NEW ZEALAND BY SEA
AUCKLAND TO QUEENSTOWN VIA MILFORD SOUND
NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 12, 2018

ABOARD

CALEDONIAN SKY

The Caledonian Sky is a 114-passenger premier expedition ship newly refurbished in 2012. All cabins have an ocean view, en suite bathroom with walk-in shower and/or bathtub, spacious wardrobe or walk-in closet, safe, mini-bar, individually controlled heat/air conditioner, flat-screen television, and sitting area with sofa. Twenty-three of the suites feature private balconies. The ship’s amenities include a dining room, two lounges with bar service, small library and gym, sun deck with comfortable lounge chairs, hairdresser, laundry service, and gift shop. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. The Caledonian Sky’s chefs prepare quality international meals, predominantly Western-style, served in a single open seating.
DEAR YALE TRAVELER,

With its tidy English gardens and untamed wilderness, white-suited lawn bowlers and tattooed Maori elders, austere glacial fiords and boiling volcanic mud pots, New Zealand is a spectacular country of striking contrasts. Isolated from other land masses by the swells of the Tasman Sea and Pacific Ocean, it is a world unto itself. Join fellow Yale travelers on an exploration of these lush green islands, from the city of Auckland on the North Island to world-famous Milford Sound on the South Island, aboard the Caledonian Sky, an ideal vessel for exploring New Zealand's islands, fiords, and craggy coastline.

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THURSDAY–SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 1, 2018 - HOME / AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND
Depart home on an overnight flight to Auckland on New Zealand's North Island. Lose one day crossing the International Date Line. This evening meet fellow travelers at a welcome reception.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 - AUCKLAND (EMBAR)K
Enjoy an overview tour of the city by motor coach and a visit to the Auckland Museum for an introduction to New Zealand's indigenous Maori and Polynesian cultures. Following lunch, embark the Caledonian Sky and enjoy a welcome dinner this evening.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3 - ROTORUA
Disembark in Tauranga and travel to Rotorua, the heartland of Maori culture. Attend a private gathering with Maori elders at a special powhiri (welcome) ceremony including the traditional Maori haka dance, observe the hot mud pools for which the Wai-O-Tapu thermal region is known, and enjoy a traditional hangi ("earth oven") lunch.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4 - AT SEA
Relax on board en route to Wellington. Enjoy the continuation of the educational program and a tour of the ship's bridge.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 - WELLINGTON
Wellington is New Zealand's capital city, with colorful Victorian houses and a lovely harbor. Tour the city's lush botanical garden and stop at Old St. Paul's Church, a Wellington landmark that exemplifies 19th-century Gothic Revival architecture adapted to colonial conditions and materials. Visit the spectacular waterfront museum Te Papa Tongarewa (Maori for "Repository of Things Precious") to learn about Maori myths and traditions, as well as their exceptional skills in navigating the Pacific to arrive on these islands. Enjoy a meeting with U.S. Embassy staff and a visit to the Christchurch Art Gallery, Te Puna o Waiwhetu, will highlight the gallery's response to the damage of the December 2011 earthquake as well as a variety of native New Zealand and international exhibits. Round out the day with a visit to the Ohinetahi Garden, considered one of New Zealand's finest.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 - DUNEDIN
From Dunedin, drive to Taiaroa Head on the tip of the Otago Peninsula. This is the only mainland location where it is possible to see northern royal albatrosses, the largest seabirds in the world, in their natural habitat. Special viewing areas have been constructed for observing these birds without disturbing their natural activities. Before returning to the ship, visit the Otago Museum Southern Land, Southern People gallery, with its informative exhibits on the landforms, lost fauna and flora, and challenging climate of southern New Zealand.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 - STEWART ISLAND
Anchor in Paterson Inlet to visit Stewart and Ulva islands. Stewart Island (Rakiura), the southernmost inhabited outpost of New Zealand, is a quiet, seldom-visited wilderness oasis and an ornithologist's delight. Ulva Island is a sanctuary for both birds and plants, including species that are rare or extinct on mainland New Zealand. Naturalist guides lead bush walks for possible sightings of weka, kaka, albatrosses, the flightless Stewart Island kiwi, silvereyes, and fantails.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 - DOUBTFUL & DUSKY SOUNDS
Fiordland is New Zealand at its wildest, most remote, and most beautiful. Explore this unspoiled waterway, well known for its wildlife, including fur seals and a resident pod of bottlenose dolphins. This evening celebrate your adventure at a festive farewell dinner aboard the ship.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 - MILFORD SOUND (DISEMBARK) / QUEENSTOWN
On arrival in Fiordland National Park, cruise close to iconic Mitre Peak and the towering cliffs and cascading waterfalls of spectacular Milford Sound before disembarking. Then drive to Queenstown for a city tour and free time to explore the city on your own.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 - QUEENSTOWN / HOME
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home, regaining the day lost on the inbound journey.

PROGRAM COST.............from $8,990
(per person, based on double occupancy)

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