

# EXPEDITION CRUISING

2023-2025



### **Our Story**

Every year Heritage Expeditions voyages with small groups of intrepid travellers to some of the most unique and remote islands, coasts and shorelines on Earth aboard our luxurious, purpose-built 140-guest flagship *Heritage Adventurer* and 18-guest expedition yacht *Heritage Explorer* on voyages ranging from 5 – 29 days.

Founded in 1985 by the Russ family in Christchurch, New Zealand, Heritage Expeditions is still proudly family-owned and operated. Contributing to conservation through experiential learning and providing funds for research and management, we are pioneers in environmentally-responsible expedition travel. Join us on an intimate group excursion into the heart of Antarctica the Ross Sea, Australia



and New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands, through the Pacific, Japan, Philippines, Indonesia or around New Zealand and the Kimberley coasts on our luxurious expedition ships. Guests enjoy sophisticated accommodation, all-inclusive gourmet fare, house wine and beer with lunch and dinner, and all itinerary excursions as standard.

Join us on the adventure of a lifetime as we explore the ends of the Earth, from remote shores and unknown islands to unforgettable wildlife encounters, thrilling cultural exchanges and bucket list adventure travel. Our one-of-a-kind itineraries have been created by our industry-leading expedition team, specifically for those with an appreciation of the natural world, conservation and history.





## **Expedition Cruising**

Heritage Expeditions are pioneers in expedition cruising and have been taking intrepid travellers (not tourists) where few have been before to experience wilderness, wildlife and cultures in a genuine and responsible way since 1985. Our authentic expedition vessels are designed to navigate areas inaccessible to larger ships and avoid the negative impact of large cruise ships and groups on a culture or ecosystem.

Our voyages are designed to engage guests with a wide range of interests, expedition days start early in order to observe wildlife starting the day and make the most of the morning light for photography. Guests explore by Zodiac safari, on foot and local transport well off the beaten path, engage in citizen science projects and actively support conservation efforts as



we follow in the footsteps of some of history's most famous explorers. Discover new frontiers alongside our world-renowned team of naturalists, botanists, geologists, historians and experts interpreting the natural and human history as your voyage unfolds, and return as an 'ambassador' for these very special places with a new appreciation of the world.

Heritage Expeditions was founded, and is still owned and operated, by a family of biologists and adventurers committed to sharing the natural world and preserving, protecting and respecting the environment is at the core of everything we do. As pioneers and leaders in responsible expedition travel to remote places, our objective is to tread and cruise lightly wherever we go.

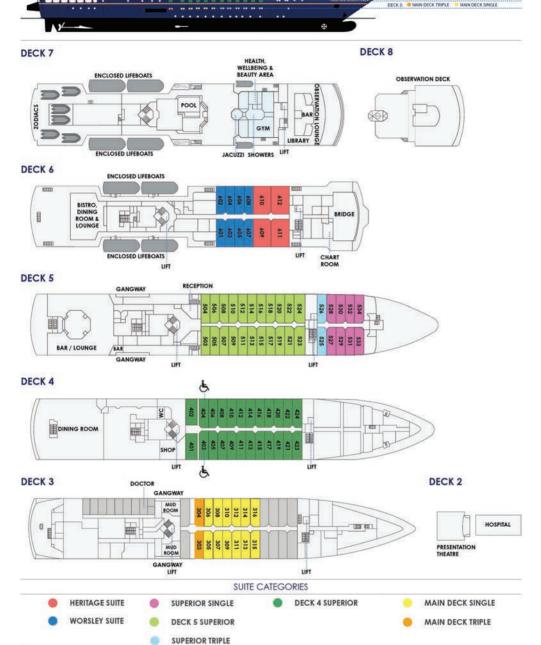
### Heritage Adventurer

Purpose-built for adventure, our luxurious 140-guest flagship *Heritage Adventurer* is a true pioneering expedition vessel of exceptional pedigree. Often referred to as the 'Grande Dame of Exploration Cruising' due to her celebrated history and refined sophistication, she combines the highest passenger ship ice-class rating with 14 Zodiacs ensuring every guest is able to maximise their expedition adventure. Enjoy inclusive travel with all-inclusive dining, house wine and beer with lunch and dinner, all standard excursions, pre and post cruise transfers and lecture series by our noted expedition guides and special guests.

















