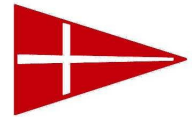


# Join fellow members and friends of **MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB** on a Cruise to the Bay of Islands in New Zealand.



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6 Nights from 23rd January to 30th January 2016

## Dear Members and Friends,

We do hope you can join us on what promises to be a truly memorable week - our inaugural member and friends cruise to the fabulous Bay of Islands in New Zealand.

This breathtaking one week cruise will be on board the fabulous motor yacht "Island Passage"; a luxurious 42 metre vessel which boasts just 12 large private cabins as well as wonderful dining and relaxing areas. Other highlights include a helicopter for breathtaking sightseeing flights, as well as a wonderful crew with French trained chefs and experienced Marine Biologists.



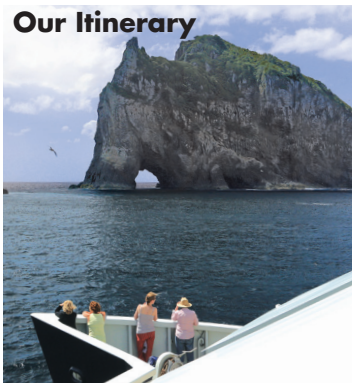
Join Karen and David Baldwin as they explore the Bay of Islands in Small ship luxury

### Our ship - "Island Passage"

This unique ship is owned by New Zealander Peter Bissett who, after a career owning international shipping companies in New Zealand, Japan and the Far East came out of retirement in 2005 to build his dream passenger ship. The result is a luxurious 42 metre motor yacht which carries just 24 guests in 12 large private cabins all of which boast generous en suites, large elegant beds, panoramic windows and delightful finishes throughout where no expense has been spared. She is nothing short of magnificent. The ship's interior dining areas and aft decks are amongst the largest you will find on a small ship whilst other highlights, such as a helicopter pad for scenic flights and transfers, as well as a crew with marine biologists and French trained chefs, leave guests with the sense of being onboard a small luxury private yacht.



### Our Itinerary



<b>Day 1</b>	Sat	Opuia, Bay of Islands
<b>Day 2</b>	Sun	Roberton Island
<b>Day 3</b>	Mon	Urupukapuka Island
<b>Day 4</b>	Tue	Oke Bay
<b>Day 5</b>	Wed	Te Pahi Islands
<b>Day 6</b>	Thu	Helicopter Flight
<b>Day 7</b>	Fri	Opuia, Bay of Islands

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**The Middle Harbour Yacht Club Member Cruise to the Bay of Islands in New Zealand**

**Prices per person from \$3,950 to \$6,550**

<b>Owners Suite</b>	<b>\$6,550</b>
<b>Bridge Suites</b>	<b>\$5,950</b>
<b>Ocean Suites</b>	<b>\$4,950</b>
<b>Staterooms</b>	<b>\$3,950</b>

**Note: Prices exclude international flights**

**INCLUSIONS**

- \$100.00 onboard credit per cabin
- All transfers as specified
- Sightseeing helicopter flight
- 6 nights onboard en-suite accommodation on a twin/double share basis on "Island Passage"
- Onshore excursions
- Services of our onboard Cruise Director, Marine Biologists, crew and French trained chefs
- All onboard chef prepared cuisine – including Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner each day and wine served with dinner.
- Morning and Afternoon tea each day
- Complimentary coffee, tea, juices and water
- Use of ship tenders, kayaks, snorkels and fishing gear

**DAILY ITINERARY**

**Day 1 - Saturday**

Fly to the Bay of Islands and transfer to "Island Passage". We depart the port of Opuia at 6pm, cruising up the Veronica Channel towards the tourist hub of Paihia and the historic village of Russell. You'll be sipping champagne, nibbling canapés and getting to know your fellow cruisers as the exquisite scenery slips by. Our fishing guides will also take you to some fabulous spots. Your first night will be spent at picturesque Opunga Cove, a tranquil haven for cruising yachts and launches. The cove faces west, so you can sit and enjoy the sunset from your comfortable deck steamer chair.

**Day 2 - Sunday**

Today you'll visit beautiful Motuarohia-Roberton Island. Snorkel in the sheltered lagoon, kayak around the bay or hike up to the historic Maori Pa site and enjoy stunning views of the entire Bay of Island. In the late afternoon we'll motor to Urupukapuka, the largest island in the bay. While anchored in gorgeous Paradise Bay, you'll enjoy our chef's gourmet barbecue with fresh seafood and produce from the local farmers' markets.

**Day 3 - Monday**

Time to hike around Urupukapuka Island, relax on its beaches or explore the edges of the island by kayak stopping for a picnic along the way. Fishing from one of our tenders is also an option – maybe you'll catch dinner! After lunch we'll cruise through the narrows of the Albert Passage and along Cape Brett Peninsula towards Deep Water Cove. Watch for gannets and dolphins along this magical nature reserve complete with an idyllic waterfall framed by native forest. If conditions allow we will overnight at Piercy Island (also known as the 'hole in the rock').

**Day 4 - Tuesday**

Today's destination is beautiful Oke Bay, an anchorage that will certainly tempt you off the back of the ship for a swim. Dolphins often visit this bay so you might have another dolphin encounter here. 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". When the sun begins to set we return through the Albert Passage to our anchorage in Parekura Bay.

**Day 5 - Wednesday**

After a sumptuous breakfast on deck, we'll make ready to cruise across to the other side of the Bay of Islands. We'll make a detour to the Black rocks, to collect fresh green-lipped mussels for our barbecue lunch. Our anchorage for the night is the Te Pahi Islands, just off the Purerua Peninsula. Before dinner there's time to visit iconic Marsden Cross on the mainland, the site of the first missionary settlement in New Zealand.

**Day 6 - Thursday**

Late morning 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 the historic Pompallier French Mission house.

**Day 7 - Friday**

On your final day we have breakfast under way cruising to Opuia and have you disembarking at 9am.

*Please note the itinerary is subject to change due to operational reasons, weather and sea conditions at Captains discretion.*



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