

2020

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New Zealand by Sea

Milford Sound to Auckland aboard *Caledonian Sky*

January 27–February 9, 2020

with Mark Van Baalen,

Lecturer on Earth and Planetary Sciences





Northern royal albatrosses; Maori carving



New Zealand is a world unto itself. This island nation boasts dramatic untamed wilderness, geothermal wonders as well as vibrant towns with growing, diverse communities that combine Maori, European and Asian influences to create a cultural voice all its own. Join us as we explore these lush green islands, from the world-famous Milford Sound on the South Island to the city of Auckland on the North Island. Marvel at the sheer granite walls and tumbling waterfalls of Doubtful, Dusky and Milford Sounds in Fiordland National Park, a region so remote and wild that it remains largely unchanged since the days of Captain Cook. Access seldom-visited Stewart Island to hear a symphony of rare and endemic birdlife. Our perfectly suited small ship and Zodiac landing craft, allow access to glacial fjords, small inlets and bays, offshore islands and craggy peninsulas that are impossible to reach by vehicle and larger ships, making the most of New Zealand's extraordinary landscapes.

Activity Level 3:

A LITTLE MORE TO IT

This is a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Participants must be physically fit, active, and in good health. Daily programs involve walking one to two miles—through city centers, historic sites, and in museums, where there may also be extended periods of standing. Participants will encounter uneven terrain, including dirt and cobblestoned paths, and must be able to walk at least 20 minutes up and down hills without stopping. Participants must be able to stand outside for up to two hours with limited shade and no available seating.

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Harvard Study Leader



Mark Van Baalen,
Associate in Earth and
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Mark Van Baalen has served the University in a variety of roles since 1962. He received his A.B. in Astronomy in 1966. While an undergraduate he worked on the NASA-funded OSO-D satellite that flew in 1967 and obtained the first successful ultraviolet images of the Sun from orbit. Later, he turned his attention to the Earth sciences, receiving his A.M. and Ph.D. in Geology. Since 1995 he has been a Lecturer and Associate in the Dept. of Earth and Planetary Sciences. During that time he taught popular courses in physical and environmental geology, and acted as mentor to many undergraduates.

Mark's research has included field-based projects in New England, California and the Swiss Alps, focusing on details of the origin of ancient ocean basins and their associated mountain belts. Mark also has a deep interest in history, including exploring remote regions of the world.

Mark and his wife Louisa have been privileged to lead numerous HAA excursions to distant lands. On these trips, Mark lectures on the natural history of the regions being visited, as well as the broader picture of human interaction with its environment, now and in the past.



Trip Sampling

LAND & RAIL

VILLAGE LIFE AROUND THE ITALIAN LAKES

SEP 21–29, 2019
SUE SCHOPF

SILK ROAD IN CENTRAL ASIA (THE FIVE 'STANS)

OCT 10–28, 2019
SUSANNE EBBINGHAUS

AN ACTIVE EXPLORATION OF THE AZORES

OCT 11–15, 2019
JERIMIAH TRIMBLE

EXPLORING THE WINE REGIONS OF BORDEAUX & RIOJA

OCT 12–20, 2019
TOM CONLEY

CULTURAL LEGACY OF PITTSBURGH, AMERICA'S STEEL TOWN

OCT 24–28, 2019
ALICE DELANA

BUDAPEST & CENTRAL EUROPE ON THE GOLDEN EAGLE

DANUBE EXPRESS
DEC 27, 2019–JAN 5, 2020
JEFFRY FRIEDEN

HBS INCREDIBLE BHUTAN

OCT 5–19, 2020

CRUISES

CRUISING ALASKA'S GLACIERS & THE INSIDE PASSAGE

ON *LE SOLEAL*
OCT 13–21, 2019
JAMES ENGELL

TRADE ROUTES OF COASTAL IBERIA ON *LE LYRIAL*

OCT 13–21, 2019
HARVEY V. FINEBERG & MARY WILSON

HBS NEW YEAR'S GALÁPAGOS ON *ORIGIN*

DEC 28 2019–JAN 6, 2020
DANIEL LIEBERMAN

OMAN AND THE GULF STATES ON *CRYSTAL ESPRIT*

JAN 2–12, 2020
EREZ MANELA

MADAGASCAR TO MAURITIUS: ISLANDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN ON *SERENISSIMA*

JAN 15–31, 2020
PETER GALBRAITH

JAPAN BY SEA: LAND OF THE RISING SUN ON *CALEDONIAN SKY*

APR 14–28, 2020

BERLIN TO BUDAPEST: A SYMPOSIUM ON THE US/ EUROPEAN ALLIANCE ON *CRYSTAL MOZART*

AUG 30–SEP 10, 2020

RIVERS & LAKES

EGYPT & THE NILE: A JOURNEY INTO ANTIQUITY ON SANCTUARY *SUN BOAT III*

DEC 26, 2019–JAN 6, 2020
DAVID AGUILAR

ELBE RIVER ON *ELBE PRINCESSE II*

MAR 31–APR 11, 2020

TOM KELLY

QUINTESSENTIAL PERU: LAKE TITICACA, MACHU PICCHU & UPPER AMAZON ON *DELFIN II*

SEP 7–18, 2020
WERNER SOLLORS

FAMILY ADVENTURES:

TANZANIA FAMILY SAFARI

DEC 22, 2019–JAN 3, 2020

NEW YEAR'S IN HAVANA: A FAMILY PROGRAM IN CUBA

DEC 27, 2019–JAN 1, 2020
GABRIELA SOTO LAVEAGA

EGYPT & THE NILE (A FAMILY ADVENTURE) ON SANCTUARY *NILE ADVENTURER*

DEC 27, 2019–JAN 6, 2020
NOEL MICHELE HOLBROOK

GREECE FAMILY ODYSSEY: THE PELOPONNESE ON *RUNNING ON WAVES*

JUN 18–27, 2020
JAMES SIMPSON

Above: Milford Sound fiord

Cover: Standing at Lake Wakatipu

Back cover: Queenstown

Schedule by Day

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch,
D=Dinner, R=Reception)

MONDAY–WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 27–29, 2020

Home / Queenstown

Depart home on an overnight flight to Queenstown, New Zealand, gateway to the South Island's breathtaking alpine and glacial scenery. Lose one day crossing the International Date Line. This evening meet fellow travelers at a welcome reception with views of Lake Wakatipu. *Novotel Queenstown Lakeside Hotel (R)*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Queenstown

Following an introductory lecture, embark on a private cruise across scenic Lake Wakatipu to Mt Nicholas High Country Farm for a private, behind-the-scenes visit of this 100,000 acre, family-run merino sheep farm, with the option of an easy cycle ride with panoramic alpine views at every turn. The afternoon is at leisure to relax, explore the downtown Queenstown scene, or perhaps ride the Skyline Queenstown Gondola to the top of Bob's Peak for wonderful views over the town. *Novotel Queenstown Lakeside Hotel (B,L)*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

Milford Sound / Embark Caledonian Sky

Drive to spectacular Milford Sound via the shores of Lake Te Anau to Fiordland National Park. On arrival at Milford, board a small boat and cruise close to the towering cliffs and cascading waterfalls before embarking the Caledonian Sky. Celebrate the first evening on board with a Captain's welcome reception and dinner while cruising New Zealand's iconic Milford Sound. *Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Doubtful & Dusky Sounds

When the glaciers covering

Fiordland retreated 14,000 years ago, they left behind an extraordinarily serrated coastline, plunging fiords, and deep branching lakes, further enhanced by mist-shrouded mountains, cascading waterfalls, and vast beech forests. This is New Zealand at its wildest, most remote, and most beautiful. It's also an area rich in history, Captain Cook landed here on HMS Resolution in 1773. *Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Stewart Island (Raikura)

Anchor in Paterson Inlet to visit Stewart and Ulva islands. Stewart Island (Raikura), the southernmost inhabited outpost of New Zealand with a population under 500, 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 of varying lengths that may include sightings of weka, kākā, the flightless Stewart Island kiwi, silvereyes, and fantails. *Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Dunedin

Cruise this morning into the beautiful harbor city of Dunedin, regarded as New Zealand's architectural heritage capital. Embark on a guided tour of this beautifully preserved city including a visit to the spectacular Dunedin Botanic Garden, with over 6800 plant species, and the Otago Museum, for superb insight into the natural history of the South Island, as well as its industries and its peoples. While in Dunedin, choose to drive to Taiaoroa Head on the tip of the Otago Peninsula to see northern royal albatrosses, the largest seabirds in the world, in their natural habitat. This is the only mainland location in the world. Special viewing areas have been constructed for observing these birds without disturbing their natural activities. Alternatively, ride the rails on a vintage train with open air viewing platforms through

the beautiful Taieri Plains before climbing into the rugged Taieri Gorge, a narrow and deep ravine carved out by the ancient Taieri River. As the ship departs Dunedin, come out on deck to birdwatch at sunset along the Otago Peninsula. *Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Akaroa