#### **Beyond Japan's National Parks**

16 Days | From \$17,975 | May 2023/24

The ultimate exploration of Japan's wilderness, beyond its national parks and last frontier – Hokkaido. Discover a Japan that is a world away from its traditional and contemporary bustling neon-lit cities where wilderness, wildlife, ancient temples, traditions and customs reign supreme.



#### **Discover Eternal Japan**

10-15 Days | From \$16,975 | Jun 2023/24

This quintessential Japan voyage combines medieval castles and temples, magical gardens and beautiful landscapes with strong cultural history. Our explorations take us beyond the well-known highlights where fascinating wilderness and wildlife abound





#### **Undiscovered Philippines & Indonesia**

15 Days | From \$15,975 | Jun 2023/24

and tourists rarely visit.

Explore these pristine island paradises, visit the 'Whale Shark Capital of the World' and swim with these gentle giants, delve into the history of the Spice Islands, explore 'the mother of all living coral

'the mother of all living coral reefs', enjoy incredible wildlife encounters, thrilling cultural exchanges and more.





#### **Indonesian Explorer**

18 Days | From \$20,250 | Oct 2023/24

Discover paradise on an expedition through Indonesia: Swim with the Whale Sharks in Kwatisore Bay, visit Komodo National Park, home to the famed Komodo Dragon, Jacques

Cousteau's "underwater nirvana" Wakatobi National Park, snorkel the rainbow corals of Raja Ampat and much more.







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#### **Discover the Secrets of Melanesia**

17 Days | From \$18,995 | Oct 2023/24

Experience the Sepik River Dragon Dance, the 'island of volcanoes' home to the sacred Rom dance, explore wildlife-filled pristine jungles, discover WWII wrecks and relics, snorkel some of the world's best reefs, visit remote tribes and villages, and swim and sip bubbles at iconic Champagne Beach and more.



#### **Grand Pacific Odyssey**

29 Days | From \$21,250 | Mar 2024

Set sail on a true adventure as we explore reef-fringed tropical islands, visit historic sites and experience forgotten cultures and incredible wildlife encounters cruising from New Zealand to Japan and through the South Pacific on the incomparable 29-day Grand



#### **Western Pacific Odyssey**

Pacific Odyssey.

29 Days | From \$21,250 | Mar 2024

New Zealand to Japan via Norfolk Island, New Caledonia and Melanesia. Known in birding circles simply as the 'WPO', this expedition incorporates many of the key

birding areas in the South West Pacific and is widely considered one of the world's 'must do' voyage for any birder.







#### **Kimberley Explorer**

Discover an ancient landscape like no other as we expedition cruise the untouched beauty of Australia's iconic Kimberley coast. Experience the truly epic scale of this magnificent region, discover indigenous rock art, historic sites and incredible wildlife.



#### **New Zealand Coastal Odyssey**

11 Days | From \$10,500 | Nov 2023

Designed by Kiwis to showcase New

Zealand's hidden gems and iconic
destinations, discover the bright lights of
its largest city, geothermal wonderland,
avant garde fashion capital,
world famous fiords and sounds,
the adventure playground of
Oueenstown and more.



#### **Unseen Fiordland & Stewart Island**

Experience the time-forgot rawness of wildlife-rich Stewart Island and primordial majesty of Fiordland where clouds scud the ragged peaks of glacier-cleaved mountains streaked with waterfalls only accessible by expedition ship, and the rare opportunity to combine both on one voyage.



