



Cruise Details

Name:	New Zealand Delights
Reference:	SCENIC301Q230225-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Australia & New Zealand
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Departs On:	23 Feb 25
Departs From:	Port Chalmers
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Arrives On:	06 Mar 25
Arrives At:	Auckland
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Cruise Nights:	11
Total Vacation Days:	12

Itinerary

Day 1: Port Chalmers (New Zealand)

Port Chalmers is the port for the city of Dunedin, the oldest European settlement in New Zealand, which was founded in 1848. Sitting at the end of a long, fiord-like inlet off the south-eastern tip of the South Island, Dunedin is New Zealand's most Scottish town – in fact, Dunedin is the old Gaelic name for Edinburgh.

Today, step on board your 6-star, ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht and be warmly welcomed by the crew. Meet your personal butler and settle into your spacious suite. Meet your fellow guests over a glass of chilled Champagne in the Observation Lounge, toasting to the start of a wonderful journey.

Please book your flight to arrive into Dunedin prior to 01:00 PM.

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Day 2: Oban, Stewart Island (New Zealand)

Stewart Island sits 30 kilometres off the southern tip of the South Island. It is one of the last inhabited outposts before you reach Antarctica. Its only settlement, the tiny village of Oban, clings bravely to the northern shore.

This is New Zealand off the grid, a remote place of spectacular scenery and abundant wildlife. The island is a haven for many birds, including the cute and curious brown kiwi, who outnumber humans and are active day and night. The Māori name for Stewart Island is Rakiura, which means the land of glowing skies.

Freechoice:

Southern Coastal Wildlife Cruise: Board a 75-foot high-speed catamaran to explore beautiful Paterson Inlet, admiring Big Glory Bay, Kaipipi Bay, native forest and rugged beaches.

Ulva Island & Guided Walk: Explore Ulva Island wildlife sanctuary, known for its rare bird and plant species. You may even catch glimpses of the secretive kaka or wekas.

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Day 3: Milford Sound (New Zealand)

The rugged West Coast of New Zealand's South Island offers some of the country's most stunning scenery. You'll cruise through Fiordland National Park, which covers more than 1.2 million hectares of granite peaks, shimmering lakes, deep black fjords and spectacular waterfalls.

Rudyard Kipling described Milford Sound as the "eighth wonder of the world". The best way to experience the sound is from the water and today Scenic Eclipse II will cruise slowly through this spectacular place, coming close to land so you can admire the waterfalls tumbling from 1,000-metre cliffs and look out for seals sunning themselves on the rocks. You may like to join your fellow guests on the Observation Terrace to watch the magic unfold over a cocktail.

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Captain Cook named Doubtful Sound in 1770, because the entrance looked too small and so he chose not to sail in it. Over the centuries, it has kept its stunning beauty well-hidden and even today remains a place of serenity. Cruise close to craggy cliffs rising from the water, looking out for bottlenose dolphins and the Fiordland Crested Penguin.

Continue south to Dusky Sound, one of the largest fjords in New Zealand, stretching for 40 kilometres. It's accessible only by air or sea, meaning very few tourists get to experience its majesty.

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Day 6: Akaroa (New Zealand)

Arrive this morning at Akaroa, the only French settlement in New Zealand. Founded by French whalers in the 1840s, it retains its French street names, charming Gallic cottages, excellent

cuisine and plethora of cheese shops.

Akaroa is also home to a sparkling harbour frequented by rare Hector's dolphins, an historic lighthouse and is surrounded by rippling green hillside.

Back on board, tonight could be the night you enjoy Sushi @ Koko's with your new friends. Stay up late in the bar or retire to the library for a moment of blissful solitude before bed.

Freechoice:
Canterbury Sheep Farm Experience: Get an insight into New Zealand's famous sheep industry. See shearing, sheep dogs and typical farm life.
Punting on the Avon & Wine: Take a leisurely cruise in a flat-bottomed boat along Christchurch's scenic Avon River. Then visit Melton Estate Winery for a tasting.
Akaroa Harbour Wildlife Cruise: Discover the adorable and playful Hector's dolphins, found only in NZ waters. (Wildlife sightings not guaranteed)
Akaroa Walking Tour: Enjoy a delightful 45-minute walking tour of Akaroa, strolling through the centre of the town, up a local lookout and along the picturesque waterfront.

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Day 7: Kaikoura (New Zealand)

You'll arrive in Kaikoura early this morning. This tiny town sits in a spectacular natural environment, flanked by the Pacific Ocean on one side and the snow-capped Seaward Kaikoura Range on the other.

The town began life as a whaling station in the mid 1800s; visit the oldest surviving building, Fyffe House, or the Kaikoura Museum to learn more about its history. It's also an ideal place for wildlife encounters. Whales, fur seals and dolphins live permanently in these waters, and an impressive array of seabirds fill the air, including the mighty albatross.