Akaroa meaning, 'Long Harbor', in Maori, is a historic French and British settlement, nestled in the heart of an ancient volcano on the Banks Peninsula. In the morning, choose between a guided walk through the charming colonial town and surrounding native bush of the Garden of Tane, or a guided 4x4 drive to a private farm to see the largest Australasian Little Penguin colony on mainland New Zealand and an inspiring example of private individuals saving an endangered species. Or if you prefer you can simply wander in the town and enjoy the alluring French atmosphere of this seaside retreat. Return to the ship for a relaxing afternoon at sea and a continuation of our lecture series. *Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Marlborough Sounds / Wellington

Sail across Cook Strait between the North and South Islands and enter a world of pristine natural beauty. This morning anchor at Ship Cove, where Captain Cook arrived aboard the Endeavour in 1770. Explore the islands and inlets by Zodiac and during short walks on the famed Queen Charlotte Track. Keep an eye out for some of the wildlife Cook described in his reports, as well as rare birds such as the South Island saddleback, the bellbird, and the New Zealand robin. Arrive in Wellington for U.S. Embassy briefing (schedule permitting) followed by a free evening off the ship. Stroll along the picturesque waterfront and enjoy the option of dining off the ship at a restaurant of your choice in town. *Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)*



Queenstown at night; Fiddlehead fern

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Wellington

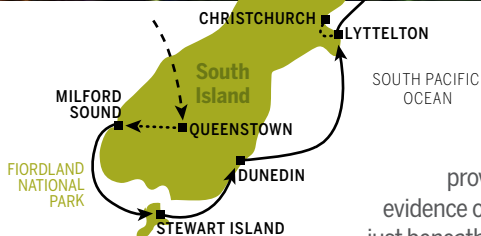
Wellington is New Zealand's capital city, where colorful Victorian houses perch on steep hills overlooking one of the world's loveliest harbors. Tour the city's lush botanical garden and visit the spectacular waterfront museum Te Papa Tongarewa (Maori for "Repository of Things Precious"). Discover how the Maori navigated the Pacific to arrive on these islands and learn about their myths and traditions. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon of cruising as we continue our lecture program.

Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

At Sea

Enjoy a day at sea, with onboard lectures and time to relax, as the *Caledonian Sky* cruises along the



east coast of the North Island. *Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Tauranga /Rotorua

Enjoy a private gathering with Maori elders at a special powhiri (welcome) ceremony in a Maori village nestled within a native Tawa forest. Observe Maori weaving, carving, face tattooing, and food preparation activities. Also learn about warrior training and the fearsome haka posture dance as part of an exhilarating cultural performance. After a traditional hangi lunch, visit some of Rotorua's famed geothermal features, where

boiling mud pools and colorful hot springs provide remarkable

evidence of the still-hot magma just beneath the earth's surface. Back on board, celebrate your New Zealand adventure with fellow travelers during the Captain's Farewell reception and dinner. *Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Auckland / Home

Arrive in Auckland, the "City of Sails," and disembark for an overview tour of the city's highlights including a stop at Bastion Point offering magnificent views back to Auckland. Enjoy lunch at a seaside restaurant with free time for exploring independently before transferring to the airport for flights home, regaining the day lost on the inbound journey. (B)

Extensions

PRE-TOUR

JANUARY 26–29, 2020

Queenstown

Fly into Queenstown two days early for the chance to journey through the dramatic Lord of the Rings landscapes of Central Otago and meet wine makers from the world's southernmost winemaking region. Queenstown is the gateway to over 200 vineyards producing some of the world's best wines, which you'll enjoy

during wine tastings and a lunch in this picturesque region. The following day, travel to Glenorchy to take a wilderness jet boat trip up the glacier-fed, turquoise water Dart River to witness the stunning scenery of the World Heritage Area of Mount Aspiring National Park, the flora and fauna of which has become the world's best example of ancient Gondwana Land.

POST-TOUR

FEBRUARY 9–12, 2020

Sydney, Australia

Extend your trip with three nights in cosmopolitan Sydney, Australia. Activities include a private tour of the iconic Sydney Opera House; a walking tour of the Rocks District, Sydney's historic center that has been sensitively revitalized; a viewing of the aboriginal art at the Art Gallery of New South Wales; and a visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens, plus time for independent exploration.

