New Zealand and the Circumnavigation of the South Island aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Small Ship Five-Star Le Lapérouse

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Dear Duke Alumni and Friends:

*Kia ora!*

Journey with us on this 10-night, custom-designed itinerary of New Zealand featuring a circumnavigation of the South Island to experience inimitable natural history that exists nowhere else on Earth. Cruise the awe-inspiring UNESCO World Heritage-designated Fiordland National Park and board Zodiacs for up-close views of nature’s sheer magnificence—glacier-cut fiords, cascading waterfalls, valleys hung with *kapua whakapipi* (cumulus clouds)—in spectacular Milford Sound, Dusky Sound and Doubtful Sound, named by Captain James Cook. Cruise pristine Queen Charlotte Sound and visit the world-famous Marlborough wine region for a specially arranged tasting of its acclaimed Sauvignon Blanc. Enjoy the magnificent harbor city of Auckland and an adventure to the bucolic Northland country to learn more about the important national tradition of sheep farming. Experience the genuine and uniquely friendly nature of New Zealand “Kiwis” and the rich Māori culture while admiring the exceptional scenery simply everywhere.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, Five-Star *Le Lapérouse*, featuring the world’s first multisensory underwater Observation Lounge, *Blue Eye*. This elegant and intimate small ship with only 92 Suites and Staterooms can cruise into small ports and sounds inaccessible to larger vessels and alter course for marine life sightings. The onboard team of expert naturalists will share their knowledge of New Zealand’s extraordinary natural beauty during Zodiac excursions and onboard lectures.

You can choose to participate in the specially designed pre-program extension to the dynamic world-class city of Sydney, Australia, or the post-program extension to New Zealand’s Southern Alps and remarkable Queenstown, further enhancing your journey.

As our Duke group grows in size, a Duke host will join the trip to bring a uniquely Duke perspective to the tour. This singular itinerary includes the rare opportunity to circumnavigate the South Island and captures the essence of New Zealand’s natural beauty, natural history and natural wonders. It is an outstanding value featuring specially negotiated, exclusive airfares at considerable cost savings. Reserve now as Early Booking Savings apply and space is limited.

Forever Duke,

*Beth Ray-Schroeder ‘83*
Director, Duke Alumni Travels

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*Photo this page: Explore Auckland’s magnificent Waitemata Harbor, defined by the soaring Sky Tower, the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere.*
Surrounded by and Circumnavigating
Natural Beauty • Natural History • Natural Wonders

Experience the natural wonder of each new day as it dawns first in Aotearoa (New Zealand), due to its proximity to the International Date Line.

Enjoy New Zealand’s natural history, from the verdant pastures of the Northland beyond Auckland on the North Island to the fiordlands at the tip of the South Island. Experience fantastic scenery—majestic glaciers, cavernous valleys, towering fiords, glacial lakes, rugged coastlines, snow-capped mountains and plummeting waterfalls. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Te Wahipounamu, encompassing 10% of the country and the world’s most intact ecosystem dating from prehistoric Gondwana. See southern beech trees and coniferous podocarps, some 800 years old. Look for kiwi, takahē, kea and Hector’s dolphin, all found only in New Zealand.

Less than a thousand years ago, Polynesians migrated here followed by Dutch, English and French explorers, all embracing the natural beauty of the islands and cultivating the rich volcanic soil. Immerse yourself in the unique Māori heritage and enjoy firsthand the friendly Kiwi culture—a distinctive merging of the tangata whenua (indigenous) and Pakeha (European) traditions.

Auckland, North Island
The cosmopolitan “City of Sails,” built around two beautiful harbors, has a rich maritime history and more yachts per capita than anywhere else in the world. It is a showcase of natural splendor and a center of Māori cultural history. One of the best collections of Māori taonga (treasures) in the world is housed in the Auckland War Memorial Museum, where an authentic Māori haka ceremonial war dance, a tradition also performed by New Zealand’s world-renowned All Blacks rugby team, is arranged for our group.

Muriwai, Auckland District
Visit black-sand Muriwai Beach for spectacular views of the Tasman Sea. See the Muriwai Gannet Colony, one of only three mainland gannet colonies in New Zealand, and observe thousands of pairs of gannets tending to and protecting their chicks.

Meet friendly, local Kiwis and enjoy light refreshments at a family-run farmstead.

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Southern Alps and The Remarkables
Post-Program Option

Cover photo: Marvel at sublime Milford Sound, where the nation’s crown jewel, Mitre Peak, rises 5550 feet above clear-blue waters.
Northland District
New Zealand is home to over 27 million sheep, a ratio of six sheep for every person. Your introduction to the important agricultural tradition will be enhanced with a specially arranged sheep herding demonstration, highlighting the Huntaway sheep dog’s essential role in high country sheep station farming.

