

M.V. **Affinity**
Cruises



'Stimulating & Relaxing Holidays - Where Discovery is a Real Adventure'



Cruising the waters of

Marlborough Sounds

Spring & Summer

Stewart Island

Autumn

Fiordland

Winter



Scallop Cruise 3 Nights / 4 Days

19 Jan – 22 Jan 2012

\$999.00 per person twin share

(includes all meals, accommodation, itinerary activities and your scallop catch!)



Scallop derived from the Old French Escalope which means shell

Perhaps the most sought after of all shellfish, scallops are fantastic eating!

Combine cruising in the stunning Queen Charlotte Sound with the opportunity to catch your own scallops each day. This cruise will focus on the bounty of the sea. Your method of daily scallop harvesting will be by dredge*. If time allows we will also spend time casting a rod and trying our luck at catching Blue Cod, Groper or other species in the waters of this pristine area.

There's nothing like eating fresh seafood caught by your own hands!

*** A daily limit of 50 scallops is allowed for all those participating in scallop dredging. We will enjoy some of our scallops prepared fresh from the sea on board. The remainder of your daily scallop catch will be bagged, named and frozen to enable you to take your shellfish home with you.**

Other highlights of this cruise will include:

- A visit to Motuara Island – a bird Sanctuary Island where Robins, Tuis, Kiwis, Bellbirds and Kakariki live. Hear the birdsong and look out for the rare South Island Saddleback as you walk along.
- Shore visit at Ship Cove where English explorer Captain James Cook made his home in the early 1770's. Here you will find information panels explaining early Maori and European occupation and a monument to honour Captain Cook.



- Visit a salmon farm where the process of salmon aquaculture will be explained.
- Experience the beauty and tranquillity of the Marlborough Sounds as we leisurely cruise through the hidden bays and coves of the Sounds.

All walks are optional, you may wish to stay on board and relax. Please understand you are responsible for your own safety and actions during these unguided walks.

- *Wonderful way to explore the Sounds, thanks – J & C Robinson*
- *A wonderful week, everything perfect, even the weather! – B & B Wills*
- *All kiwis should do this! Wonderful trip! Thanks to all – R & M Butterworth*
- *Good crew, food, accommodation & seamanship. Great. – V & L Woodgate*
- *An unforgettable experience, fantastic scenery, great hospitality, Thank you – B & L Robinson*



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