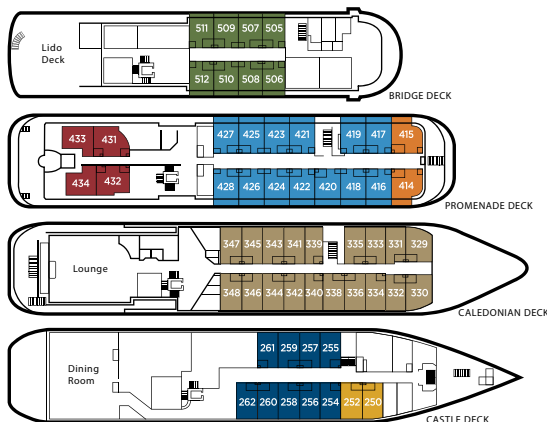
Caledonian Sky

The *Caledonian Sky*, formerly the *Hebridean Spirit*, is a 57-cabin premier expedition ship. All cabins have an ocean view, en suite bathroom with walk-in shower and/or bathtub, spacious wardrobe or walk-in closet, safe, minibar, 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 an elegant indoor dining room, al fresco dining on the Lido Deck, 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. A friendly crew provides exceptional, personalized service, with more than a 1:2 crew-to-passenger ratio. The ship features advanced satellite navigation and communication equipment, roll stabilizers, and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft.



Program Rates (per person)

CATEGORY	DOUBLE	SINGLE
A CASTLE DECK (STANDARD FORWARD) 244 sq.ft. with two portholes, shower	\$8,990	—
B CASTLE DECK (STANDARD) 244 sq. ft. with two, three, or four portholes, shower	\$10,490	\$15,790
C CALEDONIAN DECK (SUPERIOR) 232 sq. ft. with large window, bathtub, shower (except #329, #330, and #331, shower only)	\$11,990	\$17,990
D PROMENADE DECK (PREMIUM) 217 sq.ft. with large window, shower (#431 and #432 with bathtub and shower)	\$12,490	—
E BRIDGE DECK (DELUXE BALCONY) 215 sq. ft. plus 45 sq. ft. private balcony, sliding glass door, walk-in wardrobe, bathtub, shower	\$12,990	—
F PROMENADE DECK (PREMIUM BALCONY) 217 sq. ft. plus 60 sq. ft. private balcony, sliding glass door, walk-in wardrobe, shower	\$13,990	—
G PROMENADE DECK (OWNER'S BALCONY) 243 sq. ft. plus 60 sq. ft. private balcony, sliding glass door, two portholes, walk-in wardrobe, shower	\$14,990	—



Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (877) 376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. **PLEASE NOTE:** U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Round-trip economy-class airfare from New York to Queenstown, with return from Auckland, is approximately \$2,200 per person as of February 2019 and is subject to change without notice.

General Information

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS Full program of briefings, lectures, and presentations by study leaders and local guides • Two nights accommodations in Queenstown. Nine nights aboard the Caledonian Sky. • All meals as specified in the itinerary. • All excursions, including entrance fees, as specified in the itinerary • Scheduled transfers on group arrival and departure days • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers, and ship's crew for all group activities • Port fees and embarkation taxes • House wine, beer, and soft drinks at lunch and dinner on board the Caledonian Sky and at group meals off the ship • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • Bottled water on excursions • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout

TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport and visa fees • Medical expenses and immunizations • Trip cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess-baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals • Alcohol or soft drinks except where indicated as included • Private transfers or transfers not on program arrival and departure days • Personal items such as room service; email, telephone, and fax charges; and other items of a personal nature.

WHAT TO EXPECT You will experience varying weather conditions during this trip, with temperatures ranging from the mid-50s to the mid-60s Fahrenheit. Rough seas are always a possibility, and intermittent rain showers are common year-round. The pace of this program is moderately active, with up to two miles of walking often over uneven terrain, or where stairs are unavailable or do not have handrails. Participants will need to climb into and out of Zodiacs for some shore excursions (staff and crew members will be on hand to assist). Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff.

GROUP SIZE This program is limited to 94 participants, including travelers from the Commonwealth Club, National Trust Tours, Smith College, and World Affairs Council of Philadelphia.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT To reserve a space on this program, a \$1,000 deposit is required per person.

Please either call us at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form found in this brochure. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. Final payment deadline is September 30, 2019 (120 days prior to departure).

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by HAA from the participant. Cancellations within 14 days of booking: full refund; cancellations received up to 120 days prior to departure will be assessed a cancellation fee of \$1,000 per person. Cancellations received within 120 days prior to departure are subject to 100% penalty of all deposits and payments, regardless of booking date.

ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary contained in this brochure is accurate at the time of printing. We reserve the right to change the program or accommodations as conditions warrant.

INSURANCE We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. An application for insurance will be provided by HAA upon confirmation.

RESPONSIBILITY Certain other provisions apply regarding limitations of liability and rights of HAA and the tour operator. The statement of responsibility is available at <https://alumni.harvard.edu/travel/trips/new-zealand-2020>.

If you are not able to access the internet, please call Harvard Alumni Travels at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806.

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To register, fill out this form and return to Harvard Alumni Travels with your deposit of \$1,000 per person.

Please return this form by mail to:

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Or by FAX: 617-496-4011

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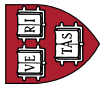
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