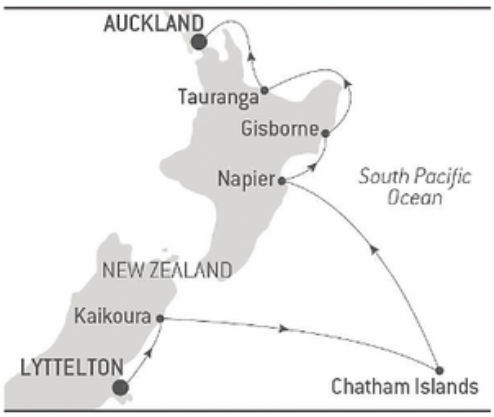
New Zealand Mosaic and Chatham Islands

From **1/7/2023** to **1/16/2023**	Ship: ***LE LAPEROUSE***	From **Lyttelton** to **Auckland**



Succumb to the charms of an **all-new expedition cruise** discovering the treasures of New Zealand, between ancestral cities with their longstanding M□ori traditions and the**preserved nature and captivating landscapes of the Chatham Islands**. You will set sail for **10 days** aboard ***Le Lapérouse*** in search of these treasures that have forged the reputation and the charm of New Zealand.

From **Lyttelton** to **Auckland**, surrounded by the blue waters of the Pacific, the twin islands of New Zealand are the promise of an incredible **mosaic of contrasting panoramas**. For the journey's first port of call, *Le Lapérouse* will sail to the rocky peninsula of **Kaikoura** where you will have the privilege of admiring New Zealand's rich biodiversity.

Heading east, the **Chatham Islands** will appear to you, adding new breathtaking landscapes to your expedition, from isolated beaches to sheer ochre-coloured cliffs covered in verdant nature. The 80-million-years-old archipelago is comprised of 10 islands that boast various endemic species of birds and plant that you will be able to see, guided by your team of passionate expedition experts.

On the east coast of North Island, **Napier** unfolds before you, revealing its treasures in a **unique architectural style** where the sleek lines of Art Deco buildings mingle with traditional M□ori patterns.

Following the warm and translucent waters of the South Pacific Ocean, *Le Lapérouse* will sail towards **Gisborne**. The first city on Earth to see the sun rise each day, it is distinguished by its enchanting environment of sandy strips and subtropical forest. Here you will learn about **M?ori culture** and local history and will be invited to taste some of the products of this rich farming region, renowned in particular for its **Chardonnay**.

From **Tauranga**, you will be able to explore many treasures: volcanoes, hot springs, geysers, rivers and gorges, and lakes that range in colour from deep blue to orange-tinged. Sailing through the warm waters of the South Pacific, you will reach **Auckland**, the last port of call of this enchanting journey.

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YOUR STOPOVERS :

LYTTELTON

Embarkation 1/7/2023 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Departure 1/7/2023 at 5:00 PM

On the eastern coast of New Zealand's South Island, Lyttelton (or Te Whaka Raupo in the Maori language) served, thanks to its proximity with Ross Island, as the **starting point for the British expeditions** in the mythical age of the South Pole explorations. It takes its name from George Lyttelton (1709-1773), aristocrat and colonial governor of South Carolina. In this colourful port town full of history, you'll be able to discover the **Time Ball**: constructed in 1876, it rang at 1.00 pm every day for 58 consecutive years to give Greenwich meridian time, enabling ship captains to set their chronometer and very precisely calculate their position.

KAIKOURA

Arrival 1/8/2023
Departure 1/8/2023

Located on the **South Island** of **New Zealand,** the small town of **Kaik?ura** stretches between the South Pacific and the snow-capped Kaik□ura mountain chain, in the heart of a natural and preserved environment that is home to rich and varied wildlife. The peninsular has **spectacular limestone formations**, and many marine mammals, such as whales, dolphins, seals and sea lions, as well as sea birds can be found near its shores. Initially populated by the **original Maori inhabitants** for almost a thousand years, the rocky coastlines of Kaik□ura then served as an observation post for whalers between the 18th century and the beginning of the 20th century.

