

## ***The World, Residences at Sea, to visit New Zealand in February 2017***

*Exploration of Christchurch, Wellington, Napier, Auckland, Waiheke and Bay of Islands*

LONDON, England, October 2016 – *The World* private residential Ship ([aboardtheworld.com](http://aboardtheworld.com)) will visit **New Zealand** for an 18-day exploration of North and South Island in **February 2017**. Gateway to South Island, **Christchurch** is the first port of arrival following an adventurous 22-day exploration of the **Ross Sea**, including 12 days in **Antarctica**, timed to coincide with the peak of the summer. The Ship's 2017 visit marks the fifth time that *The World* has called on New Zealand.

Residents and Guests (R&G) will explore **Wellington, Napier, Auckland**, the **Hawkes' Bay** wine region, the beaches of **Waiheke** and the sub-tropical paradise of **Bay of Islands**. Aside from visits to coastal ports, bespoke overland journeys will offer R&G the opportunity to experience this majestic country. On a four-day exploration of the **Kaikoura** coastline on New Zealand's South Island, Residents will hike mountains, explore Maori culture and swim with dolphins, before hopping on the Coastal Pacific train to Blenheim to catch a small plane back to *Christchurch*.

Sailing on from the **Bay of Islands**, *The World* will undertake a three-week expedition in **Melanesia**, to visit the indigenous tribes and dive the pristine waters of **Vanuatu** and the **Solomon Islands**. As the year progresses, visits to **Japan, China, Mexico, Central America, Hawaii, Alaska, Canada** and the **U.S. East and West coasts** feature on this stunning 2017 Journey. Residents will sail approximately 44,000 nautical miles all from the comfort of their own homes on this unique and elegant private Ship owned by 142 families from around the globe.

This private community at sea offers the ultimate combination of luxurious and enriching travel with world-class amenities and facilities. These include impeccable culinary mastery in six restaurants, exceptional golf facilities with onboard putting greens, a state-of-the-art golf simulator and resident pro, the only full-size tennis court at sea, swimming pools, a spa, a fitness centre complete with personal trainers, expert destination lecturers, library, cinema, hobby and games rooms, and more.

This strikingly beautiful Ship provides gracious and personalized service for the families that call *The World* home; all customised to Residents' preferences in a warm and inviting ambience much like that of a private yacht, well-staffed home or exclusive country club. The average occupancy at one time is 150-200 Residents and Guests, ensuring an intimate atmosphere.

### ***About The World***

Launched in 2002, *The World*® is the largest privately owned, residential yacht on earth with 165 luxury Residences. A diverse group of Residents from 19 countries own the homes onboard and share interests in world cultures, history and adventure, and exploring fascinating destinations. They circumnavigate the globe every two to three years following an extraordinary itinerary that they select. In-depth expeditions and one-of-a-kind experiences are complemented by world-class amenities and impeccable service.

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