

VOYAGES OF DISCOVERY

Join our crew sailing from Auckland and the Bay of Islands



**4, 5 or 6-day voyages from 22nd December 2009 to 5th April 2010 from \$725 per person (airfares extra)
From Auckland to Russell or return**

Søren Larsen – star of the BBC TV series ‘the Onedin Line’ and the movie ‘French Lieutenant’s Woman’ – offers you the opportunity to join the with a 22-voyage crew on several short voyages along the coast and islands of New Zealand’s Hauraki Gulf in 2010. Sail this authentic square-rigged sailing ship with all the romance and splendour of sailing as our forefathers did. The voyages are available to all ages and no previous experience is required. Discover for yourselves the magic and the challenges faced by the great Pacific explorers like Captain James Cook, Wallis and Bougainville or the many sailors, whalers and mariners as they sailed the waters around New Zealand and to the Pacific Islands.

The ship was built entirely of oak. Fully restored and meticulously maintained, on-board facilities include 2 or 4-berth cabins, a well-equipped saloon and galley, shower / bathrooms, inflatable boats, fishing tackle, windsurfer and snorkelling gear. Berth price includes all meals onboard, all excursions and activities, use of ship’s wet-weather gear, inflatable boats and all safety equipment

On arriving aboard you will be shown your berths, introduced to the crew, and signed on Ship’s Articles as Voyage Crew members. Much of the first day will be spent introducing you to the ship and explaining the various routines, safety procedures and equipment and how the watch system works. For those who wish we try to give you a chance to be shown aloft in the rigging before we get underway.

East and north of Auckland lies the Hauraki Gulf, one of the finest sailing grounds in the world. The many islands and channels cover nearly 2000 square miles and are bordered to the east by the Coromandel Peninsula and Great Barrier Island. Winds are usually reliable and the many options available in a voyage plan mean safe and exciting square rig sailing is assured. The Ship’s Master, depending on wind directions and forecast will decide the exact passage plan.

For those interested in the voyages of Captain Cook this voyage by traditional square-rigger does offer a unique insight and historical perspective on that amazing period of discovery.

Voyages are planned to allow us some flexibility on route as to where we stop and anchor, how long we stay at each place and where we choose to go. We feel this is the key to the sailing authenticity and the genuine adventure of the ship’s voyaging.

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Suggested cruise routes:

On this cruise most nights will be spent at anchor, as distances between the destinations are perhaps only 15-20 miles. We will usually weigh anchor early each morning and aim to arrive at our anchorage by early afternoon. We then use our inflatable dingy to the beach to explore ashore. The ship has sufficient sets of masks, fins and snorkels to allow everyone to swim from the ship in the warm waters around these islands.

Our sailing passage between anchorages may involve some motoring but also some quite intense sail handling. However sailing by day and stopping most nights allows those who would rather relish the amazing scenery to stand back and let the keener sailors get involved in handling the ship under sail. Everyone is involved in the duty watch system that will operate while we are under way and once we drop anchor the deck watch is undertaken by the permanent crew and you the Voyage Crew are free to explore ashore.

Itineraries may change due to weather conditions, readiness of the vessel or any other reason and so are without guarantee. If winds are unfavourable we may make use the ship's engine to maintain the schedule. All decisions regarding our route and itinerary will be that of the ship's Master.

At Waiheke Island we find a secluded anchorage on the northeast side at Hook's Bay where the beach is normally deserted and the walk over the hill leads to the W.W.II gun emplacements. Native coastal forest surrounds this area of the island to Opopa Bay. Native pohutakawa trees line the deserted shore and an evening spent anchored under the southern stars makes one feel miles from civilisation.

During the voyage we could anchor overnight at such places as Kawau Island for a walk across the island. From the old Copper Mine to the colonial residence at Mansion House Bay built by Governor Grey in the 1850's takes about 45 minutes, and the trail leads through grove of mature Redwood trees and other imported exotic species with a rich undergrowth of native ponga (tree ferns). At Mansion House Bay wallabies and peacocks roam the lawns and at dusk the native 'waka' a flightless swamp hen may be seen. At night the calls of the small Blue Penguins are heard and during the day they may be seen out fishing.

Tiri Tiri Island is a designated Depart of Conservation reserve where a pioneering revegetation programme has created a successful bird sanctuary for rare and endangered species.

If we call at Great Barrier Island we shall anchor near Port Fitzroy and spend a day there. The strenuous but rewarding hike to the top of Mt. Hobson takes 5-6 hours but the views are fabulous and the trail leads past the famous Kauri Damns and through native forests with many regenerated Kauri trees. There is an alternative walk from Forestry Bay to the pools at The Waterfall again leading through native forest. For bird watchers Banded Rails and the endangered Brown Teals are likely to be seen on 'the Barrier'.

The Poor Knights are a group of uninhabited islands named by Cook (as was much of the Gulf) which is now a Marine Reserve. No one may land here but we can take the ship's boats into the spectacular tunnels and caves, which pepper the sheer cliffs and if there is time snorkel the clear waters, which teem with snapper and parrot fish.

