

# New Zealand

## The Last Great Paradise

Aboard the Clipper Odyssey

January 24-February 8, 2009

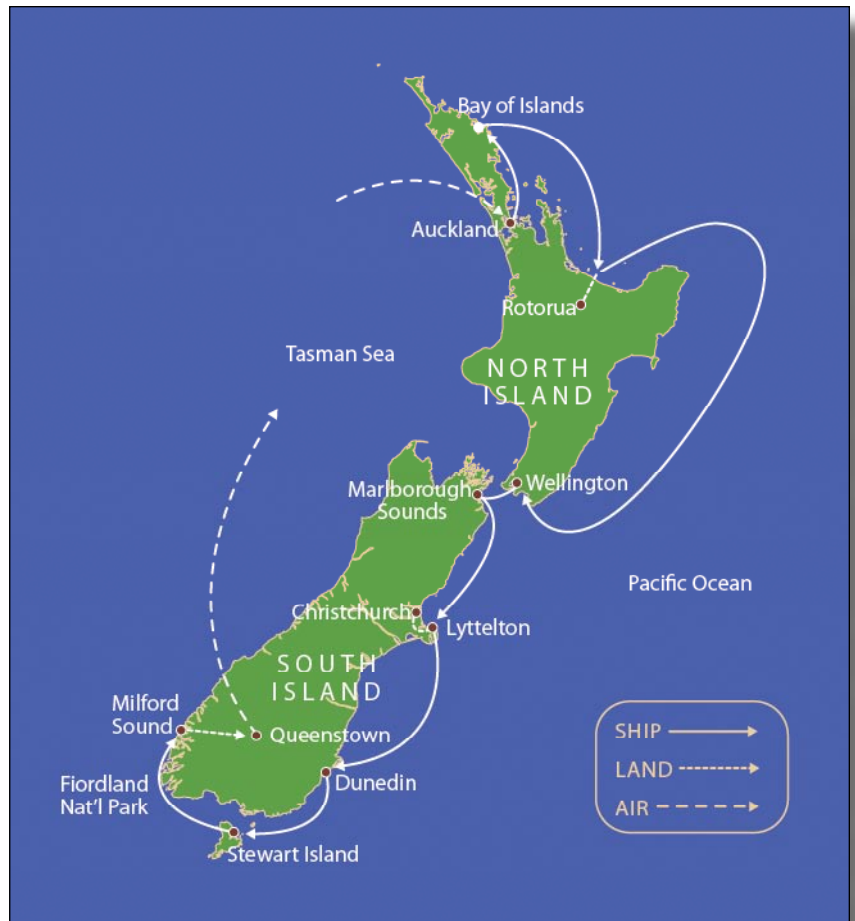


Bonnywind Travel

## DEAR BONNYWIND TRAVELER,

When European settlers began arriving in New Zealand in droves in the 1800s, they called this land “God’s own country.” From the geologic marvels of its glacial fiords and eerie thermal springs to its richly diverse wildlife and colorful native traditions, it is easy to understand why the nickname has stuck.

Join us on a cruise from January 24 to February 8, 2009 aboard the intimate Clipper Odyssey from Auckland, the “City of Sails,” and the Bay of Islands on the North Island to lively Queenstown and world-famous Milford Sound on the South Island. Isolated from other land masses by the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean, these lush green islands are a world unto themselves, offering refuge to some of the planet’s rarest species. They are also home to the indigenous Maori, whose spiritual connection with nature manifests itself in a strong identification with the mountain, lake, or coastline where they live.



Observe the shy and rare yellow-eyed penguin, the bubbling mud pots of geothermal activity, the glacial beauty of Fiordland, and the skilled hands of expert Maori woodcarvers. Learn about the historical, cultural, and natural wonders of New Zealand from study leader Jim Webster, a curator in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at the American Museum of Natural History, and Neville Peat, a native New Zealander, noted naturalist, and award-winning author whose insider perspectives add a special dimension to this program. We are sharing this adventure with travelers from the World Wildlife Fund and the American Museum of Natural History.

