

Campbell Island, Subantarctic, New Zealand

One of the most remote places a cruise ship can go, Campbell Island rewards expedition travellers with nesting Royal Albatross, seas of giant wildflowers, and a silence that feels prehistoric.

- Zodiac tender (no pier)
- Typical call: 5–7 hrs
- NZD (no facilities ashore)
- English / DOC permit required
- UNESCO World Heritage Site

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Zodiac tender from anchorage in Perseverance Harbour; no pier for cruise ships

Best Season: November – March (Southern Hemisphere summer)

Best For: Wildlife encounters, albatross breeding colonies, megaherb photography

Don't Miss: Col Lyall Saddle boardwalk — nesting Southern Royal Albatross at close range

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Col Lyall Saddle Albatross Walk** — The signature Campbell Island experience.
 - Megaherb Meadow Exploration** — Campbell Island's megaherbs — Ross lilies, Campbell Island carrot, and Pleurophyllum daisies with dinner-plate-sized leaves — grow nowhere else.
- Zodiac Wildlife Cruise** — Cruise Perseverance Harbour by Zodiac to spot New Zealand sea lions hauled out on the beach, fur seals, and seabirds including the endemic Campbell...
 - Beeman Base & Station History** — The former NZ meteorological station at Beeman Cove tells a fascinating story of isolation.

BEST WALKS

- Col Lyall Saddle Boardwalk** 2–3 hrs · Moderate · Out-and-back — From the landing beach, the boardwalk winds up through megaherb fields to Col Lyall Saddle.
- Perseverance Harbour Shoreline** 1 hr · Easy · Flat — A short guided walk along the harbour shore past sea lion haul-outs and tussock grassland.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		49°	45°	18d
Jun		46°	43°	19d
Aug		45°	41°	18d
Sep		45°	41°	18d
Oct		46°	42°	20d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:29AM–5:56PM · Jun 8:53AM–4:34PM · Aug 7:58AM–5:38PM · Sep 6:50AM–6:28PM · Oct 6:39AM–8:20PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Waterproof everything. Campbell Island is one of the windiest and wettest places on Earth. Gumboots or waterproof hiking boots, full wet-weather jacket, and dry bags for cameras are non-negotiable.
- Zodiac wet landings are common. You will likely step into ankle-deep water getting ashore. Pack a dry set of socks in a zip-lock bag.
- Biosecurity is serious. Boot-wash stations are mandatory before and after every landing. This island was declared rat-free in 2003 after the world's largest rodent eradication at the time — don't be the person who undoes that.
- No facilities, no connectivity. There are no shops, cafés, ATMs, or cellular service on Campbell Island. Bring everything you need from the ship.
- Big telephoto not required. Albatross will be close. A standard zoom (70–200mm) is plenty; a wide-angle is useful for the megaherb landscapes.
- Season is everything. Visit November–March when albatross are nesting and megaherbs are in full bloom. Outside that window, conditions are brutal and wildlife sightings diminish sharply.

Campbell Island, Subantarctic, New Zealand — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Perseverance Harbour** The sheltered inlet where zodiacs land, overlooked by Mount Honey and the site of the old meteorological station.
- 3 Mount Honey** The island's highest peak at 569m, visible above Perseverance Harbour and a landmark for the southern royal albatross colonies on its slopes.

- 2 Col-Lyall Boardwalk** A raised boardwalk trail climbing through megaherb fields of Ross lily and Campbell Island daisy to a saddle overlooking the southern coast.
- P Cruise port / terminal**