Near Matakana in the beautiful Northland, visit the playful open-air gardens and museum of the Sculptureum to see classic works by Cezanne, Chagall and Rodin along with whimsical, modern-day sculptures.

Christchurch, South Island
Known as “the most English city outside of England,” Christchurch—named after Christ Church College at Oxford University—is the oldest established city in New Zealand. Experience this vibrant city in transition, where the restoration of Victorian architecture recaptures the provincial charm of Britain as a renaissance of new structures emerges along the Avon River. Visit the New Zealand Heritage site of Mona Vale. See the late-19th-century homestead designed by J.C. Maddison, responsible for the English-inspired architecture in Christchurch.

Dunedin
Noted for its rich Scottish heritage, even having its own tartan, Dunedin is surrounded by dramatic, rolling hills with endless scenic vistas. See the Octagon—the eight-sided town center—and visit the grand, 1906 Flemish Baroque-influenced railway station, replete with 750,000 Royal Doulton porcelain tiles.

Savor a taste of the Marlborough District’s world-famous Sauvignon Blanc.

View the fascinating gannets in the Muriwai Gannet Colony, who often mate for life.

Enjoy a rare cruise of Doubtful Sound’s glacier-carved fiords and look for dolphins, fur seals and penguins.
**Dunedin Railway Station**, one of the most photographed railway stations in the world. Tour historic Olveston, the philanthropic Theomin family’s English country house. New Zealand’s only castle, Larnach (1871), was designed in Scotland then built atop a spectacular hill overlooking Otago Harbor. Enjoy a walk through its period rooms and magnificent, award-winning gardens.

**Milford Sound, Dusky Sound and Doubtful Sound/Fiordland National Park**

Māori legend credits the demigod Tu Te Raki Whanoa with creating Te Wähipounamu, today’s stunning UNESCO World Heritage-designated Fiordland National Park, comprised of ice-carved fiords, snow-topped mountains and deep valleys.

Enjoy a rare cruise into Dusky Sound, where sheer cliffs plunge into the sea and spectacular Doubtful Sound, the deepest of the fiords, where waterfalls cascade down steep, verdant slopes, misting into a sequence of rainbows. Legendary Milford Sound offers majestic scenery worthy of novelist Rudyard Kipling’s appellation, the “Eighth Wonder of the World.”

Explore this contrasting topography of Alpine peaks, rugged shores, virgin rainforests, plummeting waterfalls and pristine glaciers aboard Zodiacs guided by expert naturalists—the best way to view the rare flora and fauna of this incredibly biodiverse South Island. See impressive Mitre Peak, arguably one of the most photographed mountains in the country. Look for fur seals, dusky dolphins, Hector’s dolphins, the distinctive yellow crests of Fiordland penguins and the iconic, pear-shaped flightless kiwis.

**Queen Charlotte Sound**

Cruise the beautiful coves and islets of Queen Charlotte Sound, where Captain Cook anchored the HMS Endeavour in 1770. Look for spotted shags perched on rocks and the endangered Hector’s dolphin frolicking nearby.

**Marlborough District**

The seaport of Picton serves as the gateway to the Marlborough District, New Zealand’s largest wine region and internationally acclaimed for its Sauvignon Blanc. Travel through the fertile Wairau Valley to Blenheim and enjoy a wine tasting and tour; the area has rich alluvial soil, creating a unique terroir ideal for wine making.

Tour the impressive Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, home to a collection of authentic and replica World War I and II aircraft—many from the private collection of Sir Peter Jackson, director of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy and the recently released documentary, *They Shall Not Grow Old*.

**Wellington, North Island**

Cross the Cook Strait to Wellington, the capital of New Zealand and a historic site for the proud Māori. See the city’s Parliament buildings including the distinctive “Beehive.” Tour the 19th-century Old St. Paul's Cathedral, one of the finest examples of Gothic Revival architecture in the world. See where the U.S. flag (with 48 stars) hangs as a reminder of the importance this church held to U.S. soldiers stationed here during World War II. Enjoy spectacular views of Wellington and Cook Strait from the top of Mount Victoria; the South Island is visible on a clear day.

Visit Te Papa Tongarewa, Māori for “container of treasures,” the national Museum of New Zealand showcasing an impressive Māori art collection.

**Punting on the Avon River in Christchurch is a testament to its long-standing British history.**
Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star MV Le Lapérouse

Blue Eye – World's First Multisensory, Underwater Observation Lounge

Introducing the extraordinary Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge. View the beauty of marine life through the large, subaquatic windows and integrated digital screens providing live images from underwater cameras, and enjoy the sensory experience of listening to the ocean’s unique underwater universe in the comfort of the exclusive Blue Eye lounge.*

Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design

Le Lapérouse, launched in 2018, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for an unparalleled cruising experience. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships and where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Life on Board

Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges, which open to the outdoors, and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa and sauna or the Sun Deck’s infinity-style swimming pool. There is a beauty salon, fitness room and there are three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

92 Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies

Each Five-Star Stateroom and Suite (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, private bathrooms with a shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

Respect for the Environment

A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Lapérouse is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

Chic and Casual Dining

Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

World-Class Service

The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.