AT SEA

Arrival 1/9/2023
Departure 1/9/2023

During your day 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 day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

CHATHAM ISLANDS

Arrival 1/10/2023
Departure 1/11/2023

The remote **Chatham Islands** are renowned for their stunning scenery, intriguing history, flora, fauna and friendly hospitality. Located 800 kilometres to the east of the South Island, the archipelago consists of about ten islands within an approximate 60-kilometre radius, the largest of which are Chatham Island and Pitt Island. The islands were first inhabited by **Moriori**, who named the islands 'Rekohu' – translated as 'misty skies' or 'misty sun'. European sealers and whalers were next to arrive, followed by **M?ori** from New Zealand who named the islands 'Wharekauri'. Much of the natural character of the Chatham Islands is protected in a network of areas set aside for conservation including **Mangere and Rangatira** (South East Island). Rangatira has been described as **one of the world's premier bird islands** and is best known for the **endemic black robin** and the millions of storm petrels, sooty shearwaters and broad-billed prions that nest on the Island. Your ship will arrive at the Chatham Islands in the morning and will spend the day here. You will discover the unique Chathams with zodiac cruises (subject to weather conditions). In the evening the ship will set sail for the Bounty Islands.

AT SEA

Arrival 1/12/2023
Departure 1/12/2023

During your day 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 day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

NAPIER

Arrival 1/13/2023
Departure 1/13/2023

On the east coast of the North Island, south of **Hawke's Bay**, you'll find **Napier**. Mostly destroyed by an earthquake in 1931, reviving from its ashes in less than two years, it grew into a magnificent **Art Deco style** city, very in-vogue at the time. With its pure lines mixed with traditional Maori designs, the singular New Zealand character of this city will intrigue you. You'll discover all this extraordinary architectural heritage as you take a stroll through the city. Famous for its vineyards, wine lovers will be able to taste some of the best **wines** from the region.

GISBORNE

Arrival 1/14/2023
Departure 1/14/2023

Gisborne, called "Gizzy" by the locals and *Teoneroa* by the Maori, is located to the north of a large bay surrounded by fertile hills and long, wild beaches that attract walkers and surfers. At the southern end of the bay, the magnificent **cliffs of Young Nick's Head**

majestically keep watch over the ocean's tides. In Ngatapa, a few kilometres north of the city, the **Eastwoodhill Arboretum** stretches out over more than 130 hectares (320 acres) and is home to magnificent exotic and native plants. In the city, you can learn about **Maori culture** and the local history at the Tairawhiti Museum or enjoy some of the products of this rich farming region, renowned in particular for its **Chardonnay**.

TAURANGA

Arrival 1/15/2023
Departure 1/15/2023

Located to the north of Rotorua, **Tauranga** stretches the length of the **Bay of Plenty**, sheltered from the ocean by the island of Matakana. This coastal city boasts a flourishing economy thanks to its port, and is a pleasant and pretty town with a peaceful, relaxed feel. The seafront area is contemporary and lively, dotted with cafés and restaurants. The town centre reveals more picturesque charms, while the surrounding area is packed full of natural delights. Travel on to the town of **Rotorua** to visit the **Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland**: a fantastic opportunity to experience an absolutely exceptional geothermal phenomenon.

AUCKLAND

Arrival 1/16/2023 early morning
Disembarkation 1/16/2023 at 7:00 AM

Auckland is New Zealand's largest, most populated and busiest city. Located on an isthmus linking the peninsula of Northland to the expansive North Island, it seems to float between land and sea. It is one of the few cities in the world to have two separate harbours : Manukau Harbour on the Tasman Sea and Waitemata Harbour on the Pacific Ocean. You will understand why Auckland is known as **"the City of Sails"** when you see the forest of masts in the marina. The 328 metre-high Sky Tower offers splendid views of the city. Surrounded by dormant volcanoes such as **Mt Eden,** Auckland is noted for its abundant nature and magnificent black-sand beaches. A blend of Maori, European and Asian cultures give the city a vibrant atmosphere.

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