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**New Zealand-built expedition yacht *Heritage Explorer* joins Heritage Expedition's small ship fleet creating new opportunities of discovery around the shores of New Zealand. Setting a new standard for discovery travel in New Zealand, *Heritage Explorer* combines the ultimate in comfort with unique itineraries and a personalised experience with a maximum of just 18 guests on board.**

***Heritage Explorer*** is a 30-metre, 4-deck New Zealand flagged vessel built in 2004 by the renowned wooden boat building family Carey's Boatyard in Picton. Cutting a striking profile in the water, *Heritage Explorer* boasts a considered design that's both ahead of its time and showcases a clever balance of privacy, comfort, spaciousness and agility allowing her to explore the best of New Zealand's backyard while introducing new levels of bespoke comfort.

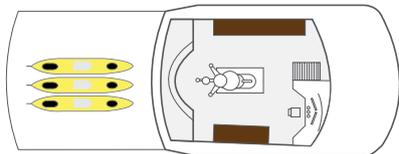
*Heritage Explorer* continues Heritage Expeditions proud history as ambassadors for conservation, pioneers of discovery, and leaders in expedition travel to the world's best-kept secrets. Heritage Expeditions pioneered conservation-driven, authentic small ship expedition cruising in 1984 and has been sharing some of the most wild, least-explored and biologically rich regions on the planet with small numbers of guests ever since.



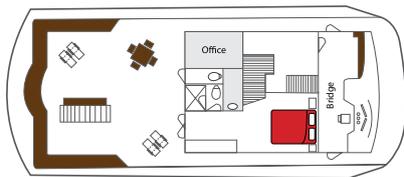
# THE NEW STANDARD IN NEW ZEALAND **DISCOVERY TRAVEL**



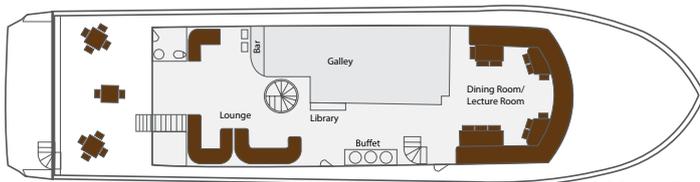
## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS



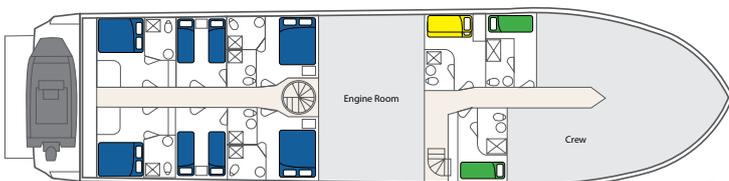
Sun Deck



Bridge Deck



Main Deck



Lower Deck

**Heritage Explorer** features state-of-the-art technology to provide a comfortable expedition with high performance dual Scania 653 horsepower engines capable of 10 knots, bow thrusters, fin stabilisers, full air-conditioning, sound attenuated twin generators and a hydraulic aft ramp, while a comprehensive navigation package ensures the ultimate Kiwi adventure awaits all guests.

### Technical Specifications:

Vessel Type: Expedition Yacht  
 Expedition Staff & Crew: 5  
 Guests: 18  
 Cabins: 10  
 Length: 30m  
 Breadth: 7.8m  
 Draft: 1.93m  
 Gross Tonnage: 76.1gt  
 Engine: 653 horsepower  
 Cruising Speed: 10 knots  
 Tenders: 2