Following the main program, we are offering a three-night optional extension in Sydney, Australia.

I hope you will join us on this remarkable adventure to New Zealand, one of the world’s most breathtaking natural paradises. You can reach me via email at [bethg@bonnywindtravel.com](mailto:bethg@bonnywindtravel.com), or on the phone at 541/326-5045. I look forward to traveling with you!

Cheers,

Beth Geismar  
President, Bonnywind Travel

# ITINERARY

**Saturday-Monday, January 24-26**  
**U.S./Auckland**

Depart the U.S. on the recommended group flight, or independently, to Auckland. The day lost crossing the International Date Line will be regained on the return journey. After checking in to our hotel, enjoy time at leisure before a festive welcome reception Monday evening.

**RENDEZVOUS HOTEL**  
(MEALS EN ROUTE, RECEPTION)

**Tuesday, January 27**  
**Auckland (Embark)**

This morning explore Auckland independently or join an optional guided walking tour of the “City of Sails.” After lunch, travel to Mt. Eden for a panoramic view of the city, then visit the poignant War Memorial Galleries and the treasure-filled Maori Galleries at the Auckland Museum. Embark Clipper Odyssey in Auckland harbor in late afternoon and enjoy a welcome dinner on board this evening.

**CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B, L, D)**



**Wednesday, January 28**  
**Bay of Islands/ Waitangi**

The ship arrives this morning in the peaceful Bay of Islands for a special day of touring with expert commentary from top Maori guide Kena Alexander. Explore Kerikeri, the “cradle of the nation,” where the first efforts to cultivate the land began and where New Zealand’s oldest stone and wooden buildings were constructed. View the world’s largest ceremonial Maori canoe; enjoy a traditional welcome at a historic marae (meeting place) built without the use of nails; and marvel at Puketi Forest’s magnificent kauri trees, among the most ancient trees in the world and native only to New Zealand. Also tour the Waitangi Treaty House and Grounds, where in 1840 the Treaty of Waitangi was signed by Maori chiefs and the British Crown  
**CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B, L, D)**

**Thursday, January 29**  
**Tauranga (Rotorua)**

After calling at Tauranga, drive to Rotorua, the heartland of New Zealand’s Maori culture. Enjoy a private gathering with Maori elders at a special powhiri (welcome) ceremony, and observe skilled woodcarvers and flax weavers at work at the New Zealand Maori

Arts and Crafts Institute. After a traditional lunch, observe the eerie beauty of the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, where bubbling mud pools, boiling springs, hissing steam vents, and the soaring



Pohutu Geyser provide remarkable evidence of the still-hot magma just beneath the earth’s surface.  
**CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B, L, D)**

**Friday, January 30**  
**At Sea**

Enjoy a day at sea, with onboard lectures and time at leisure, as Clipper Odyssey sails along the east coast of the North Island.  
**CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B, L, D)**

## Saturday, January 31 Wellington

Arise this morning in Wellington, New Zealand's capitol city, where colorful Victorian houses overlook one of the world's loveliest harbors. Visit the engaging waterfront museum, Te Papa Tongarewa (Maori for "Repository of Things Precious"). Discover how the Maori navigated the Pacific to arrive on these islands and learn about their legends. Later, local environmentalists and ecologists discuss New Zealand's emergence as a global leader in national parks management and biological conservation.

CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B, L, D)



Hapa Haka

## Sunday, February 1 Marlborough Sounds

Arrive in Motril and disembark. Sail 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 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 that Cook described in his detailed reports. On Motuara Island, watch for rare birds such as the South Island saddleback, the bellbird, and the New Zealand robin.

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## Monday, February 2 Lyttelton (Christchurch)

From Lyttelton, transfer to nearby Christchurch, headquarters for "Operation Deep Freeze" and supply point for U.S. bases in the Antarctic. Explore the unique Canterbury Museum and its hall of Antarctic Discovery. A special guest lecture by renowned Antarctic historian Baden Norris sheds light on recent discoveries in Antarctic expeditions. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and time to explore the "English garden city" of Christchurch before reboarding the ship and departing Lyttelton.

CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B, L, D)

## Tuesday, February 3 Dunedin

Embark on a nature lover's expedition to Taiaroa Head to see the royal albatross, the largest seabird in the world, and the shy little yellow-eyed penguin, the rarest penguin on earth. Special viewing areas have been constructed for observing these birds without destroying their natural activities. Then explore Dunedin, widely regarded as the best-preserved Victorian and Edwardian heritage city in the southern hemisphere. Visit the Southern Land, Southern People Gallery at the Otago Museum, with



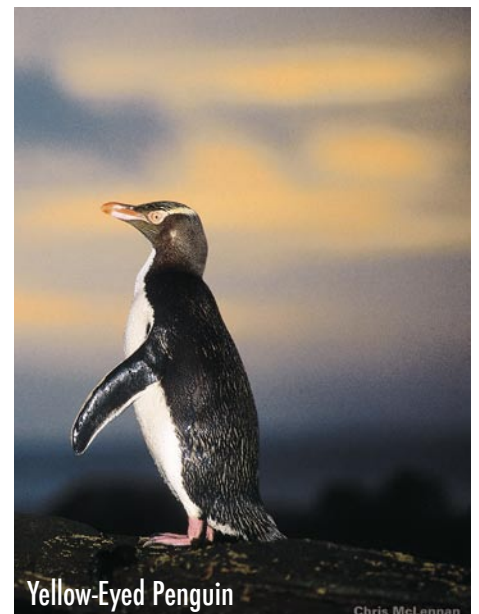
Dunedin Train Station

displays on the origins of New Zealand's challenging environment and how the land's resources and extremes shaped the "southern character."

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## Wednesday, February 4 Stewart Island (Raikura)

Cruise this morning to Stewart Island, New Zealand's southernmost outpost. It is known more commonly by its Maori name Raikura ("Glowing Skies"), perhaps referring to its vantage



Yellow-Eyed Penguin

Chris McLennan

point for the brilliant Aurora Australis lights. With a population under 500, the island is a quiet, seldom-visited wilderness oasis. Enjoy Zodiac excursions to quaint Oban Village and Ula Island. Ashore, naturalists lead walks in search of native birds such as the yellow-eyed penguin and the kiwi. CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B, L, D)

## Thursday, February 5 Doubtful and Dusky Sounds

When the glaciers covering Fiordland retreated 14,000 years ago, they left behind a serrated coastline of plunging fiords and deep branching lakes, thickly covered with beech forests and veiled in mist. This is New Zealand's wildest, most remote region. Observe its rugged topography and protected waters while traveling through the many islands of Fiordland National Park. From motorized Zodiacs, be on the lookout for New Zealand fur seals, rare Fiordland penguins, and albatross. Ashore, take a guided walk to scenic Astronomer's Point. CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B, L, D)

## Friday, February 6 Milford Sound (Disembark)/ Queenstown

Clipper Odyssey enters Milford Sound in the early-morning stillness, navigating between soaring vertical cliffs punctuated with showering waterfalls and cascading greenery. Disembark and transfer to a smaller vessel for a close-up look at the fiord's pristine beauty, then continue by coach through the rugged mountains of Fiordland National Park to



Queenstown. On arrival, check in to the hotel; the evening is at leisure.

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL (B, L)

## Friday, February 7 Queenstown

Embark on a scenic cruise aboard the vintage steamship Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm, located on the shores of beautiful Lake Wakatipu. Learn about the traditional farming techniques of rural New Zealand, watch sheep dogs in action, and enjoy a barbecue lunch. Back in Queenstown, attend a guest lecture with a government minister for insights onto New Zealand politics, conservation policies, and U.S. relations, followed by a festive farewell dinner.

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL  
(B, L, D)

## Sunday, February 8 Queenstown/ U.S.

Enjoy a final morning at leisure in Queenstown before an early-afternoon transfer to the airport for the return flights to the U.S. via Auckland. Regain the day lost on the inbound journey.

