New Zealand by Sea

Milford Sound to Auckland aboard the Caledonian Sky

With John Brady, Smith Professor of Geosciences
Dear Smith Alumnae,

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.

I invite you to join fellow alumnae as we tour these lush green islands aboard the Caledonian Sky, an ideal vessel for exploring New Zealand’s islands, fiords, and craggy coastline. Learn about sheep farming—so crucial to the development of New Zealand’s economy—during a visit to a working sheep station. Marvel at the sheer granite walls and tumbling waterfalls of Doubtful and Milford Sounds in Fiordland, a remote and wild region largely unchanged since the days of Captain Cook. Land by Zodiac craft on Stewart Island to hear the strange “ding-dong” call of the bellbird, and observe the rare yellow-eyed penguin at Taiaroa Head. Explore the heartland of Maori culture in Rotorua and visit the stunning Te Papa Tongarewa Museum, which illuminates the history of the native people of New Zealand.

We are fortunate to visit this remarkable country in the company of Smith Professor John Brady, a geologist eager to explore New Zealand’s fascinating geologic “classroom” with participants. Sharing this adventure with us are travelers from Harvard, Princeton, and MIT, along with study leaders Professor Lawrence Buell of Harvard and Professor Ronald Prinn of MIT.

If you have any questions, or wish to make a reservation, please call Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or go to http://alumnae.smith.edu/travel.

Best regards,

Elizabeth Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel
Office of Alumnae Relations

Explore New Zealand’s magnificent natural beauty—epitomized by Milford Sound (cover) and sky-high geysers (below); spectacular wildlife, including large and raucous royal albatrosses (pictured here); and fascinating Maori culture, whose traditional and distinctive tattoo art form, or moko, has experienced a recent resurgence as a sign of cultural identity and pride.
Study Leaders

John Brady, Mary Elizabeth Moses
Professor of Geosciences at Smith College, has taught geology at Smith since 1975 following graduate work at Harvard. His research interests range from the evolution of metamorphic rocks in Montana and Greece to atomic diffusion measurements—“cooking rocks”—in the experimental petrology lab. His hands-on, inquiry-based activities that help students learn complex concepts have led to his co-organizing National Science Foundation–funded workshops about teaching mineralogy and petrology. Professor Brady, whose favorite place to teach is among the landscapes and rocks that provide clues to the past, considers New Zealand’s volcanoes, glaciers, and active faults an ideal classroom for learning about the earth.

Ronald Prinn
is the TEPCO Professor of Atmospheric Science, Director of the MIT Center for Global Change Science, and Co-Director of the MIT Joint Program on Science and Policy of Global Change. He has been teaching and doing research at MIT for 42 years, having joined the faculty immediately after completing his ScD in MIT’s Department of Chemistry in 1971. His current research focuses on the chemistry, physics, and dynamics of the climate system and the linkages between economics, technology, policy, climate processes, and ecosystems that drive global change.

Lawrence Buell,
Powell M. Cabot Research Professor of American Literature at Harvard, has taught the literatures and cultural history of the English-speaking world for more than half a century, and has been at Harvard since 1990. His current research on comparative environmental cultures of the Anglophone world has immersed him in the study of New Zealand’s literature, its history of environmental protection, and its dual heritages as a member of the British Commonwealth and as a bicultural Polynesian nation.
Itinerary

Monday–Wednesday, December 29–31, 2014
Home ✺ Queenstown
Depart home on an overnight flight to Queenstown, New Zealand, gateway to the South Island’s breathtaking alpine and glacial scenery. Lose a day crossing the International Date Line. Celebrate New Year’s Eve in the Southern Hemisphere. MILLENIUM HOTEL (R)

Thursday, January 1, 2015
Queenstown
In the shadow of The Remarkables Mountains, take a scenic steamboat cruise to Walter Peak High Country Farm on New Year’s Day. Enjoy a traditional down-home barbecue and demonstrations by the station’s experienced dog handlers and sheep shearers. The afternoon is at leisure to relax or explore Queenstown. MILLENIUM HOTEL (B,L,D)

Friday, January 2
Milford Sound
Drive to spectacular Milford Sound along the shores of Lake Te Anau in Fiordland National Park. On arrival at Milford, board a small boat and cruise close to the giant cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and native fur seals. Then board the Caledonian Sky and depart, cruising past the 5,000-foot tower of Mitre Peak. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

Saturday, January 3
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, enhanced by mist-shrouded mountains, cascading waterfalls, and vast beech forests. This is New Zealand’s wildest, most remote, and most beautiful region. Explore this unspoiled waterway, well known for its wildlife, including fur seals and a resident pod of bottlenose dolphins. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

Sunday, January 4
Stewart Island (Raikura)
Cruise to Stewart Island, the southernmost inhabited outpost of New Zealand. With a population under 500, the island is a quiet, seldom-visited wilderness oasis. The newest jewel in the national park system, Raikura (“Land of Glowing Skies”) is an ornithologist’s delight. Naturalist guides lead bush walks that may include sightings of weka, kakā, albatrosses, flightless Stewart Island kiwis, silvereyes, and fantails. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