*Marine life viewing varies by location.
 Included Features

In Auckland, North Island
- Three nights in the deluxe, centrally located Pullman Auckland Hotel, across from beautiful Albert Park.
- Breakfast in the hotel each morning.
- Welcome Reception in the hotel.
- Visit to the Auckland War Memorial Museum to see their extensive collection of Māori taonga (treasures) and a performance of the famous Māori haka war dance.
- City tour of Auckland, including Bastion Point and Parnell Village.
- Full-day Northland District tour including a scenic drive to the Muriwai Beach and Gannet Colony; visit to a family-run farmstead with light refreshments; tour the sculpture gardens and art gallery at Sculptureum; lunch with wine; and a demonstration at an authentic sheep farm.

In Christchurch, South Island
- City tour of Christchurch, including the delightful and historic Mona Vale Gardens.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship Le LAPÉROUSE
- Exclusively designed, seven-night circumnavigation of New Zealand's South Island, round trip Christchurch.
- Elegantly-appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom, each with a private balcony.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
- All meals aboard ship.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).
- Blue Eye—the world’s first luxury, multisensory underwater Observation Lounge.
- Expert-led excursions and onboard lecturers focusing on the natural wonders and history of New Zealand.
- Tour of Dunedin, noted for its Scottish heritage, with visits to the Dunedin Railway Station, Olveston Historic Home and Larnach Castle.
- Rare opportunity to cruise through magnificent Dusky, Doubtful and Milford Sounds in UNESCO World Heritage-designated Fiordland National Park.
- Zodiac excursions to view the rare flora and fauna of the incredibly biodiverse South Island.
- Excursion to the Marlborough wine country, including a tasting at a Blenheim winery and a tour of the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre.
- Panoramic tour of Wellington featuring stunning views from Mount Victoria and including a visit to Old St. Paul’s Cathedral.
- Visit to the national Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa.

Always Included
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship and in the hotels.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Cruise the deep-blue waters of tranquil Lake Wakatipu, steeped in Māori legend.

**Spectacular Sydney**

**Pre-Program Option**

Experience life “down under” in cosmopolitan Sydney, Australia. Enjoy the stunning views of its harbor, considered the finest in the world, and an exclusive tour of the celebrated UNESCO World Heritage-designated Sydney Opera House. See the Royal Botanic Garden; tour the historic “Rocks” district; and visit the Yiribana Aboriginal Art Gallery, famous Bondi Beach and The Gap, with breathtaking views overlooking Sydney. Accommodations are for three nights in the Five-Star Shangri-La Hotel Sydney.

**New Zealand’s Southern Alps and The Remarkables**

**Post-Program Option**

Extend your journey in New Zealand’s interior in UNESCO World Heritage-designated Mount Cook National Park and in Queenstown, located on Lake Wakatipu. Enjoy panoramic views from Bob’s Peak and cruise aboard an antique steamship across scenic Lake Wakatipu, framed by the soaring mountain peaks of The Remarkables. Sample the acclaimed Otago region’s Pinot Noir during a wine tasting and visit delightful Arrowtown, rooted in the gold mining days of the 1860s. Enjoy one night in the deluxe Hermitage Hotel, surrounded by snow-capped Alpine peaks, and three nights in the ideally located Hotel St. Moritz.

Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:

wire transfer by November 15, 2019.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per
City             State         Zip Code

Date of Birth_______/_______/_______  Date of Birth_______/_______/_______

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:
1st choice _____  2nd choice _____
Double occupancy (two twin beds).
Double occupancy (one queen bed).
Single accommodations.
I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).
Please make my/our reservation(s):
Sydney Pre-Program Option
Double at $1395 per person.
Single at $2095 per person.
I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).
New Zealand Post-Program Option
Double at $1995 per person.
Single at $2995 per person.
I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

I/We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:

N/A

All internal program air (round trip Auckland/Christchurch) and transpacific air is not included in the Land/Cruise Tariff. Attractively priced Air Packages are available.

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Singles are available in category 5 at $14195* and in category 2 at $16495* on or before September 18, 2019. Add $1000 for reservations made after September 18, 2019.

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*Taxes are an additional $415 per person and are subject to change.

† Le Lapérouse has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.
Marvel at the opulent furnishings and exquisite detailing of Larnach Castle in Dunedin.