

Dive dive dive!

Sunk in strange circumstances on February 16th, 1986 the enormous Russian cruise liner Mikhail Lermontov is undoubtedly one of the world's greatest wreck dives. There is very little that will prepare you for your first dive on this monster. Without exception, the sight of rows of portholes disappearing in all directions will make even the most hard-core wreck enthusiast pause for breath. This is a titanic-sized wreck, justly deserving numerous dives in order to properly appreciate everything she has to offer. Put simply, this should be a MUST-DO-DIVE for divers of all levels.



How much experience do I need?

This is an easily accessible wreck for divers of all experience levels. The sea bed is at 37m and the top of the wreck rises to within 12m of the surface.

With just a little wreck experience you can comfortably explore the Winter Gardens or the cavernous engine room. If you are more experienced and comfortable inside wrecks then you can visit the cinema, the library, the swimming pool or one of the many bars. And if you are highly experienced and adventurous there are even areas as yet unvisited by divers!

Schedule (please note that this is subject to change for individual trips)

Day 1: Arrive Picton by 5.30pm, transfer by van to lodge at Port Gore

Day 2: Dive dive dive!

Day 3: Dive dive dive!

Day 4: Dive dive dive!

Day 5: Dive dive dive!

Day 6: Morning transfer to Picton by van. Estimated arrival time is midday.

Costs - \$870 per person.

This includes the following:

- Transfer to and from the lodge from Picton
- All air fills (nitrox is available at \$10/tank)
- 5 nights accommodation and all food at the lodge
- Hire of single tanks and weights (double tanks available to hire at extra cost and subject to availability)



Dates

Please see our website for available dates.

Accommodation details

The lodge is situated in Port Gore, the same bay as the wreck, with a very short (10mins) boat ride to the dive site. There is one double bedroom and 2 bunk rooms – one sleeping 4 the other 6. The lodge also has a fully stocked kitchen, spacious lounge, and large outdoor area where you can sit and enjoy the peace and quiet between dives. (There is very little else nearby – no shops, no restaurants, just lots of sheep.)

Diving details

There will be a big boat (diving platform) moored over the wreck and you will be shuttled from the shore to the platform as required. Subject to weather, you will be doing 2 dives a day, with the possibility of 3 if the group is well organised. A limited number of guided dives will be available for the group.

Additional diving options

There is the possibility of extending the trip by a day to do a guided introductory cave dive at the Riwaka Resurgence cave system, which is situated near Motueka. This will be at a cost of \$75pp, not including hire of cylinder and weights, or share of travel costs.

Notes

If you are unable to make it to Picton by 5.30pm on the first day, there may be additional transport charges to join the rest of the group at Port Gore. Please contact us for clarification.

Further Information

Please contact us direct by email: mel@techdivenz.com.