## February 8-11 Optional Extension to Sydney, Australia

Extend your trip with three nights at the luxurious Four Seasons Hotel, overlooking the Sydney Harbor. Activities include a tour of the Botanical Gardens, an introduction to aboriginal art during an exclusive tour of the Art Gallery of New South Wales, and a private tour of the renowned Sydney Opera House. Prices and additional details will be provided to confirmed participants.

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# INFORMATION

## NEW ZEALAND: THE LAST GREAT PARADISE ABOARD THE CLIPPER ODYSSEY JANUARY 24-FEBRUARY 8, 2009

### SIZE

Our group is limited to 16 cabins.

### LAND/CRUISE PRICES

(per person, based on double occupancy)

A-deck: \$8,790

Twin or queen bed, porthole

Main Deck (forward): \$9,490

Twin or queen bed with picture window

Main deck (mid-ship): \$9,990

Twin or queen bed with picture window

Lido Deck: \$10,790

Twin or queen bed with picture window

Bridge Deck: \$12,290

Twin or queen bed with picture window

Single cabins available; call for pricing.

### INCLUDED

- One night at the Rendezvous Hotel in Auckland, 10 nights aboard Clipper Odyssey, and two nights at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Queenstown
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Welcome reception and welcome and farewell dinners with wine on board Clipper Odyssey
- Comprehensive program of lectures and shore excursions
- Transfers and luggage handling for those traveling on group flights
- Individual headsets for clear reception of expert commentary during excursions
- Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers, and waiters for all group activities, and the ship's crew
- Baggage handling on and off Clipper Odyssey
- Port and government taxes
- Pre-tour information including a reading list
- Professional tour management throughout

### NOT INCLUDED

- Arrival and departure airfare
- Airport security fees imposed by the government or airline
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Accident, baggage and cancellation insurance
- Individual transfers
- Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour
- Medical expenses
- Laundry or valet services, room service, telephone and fax calls, liquor, soft drinks, excess baggage charges and other items of a personal nature.

### AIRFARE

Tour rates do not include airfare. Roundtrip airfare Los Angeles/Auckland and Queenstown/Los Angeles is approximately \$1698 as of June 2008 and is subject to change without notice. Visas, required for Australia, are easily obtained online in advance of travel.

### PAYMENTS

To reserve space, complete the reservation form and send it with your deposit check for \$1000 per person (payable to "Bonnywind Travel") to:

Beth Geismar  
Bonnywind Travel  
323 High Street  
Ashland, OR 97520

Final payment is due September 26, 2008.

### CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Deposits are refundable, less a \$250 per person cancellation fee, until September 26, 2008. After that date, refunds cannot be made unless the trip is full and your space is resold. We recommend trip cancellation insurance.

### INSURANCE

Bonnywind Travel provides all travelers with minimum medical, accident and evacuation coverage under a group travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimum levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. We strongly encourage optional trip cancellation insurance. A brochure describing insurance costs and coverage will be mailed with your confirmation on receipt of deposit.

# MV Clipper Odyssey

The Clipper Odyssey offers amenities you would expect to find aboard a luxury yacht. All-outside staterooms average a generous 186 square feet in size; each features a sitting area, lower twin or queen-size beds, shower/tub in bathroom, refrigerator, television, and telephone.



Superb, prepared-to-order cuisine is served at single open seatings in the elegant dining room. Two lounges, a cozy library, small gym,



and beauty salon contribute to your comfort, and an elevator provides access to all passenger cabin decks.

