



**Set: Destiny's Bounty**  
**Set number: 9446**  
**Number of parts: 684**  
**Minifigs: 6**  
**Recommended retail price in Spain: 69,95€**

The 2012 NINJAGO theme presents various changes compared to 2011. The first of these, which can be appreciated at first glance, is the change of the reference colour from red to green. The most significant change we find when we take a closer look at the minifigs of the different sets. The "enemies" of the ninjas have gone from skeletons to human serpents and other indescribable monsters.

We will present set number 9446. It consists of a Ninja boat which transforms and can fly. Like in most sets, the model is built in different stages. In this case there are 6 numbered bags.

The first of these contains the minifigs and some accessories. On the Ninja side there is Sensei Wu and 2 Ninja warriors (Kendo Zane and Kendo Jay) with new masks and armour. On the side of the bad guys there is Skales, their leader and a snake with human torso. His two warriors are Lord Garmadon ( a humanoid with 4 arms and enemy of Sensei Wu) and Slitheraa, a human with a serpent head. The main complement is part of the story line of the theme and consist of a small temple with the powerful golden Hypnobrai (a golden staff with a snake and medallion).

The rest of the bags contain the parts for the ship. The hull is a bit special. The stern is similar to that of a conventional

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ship. The stem however, is narrower in order to leave space for the engines that allow the ship to fly. If we have a look at the elements from stern to stem, first we find a dragon head that crowns the stern of the ship. A curved slope placed upside down serves as the dragon's mouth.

At the bow there is an anchor and a mechanism to reel it in. Right behind the mast that holds the sails we find the first mechanism of the model. The ship has two sails, one on each side. The sails are folded for normal sailing and turn into wings to let the ship fly. A lever behind the mast acts on the mechanism that allows them to be opened and closed.

In the centre of the ship there is a special container to keep some diamonds and a canon to defend the ship. The stem has some interesting accessories. For starters there is an awning that covers the area of the helm and which protects the crew members from the inclemencies of the weather. By means of a kind of piston, this awning can be moved to the desired position. Also in the rear, there is an arch that has two functions. One is to prevent the awning from falling onto the deck. The other is to support some masts which in turn hold some beautiful 2 x 4 tiles with Japanese motifs that have been printed on! (contrary to the rest of the decoration which is done with stickers).

The engines are placed on either side of the stern and serve to let the ship fly. The "sailing" position is when the engines are hidden. The stylised shape leads you to think that turning them 180° they become jet motors accompanied by aerodynamic elements.

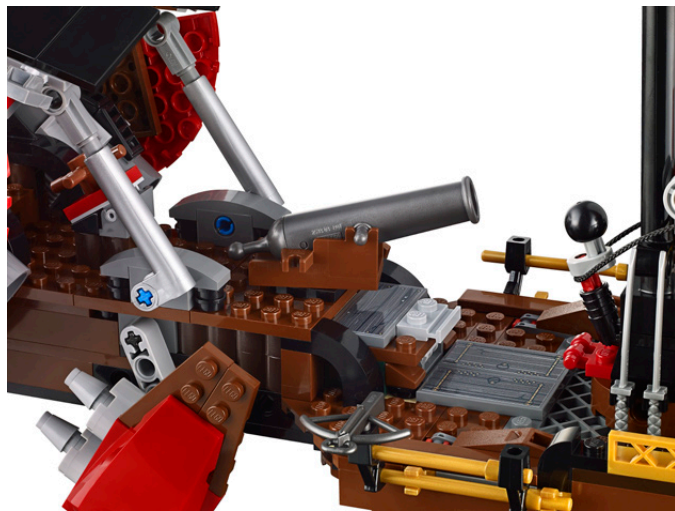
The mission of this set is described on the LEGO web site: "On a dangerous journey aboard Destiny's Bounty, an ancient





shipwreck, Sensei Wu and the ninja have located the powerful golden Hypnobrai staff deep inside of the secret snake shrine. As they land the flying ship in the water to seize the staff, Zane and Jay get a scaly surprise from Hypnobrai General Skales and his accomplice warrior, Sli thraa. Sensei Wu fires the ship's cannon into the battle until his ancient enemy, Lord Garmadon, appears. Can Sensei Wu protect the Ninjago

treasures onboard without the help of the ninjas? Choose your battle in an epic showdown where the fate of the Ninjago world hangs in the balance! Includes 6 minifigures: Sensei Wu, Kendo Zane, Kendo Jay, Lord Garmadon, Skales and Sli thraa; Destiny's Bounty ninja ship, snake staff shrine, golden Hypnobrai staff and 16 weapons."



The set is very colourful and includes brown, red, black and gold colours and uses interesting building techniques. The minifigs are varied and have many accessories. There are many types of weapons and some, like the daggers, are of an interesting golden colour. There is a limited use of stickers and they do not stand out over the general construction.

Although a priori the NINJAGO theme doesn't appear to be especially oriented toward the AFOLs, this set can be quite interesting for a mecha display, making some modifications. It contains some interesting elements, especially many golden parts, and the minifigs are very nice.

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