



# ISLAND PASSAGE

THE FLOATING GOLF CLUB

NEW ZEALAND

KAURI CLIFFS

CAPE KIDNAPPERS

GULF HARBOUR

CARRINGTON

OMAHA

FORMOSA

TITIRANGI

MURIWAI

WAITANGI

KINLOCH

WAIRAKEI

GOLF CRUISES AND CHARTERS  
2012 - 2013 SELECTION



# The Island Passage Experience

My loves in life have always been yachts and golf. I love the feeling you get from strolling the teak decks, fine wine at sunset and dining with a few close friends. Not to mention these same friends sharing the excitement of discovering beautiful new golf courses to play each day.

My dream following the sale of my International Shipping Company was to build a small ship experience that resembled the days spent on my yacht. A ship that was no-nonsense, sturdy and stable and built so as to comfortably handle any serious weather conditions.

When I designed 'Island Passage' the instructions were simple: I wanted a luxurious layout, spacious and comfortable for a maximum of 24 like-minded travellers. Similarly, I wanted oversized cabins, generous en-suite bathrooms, wide halls and decks that would prevent any feeling of being cramped and critically important to create an overwhelming feeling of being on board a small private yacht.

I wanted an experience designed around the little details that really mattered; fine linens, ever changing selection of natural soaps and shampoos, nightly turndown service with delicious chocolates and bottled water, the fresh smell of flowers, ample lighting, storage and seating areas, individually controlled air conditioning in each cabin, fabulous cuisine and a crew who love to be of service to our guests.

My other passions are food and wine - simply put, every meal has to be magnificent. Local seafood, maybe even some that you caught yourself, is featured daily. You'll enjoy other delicacies and organic artisan foods produced locally. The best New Zealand organic lamb and Angus beef, fresh produce selected from local farmer's markets, award winning cheeses and all presented by chefs with a strong European flair.

Our on-board wine cellar is brimming with a selection of award winning Australian and New Zealand wines. This is constantly being updated with new releases plus our revolving collection that is personally selected from our favourite boutique vineyards.

We have prepared a selection of the best golf courses New Zealand has to offer and most days you arrive at the first tee by the ship's helicopter. Afterwards, relax in a steamer chair with a book from the library, take a trip ashore to explore, join our fishing guides for an afternoon in waters made famous by Zane Grey or swim off the ship's stern is also perfectly acceptable. Either way it is wonderful to come back at the end of each day and enjoy the luxury and comforts of your ship.

I trust you will enjoy these fine New Zealand golf voyages we have in this brochure as much as we have enjoyed preparing them for your next golfing vacation with 'Island Passage'. My crew and I look forward to welcoming you and sharing our unique and highly personalized experience with you.

*Peter*

Peter Bissett  
Founder and CEO



2 NIGHTS  
2 COURSES  
FROM NZ\$2195 PP

# Auckland seaside golf

Day 1	Friday	Auckland, Waiheke Is
Day 2	Saturday	Formosa Country Club
Day 3	Sunday	Gulf Harbour Country Club

Departures 2012: December  
Departures 2013: December



## DAY ONE

Dinner

Your golf escape begins when you board the ship for a 5.00pm sailing. A welcome dinner is served underway with time to get to know your fellow travellers. Your first night aboard 'Island Passage' will be spent anchored at Waiheke Island.

## DAY TWO

Breakfast, Dinner

After a hearty breakfast the helicopter will begin transfers to FORMOSA GOLF RESORT. This is without doubt one of the most picturesque and more challenging courses in New Zealand today. Formosa is listed in The Finest Golf Clubs of the World and covers an area of 440 acres.

The helicopter will transfer you to the ship after your round. We go

ashore to introduce you to a couple of the Waiheke Island Boutique Vineyards. You meet with the staff and sample their products and have a snapshot of life on Waiheke. We return on board for dinner at 7.00pm. After dinner the ship makes for Gulf Harbour.

## DAY THREE

Breakfast, Lunch

We are at GULF HARBOUR COUNTRY CLUB today, venue of the 1998 World Cup of Golf. The helicopter begins flights from the ship after breakfast. The first tee time is 9am. This 6,400 metres, par 72 golf course meanders through native grasses and vegetation and has a natural look and feel from start to finish. All coupled with a most spectacular coastal setting.

The helicopter is waiting for you on completion of your round. After a shower and chance to freshen up on board we lift the

anchor and make a course back to Auckland. The trip is only 2 hours and we will serve a late lunch on board that can be taken onto the outer deck to enjoy the fabulous views along the way. We arrive back into Auckland at 5.00pm.



