availability are subject to change. The price listed includes the additional landing fees of \$400 pp. (All prices are in USD)

PRICE INCLUDES:

Landing fees, pre/post cruise transfers, all on board ship accommodation with meals and all expedition shore excursions.

PRICE EXCLUDES:

All items of personal nature, laundry, drinks, gratuities. International/domestic flights, visa and travel insurance.

NOTE: During the voyage circumstances may make it necessary or desirable to deviate from the proposed itinerary. This can include poor weather and opportunities for making unplanned excursions. Your Expedition Leader will keep you fully informed. Landings at the Subantarctic Islands of New Zealand are by permit only as administered by the Government of New Zealand. No landings are permitted at The Snares. Images copyright of Heritage Expeditions.

