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15 Day The Sub
Antarctic
Islands
Expedition
Auckland -
Lyttelton



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DAY 1

Destination	Auckland  Embarkation
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A


Today we embark in Auckland in the early evening, ready for the adventure of a lifetime. Often described as the “Galapagos of the Southern Ocean”, the Subantarctic Islands of Australia and New Zealand are among some of the best preserved and protected environments on the planet where you will experience scenery and wildlife like nowhere else on earth.

DAY 2

Destination	 At Sea
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A


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

DAY 3

Destination	 At Sea
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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.

DAY 4

Destination	 Bounty Islands
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

The Bounty Islands are a scattering of 20 igneous islets and rocks lying 700 km east-south-east of New Zealand. They were discovered by Captain William Bligh in 1788, just months before the mutiny on the Bounty. The Bounty Islands can


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be smelt and heard from far away, as every available rock is covered in New Zealand fur seals and seabirds. The islands have the world's largest breeding colony of New Zealand fur seals. There are breeding populations of Salvin's mollymawks, erect-crested penguins and the endemic Bounty Island shag. Landing on the Bounty Islands 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.

DAY 5

Destination	 Antipodes Islands
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

The volcanic islands of the Antipodes Island group lie 860 km to the southeast of New. The group 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.

DAY 6

Destination	 At Sea
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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DAY 7

Destination	 Campbell Island
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Accommodation	N/A


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.

DAY 8

Destination	 Enderby Island, Auckland Islands
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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. You will head ashore and have the opportunity to undertake a guided walk on the Northern Cliffs track as well as spend time viewing the New Zealand Sea Lion colony. There is also the opportunity to undertake a zodiac tour around the coastline of Enderby Island in search of the Auckland Island Teal and other endemic species.

DAY 9

Destination	 At Sea
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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DAY 10

Destination	 Anare Station, Macquarie Island
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A


Long celebrated as one of the wonder spots of the world, the 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. You will have the opportunity to undertake a guided walk around the ANARE Station to view the facility and the prolific wildlife that resides here.

DAY 11

Destination	 Sandy Bay, Macquarie Island
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Macquarie Island, or "Macca" as it is colloquially known, was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1997 as a site of major geoconservation significance, being the only island in the world composed entirely of oceanic crust and rocks from the mantle. It is an island of unique natural diversity and one of the truly remarkable places on earth. Sandy Bay is located on the East Coast of the Island and is home to significant Royal and King Penguin rookeries as well as a breeding colony of Southern Elephant Seals. You will have the opportunity to land ashore in Sandy Bay to view both the King and Royal colonies as well as the other prolific wildlife in the Bay.

DAY 12

Destination	 At Sea
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A


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Destination	 Snares Islands
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Accommodation	N/A


Amongst the islands of the Southern Ocean, 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 zodiacs.

DAY 14

Destination	 At Sea
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Our final day at sea, relax by the pool or in the library, keep fit in the gym or pamper yourself with a massage or treatment in the spa

DAY 15

Destination	 Disembark, Lyttelton, South Island
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

After Breakfast, you will disembark on the eastern coast of New Zealand's South Island, Lyttelton.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

Embark aboard the luxurious and exclusive "Le Bellot" Luxury Ship for a 15-day expedition cruise to discover the wild and untouched beauty of the Subantarctic Islands of Australia and New Zealand.

Zodiac outings & shore visits with your expedition team, allowing opportunities for guided walks on the Auckland Islands, Campbell Island and Macquarie Island, all of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

47 meals - 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 14 dinners

Superior twin share accommodation

Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

Fine Print

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

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)

Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected

Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests

Click the purple '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 position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur

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OPTIONAL TOURS	None
EXCLUSIONS	<p>International Airfares Tips for the local guides where applicable Personal Expenses Travel Insurance Optional activities Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional</p>
CRUISE DETAILS	<p>14 Nights onboard the intimate Le Bellot luxury ship, with a maximum of 184 guests onboard. To see further details on the ship, please click HERE</p>
IMPORTANT INFORMATION	<p>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. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.</p> <p>Single Supplement A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$6,550 subject to availability.</p> <p>Triple Share Not available.</p> <p>Children Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.</p> <p>Tour Documentation Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.</p>

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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 Our Deluxe Staterooms are approx 19sqm and include a 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.

Prestige Stateroom on Deck 5: Includes a private balcony and inclusions as above with a 19sqm cabin, but located on Deck 5. Upgrades available from \$2,460 per person (subject to availability)

Deluxe Suite on Deck 4: Our 27sqm suite includes a private balcony, Individually-controlled air-conditioning, King-size bed or twin beds, 1 sofa, 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. Upgrades available from \$10,200 per person (subject to availability)

Prestige Suite on Deck 5: Our 38sqm suite includes a private balcony, Individually-controlled air-conditioning, King-size bed or twin beds, 1 sofa, 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. Upgrades available from \$18,920 per person (subject to availability)

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