At Cape Brett we stop to marvel at the famous Hole in the Rock - a huge natural archway created in the island off the headland before we lay a course into the Bay of Islands.

The Bay of 140 tranquil islands is steeped in the country's early history. We will drop anchor at Roberton Island where Cook first landed in 1769, and overnight there, or visit Russell, the former whaling town which became the country's initial capital. Nearby is Waitangi, where the first treaty was signed between the British and Maori chiefs. Today the whole area is a scene of overwhelming natural beauty whose passages and channels we shall cruise at our leisure. (The regular coach connection to Auckland takes a little over 4 hours and is a most scenic drive, for which we can arrange tickets.)

Throughout the voyage we will see an abundance of sea bird life; Petrels, Gannets, Spotted and White Shags, Caspian Terns are common, and ashore on certain forest trails Fantails are seen and the Grey Warbler heard. The lookout's perch at the bowsprit is a front row seat if we're lucky to see the displays of Common and Bottlenose Dolphins who delight in dancing in our bow wave. This is a unique way of experiencing the Hauraki Gulf's wonders that conventional tourism has missed.

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Weather: January and February is the best of the NZ summer and the weather is usually warm, with light cotton shirts / shorts are sufficient during the day and a sweatshirt with jeans for evenings. Most go barefoot on deck and swimming gear gets worn most days. A hat, sun block and sunglasses are essential protection from sun over water.

Your Role as Voyage Crew - This is an adventure holiday where the emphasis is placed on your enjoyment. Participation is part of that adventure and you will be taken on as a Voyage Crew, learning 'hands on' from the professional crew about shipboard life.

Allowance is made for age and abilities and as part of the ship's watch system you can handle sail, take the helm, join-in and have fun.

There are up to 13-permanent or trainee crew who maintain and sail the ship that are there to assist and help you enjoy your time aboard. Once we drop anchor the deck watch is undertaken by the permanent crew and you the Voyage Crew are free to explore ashore.

While on watch the voyage crew are under the care and instruction of the watch officer and two other permanent crew; everyone stands a turn on the helm, takes lookout on bow watch, helps fill in the ship's deck log and help handle the sails as required. The watches on deck will have to work the brigantine rig to best advantage to make the most of the changeable weather.

On the longer sea passage there's time for talks about basic navigation, seamanship theory, rope work, history and development of square rigged ships. The timeless routines of the sea and unique beauty and grandeur of the ocean can only really be appreciated by those who have undertaken a blue water passage several days out from land.

Joining & departure times: 10.00am

From Auckland: Princes Wharf West, Quay St, Downtown Auckland near National Maritime Museum

From Russell: boat pickup from Russell Wharf.



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NEW ZEALAND - BAY OF ISLANDS to HAURAKI GULF CRUISES



Code	Voyage	Nights	Type	Dates 2009 - 2010	AU\$
V.299	Hauraki Gulf / Bay of Islands <i>Auckland to Russell</i>	5	Island Cruising	Mon 18 Jan to Sat 23 Jan	\$1190
V.300	Hauraki Gulf / Bay of Islands <i>Russell to Auckland</i>	5	Island Cruising	Tue 25 Jan to Sat 30 Jan	\$1190
V.301	Hauraki Gulf / Bay of Islands <i>Auckland to Russell</i>	4	Island Cruising	Tue 2 Feb to Sat 6 Feb	\$ 990
V.302	Hauraki Gulf / Bay of Islands <i>Russell to Auckland</i>	4	Island Cruising	Mon 8 Feb to Fri 12 Feb	\$ 990
V.303	Hauraki Gulf Discovery <i>Auckland to Auckland</i>	5	Island Cruising	Mon 15 Feb to Sat 20 Feb	\$1190
V.304	Hauraki Gulf Discovery <i>Auckland to Whangarei</i>	5	Island Cruising	Mon 22 Feb to Thu 27 Feb	\$1190
V.305	Hauraki Gulf Discovery <i>Auckland to Auckland</i>	5	Island Cruising	Mon 1 Mar to Fri 5 Mar	\$1190
V. 305a	Hauraki Gulf Discovery <i>Auckland to Auckland</i>	3	Island Cruising	Mon 8 Mar to Thur 11 Mar	\$725
V.306	Hauraki Gulf / Bay of Islands <i>Auckland to Russell</i>	4	Island Cruising	Sun 14 Mar to Thur 18 Mar	\$990
V.307	Bay of Islands Discovery <i>Opua to Russell</i>	7	ICOYC Cruise	Sat 20 Mar to Sat 27 Mar	\$1750
V.308	Hauraki Gulf / Bay of Islands <i>Russell to Auckland</i>	3	Island Cruising	Mon 29 Mar to Thu 1 Apr	\$725
V.309	Bay of Islands / Hauraki Gulf <i>Easter – from / to Auckland</i>	3	Island Cruising	Fri 2 Apr to Mon 5 Apr	\$725

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