6 NIGHTS  
5 COURSES

FROM NZ\$5750 PP

Day 1	Sunday	Auckland
Day 2	Monday	Gulf Harbour Country Club
Day 3	Tuesday	Omaha Golf Club
Day 4	Wednesday	Gulf Harbour Country Club
Day 5	Thursday	Formosa Country Club
Day 6	Friday	Muriwai Golf Club
Day 7	Saturday	Auckland

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**DAY 1 SUNDAY**

Dinner

We will sail at 5.00pm with a course set for Gulf Harbour. Enjoy the cruise up the beautiful coastline and when we are anchored dinner will be served from 7:30pm.

**DAY 2 MONDAY**

Breakfast, Dinner

Wake to a fully cooked chef prepared breakfast. Transfer by helicopter to play 18 holes at one of the most beautiful golf courses – GULF HARBOUR COUNTRY CLUB. This 6,400 metre, par 72 golf course meanders through native grasses and vegetation and has a natural look and feel from start to finish.

After golf the helicopter transfers you back to the ship.

**DAY 3 TUESDAY**

Breakfast, Dinner

Breakfast will be ready for you before we helicopter out to play 18 holes at OMAHA GOLF CLUB. Considered by a growing number of serious golfers as a hidden treasure in

# Auckland golf scene

New Zealand, the 18 hole, par 70 Omaha Beach Golf Club is a links style resort course.

After the game the helicopter will be waiting to transfer you back to the Island Passage. Dinner will be served on board from 7.00pm.

**DAY 4 WEDNESDAY**

Breakfast, Dinner

Transfer by helicopter to play GULF HARBOUR. You have had 36 hours of mental preparation to play this course again today. Helicopter back to the ship. Dinner served from 7.00pm

**DAY 5 THURSDAY**

Breakfast, Dinner

After a hearty breakfast the helicopter will begin transfers to FORMOSA GOLF RESORT. This is without doubt one of the most picturesque and more challenging courses in New Zealand today. Formosa is listed in The Finest Golf Clubs of the World and covers an area of 440 acres.

The helicopter will transfer you to the ship after your round. We go ashore to introduce you to a couple of the Waiheke Island Boutique Vineyards. We return on board for dinner from 7.00pm.

**DAY 6 FRIDAY**

Breakfast

After breakfast we leave the ship. Your luxury coach is alongside the ship to take you to MURIWAI GOLF CLUB. A sand based course offers all weather play, naturally rolling fairways and fantastic views from each hole. Muriwai is

challenging with different wind conditions but to be played at least once in your lifetime.

The coach is waiting for you on completion of your round to take you to the Sebel Suites in the Auckland Viaduct area. Enjoy your last evening on tour with the sights and sounds of this fun city.

**DAY 7 SATURDAY**

Breakfast

Your tour is completed when you check out of the hotel. Your private corporate cab will be waiting to take you to Auckland airport for your flights home.



6 NIGHTS  
5 COURSES

FROM NZ\$6695 PP

# Bay of Islands golf

Day 1	Sunday	Auckland/Bay of Islands
Day 2	Monday	Kauri Cliffs Golf Course
Day 3	Tuesday	Carrington Golf Club
Day 4	Wednesday	Kauri Cliffs Golf Club
Day 5	Thursday	Waitangi Golf Club
Day 6	Friday	Titirangi Golf Club
Day 7	Saturday	Auckland

Departures 2012: March 04  
April 01, 08

Departures 2013: January 20, 27  
February 17, 24  
March 24, 31

## DAY ONE SUNDAY

Dinner

After arrival in Auckland we have a short 40-minute flight to the Bay of Islands. You are booked with AIRNZ for your flight to Kerikeri. After a beautiful scenic flight up the coast you arrive in the Bay and are met and transferred to the ship that is prepared with a welcoming dinner on board from 8.00pm.

## DAY 2 MONDAY

Breakfast, Dinner

Wake to a fully cooked chef prepared breakfast. Transfer by helicopter to play 18 holes at one of the world's most famous golf courses – KAURI CLIFFS. The par 72 championship golf course measures 6,510 metres and offers five sets of tees to challenge every skill level. Fifteen holes view the Pacific Ocean, six of which are played alongside seaside cliffs. The beautiful



inland holes wind through marsh, forest and farmland. Set on 4000 acres of rolling coastal land near Matauri Bay, Kauri Cliffs was constructed to harmonise and blend with the natural features of the landscape.

After golf the helicopter transfers you back to the ship. The remainder of the afternoon can be spent relaxing on board with fellow passengers or come with us and enjoy the area's great fishing. We carry a range of Shimano rods, reels, tackle and lures (included). Dinner is served on board from 7.00pm.

## DAY 3 TUESDAY

Breakfast, Dinner

Breakfast will be ready for you before we helicopter out to play 18 holes at the stunning CARRINGTON GOLF CLUB. After the game the helicopter will be waiting to transfer you back to the Island Passage. Later you can relax on-board or enjoy another

afternoon of sport fishing in these world-renowned fishing waters. Dinner will be served on board from 7.00pm.

