

Tasman Bay and the Marlborough Sounds

Explore the top of the South Island from Tasman Bay to the Marlborough Sounds. Visiting some of New Zealand's most iconic destinations in between including the Abel Tasman National Park, Adele Island, d'Urville Island, Greville Harbour, Pelorus and Kenepuru Sounds.



9 DAYS, 8 NIGHTS

TRAVEL STYLE: Expedition aboard MV Strannik

PRICE FROM: NZ\$4,670 PP

TRIP DATES: 27 November, 11 December 2021

*Itinerary operates in reverse

HIGHLIGHTS:

- > Spend 8 days aboard Strannik, a comfortable vessel with only seven other like-minded travellers
- > Enjoy endless opportunities for adventure and wildlife
- > Discover a part of New Zealand that very few get to experience
- > Spend time in the Abel Tasman enjoying short or long walks, kayaking and swimming
- > Visit D'Urville Island and transit the iconic French Pass
- > Sail in remote inlets throughout the Kenepuru, Pelorus and Queen Charlotte Sounds

Note: Voyages are restricted to 8 passengers. Additional passengers can be accommodated at the approval of Wild Earth Travel.



ITINERARY: NELSON TO PICTON

Please note: we do not publish a day to day itinerary, except for first and the last day. We embrace true expedition travel and make each trip unique depending on weather conditions and the guests onboard. Each of our expeditions has a goal or an objective and you will have a role in both defining and achieving those.

DAY 1: EMBARK IN NELSON

DAY 2 - 8: EXPLORE THE BEST OF THE TOP OF THE SOUTH

DAY 9: DISEMBARK IN PICTON

DETAILS:

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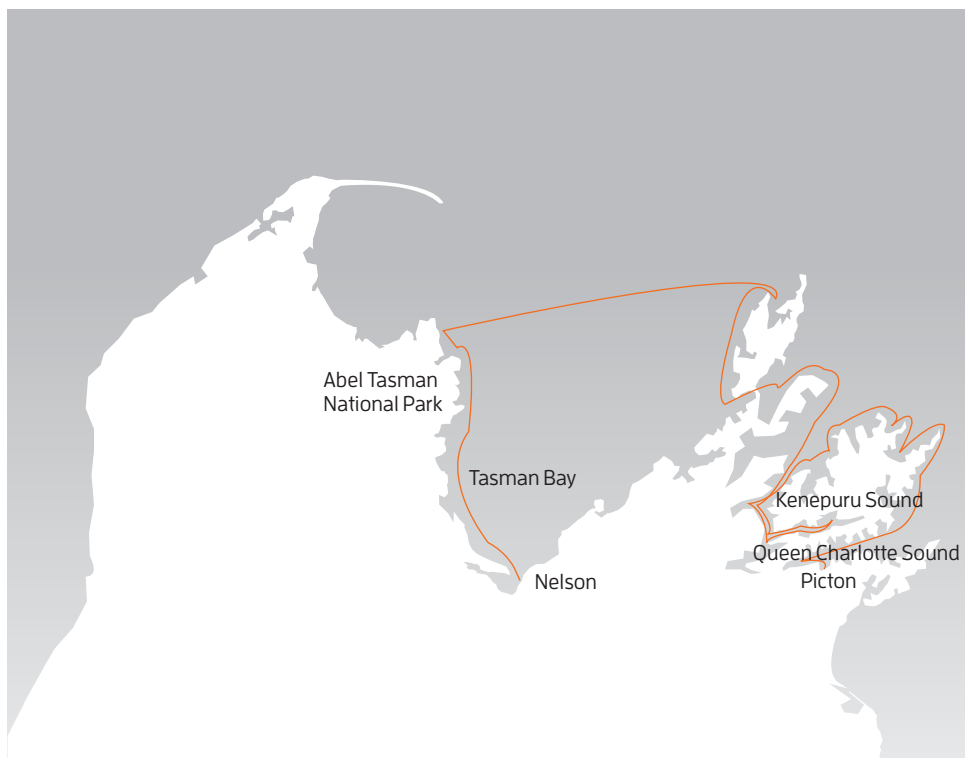
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PRICE FROM:

NZ\$4,670 per person
NZ\$9,340 single occupancy
NZ\$37,360 private charter for up to 8 guests

INCLUSIONS:

- > GST
- > Transfers to and from your accommodation to Bluff
- > Stewart Island Ferry from Bluff to Halfmoon Bay and return
- > 2 x complimentary travel bags per person
- > Complimentary beer, wine and soft drinks (limited selection available)
- > Free Wi-Fi (for emails only)



EXAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1: JOINING THE EXPEDITION

We will arrange a private transfer for you and other members of the expedition from your accommodation to the Strannik which will be moored in the picturesque Nelson harbour. Once you are welcomed on board, we will introduce you to our team and the vessel. You will want to be on deck as we sail out through the cut between Haulashore Island and the Boulder Bank out into Tasman Bay.

We will cruise across Tasman Bay to the Astrolabe Roadstead behind Adele Island in the Abel Tasman National Park. It was here in 1827 that the French Explorer Jules Dumont d'Urville anchored and replenished his water and food supplies, and named the Island after his wife.

DAY 2 – 8: DISCOVER STEWART ISLAND

We continue our exploration of the Abel Tasman National Park where you will have many choices and opportunities, including short and long walks, swimming, kayaking or simply lying on the beach. We will have a couple days here before heading back across Tasman Bay to D'Urville Island where we want to spend some time visiting Port

Hardy and Greville Harbour areas before transiting the iconic French Pass into Admiralty Bay. We will pause our journey at Emslie Bay to allow you to get ashore and view French Pass from the nearby lighthouse.

Our goal is to spend the next few days exploring the upper reaches of Pelorus and Kenepuru Sounds, searching out the history of the exploration and exploitation as well as some of the exciting conservation work that is currently being done. There will be multiple opportunities for short or long walks, or fossicking on the beaches. There is a labyrinth of water ways to explore in this ancient drowned river valley system where there are also some beautiful anchorages to enjoy.

We will relocate to Queen Charlotte Sound via the outer reaches and islands of the Sounds, taking in the history and the beauty of the area. Who knows? There might be an opportunity for some fishing along the way – it all depends on the weather.

Our final days of this expedition are spent in the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound.

There is a myriad of things to do and see here. There is Ships Cove, made famous by Captain James Cook who made multiple visits in the late 1700's and Motuara Island, recently declared predator free and restocked with some of our countries rare native birds. There is the remains of the old whaling station near Tory Channel to explore. If you enjoy walking, there are a range of walks to choose from, including sections of the iconic Queen Charlotte track.

DAY 9: FAREWELL & DISEMBARK

Sadly, all good things must come to an end. We will enjoy breakfast together on board the Strannik before taking you ashore in picturesque Picton. From here you will be able to take the ferry to Wellington or the Coastal Pacific Train to Christchurch, or a coach to Blenheim airport to catch any domestic flights.

