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**** NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT! ****

Set sail aboard *Le Laperouse* for a 10-day cruise from Dunedin to Auckland, departing 12 Jan 2021.

Beginning in the lively student city, Dunedin, *Le Laperouse* will take you on a spectacular voyage up the coastline of the South Island, revealing wonderful landscapes of lush hills and rugged coasts during your calls in the bays of Lyttleton and Akaroa, two ancient flooded volcano craters.

Heading further north, you will discover the Marlborough region, famous for its vineyards and its submerged valleys, before sailing into Wellington, the capital of New Zealand. This ancient site of the Maori people, as demonstrated by the Te Papa Tongarewa Museum, perfectly combines local traditions and bustling nightlife.

As you make your way up the East Coast, you will be able to explore the many treasures of the Hawkes Bay and Bay of Plenty. Volcanoes, hot springs, geysers, rivers and gorges, and lakes that range in colour from deep blue to orange-tinged.

Surrounded by the blue waters of the Pacific, the twin islands of New Zealand are the promise of an incredible mosaic of contrasting panoramas.

Your 9 night cruise includes:

- 9 night luxury cruise aboard Ponant's *Le Laperouse*
- All meals
- Open bar: from the moment your step onboard and throughout your cruise, a wide selection of drinks (mineral water, soft drinks, wine, beer, Charles Heidsieck champagne, spirits, coffee and tea) are served on request and at any time of the day. Certain top-shelf premium alcoholic beverages are not included in the open bar.
- Free Wi-Fi internet access 24 hours a day

Prices start from A\$7,310pp twin share in a Deluxe Stateroom (subject to availability). NOTE: Pricing and availability changes regularly. Please contact us for best available pricing.

LE LAPEROUSE

Like the other ships in the PONANT EXPLORERS series, *Le Laperouse* has been designed to provide **absolute comfort** for its passengers, even at the heart of the world's most remote and isolated regions.

Racy lines, **state-of-the-art equipment**, a refined design, a softly muted and at the same time convivial ambiance together with a deliberately restricted number of cabins all contribute to the modernity of *Le Laperouse*, a unique ship in the world of cruising.

Le Laperouse has just 92 staterooms with a high crew-to-passenger ratio, effortlessly creating a unique atmosphere of subtle luxury, intimacy and well-being.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

DUNEDIN

Dunedin is New Zealand's oldest city and is often referred to as the Edinburgh of New Zealand. This city of the south, wears its Scottish heritage with pride. The city contains some of the best preserved Victorian and Edwardian architecture in the Southern Hemisphere. The picturesque Silverpeaks hinterland to the North West provides a picturesque backdrop and The Otago Peninsula, which lies within the city boundaries, has internationally renowned wildlife reserves, including the only mainland breeding colony of Northern Royal Albatross.

AKAROA

Set on the east coast of South Island, Christchurch is New Zealand's second-biggest city. You can soak up its easygoing atmosphere

in one of the many parks and gardens that give Christchurch its nickname "the garden city", or dally a while in Cathedral Square to see how the city is transforming itself after the earthquakes of 2010 and 2011. Attractions such as the International Antarctic Centre and Christchurch Gondola ride are as popular as ever, while pop-up cafes, the Cardboard Cathedral and community art projects showcase the citizens' resilience. The beautiful port of Akaroa, where ships dock, is about 90-minute drive from Christchurch on the Banks Peninsula

LYTTELTON

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.

PICTON

A must-see entry point to 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 fjords. This interweave of submerged valleys, making numerous different navigable routes, are among the most beautiful natural wonders of New Zealand.

WELLINGTON

Crowned with gentle green hills, Wellington harbour is located in the far south of North Island. This city offers a charming pell-mell of traditional and modern cultures, bestowing on the New Zealand capital, a unique atmosphere, at once friendly and avant-guard. 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.

NAPIER

On the east coast of 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. Wine lovers will be able to taste some of the best wines from the region, which is famous for its vineyards.

GISBORNE

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.

TAURANGA

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.

AUCKLAND

Auckland is New Zealand's largest, most populated and busiest city. Located on an isthmus linking the peninsula of Northland to the expansive North Island, it seems to float between land and sea. It is one of the few cities in the world to have two separate harbours : Manukau Harbour on the Tasman Sea and Waitemata Harbour on the Pacific Ocean. You will understand why Auckland is known as the city of sails when you see the forest of masts in the marina. The 328 metre-high Sky Tower offers splendid views of the city. Surrounded by dormant volcanoes such as Mt Eden, Auckland is noted for its abundant nature and magnificent black-sand beaches. A blend of Maori, European and Asian cultures give the city a vibrant atmosphere.

Cruise Category

- Luxury Expedition
- Soft Adventure
- Solo Traveller

Onboard Features

- 24 Hr Room Service

- All meals
 - On-Board Lecturer
 - Shore Excursions
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trip itinerary

Day 1-2

Dunedin

Day 3

Akaroa

Day 4

Lyttleton

Day 5

Picton

Day 6

Wellington

Day 7

Napier

Day 8

Gisborne

Day 9

Tauranga

Day 10

Auckland

□ The Vessel

Technical Details

- Built Date 2018
- Crew TBA
- Capacity 184

Cruise Category

- Luxury Expeditions

Le Laperouse

Featuring innovative and environmentally-friendly equipment, elegantly designed staterooms, spacious suites with large windows, and lounge areas that open onto the outside, *Le Laperouse* embodies the unique atmosphere that is the cruise line's hallmark: a subtle blend of refinement, intimacy and comfort. *Le Laperouse* is the first ship to offer the underwater passenger lounge, allowing guests to see and hear the undersea world. Images Courtesy Ponant.

Vessel Features

- All meals
- Boutique &/or Salon
- 24 Hr Room Service
- On-Board Lecturer
- Pool &/or Spa
- Shore Excursions

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