The unique feature of the Carrington Club golf course is that, although it has an ocean side location, it looks and plays like an "inland golf" course, complete with rolling hills, vales, and natural water hazards but with the beautiful ocean views of its seaside location. The course is 6,417 metres in length, par 72, and encompasses a variety of terrains from rolling vales to challenging water holes. The course is designed to accommodate golfers of all abilities and offers a great variety of hole play, from one of the longest par 5's in New Zealand 605 metres, to one of the shortest par 3's at 113 metres over water.



#### **DAY 4 WEDNESDAY**

Breakfast, Dinner

Transfer by helicopter to play 18 holes at KAURI CLIFFS. You have had 36 hours to contemplate the course to be prepared for this second round. After golf the helicopter transfers you back to the ship. Dinner is served on board from 7.00pm.

#### **DAY 5 THURSDAY**

Breakfast, Dinner

Helicopter off the ship to our helipad in Paihia Township and a short shuttle to the first tee. The WAITANGI COURSE not only provides an exciting and ever changing challenge to the golfer but also the most tremendous panorama of sea and island views over the Bay of Islands. The views are complemented by well-groomed greens and fairways, surrounded by areas of flowering native trees that provide sanctuary for many varieties of native birds. Sir Bob Charles holds the course record with a remarkable

63. Waitangi is a pure golf course that will refresh the soul with its honesty. Helicopter transfers back onto the ship for a farewell dinner served on the aft deck from 7.00pm.

#### **DAY 6 FRIDAY**

Breakfast

After breakfast we leave the ship. We transfer you to Kerikeri Airport to meet AIRNZ flight to Auckland. Your coach is waiting to take you to TITIRANGI GOLF CLUB. Titirangi Golf Club has a long history of hosting great players from all over the world and has been the venue for many international tournaments, including the New Zealand Open Championship. Titirangi is ranked as one of New Zealand's top courses. It is the only one in the country designed by Dr. Alister MacKenzie. The course measures just over 6,025 metres off the championship tees and offers a genuine challenge to all golfers.

The coach is waiting for you on completion of your round to take you to the Sebel Suites in the Auckland Viaduct area. Enjoy your last evening on tour with the sights and sounds of this fun city.

#### **DAY 7 SATURDAY**

Breakfast

Your tour is completed when you check out of the hotel. Your private corporate cab will be waiting to take you to Auckland airport for your flight home. Thank you for coming along and we hope to see you on another of our voyages.

9 NIGHTS  
9 COURSES  
FROM NZ\$9208 PP

# 10 Days best of NZ golf

EXTENSION OF  
TO 6 NIGHTS  
BAY OF ISLANDS

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Day 2	Monday	Kauri Cliffs Golf Course
Day 3	Tuesday	Carrington Golf Club
Day 4	Wednesday	Kauri Cliffs Golf Club
Day 5	Thursday	Waitangi Golf Club
Day 6	Friday	Titirangi Golf Club
Day 7	Saturday	Auckland, Taupo
Day 8	Sunday	Wairakei Golf Club
Day 9	Monday	Kinloch Golf Club
Day 10	Tuesday	Cape Kidnappers



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## DAY SEVEN SATURDAY

Dinner

At 1.00pm this afternoon we take you on a beautiful coach ride through the countryside on the way to Taupo. Passing through lush farmlands and country regions with a stop at the tiny town of Tirau for refreshments. Arrive at Taupo well in time to settle into the Hilton Hotel and freshen up before dinner at 7.00pm.

## DAY 8 SUNDAY

Breakfast

Golf at Wairakei International - only 15 minutes drive from your Taupo base, this world-acclaimed 6,444 metre par 72 golf course is set in 450 acres of gently rolling countryside.

Its parkland layout features 108 large bunkers, magnificent tree-lined fairways and large plateau greens, all bordered by dense pine forest.

In 2009 plans began to create a wildlife sanctuary, including the erection of a 2 metre high electrical rodent proof fence which surrounds the whole property. Kiwi birds have been released along with a number of exotic native birds. A new professional shop and driving range have also been completed in late 2010, bringing Wairakei International right back up to one of the very best golfing facilities in the country.

## DAY 9 MONDAY

Breakfast

Today is a round of golf at The Kinloch Club - Jack Nicklaus' first and only signature course in New Zealand. Only 15 minutes from Taupo.

Travel and Leisure Golf Magazine rated The Kinloch Club the best

new course in 2007 outside North America. The course takes advantage of the natural terrain created by the supervolcanic Taupo eruption 26,000 years ago, which deposited pumice across a wide area. This allowed Nicklaus to build a course with Scottish links characteristics creating remarkable undulating fairways and greens. This combination comes together in beautiful surroundings producing one of Jack Nicklaus' proudest Signature Courses. In 2011, Sir Bob Charles, the Kiwi British Open Champion golfer, rated Kinloch the No.1 golf course that he has played.