■ Royal

■ Wandering

■ Salvin's

■ Buller's

# WELCOME ON BOARD

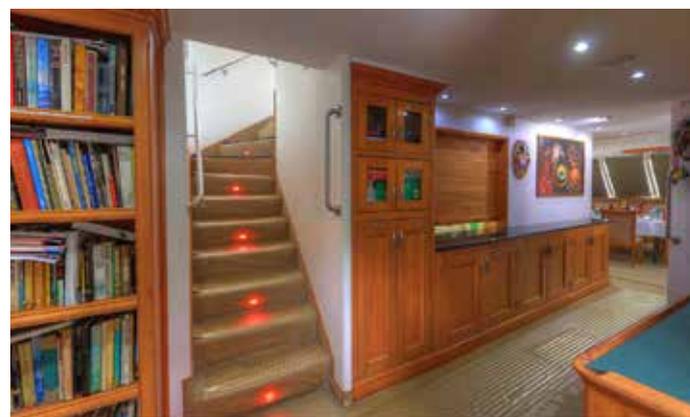
## FEATURES & FACILITIES

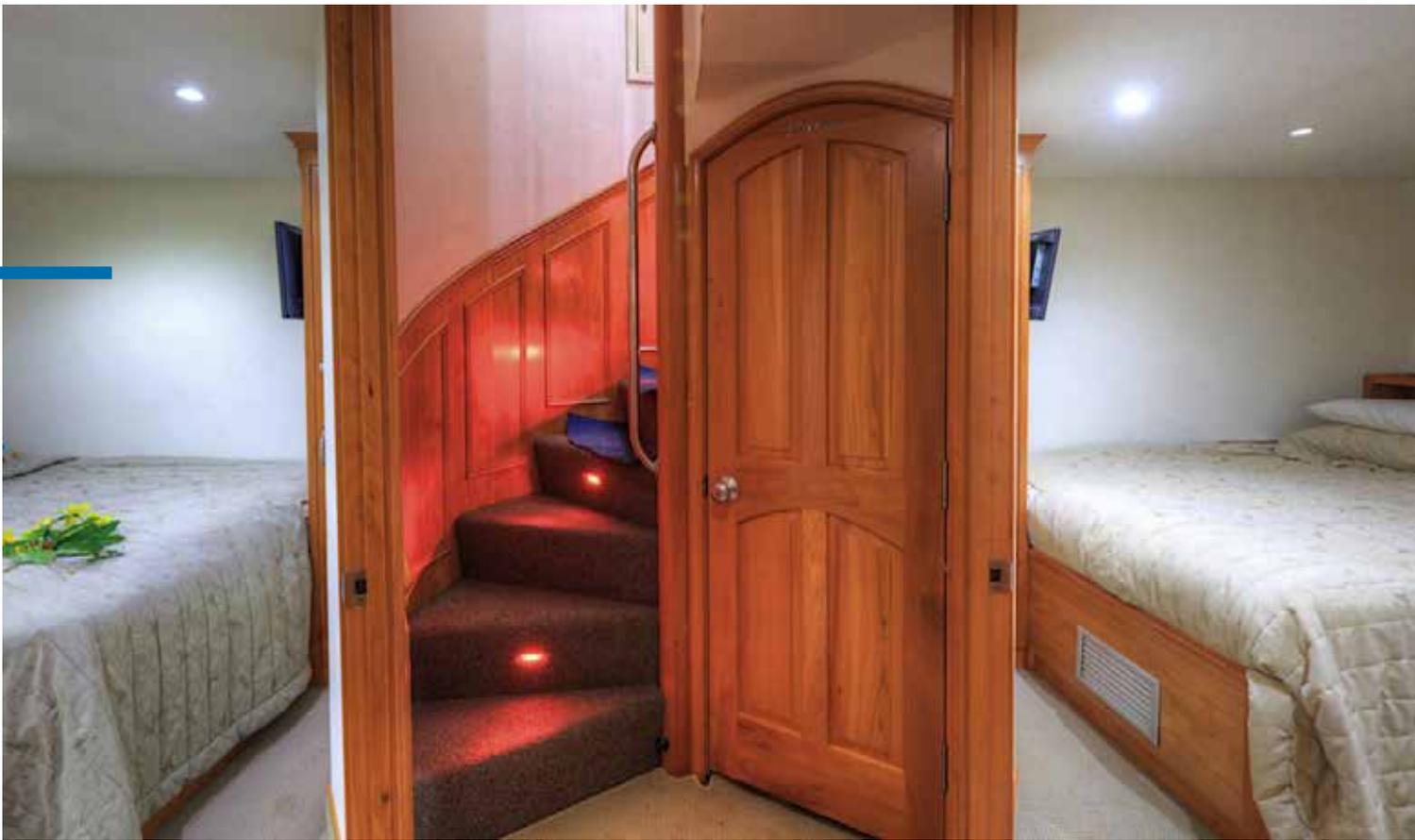


Step on board *Heritage Explorer* and discover a contemporary wood-finished interior featuring 10 well-appointed cabins across three decks. All on board accommodation features private en suites, windows, picture portholes or portholes, climate controlled air conditioning, a satellite telephone and flat screen TV with access to the ship's GPS plotter.

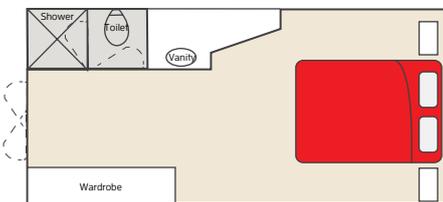
On the Main Deck guests will find the dining room boasting spectacular 180-degree panoramas and theatre capabilities; lounge and bar featuring a flight of inclusive regional New Zealand wines, beers and spirits, and a well-stocked local library. Outside, guests can enjoy plenty of covered space on the Bridge Deck, or ajoin to the Sun Deck perfect for wildlife spotting, sunrises and sunsets, or simply enjoying watch your voyage unfold.

Kayaks and fishing equipment are available for use during the voyage, while two tenders allow for deeper exploration and the unforgettable wildlife encounters synonymous with all Heritage Expeditions adventures.



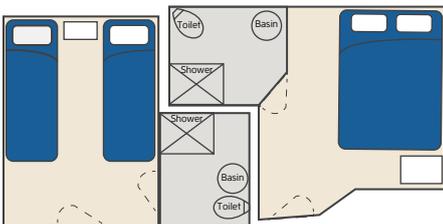


## Accommodation

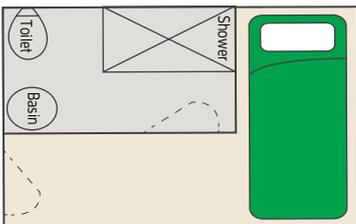


