

Cooking should be fun!

Escape the usual tourist circuits and become the envy of your friends on this degustation Summer vacation. Join me, Chef Stephanie Hersh, as I lead you around New Zealand to discover award winning wines, fine cuisine and fresh local produce. Master the 'tricks of the trade' with cooking demonstrations and fun, hands-on sessions. Each day I will entertain you with captivating tales from my many years as the Executive Personal Assistant to Julia Child.

Influenced by Asia, Europe and the Middle East, New Zealand's Pacific Rim cuisine has its own distinctive flavour and style. From gourmet dining to fresh fish and chips on the beach; from a Maori hangi cooked underground, to a traditional BBQ dinner with family and friends, there is something to suit all tastes.

Chef Steph

USD\$4,995 double occupancy

USD\$5,875 single occupancy



Highlights

- Hosted by Chef Steph from Julia Child's Kitchen
- Private cooking lesson in the French settlement of Akaroa
- Sample three icons of Marlborough: the Sounds, world renowned Sauvignon Blanc, and Greenshell Mussels
- Learn the secrets of a boutique chocolatier
- Join local Maori at their Marae (meeting house) for a hangi (ceremonial dinner)
- Discover Kai Moana (food of the sea) during a fun cooking lesson with Chef Steph
- Limited to just 16 guests! Call reservations to reserve your space now! T: +64 3 343 3333 or E: travel@pionair.com



Martha Stewart, Stephanie & Julia



Stephanie & Julia





Itinerary

Days 1 & 2: Friday 14 & Saturday 15 January. Depart the USA on Friday and fly across the International Date Line en-route to New Zealand.

Day 3: Sunday 16 January. Arrive into Christchurch, New Zealand's 'Garden City'. Welcome dinner and tour briefing. (D)

Day 4: Monday 17 January. We start our culinary discovery in the historic French settlement of Akaroa. Using fresh, local ingredients we create mouth watering recipes with Chef Steph as she regales us with stories about Julia Child, the woman famous for 'Mastering the Art of French Cooking'. (BL)

Day 5: Tuesday 18 January. Enjoy a scenic feast on the drive up to Blenheim – the Kaikoura mountain range on one side and the rugged Pacific Ocean coastline on the other. Travel through some of New Zealand's finest horticultural and farmland areas, and see amazing wildlife such as dolphins, seals and penguins from the comfort of our luxury coach. Arriving in the world renowned Marlborough wine region, join wine maker Dr John Forrest for an exclusive tour through his Forrest Estate vineyards followed by a degustation dinner matched with their award winning wines. (BLD)

Day 6: Wednesday 19 January. Our morning begins with a unique cruise taking in the stunning Marlborough Sounds. See mussel farms where native green lipped mussels are cultivated, learn the importance of this local export and sample a local favourite – freshly steamed mussels perfectly matched to a Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. This evening a local boutique chocolatier opens his doors to teach us the art of creating chocolate delights, and Chef Steph shows how to whip up a delectable dessert. (BLD)

Day 7: Thursday 20 January. Shop where the foodies shop! Visit local artisan producers, an olive oil producer, a hydroponic salad and herb farm, an organic nut farm, and even the local honey apiary, to pick up various ingredients for today's lunch. Enjoy an interactive cooking demonstration with Chef Steph and friends overlooking the vineyards of Blenheim. Learn from the best insightful tips and tricks as you help prepare the lunch banquet featuring New Zealand lamb. (BL)

Day 8: Friday 21 January. Farewell the South Island, flying over Cook Strait to the nation's capital, Wellington. Since its opening in 1998, Te Papa, Museum of New Zealand, has built a worldwide reputation for its fresh and bold approach to presenting a nation's treasures and stories. Here we take an informed guided tour of the Maori *Taonga* (treasures) and learn how these are a living part of Maori history and culture. This afternoon we fly to Napier in the Hawke's Bay, New Zealand's oldest established wine-growing region. (BLD)

