



Ponant: 15D14N Expedition to New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands

Price per person from MYR 62400



## **Tour Description**

Luxury cruise aboard to experience a truly exceptional sea voyage with a difference. Discover expeditions to the majestic landscapes of the Artic and the Antarctic. Great choice for couples, solo travelers and those who love small-ship cruising. Ponant Cruises offers exceptional bilingual service, world-class dining and elegantly-appointed accommodation and public areas in terms of the onboard experience. Choose a cruise on an Explorer Class vessel, you will benefit from several expedition-style features. Relaxing in the Blue Eye Lounge, an underwater multi-sensory environment that boasts comfortable seating and privileged views of life beneath the waves. Ponant's expedition ships also carry a fleet of Zodiacs deployed frequently throughout each itinerary for sightseeing excursions and trips ashore.

#### **Cancellation Policy**

- ~ Postpone or cancel free of charge up to 10 days after the booking is confirmed
- ~ From 10 days after the booking is confirmed to 365 days prior to departure: EUR 150 plus RM100 refund admin fees per guest per cruise for the cruise service only
- ~ From 364 to 211 days prior to departure: 10% of total price
- ~ From 210 91 days prior to departure: 25% of total price
- ~ Cancellation within 90 days prior to departure: 100% of total price

#### **Payment Terms**

- ~ Deposit payment of 25% must be received within 10 days after the booking is confirmed.
- ~ Balance payment must be made 90 days prior to departure
- ~ Booking made within 90 days prior to departure require full payment at the time of booking

## **Tour Itinerary**

## Day 1:- DUNEDIN

Embarkation from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

**Dunedin** is New Zealand's oldest city and is often referred to as the Edinburgh of New Zealand. This city of the south, wears its Scottish heritage with pride. The city contains some of the best preserved Victorian and Edwardian architecture in the Southern Hemisphere. The Silverpeaks hinterland to the North West provides a picturesque backdrop and **The Otago Peninsula**, which lies within the city boundaries, has internationally renowned wildlife reserves, including the only mainland breeding colony of Northern Royal Albatross.

Dinner

## Day 2:- ULVA ISLAND

**Ulva Island** (Te Wharawhara) is the largest of 20 islands within Paterson Inlet, Stewart Island, with an area of approx. 270 hectares. The island has never been logged and was declared pest free in 1997, becoming one of the few predator-free sanctuaries in New Zealand. The island is now a haven for many species of birds and plants that are rare, or have died out, on the mainland of New Zealand. Bird species regularly encountered include: the flightless Stewart Island Weka, South Island saddleback, yellowhead and Stewart Island robin. Ulva Island is not only a **bird enthusiast's paradise**, it is also one of the few offshore islands with a largely **undisturbed podocarp forest**. Well-maintained tracks offer easy walking for most people providing a unique opportunity to see rare birds and plants at close quarters in a safe environment.

**Breakfast Lunch Dinner** 

#### Day 3:- DUSKY SOUND - DOUBTFUL SOUND

**Dusky Sound** is one of the most isolated fjords in **Fiordland National Park**. This huge, protected natural zone situated in the south-west quarter of New Zealand's South Island is listed as **UNESCO World Heritage**. The sheer cliffs, waterfalls, shimmering lakes and primitive forests here are each more beautiful than the next. These spectacular landscapes sculpted by successive glaciations are a source of endless wonder. Referred to as the "Sound of Silence", there is a secluded serenity that surrounds **Doubtful Sound** in contrast with the better-known **Milford Sound**. Both are part of the **Fiordland National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Lieutenant James Cook named 'Doubtful Harbour' in 1770 as he was uncertain if it was navigable under sail. Doubtful Sound is the deepest of the fiords with a maximum depth of 421 m.

**Breakfast Lunch Dinner** 

## Day 4:- MILFORD SOUND

**Milford Sound fiord** is among one of the most beautiful natural sites in New Zealand. So much beauty will quite simply take your breath away. Located on the south-west coast of South Island, in the **FiorIdland National Park**, this sumptuous inlet carved out by glaciers advances over at least 15 kilometres inland, in the **Southern Alps.** Majestic cliffs seem to surge out of the dark waters, rising several hundred metres high: an abrupt relief from where impressive waterfalls cascade.