### Royal

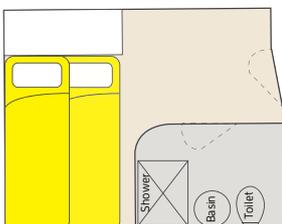
Located on the Bridge Deck, our Master Suite features a spacious bedroom with a queen-sized bed, ample storage with wardrobe and drawers, mirror and washbasin, private en suite, personal climate control, TV, PABX satellite telephone, window and French doors opening out on to the covered Bridge Deck.



**Salvin's** Located on the Lower Deck, Salvin's cabins have the option of either a double bed or two lower berths. Both feature ample storage with wardrobe and drawers, TV, PABX satellite telephone, private en suite and a picture porthole.



**Wandering** Located on the Lower Deck, Wandering cabins feature one lower single berth, ample storage with wardrobe and drawers, TV, PABX satellite telephone, private en suite and a porthole.



**Buller's** Located on the Lower Deck, the Buller's cabin features one bunk (one upper and one lower berth), ample storage with wardrobe and drawers, TV, PABX satellite telephone, private en suite and a porthole.

# LIFE ON BOARD

## THE ULTIMATE ESCAPE



Leave the cares of the world on land as you enjoy a warm welcome aboard *Heritage Explorer* from our captain and expedition team as your unforgettable adventure exploring some of New Zealand's most spectacular locations begins.