## DAY 10 TUESDAY

Breakfast

Get ready for your round at Cape Kidnappers. This wonderfully dramatic course, set high on craggy cliffs some 140 metres above the sea, was designed by American Tom Doak of Renaissance Golf Design. Arguably one of the most spectacular sites in the world, the 6,533 metre par 71 course provides a firm and fast surface for seaside golf at its finest. In 2008



the Daily Telegraph of the UK, described Cape Kidnappers as the No.1 Golf Course in the World.

At Cape Kidnappers players may one minute be hitting shots over the tops of tea trees and then the next across a deep gully or along the edge of a deep ravine. Holes aptly named the Pirate's Plank and the Widow's Walk perhaps give you some indication of just how exhilarating this course is, overlooking the Hawkes Bay.

After the round you will be transferred to Napier airport. Your AirNZ flight to Auckland is a short scenic flight up the centre of the island arriving early evening.





# Island Passage

The luxury motor yacht 'Island Passage' is perfect for a leisurely escape from a hectic lifestyle. We have accommodation onboard for just 24 passengers in 12 spacious, individually designed cabins that feature rich timber paneling and New Zealand Kauri furniture. Each cabin is fitted with DVD, audio and TV, and all are individually air-conditioned. The Ocean Staterooms and Bridge Deck Suites have doors opening directly onto the outer deck. Our Expedition Cabins enjoy ocean views and natural light from two portholes. Each cabin has its own spacious private ensuite. Our cabins are amongst the largest for a ship of this size.

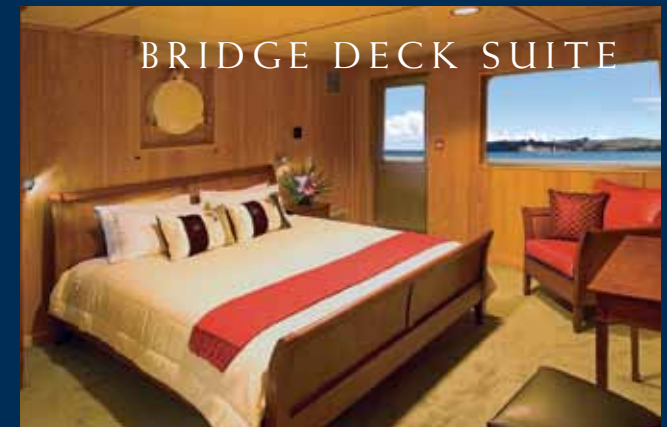
**BRIDGE DECK - SUITES**



**PROMENADE DECK - STATEROOMS**



**MAIN DECK - EXPEDITION CABINS**



**BRIDGE DECK SUITE**



**OCEAN STATEROOM**



**EXPEDITION CABIN**



# South Pacific Cuisine



Relaxation, exceptional food and fine wines are an essential part of your cruise. 'Island Passage' has a professional galley and chefs dedicated to making every meal magnificent. Breakfast and lunch are usually served on the aft deck, where a perfect sea view is guaranteed. In the evening you can dine in style at one of the

12-seater tables or find a table outside under the stars. Conversation is invariably lively. Our on-board wine cellar is brimming with a selection of fabulous New Zealand and Australian wines. You won't need to remember the recipe for your favourite aperitif; we are well versed in the magic of mixology. Our bar is open well into the wee small hours.



\*Our creative chefs cater for any special dietary requirements



# Life onboard



If big ship packaged cruising has no appeal for you, be reassured that our cruises couldn't be more different. Life on board 'Island Passage' is like staying at a legendary boutique hotel that offers different sea views every day.

For outdoor entertainment, our ship carries purpose-built landing craft, three large tenders, sea kayaks, a five-seat helicopter, fishing gear and snorkelling equipment. Never a dull moment, although lazing in a deckchair is always

an option. During each trip, our eight person crew is on hand to share their knowledge of the ocean and all of the local activities.

Our expedition boats are designed to provide fast and efficient transport to and from the ship and are well suited for exploring the local bays, islands, and rivers that are right on your doorstep. All boats are manned with crew guides, two-way radios and safety equipment for your peace of mind.



# Inclusions

What is included in the Price

- En-suite accommodations - all outside cabins
- All included shore excursions as described
- Use of all tenders, kayaks, snorkel and fishing gear
- All onboard chef prepared meals
- Complimentary coffee, tea, water or soft drinks
- All port charges, taxes, fees and onboard services
- All helicopters & flights as described
- All green fees and golf carts

# Charters

A Private Charter on 'Island Passage'

- Suitable for groups up to 24 guests
- Marking those extra special events
- To enjoy with special friends
- Perfect platform for family reunions
- Corporate events and team building
- Exclusive use for your privacy



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Island Passage at anchor