Day 9: Saturday 22 January. Black Barn 'Growers' Market is nestled in the heart of Black Barn's vineyard. Crammed with freshly baked breads,

locally roasted coffee, flowers, meat, pickles, olive oil, organic veges, lavender products and more, we collect our essential ingredients for an interactive cooking lesson. The River Room kitchen is perched above the Tuki Tuki River looking directly at the dramatic eastern face of Te Mata Peak. (BL)



Day 10: Sunday 23 January. See the largest, most accessible mainland gannet colony in the world at Cape Kidnappers. Crossing Cape Kidnappers Station by private 4WD vehicle, enjoy the unique experience of being surrounded by 20,000 gannets as they swoop and dive around us with their amazing six foot wing spans. Lunch is a quintessential Kiwi barbeque and demonstration with Chef Steph.

Continuing our journey to the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua a local Maori tribe have invited us to their *Marae* (meeting house), for some authentic Maori *kai* (food). Learn how the tribe has adapted and integrated their cultural traditions and methods to modern life. The natural thermal activity is abundant in the area, much of it steaming up in people's gardens. (BLD)

Day 11: Monday 24 January. 800 years before the arrival of the Europeans, Maori harvested the forest for food and medicines. Our host, Charles Royale, a top New Zealand chef, takes us on an exclusive Maori food trail followed by lunch. Discover the many medicinal remedies used by the Maori and how our chef has reinvented ancient recipes and cooking practices that are now being adopted in lodges, hotels, cafés and restaurants throughout New Zealand. Taste the food of both the past and present as our chef and guide demonstrates his culinary expertise utilizing flora and fauna from the forest. This afternoon continue by coach through to cosmopolitan Auckland, the 'City of Sails'. (BL)

Day 12: Tuesday 25 January. Take a walk around the Auckland Fish Market with Chef Steph to understand what to look for when purchasing seafood and produce. Discuss the variety of fish species, shellfish and crustaceans on display before taking our 'catch of the day' to the demonstration room for an interactive class. During this informative lesson Chef Steph encourages us to be creative with *Kai Moana* (food of the sea). Tonight celebrate Kiwi culture and cuisine at a farewell dinner party. (BLD)

Day 13: Wednesday 26 January. Depart New Zealand (B)

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Chef Steph

INFORMATION

Dates

16–26 January 2011

Group Size

This culinary adventure is limited to 16 participants

Cost Per Person

USD\$4,995 double occupancy

USD\$5,875 single occupancy

Air Arrangements

International and USA domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy class airfare on Air New Zealand from Los Angeles to Christchurch is approximately USD\$1,800 as of August 2010 and is subject to change without notice. Information on recommended flight itineraries can be sent upon confirmation if requested.

Included

10 nights of premium hotel accommodations; Millennium, Christchurch; Marlborough Vintners Retreat, Blenheim; The Crown Hotel, Napier; Millennium, Rotorua; Stamford Plaza, Auckland • 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 6 dinners • Domestic flights Blenheim/Wellington/Napier, economy class* • All transfers as per scheduled itinerary, in a luxury coach • All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary • Private guides and chefs as per the itinerary • Welcome and farewell dinner • Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers for all group activities • Pre trip information and assistance from Unparalleled Journeys by Pionair • Services of professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

*New Zealand domestic luggage allowance for economy class is 1 piece up to 23kgs/51lbs.

Not included

• International air nor air ticket taxes • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled itinerary • Internal air pre or post tour • Items of a personal nature (laundry, overweight baggage, phone calls, emails etc) • Luggage, cancellation, medical or accident insurance • Passport and/or visa expenses • Meals and beverages other than those specified in the itinerary • Mini bar or room service

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I/We have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this program

SIGNATURE 1

SIGNATURE 2

Deposit, Method of Payment

A deposit of **USD\$500.00** per person is required to confirm a reservation. We accept VISA, MasterCard or American Express.

Please charge my Visa MasterCard American Express

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Send completed form to travel@pionair.com or fax to +64 3 343 3035

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- 89-60 days, 25% of the tour cost
- 59-30 days, 50% of the tour cost
- 29-0 days, 100% of the tour cost.

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