Monday, January 5
Dunedin
From Dunedin, widely regarded as the best-preserved Victorian and Edwardian heritage city in the Southern Hemisphere, drive to Taiaroa Head at the tip of the Otago Peninsula, the only mainland location in the world where it is possible to view northern royal albatrosses, the largest of all seabirds. Special viewing areas have been constructed for observing these birds without disturbing their natural activities. Nearby are vital breeding grounds of the threatened yellow-eyed penguin. Considered one of the world’s rarest penguin species, it may be the most ancient of all living penguins. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

Tuesday, January 6
Lyttelton (Christchurch)
Dock in the harbor at Lyttelton and drive to the English garden city of Christchurch, headquarters for “Operation Deep Freeze” and supply point for U.S. bases in the Antarctic. Explore the unique Canterbury Museum and its Hall of Antarctic Discovery, which preserves and exhibits fascinating artifacts and stories of the exploits of Antarctic explorers. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

Wednesday, January 7
Marlborough Sounds
Sail across Cook Strait between the North and South Islands and enter a world of pristine natural beauty. Anchor at Ship Cove, where Captain
Cook arrived aboard the *Endeavour* in 1770. Explore islands and inlets by Zodiac and, during short walks in the bush, 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.

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**Thursday, January 8**  
**Wellington**

Arrive this morning in Wellington, New Zealand’s capital city, where colorful Victorian houses perch on steep hills overlooking one of the world’s loveliest harbors. Visit the engaging 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 legends.  
*Caledonian Sky* (B,L,D)

**Friday, January 9**  
**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, January 10**

**Tauranga → Rotorua**

Dock in Tauranga and disembark for a drive to Rotorua, the heartland of New Zealand’s Maori culture. Enjoy a private gathering with Maori elders at a special *powhiri* (welcome) ceremony and observe skilled woodcarvers and flax weavers at work at the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute. After a traditional lunch, experience the eerie beauty of the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, where bubbling mud pools, boiling springs, hissing steam vents, and the soaring Pohutu Geyser provide remarkable evidence of the still-hot magma just beneath the earth’s surface.  
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**Sunday, January 11**

**Auckland → Home**

Arrive in Auckland, the “City of Sails,” and disembark for a coach tour of the city and a stop at the Auckland Museum to learn more about New Zealand’s indigenous Maori and Polynesian cultures. Then head to the Kumeu Wine Country, Auckland’s heritage wine region, for a festive farewell lunch and wine tasting before boarding flights home, regaining the day lost on the inbound journey.  
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**Optional Post-Tour Extension**

**Sydney, Australia | January 11–14**

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, which has been sensitively revitalized; a viewing of aboriginal art at the Art Gallery of New South Wales; and a visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens’ fascinating native species, plus time for independent exploration.  
*Rates: $1,990 per person, double occupancy; $2,940 per person, single occupancy.*
The Caledonian Sky, formerly the Hebridean Spirit, is a 114-passenger premier expedition ship 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. 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**

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy unless otherwise specified.

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**What to Expect**

You will experience varying weather conditions during this trip, with temperatures ranging from the low 50s to the mid 70s 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 over uneven terrain 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.

Airfare

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare from New York to Queenstown, with return from Auckland, is approximately $2,500 per person as of December 2013 and is subject to change without notice. In order to give you as much flexibility as possible with the variety of air travel options available, you are free to make your own air arrangements for this program.

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Program Rates Include A full program of briefings, lectures, and presentations by study leaders and local guides • All accommodations and 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, wait staff, and ship’s crew for all group activities • Port fees and embarkation taxes • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • Welcome and farewell wine receptions and dinners • Bottled water on excursions • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout

Travel Insurance A trip protection plan is available at extra cost. Upon receiving your reservation, Smith Travel will send you information on this policy. This comprehensive guest protection plan covers trip cancellation for medical reasons, trip delay, medical expenses, accidental death, lost baggage, and medical evacuation.

Group Size This program is limited to 102 participants, including travelers from Smith College, Harvard, and MIT.

Terms & Conditions

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE 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

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Aboard the Caledonian Sky
December 29, 2014—January 11, 2015

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☐ Enclosed is my check for $ _____________________________ ($1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel), to hold ____ place(s) on New Zealand by Sea. OR

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Single Travelers

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.

☐ I will share accommodations with _____________________________.

☐ I am willing to share with another participant (not guaranteed).

I am a ☐ Non-smoker ☐ Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of September 1, 2014, I will pay the single rate.

Accommodations

Cabin category preference: 1st ☐ 2nd ☐

Bed preference in hotels (not guaranteed): ☐ King/Queen ☐ Twins

Bed preference on ship: ☐ Twin beds joined as double ☐ Twins

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein.

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Aboard the Caledonian Sky

Rare yellow-eyed penguins
Geysers, mud pools & steam vents
Maori powhiri ceremony
Sheep herding & shearing
Breathtaking Milford Sound