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

#### Day 5 :- THE SNARES

Amongst the **Subantarctic Islands of New Zealand**, the **Snares** have the distinction of being the only forested group without introduced mammals, not even mice. Consequently, it is a remarkable haven for wildlife. The island boasts more nesting seabirds than the entire realm of the British Isles. Over 2 million Sooty Shearwaters breed here in the summer months. Four species of Albatross are listed as breeding on the Snares along with 35,000 endemic **Snares crested penguins**. There are also approximately 1,000 New Zealand fur seals and 500 New Zealand sea lions. Landing on the Snares is prohibited. If time and weather permit, you will have the opportunity to explore the coastal environments and view the prolific wildlife from our fleet of zodiac.

**Breakfast Lunch Dinner** 

## Day 6:- ENDERBY ISLAND - AUCKLAND ISLANDS

**Enderby Island** is situated off the North Eastern tip of Auckland Island and is the second largest Island in the group. The eradication of introduced species in 1994 has seen a significant increase in the abundance of the native flora and fauna compared to the main Auckland Island. It has become a stronghold for the rare **yellow-eyed penguin** and the primary breeding location of the New Zealand Sea Lion. The **Auckland Islands** are the largest, highest and biologically richest of the five groups of **Subantarctic Islands**. They have been identified as an Important Bird Area (IBA) by BirdLife International as they hold important seabird breeding colonies. The flora of the Auckland Islands is fascinatingly diverse with over **233 species of vascular plant**.

**Breakfast Lunch Dinner** 

## Day 7:- AT SEA

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space.

**Breakfast Lunch Dinner** 

### Day 8:- MACQUARIE ISLAND

Long celebrated as one of the wonder spots of the world, **Macquarie Island** is an island of great beauty and outstanding natural diversity, a breeding place for more than 3.5 million seabirds, most of which are penguins. There are **four species breeding** on Macquarie Island: **Royals, Kings, Gentoos and Rock Hoppers**. There are also three types of **fur seals** and one seventh of the world's population of **elephant seals** breeding on the Island. In 1948 The Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions (ANARE) established its expedition headquarters on Macquarie Island. If time and weather permit, guests will have the opportunity to land ashore and view the prolific wildlife that resides here.

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**Breakfast Lunch Dinner** 

#### Day 11:- CAMPBELL ISLAND

**Campbell Island** is the most southerly of the five New Zealand subantarctic groups. Described by the English botanist Joseph Hooker as having a "flora display second to none outside the tropics." It is known for its **megaherbs**, herbaceous, perennial wildflowers characterised by their great size, with huge leaves and very colourful flowers, which have developed as an adaptation to the harsh weather conditions on the islands. Campbell Island is also home to six species of albatross, and several critically endangered endemic birds including the **Campbell Island teal and snipe**. You will have the opportunity to undertake a guided walk on the Col Lyell Saddle boardwalk as well as undertake a zodiac tour around the coastline of Perseverance Harbour.

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#### **Day 13:- ANTIPODES ISLANDS**

The **volcanic islands** of the **Antipodes Island group** lie 860 km to the southeast of New. The group belongs to the New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands and consists of one main island, Antipodes Island, Bollons Island to the north, and numerous small islets and stacks. The islands are home to a wide variety of sea and land bird species including two species of parakeet. The seabirds range from the tiny storm petrel to the **Antipodean wandering albatross**, one of the largest flying birds in the world. There are also significant populations of erect-crested and rock hopper penguins. Landing on the Antipodes is prohibited. If time and weather permit, you will have the opportunity to explore the coastal environments and view the prolific wildlife from our fleet of zodiacs.

#### **Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

#### **Day 14:- AT SEA**

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# **Tour Prices**

Tour price (Price shown subject to exchange rate fluctuation)	Superior Stateroom (pperson)	Deluxe stateroom (pperson)	Prestige Stateroom (pperson)	Deluxe Suite (pperson)	-
29 Dec 2025 - 12 Jan 2026	RM 62,400	RM 67,344	RM 70,848	RM 109,536	-

# What's included

DestinationNew ZealandDeparture LocationDunedinReturn LocationDunedin