#### The Best of New Zealand

Created by Kiwis, enjoy the best of New Zealand exploring the sunken valleys and towering mountains of Fiordland, the scenic playground of Marlborough Sounds, the iconic wildlife havens of Stewart Island and nearby predator free Ulva Island, experience a traditional

Maori welcome and more.

### Subantarctic Islands





#### **Birding Down Under**

17 Davs | From \$23,750 | Dec 2023/24 Discover the 'Albatross Latitudes' and the world's most remote Subantarctic Islands including Snares, Bounty, Antipodes, Auckland, Campbell, Macquarie and Chathams. Home to the world's most diverse collection of seabirds this voyage combines birds, history, wildlife and adventure.





#### **Galapagos of the Southern Ocean**

12 Days | From \$16,250 | Nov & Dec 2023/24 Named after its diversity of wildlife, this voyage explores the spectacular wildlife havens of Australia's Macquarie Island and New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands, home to raucous penguin colonies, sunbathing seals and elephant seals, duelling sea lions,

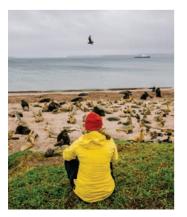


#### **Beyond Fiordland**

11 Days | From \$11,950 | Dec 2023/24

gamming albatross and more.

This voyage combines remarkable wildlife encounters and observations as we explore remote parts of New Zealand's Southern region, an area known for its range of wildlife and jaw dropping scenery on a grand scale including New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands. Fiordland and Stewart Island.



#### **Forgotten Islands of the South Pacific**

8 Days | From \$8,750 | Dec 2023/24

The ultimate New Zealand wilderness expedition; discover soaring, nesting and gamming albatross, Snares Crested Penguin, Campbell Island's Flightless Teal and Snipe and explore flowering fields of

megaherbs and iconic landscapes while observing New Zealand Sea Lions and Fur Seal colonies.



### Ross Sea, Antarctica

The bucket list voyage into the heart of Antarctica









#### In the Wake of Scott & Shackleton

28 Days | From \$46,750 | Jan & Feb 2024/25 Sail south from New Zealand into the heart of Antarctica's Ross Sea, via the Subantarctic Islands, on an epic voyage steeped in history. Expeditions to Antarctica from New Zealand take you further south into the frozen continent than any sea route.

Join our team of expert biologists, geologists and historians on a true bucket list expedition as we Zodiac cruise colossal ice shelves and icebergs, visit research stations, observe whales and seals, walk on the ice with Emperor Penguins and step inside the preserved historic huts of Shackleton and Scott as we follow in the footsteps of Antarctica's legendary explorers.

There are 5 historic huts and many other historic sites that bring this period of Antarctic history alive in a way that the many journals, books and films fail to convey. To visit Borchgrevink's Hut at Cape Adare, Shackleton's Hut at Cape Royds, Mawson's Huts at Cape Denison, Scott's Huts at Cape Evans and Hut Point are once-in-a-lifetime, truly personal experiences.

With shipping restricted to just two brief months each austral summer by impenetrable pack ice, very few non-scientific personnel will ever have the opportunity to visit this otherworldly beautiful territory. Every year more people will climb Mount Everest than venture into the heart of Antarctica.

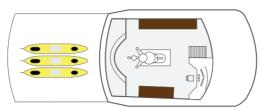
Heritage Expeditions offers such a voyage on its own fully equipped and ice-strengthened ship *Heritage Adventurer*, crewed by some of the most experienced officers and sailors in the world and staffed by a passionate and

staffed by a passionate and knowledgeable expedition team.

### Heritage Explorer

Setting a new standard for New Zealand discovery travel, our luxurious 18-guest expedition yacht *Heritage Explorer* combines the ultimate in comfort with unique itineraries and a personalised experience. A contemporary wood-finished interior joins 10 well-appointed cabins across three decks, a dining room boasting spectacular 180-degree panoramas, lounge and bar featuring a flight of inclusive regional wines and beers and multiple viewing decks. Kayaks and fishing equipment are available for use during your voyage, while two tenders allow for deeper exploration and the unforgettable wildlife encounters synonymous with all Heritage Expeditions adventures.

