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**TOUR ITINERARY**

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## TOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Destination	Lyttelton 🚗
Meals included	Dinner
Cruise	Le Laperouse, Deluxe Stateroom, or similar

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.

### DAY 2

Destination	🚗 Picton 🚗
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Le Laperouse, Deluxe Stateroom, or similar

A must-see entry point to the South Island, Picton is a little coastal town girded by gentle hills, located on the south side of the Queen Charlotte inlet. The cafés and restaurants which border the charming waterfront give a very lovely view of the fjord. You can also decide to get some height above sea level, and walk in the surrounding areas. However, Picton is above all an opportunity to explore the unique Marlborough Sounds. This interweaving of submerged valleys in this area, has creating numerous navigable routes, which are among the most beautiful natural wonders of New Zealand.

### DAY 3

Destination	🚗 Wellington 🚗
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Le Laperouse, Deluxe Stateroom, or similar


Crowned with gentle green hills, Wellington Harbour is located in the far south of the North Island. This city offers a charming mix of traditional and modern cultures, bestowing on the New Zealand capital, a unique atmosphere, both friendly and avant-garde. Where some sites, like the large National Te Papa Tongarewa Museum, reflect the city's Maori past, others, like the many cafés and restaurants, affirm the inhabitants' incredible lust for life.

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### DAY 4

Destination	 Napier 
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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.

### DAY 5

Destination	 Gisborne 
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Le Laperouse, Deluxe Stateroom, or similar

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 Tairāwhiti Museum or enjoy some of the products of this rich farming region, renowned in particular for its Chardonnay.

### DAY 6

Destination	 Tauranga 
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Le Laperouse, Deluxe Stateroom, or similar

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.

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### DAY 7

Destination	🚢 Waiheke Island 🚢
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In the Hauraki Gulf, Waiheke Island is a pristine nature gem just 35 minutes from the city of Auckland on the North Island of New Zealand. The stunning beaches of its languid bays and the undulating landscapes forming the heart of the island perfectly illustrate the easy way of life here.

This land surrounded by sea and bathed in light enjoys a mild climate that is conducive to a thriving agriculture, composed mainly of olive groves and vineyards. Somewhat reminiscent of Tuscany, the island is renowned for its wines. Here, Bordeaux grape varieties have found the ideal conditions for developing a rich palette of aromas. A symbol of New Zealand's easy lifestyle, Waiheke also boasts a rich arts scene.

### DAY 8

Destination	🚢 Bay of Islands 🚢 Waitangi 🚢
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Le Laperouse, Deluxe Stateroom, or similar

On the east coast of the North Island, the Bay of Islands promises an incredible journey into the origins of the land of the long white cloud. Russell, the first harbour city founded in New Zealand by Europeans, is your entry-point into this corner of paradise. Among whitewashed houses and gorgeous gardens, Russell offers a gentle, romantic atmosphere.

A few traces of its past remain, such as Christ Church, the oldest church in the country. Shimmering waters highly prized by local fishermen, beautiful beaches and wild nature make visiting this New Zealand town a picture postcard experience.

### DAY 9

Destination	🚢 At Sea 🚢
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Le Laperouse, Deluxe Stateroom, or similar

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.

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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.

### DAY 10

Destination	 Norfolk Island 
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Le Laperouse, Deluxe Stateroom, or similar

This unspoilt South Pacific island lies off Australia's east coast. The choice is yours: relax on its deserted beaches or dive among the multi-coloured fish and corals of Emily Bay lagoon. Norfolk Island National Park is the place to see parrots hidden under the araucaria branches and tree-ferns. The lookout perched at the top of Mount Pitt offers you a 360-degree panorama of sparkling coastline. Discover more about the island's turbulent history at the Norfolk Island Museum in Kingston, one of Australia's oldest towns.

### DAY 11

Destination	 At Sea 
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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### DAY 12

Destination	🚢 Isle Of Pines 🚢
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Known as the “Jewel of the Pacific”, the Isle of Pines is the southernmost of the Caledonian islands. It is the largest island in the marine area of the Great Southern Lagoon, one of the six lagoons in New Caledonia that are UNESCO World Heritage sites for the diversity of their coral reefs and their ecosystems. Discovered by James Cook in 1774, the island owes its name to the New Caledonia Pines that line the many white sandy beaches with their transparent waters, for which it is famous.