Freechoice:
Kaikoura Whale Watch Cruise: Venture into the Pacific's depths for awe-inspiring encounters with magnificent sperm whales while expert guides share their insights.
Albatross Encounter Cruise: Discover Kaikoura's renowned birdlife on a 2.5-hour tour. Guides will throw chum into the water to attract albatross and more.
Kaikoura Sightseeing Overview: Explore Kaikoura's stunning seaside on a three-hour tour. Enjoy a bush walk, visit Ohau Stream and Ohau Point, and see a fur seal colony. Capture beautiful vistas at a dedicated photo stop.
Kaikoura Coastal Panorama Walk: The half-day walking tour visits a main lookout with stunning mountain and ocean views, Fyffe House, and a seal colony.

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Day 8: Kaiteriteri, South Island (New Zealand)

Scenic Eclipse II will call at two ports in Tasman Bay today. Kaiteriteri is arguably New Zealand's most beautiful beach, a perfect arc of golden sand fronting startlingly blue water. It's also the gateway to the Abel Tasman National Park, a gorgeous coastal park known for its sea kayaking, walks and wildlife.

It's just a short cruise to the city of Nelson, one of the sunniest cities in New Zealand. It's bursting with open-air cafes, bustling markets, breweries,

cycling trails and the pretty Botanic Gardens. Enjoy a late departure tonight, giving you a chance to experience a little Kiwi hospitality after dark.

Freechoice:
Kaiteriteri Cruise & 3hr Nature Walk: Cruise to Anchorage Beach in Abel Tasman National Park for a guided walk, learning about the park's wildlife and admiring coastal views. You'll be transferred by coach to Nelson.
Cruise & Beach Stop: Sail to Anchorage Beach in Abel Tasman National Park, meet your guide, enjoy bird songs, and trek to Pitt Head for coastal views. You'll be transferred by coach to Nelson.
Nelson Walking Tour: Join a guided walk-through historic Nelson, New Zealand's second oldest city and culture capital. Soak up the village atmosphere that makes it so popular.

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Day 9: Picton (New Zealand)

It's worth waking up early this morning so you can experience Marlborough Sounds. Ask the butler to bring you coffee to your suite so you can soak it in from your private verandah.
Spend the morning in Picton, a picturesque town that looks almost tropical with its towering palm trees and clear turquoise water. Wander the pretty waterfront promenade, lined with shops, cafes and galleries, or visit the museum inside the Edwin Fox convict ship dry docked offshore. Picton is a short drive from the famous Marlborough wine region, which produces around two-thirds of New Zealand's wine.
Freechoice:
Queen Charlotte Sounds Explorer: Cruise through the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound, enjoying commentary from your friendly guide, and explore Arapawa Island, formerly a whaling base and now flourishing with aquaculture.
Marlborough Sounds Link Pathway Walk: Follow the new Link Pathway on a guided walk. Admire views of Marlborough Sounds and Queen Charlotte Sound and look for native birds.
Wines of Marlborough: Discover New Zealand's wine country on a scenic tour from Picton. Enjoy stunning views and a wine tasting in the Marlborough region.
Seafood Odyssey: Cruise Queen Charlotte Sound, enjoying local delicacies and scenic views. Learn about the region's history and wildlife.

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Day 10: Napier (New Zealand)

Later this morning you'll arrive in Napier, and you'll feel as if you've stepped back almost 100 years. In 1931, the centre of the town was razed by an earthquake and then rebuilt in the Art Deco style of the day. It retains all the charm and style of its heyday with the largest collection of

authentic Art Deco buildings on Earth.

Freechoice:

Cape Kidnappers & Gannet Safari: Drive along Hawke's Bay coast to the gannet colony. See them dive into the sea and keep an eye out for newly hatched chicks.

Hawkes Bay Express: Explore Napier on a modern road train travelling along Main Street, admiring early settler's homes, visiting the old port village and hearing stories of the past.

A Tale of Two Hawkes Bay Wineries: Enjoy a panoramic drive through Hawke's Bay coast, stopping at two award-winning wineries.

Art Deco City Walking Tour: Discover Napier's Art Deco highlights, starting with a short film about the 1931 earthquake followed by a guided walking tour of the city centre.

Pinot and Pecorino: Departing from Napier, you'll journey to Craggy Range Sheep Dairy for a behind-the-scenes look at sheep milking, followed by a tasting of award-winning cheese paired with local wine. Enjoy breathtaking views and a scenic drive back.

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Day 12: Auckland (New Zealand)

You'll finish your journey in the nation's largest city, Auckland. Home to around a third of the entire New Zealand population, Auckland is a stylish, cosmopolitan city set around two grand harbours. It's packed with fascinating museums, world-class art galleries and stylish shops featuring local designers.

Savour one last delightful breakfast on board, reminiscing on the unforgettable moments shared during your journey. Bid farewell to your fellow guests and the Scenic Eclipse II crew, then disembark to continue your travels or begin your journey home.

Please book your flight to depart out of Auckland after 12:00 PM.

#Spa treatments at additional cost. +All drinks on board, including those stocked in your mini bar, are included, except for a very small number of rare, fine and vintage wines, Champagnes and spirits.

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