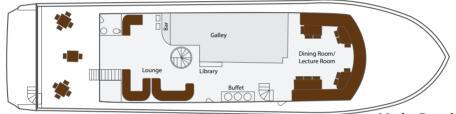




**Sun Deck** 



**Bridge Deck** 



#### Main Deck



**Lower Deck** 

Royal

Wandering

Salvin's

Buller's





### South Island Icons

Expedition Cruising Marlborough Sounds & Stewart Island





#### **Discover Marlborough Sounds**

7 Days | From \$5,450 | Apr, May, Nov & Dec 2023/24 Famed for the breath-taking beauty of their winding cobalt waterways, iconic landscapes, lush native forests, wildlife and remote coastlines Marborough Sounds is also rich in early New Zealand history and the location of some

of the country's most important conservation efforts.





#### The Top of the South

9 Days | From \$6,995 | Dec 2023, Apr & Nov 2024 Explore the coves, beaches, waterways, wildlife and rich history of the top of New Zealand's South Island on this unforgettable expedition cruise of Queen Charlotte and Pelorus Sounds, French Pass, d'Urville Island and Abel Tasman National Park - home to Fur Seals and Little Blue Penguins.



#### **Unseen Stewart Island**

7-8 Days | From \$5,845 | May, Oct & Nov 2023/24 Discover Stewart Island's quirky town Oban, predator-free sanctuary Ulva Island, historic Paterson Inlet and Kaipipi Bay, the remote undisturbed beauty of Port Adventure, Port Pegasus, New Zealand's Amazon Lords River, enjoy a drink with

the locals at the iconic South Sea Hotel and more.





#### **Chartering Heritage Explorer**

Did you know Heritage Explorer is available for private charter? Contact us to celebrate your special event, corporate escape or family reunion and we'll work with you to design your ultimate itinerary.





#### **All of the Fiords**

10 Days | From \$8,795 | Jan, Feb & May-Oct 2023/24

Join the ultimate exploration of New

Zealand's remote ice-carved mountains,
verdant forests and winding fiords of

Fiordland as we explore this treasured
natural wonderland, its wildlife,
conservation and history sailing
between Preservation Inlet and

Milford Sound.



#### **Southern Fiords Discovery**

7 Days | From \$5,990 | Feb, Mar & Jun-Oct 2023/24 Explore the grand scale scenery, wilderness, mountains, forests, sounds and wildlife of Fiordland's Preservation and Chalky Inlets, and Doubtful and Dusky Sounds. Rich in natural history and geology, they are also the location of significant historical firsts and important conservation projects.



#### **Doubtful & Dusky Sounds**

5-6 Days | From \$4,340 | Jan-Mar & Jun-Sep 2023/24
Discover the primordial majesty of
Fiordland's iconic Doubtful and Dusky
Sounds, two of mainland New Zealand's
most isolated areas, as we explore this
unique coastline looking for
Bottlenose Dolphins, Fiordland
Crested Penguins/Tawaki and
New Zealand Fur Seals.



#### **Design your Dream Voyage**

Want to create your own expedition? Heritage Explorer is available for private charter, contact our team to see how we can help bring your dream voyage to life.

### **Set Your Course for Adventure**

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### Where in the world can we take you next?

We hope you enjoy planning your next adventure with Heritage Expeditions, for the latest updates, new voyage releases and any promotions please use the QR codes found within the brochure. If you need any help selecting a voyage, our Expedition Specialists are here to help.

We look forward to welcoming you on board our ships for the expedition of a lifetime!

For reservations or assistance, please contact Heritage Expeditions 1800 143 585 info@heritage-expeditions.com

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