During your visit, you can complete your exploration of this exceptional natural heritage with the discovery of the vestiges of the penal colony, where at the end of the 19th century, political prisoners from the Paris Commune and Kabylans from Algeria were deported.

### DAY 13

Destination	🚢 Lifou 🚢
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Le Laperouse, Deluxe Stateroom, or similar

You’ll land around 100km east of Grande-Terre. An ancient coral atoll atop a collapsed volcano, Lifou is today the largest and highest of the Loyalty Islands. This is an outstanding natural site, waiting to be explored: to the north, the coastline ends abruptly in sheer cliffs, while to the south lie expanses of long white sand beaches. Lovers of wild plantlife may well be tempted by a walk further inland, where the rich and authentic Kanak culture is proudly upheld by the local community.

### DAY 14

Destination	🚢 Noumea, Disembark Cruise
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Perched on a peninsula between bays and hills, on the south-west coast of Grande Terre, Noumea enjoys a magnificent natural setting. The town shelters some exceptional biodiversity, thanks especially to the coastal mangroves. To feel the town’s heartbeat, you can mosey in the place des Cocotiers, where Noumeans love to gather. The Tjibaou cultural centre

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unveils the secrets of the kanak culture. As for the Hagen castle or the maison Célières, these are precious witnesses of a colonial past. But Noumea is also about sumptuous beaches.





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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Travel with Ponant Cruises
- 14 Day cruise on board the Le Laperouse in a Deluxe Stateroom (Upgrades available)
- Unlimited drinks are included, at any time of the day (excludes certain items)
- Fine French dining daily with all breakfast, lunches and dinners while sailing
- Join the highly qualified local expedition team and enjoy regular outings and shore visits in Zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides
- Wi-Fi free of charge

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### CABINS & UPGRADES

#### Cabin Bedding and Upgrades

Bedding on board the cruise is restricted to the following configurations. If you wish to upgrade your cabin, the following amounts are payable in addition to the package price prior to travel:

#### Deluxe Stateroom: INCLUDED

Private balcony, Individually-controlled air-conditioning, King-size bed or twin beds, Shower, Minibar, Flat screen, Satellite TV, Desk with stationery, Ipod(TM) players, Video on demand, Safe, Hairdryer, Bath robes, Satellite direct line telephone, 110/220 volts outlet, French bath products, 24hr room service, Internet access wifi.

#### Prestige Stateroom Deck 4

Private balcony, Individually-controlled air-conditioning, King-size bed or twin beds, Shower, Minibar, Flat screen, Satellite TV, Desk with stationery, Ipod(TM) players, Video on demand, Safe, Hairdryer, Bath robes, Satellite direct line telephone, 110/220 volts outlet, French bath products, 24hr room service, Internet access wifi, 1 stateroom for people with reduced mobility. *Upgrades from \$950 per person (subject to availability).*

#### Privilege Suite Deck 5

Private balcony, Individually-controlled air-conditioning, King-size bed or twin beds, 1sofa, Shower, Minibar, Flat screen, Satellite TV, Desk with stationery, Ipod(TM) players, Video on demand, Safe, Hairdryer, Bath robes, Satellite direct line telephone, 110/220 volts outlet, French bath products, 24hr room service, Internet access wifi, Butler service. *Upgrades from \$13,430 per person (subject to availability).*

*Please request your cabin upgrade in the 'special requests' field. Availability and price will then be confirmed and added to your invoice upon acceptance.*

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### ABOUT YOUR SHIP

**Le Laperouse** is environmentally friendly, fitted with innovative equipment and complete with lounges designed to be largely open to the exterior, this new and intimately sized yacht offers a unique type of cruise experience.

Onboard this ship sailing under the French flag, you'll experience the incomparable pleasure of a cosily intimate cruise offering the possibility of exploring an ever-increasing range of destinations in an ethnic chic ambiance and with five-star service.

The Blue Eye, a multisensorial underwater lounge offering a unique experience unlike anything else in the world. To know more about your ship, please click [HERE](#).

### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- A new cruise to discover the natural and cultural wonders of New Zealand and New Caledonia.
- Discover sublime New Zealand landscapes with exceptional diversity: lagoons, heavenly beaches, seabed, volcanoes, hot springs, geysers, rivers, gorges and lakes, vineyards.
- Meet the Maori people, brave warriors with ancestral traditions and customs.
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Great Southern Lagoon of New Caledonia (Isle of Pines).
- In Wellington, discover the Te Papa Tongarewa Museum.
- From Picton, discover Marlborough region, famous for its vineyards and its submerged valleys.

