



## Captain Cook Cruise

5 Nights / 6 Days  
28 Jan - 02 Feb 2012

\$2225.00 Per Person Twin / Share



*Join us on this historical adventure as we follow Captain Cook's journey through the Marlborough Sounds accompanied by renowned Captain Cook expert John Robson.*

*Plus the sights and scenes of our Marlborough Sounds Cruises:*

- Go ashore at Ship Cove where English explorer Captain James Cook made his home in the early 1770's. Cook visited Ship Cove on five separate occasions and spent over 100 days there, it provided safe anchorage, fresh water, food and timber for repairs to his ship. Here you will find information panels explaining early Maori and European occupation and a monument to honour Captain Cook.
- Walk sections of the award winning Queen Charlotte Track, which features regenerated native bush with Giant Rimu, Nikau, Beech trees and tree ferns.
- Visit Motuara Island where Captain Cook raised the Union Jack on 30 January 1770 and proclaimed British Sovereignty over the South Island of New Zealand. Motuara today is 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.
- Go ashore at Whareatea Bay on the east coast of d'Urville Island where the last of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust plaques marking James Cook's New Zealand landing places was unveiled 16 February 1985. Cook's visit to d'Urville Island came at the close of his first visit to New Zealand. It was to be his only landing in what was much later to become the Nelson Land District.
- Cast your rod and try your luck at catching a Blue Cod, Groper and other species in the waters of this pristine area. There's nothing like eating fresh fish caught by your own hands.
- Although Captain Cook didn't enter the Pelorus Sound, the largest of the sounds, we will also spend some time exploring this delightful maze of waterways, small bays, coves and islands.

*All walks are optional, you may wish to stay on board and relax or there may be a shorter walk option that would suit you better. Please understand you are responsible for your own safety and actions during these unguided walks.*



## *Our Special Guest on board John Robson*

John Robson was born at Stockton-on-Tees in County, Durham, U.K in 1949. He has had two lifelong interests- maps and Captain James Cook. They were combined in 2000 when his book, **Captain Cook's world**, was published.

Robson has travelled extensively in his career, first as a mining geologist and later as a librarian. He is now the map librarian at the University of Waikato in Hamilton. He is a member of the Captain Cook Society and the NZ representative for the Hakluyt Society. As well as **Captains Cooks World**, he has produced the **Captain Cook Encyclopaedia** and **The historical dictionary of the discovery and exploration of the pacific islands**. His latest book, **Captain Cooks War and Peace** about Cook's early Royal naval career was published in 2009. He was also a historical consultant on the recent television documentary, **James Cook-obsession and discovery**.

Robson moved to New Zealand in 1981 and now lives in Hamilton with two corgis, Hector and Durham, and a house full of Cook books and Cookabilia.

### *Captain James Cook in the Marlborough Sounds*

On the 15<sup>th</sup> January 1770 First lieutenant James Cook entered Queen Charlotte Sound on his Bark the Endeavour, Cook was then aged 41. The following day Cook anchored in Ship cove to repair the Endeavour. Cook found Ship Cove provided a great anchorage with good food, water and fishing. He was able to prepare his ship and refresh his crews safely. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> January Cook climbed a hill in the Marlborough Sounds and sighted the eastern sea, discovering Cook Strait. Thus began Cooks exploration of New Zealand over 3 voyages until his final departure on 26 February 1777.

During his visits to Ship Cove, Cook managed to sustain contact with the local Maori who were more than happy to trade for European goods, Cooks men observed and engaged in the Maori culture and way of life. Cook tried to introduce various animals and was disappointed when he released a Ewe and Ram to start a population of sheep then found them dead a few days later; he believed they had eaten a poisonous plant.

On Motuara Island Cook proclaimed sovereignty over the south Island, he had asked permission from Topaa, a Maori elder to place their flag in the ground so that other ships knew that he had been there. Topaa freely consented for Cook to do so. With the flag flying Cook named Queen Charlotte Sound and they celebrated with a bottle of wine, Topaa was given the empty bottle and some coins to thank him.

Cook returned many times to this area of New Zealand and it became a very important base for him and his men.

**"James Cook sailed the Endeavour  
from this bay on 31 March 1770  
leaving New Zealand and steering  
west on his long homeward voyage".**

*Monument at Wharetea Bay, d'Urville Island*

*"... I had ambition not only to go farther than any one had been before, but as far as it was possible for man to go ..." - James Cook*

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