Once on board you are free to relax, and do as much or as little as you like. Enjoy pre-arranged daily excursions that have been designed, selected and tested by our team of experts and daily meals expertly prepared by our passionate chef all matched with locally selected wines.

Expedition guides are on hand to interpret the natural history and conservation efforts, guide wildlife encounters and lead tender excursions. Full use of kayaks and fishing equipment along with the option for snorkelling/diving charters offer a variety of ways to enjoy your escape with us.

*Heritage Explorer's* more personalised style of small group travel has been specifically designed for those who prefer in-depth discovery and engaging with like-minded fellow travellers.





## CUISINE



### A GASTRONOMIC ODYSSEY AWAITS ...

Your adventure continues on board where our talented chefs are waiting to take you on a gastronomic odyssey showcasing fresh, local produce or, perhaps, your catch of the day.

Recount the day's events with new friends over our selection of New Zealand wine and beer in the bar, or drink in sensational sunsets as you sip a cocktail on the deck.

When it comes to dining join the communal festivities of our resplendent dining room with 180-degree views, or enjoy an intimate moment with a private, al fresco dining experience, the choice is yours.

# EXPLORE MORE REMOTE DESTINATIONS

## UNIQUE DISCOVERIES IN A SMALL GROUP



**Heritage Expeditions is New Zealand's pioneering small ship expedition cruise company and your expert in New Zealand's diverse coastline.**

Our voyages have been designed by an experienced team to explore the freedom of the seas and visit locations typically off the beaten track. Harnessing true expedition style travel, every voyage is different, and every experience unique.

The abilities of our itineraries to provide inspiring, one-of-a-kind experiences is matched only by those of our expedition team allowing a true interpretation of the region visited from the most remote shores and islands through to the creative cuisine on your plate.

*Heritage Explorer* will spend the year exploring New Zealand with voyages of discovery including the Far North, Top of the South, Stewart Island and Fiordland – where will you be joining us?



DISCOVER  
SOMEWHERE NEW

## ACTIVITIES & ADVENTURES



Explore your way, whether it's wine or kayaking, a gentle bush walk, invigorating hike, swimming in crystalline waters or simply relaxing on board.

Active types will find no shortage of adventure from hiking, yacht and tender expedition cruising, kayaking, snorkelling, fishing and more.

Similarly, those opting for more leisurely pursuits can relax and enjoy the scenery. There will be plenty of excursions to suit from visiting beautiful beaches and quirky and historical places of interest, to enjoying time on the Sun Deck.

With each day comes a new adventure, with a series of options to choose from or, if you have something in mind, don't hesitate to let us know.



# EXPERT GUIDES

## OUR EXPEDITION TEAM



Heritage Expeditions' renowned team of naturalists, botanists, historians and experts are on hand to interpret the natural and human history discovered during each voyage, ensuring guests maximise every opportunity to learn, discover and experience as much as possible during their voyage. Our expedition team includes:

**Aaron Russ** has grown up surrounded by wildlife and wilderness. He has been an Expedition Leader on over 100 expeditions to the world's most remote regions. With a degree in zoology, a passion for photography and a desire to showcase the world's premier natural history destinations, Expedition Leading comes naturally.

**Nathan Russ** has also grown up in the family business and has worked as a chef on expedition vessels around the world. A keen and capable Expedition Leader, he has led numerous expeditions, including Spitsbergen, Antarctica, the Subantarctic Islands and all of our voyages in Russia. He also manages the company's vessels.





**Chris Todd** grew up exploring New Zealand's great outdoors. He studied natural history, nature conservation and National Park management and has run ecological restoration projects, worked for the Department of Conservation and Forest and Bird. Chris enjoys sharing his love and knowledge of wildlife and wild places, plants, nature and conservation.



**Courtney Rayes'** passion for the life aquatic steered her towards a career in marine biological science. An avid scuba diver, Courtney spent a year-long scholarship working on marine conservation projects around the world including marine education in Papua New Guinea. When she's not working you'll find her in or on the water.



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