## Fine Print

### BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation. We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

#### **Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support**

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due

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to depart.

### **Flexible Date Change Option**

Book now, change later with our Flexible Date Change option. You may select this \$99pp option at time of purchase, giving travellers the flexibility to change your date without penalty (subject to availability, less third party costs incurred, plus any applicable surcharges for the new date selected).

Date change must be requested prior to 65 days before your original selected departure date\*. Once inside 65 days of departure, date changes are not permitted. \*some packages may have a varied period in which you can request a date change due to limitations with the third-party provider.

Please refer to our 'Book with Confidence' section for terms and conditions.

The Flexible Date Change option does not cover cost incurred for components not fulfilled by Inspiring Vacations or in the event extra services have been booked with Inspiring Vacations outside of the standard package, including but not limited to airfares, pre/post accommodation or insurance.

### **Cooling off period**

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period. Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply.

Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to [support@inspiringvacations.com](mailto:support@inspiringvacations.com), including the reason for cancellation.





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### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a 25% deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1000 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 120 days prior to departure.

#### Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

#### Booking On Request

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners. Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete.
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used.
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### COVID-19

Due to COVID there maybe disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular

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components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

### **Fitness Requirements**

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity.

These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers. As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only and subject to availability. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however any changes are beyond our control.

### **Single Supplement**

Please follow the 'book now' prompts and select 1 passenger to view the single supplement cost.

### **Triple Share**

Not Available

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation including, e-tickets and cruise details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### **Children**

Children must share a room with parents at all times and are charged the same price as adults.

### **Warning About The Use Of Drones**

The use of drones aboard PONANT ships, whether they are sailing at sea, at a port of call or anchored, is strictly forbidden. The use of drones on land in the Arctic and Antarctic regions is also strictly forbidden by international polar regulations.

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In other regions, it may be possible to use drones on land if permission has been obtained from the relevant authorities of each country and each region travelled through, as well as a pilot's licence that should be obtained from your home country.

Passengers are responsible for obtaining these permits; they should be able to present them at all times. Passengers who do not obtain these authorisations expose themselves to the risk of legal proceedings.



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### VISA & PASSPORT REQUIREMENT

For all international voyages, it is the traveller's responsibility to ensure that they have a valid passport and they meet the visa requirement. Passport valid for at least six (6) months beyond the completion of your trip. Passport must contain at least two completely clear, blank, unused visa pages for each visa required, not including any amendment pages. Visa pages with stains or ink from other pages in the passport are not usable. Guests who deviate from the scheduled embarkation or disembarkation port should research the foreign entry requirements for the port country. Due to government regulations, regrettably, Ponant will have to deny boarding to any guest who fails to obtain the appropriate travel documentation for this trip.

The information below is current but subject to change at any time without advance notice from government authorities. Please consult your respective government agencies for visa and health information.

**Australia:** an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) must be obtained before your arrival in Australia. For more information, please visit [www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/immigration-and-visas](http://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/immigration-and-visas). Carriers should be aware that there will not be any physical evidence in your passport. A copy of your ETA must be sent to PONANT at the latest 45 days prior to your cruise date. We also ask you to keep a copy of your ETA and keep it with your passport throughout the duration of your trip.

Australian customs regulations are very strict, especially for the import of food items such as fresh food (even sealed), fruits, eggs, meat, plants, vegetables, seeds, grains. Fur and feathers are also forbidden. We highly recommend you consult this website for further details: [www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/immigration-and-visas/customs-clearance](http://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/immigration-and-visas/customs-clearance).

It is recommended that you contact your health professional for any specific medical advice relating to travel through these regions, including advice on Malaria prevention and dengue fever.

**New Zealand:** Nationalities who are visa-exempt must now apply for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) before your arrival in New Zealand. For more information, please visit [www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas). A copy of your ETA must be sent to PONANT at the latest 45 days prior to your cruise date. We also ask you to keep a copy of your ETA and keep it with your passport throughout the duration of your trip. While applying for the ETA, you will be asked to pay the mandatory International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL). Australian passport holders are exempt of the ETA and the IVL.

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### EXCLUSIONS

- Flights
- Personal expenses
- Optional activities
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)

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