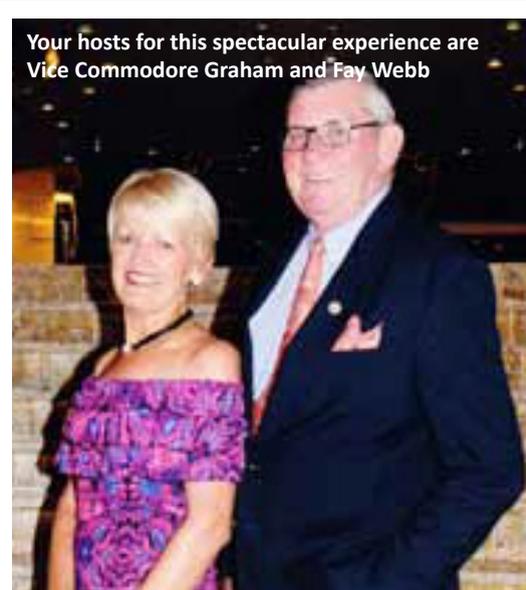


LUXURY SMALL SHIP CRUISING

Auckland to Bay of Islands

• Southport Yacht Club Private Charter •



Your hosts for this spectacular experience are
Vice Commodore Graham and Fay Webb

The cruising region between Auckland and the Bay of Islands is one of the most spectacular and naturally beautiful maritime environments on the planet. World class vineyards, conservation islands, exquisite remote beaches, over 200 islands and many fascinating stories from New Zealand's older and newer history.

This is without doubt casual yet elegant New Zealand summertime cruising at its best. You'll discover uninhabited sanctuary islands, watch dolphins at play, visit fascinating historic places and enjoy the finest cuisine, served with endless sea views. You will be cruising New Zealand's summer playground in style.

8 Days/7 Nights • Departs 23 January 2016



Day 1, 23 Jan - On arrival we meet and transfer you from Auckland Airport to the luxurious Sebel Suites Hotel. We want you to have sufficient free time to fall in love with Auckland. From 6pm we have drinks and snacks arranged at the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron to mix with these members. Afterwards a dinner at one of the many waterfront restaurants is just one of the numerous options available. There is a world of multi-cultural activities on your doorstep.

Day 2, 24 Jan - After a leisurely breakfast at the Sebel you have some free time to further explore the city. You begin boarding the ship between 3-4pm alongside Princes Wharf. Once you are familiar with the ship and safety drill is completed we sail at 5pm. We cruise past mysterious Rangitoto Island – you’ll learn about the island’s history as you sip a cocktail on the aft deck and become acquainted with fellow guests and crew. Your first night aboard is spent anchored at Waiheke Island with dinner served from 7:30pm. Welcome to small ship cruising at its best.

Day 3, 25 Jan - Your Waiheke day could start with a refreshing swim off the back of the ship, a dip in the pool or sleep in until it’s time for a sumptuous breakfast on deck (with champagne if you fancy) – whatever you need to begin the day in a great mood. Later this morning we go ashore for wine tasting. A course is set for Great Barrier Island and we usually encounter dolphins along the way.

Day 4, 26 Jan - Great Barrier is a wild and enchanting paradise with amazing stories to tell. Fitzroy Harbour, on the sheltered side of the island, is one of the country’s most beautiful harbours. In many places the water is deep - right up to the shore – making it possible to anchor and tie the stern to a pohutukawa tree. Great Barrier has a colourful history involving whaling, gold and silver mining, shipwrecks and alternative lifestyles. Today, a passion for conservation connects the residents who believe (with good reason) they’ve found heaven on earth. More than 120 kilometres of walking tracks let you connect with Great Barrier Island’s wild spirit. We sail after dinner is finished. You are urged you to find a quiet place on deck to see the brilliance of the night sky that is free from pollution and delivers one of the most stunning star shows on the planet.

Day 5, 27 Jan - You wake to the unspoilt beauty of Whangamumu. Once a whaling station it was the only one in the world

that caught whales with nets, and it was Northland’s longest running and most successful station that began in 1844 by John Johnson and Andrew Gibson. In 1910, the station was transformed into an extensive factory under the name of Jagger and Cook. That same year the boat Hananui was purchased, and the netting method was abandoned. This steam powered boat had a harpoon fitted to it and substantially increased the whale catch rate. The gradual decline of the station had reportedly begun in the 1930’s. The depression had affected the market price for oil and the station could not dispose of its previous years catch. After exploring the harbour, and ashore, later in the day we round Cape Brett and enter the Bay of Islands and will spend the night at anchor in Deep Water Cove.

Day 6, 28 Jan - Today’s destination is beautiful Oke Bay, an anchorage that will certainly tempt you for a swim off the back of the ship. Dolphins often visit this bay so you might have another dolphin encounter here. The water is beautifully clear – swimming to the beach is always an option for fitter guests. Today is another special treat. After lunch the helicopter arrives at the ship and guests are taken for a complimentary scenic helicopter flight around the Bay of Islands. Flights depart right off the heli-deck on the ship and fly over the crystal clear turquoise waters of the main island group to the world famous “hole in the rock”. Russell, Paihia and Waitangi are also viewed from the air and experience the thrill of landing back onto the ship heli-deck. When the sun begins to set we return through the Albert Passage to our anchorage in Parekura Bay.

Day 7, 29 Jan - Today you’ll visit beautiful Motuarohia-Roberton Island, which you can explore in many different ways. Snorkel in the sheltered lagoon, kayak around the bay or hike up to the historic Maori Pa site. From the

summit you’ll be rewarded by blockbuster views of the entire Bay of Islands area – green jewels in a sea of sparkling blue. This island has a murderous very early history. Ask one of the crew to tell you the story. Later in the afternoon we’ll motor to Urupukapuka, the largest island in the bay, with a detour to our special spot to collect fresh green-lipped mussels for an afternoon snack. The Sauvignon Blanc is chilling and chef is determined to impress you, yet again. Watch the sunset while sipping a sundowner, then look forward to a night of indulgence with the Captain’s dinner.

Day 8, 30 Jan - An early start with breakfast underway where we anchor off the historic village of Russell, known in whaling times as ‘the hell-hole of the Pacific’ because it was a place of loose women and drunken sailors. In Russell you can go ashore to explore craft shops, museums, churches and historic Pompallier French Mission house. We leave Russell to arrive alongside Opuia Wharf at 1000. We transfer guests to the Bay of Islands Airport for your midday flight to Auckland arriving at 12.40pm. Own arrangements upon arrival at the airport.

Cost Cruise Only (pp, twin share):

STATEROOM: \$3,995

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