Outside, you'll find a small pool and jogging track. Ample outdoor deck space provides a perfect setting for spotting seabirds and



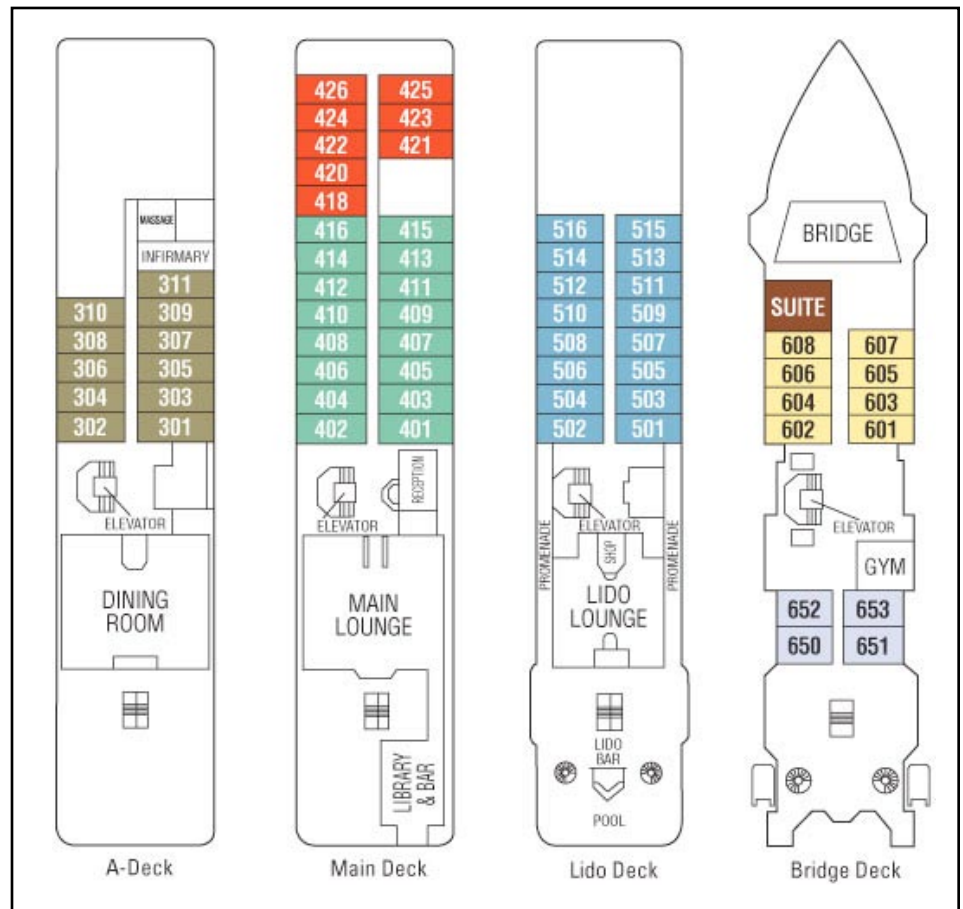
MV Clipper Odyssey

wildlife. Clipper maintains a no-smoking policy in the interior passenger areas of the ship. Smoking is permitted on the outside decks.

The Clipper Odyssey is classified for passenger service by the NKK

Register, and carries a Passenger Ship Safety Certificate issued under the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS). The ship is registered in the Bahamas.

## Clipper Odyssey Deck Plan



# RESERVATION FORM

## New Zealand Aboard Clipper Odyssey, January 24-February 8, 2009

NAME(S)

Mr./Mrs./Ms.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Mr./Mrs./Ms.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/EMAIL: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Email

### DEPOSITS

Enclosed is my check (made payable to Bonnywind Travel) for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the New Zealand tour. I understand that reservations must be paid in full 120 days before departure (September 26, 2008). Cabin categories are assigned in the order reservations are received.

### CABIN CATEGORY

Please indicate category of preference (refer to *MV Clipper Odyssey* deck plan):

First choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Second choice: \_\_\_\_\_

### AIRFARE

\_\_\_ I am interested in round trip air \_\_\_ economy class \_\_\_ business class. Please contact me with details.

Mail completed form and deposit check to Bonnywind Travel, 323 High Street, Ashland, OR 97520. For further information please contact Beth Geismar at 541-326-5045 or via email at [beth@bonnywindtravel.com](mailto:beth@bonnywindtravel.com).

### RESPONSIBILITY

Bonnywind Travel and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements, and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program, or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is at the owner's risk entirely. It is understood that the ship's ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither Bonnywind Travel nor our operators accepts liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket connected with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in June 2008 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.