

7-DAY CRUISES & PRIVATE CHARTERS

FIORDLAND / TE WAHIPOUNAMU

DOUBTFUL, BREAKSEA AND DUSKY SOUNDS, AND PRESERVATION AND CHALKY INLETS

7-DAY SCENIC, HISTORY & NATURE CRUISE

The beauty of a Fiordland cruise on the Fiordland Jewel is that you can take it at your own pace, either enjoy the scenery around you onboard our luxury nine-cabin custom-built boat, or get out and about and explore the area.

On most days there will be the opportunity to head to shore, with the chance to stretch your legs and experience the Fiordland wilderness for yourself. There are some opportunities to fish.

7-DAY PRIVATE CHARTER

The Fiordland Jewel is available for private charter - gather a group of family and friends for a personalised scenic, fishing, hunting and diving expedition in the fiords and the Tasman Sea.

Gear available for use on private charters: 8 kayaks, fishing gear, Shimano electric reels, diving tanks, weights belts and compressor. Hunters must supply their own guns, and have their current gun licence and a valid hunting permit from DOC.

Maximum of 18 guests, nine cabins all sleeping 2:

1 x Governor-Super-King Dbl

4 x Captain Cook-Super King Dbl

2 x Endeavour-Twin King Singles

2 x Resolution Cabin-Single Bunkbeds

INCLUDES:

- Helicopter transfer (one way) to or from Te Anau to Dusky Sound and a coach/boat transfer (one way) to or from Doubtful Sound to Manapouri
- All meals prepared by our onboard chef in our commercial kitchen (please advise if you have any dietary requirements), complimentary tea & coffee
- In each cabin: Toiletries, body wash & Shampoo/Conditioner (Evolu), hairdryer, linen & bath towels
- Use of our kayaks and top-deck hot tub (weather dependent)

BEVERAGE INFORMATION

- There is a licensed cash bar onboard and alcohol is available to purchase. We have a selection of wine, beer & soft drinks (no spirits). Please note: Do not bring alcohol onboard with you, as this would breach our liquor license.

Fiordland Discovery recommends guests should always have private travel insurance.



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SAMPLE ITINERARY

Of course, the weather is central to any Fiordland experience, so the itinerary of your cruise may differ depending on the conditions of the day. This sample itinerary is from Dusky Sound ending in Doubtful Sound, Doubtful Sound to Dusky Sound is in reverse. For exclusive charters we will tailor your itinerary according to the interests of your group..

Day 1 -

Fly via helicopter from Te Anau and land directly onboard the Fiordland Jewel, which will be waiting in Dusky Sound.

Days 2-5

In Dusky Sound we'll cruise amongst various islands, coves and passages, visiting many historically significant sites such as:

- Luncheon Cove, where we walk around predator-free Anchor Island (2.5 kilometres), a bird sanctuary near the mouth of the fiord. You may see the South Island saddleback and, occasionally, one of the 40 rare kakapo on the island. This track travels up to a small lake in the centre of the island.
- Anchor Point, where Captain Cook anchored HMS Resolution in 1773. Also Pickersgill Harbour where Cook moored off Astronomer Point for five weeks.
- Pigeon Island, where we walk up the DOC pathway to visit the site of the home of New Zealand's first conservationist, Richard Henry, who tried to save the kakapo from extinction in the late 1800s. Here there is also an incredible viewpoint towards the entrance of Dusky Sound.
- We then cruise through the narrow channels of the Little Harbour to The Basin where you can go kayaking or explore Resolution Island on foot.
- There is also the possibility to launch the ROV to view black coral and marine life, giving you the unique opportunity to experience this remarkable place in a way that, until now, has been impossible.

At some stage, depending on the weather, we leave Dusky Sound and cruise down to Chalky Inlet.

We cruise around the inlets, and may do activities such as:

- View the rusting hulk of the wreck "Stella", a steamship that purposely ran aground in the 1800s after damaging itself on a reef.
- Walk on the beach at South Port Cove and visit McCallum's sawmill boiler.
- Walk up to Lake Cadman, via the falls in Lake Cove at the head of Edwardson Sound (20 minutes).

Right beside Chalky Inlet is Preservation Inlet, separated by Broke-drift Passage and Treble Mountain. In the 1890s, a gold rush occurred and mining towns sprang up at Cromarty and Te Oneroa, where tracks and old mining machinery can still be found. Possible activities include:

- Land at Krisbee Bay to view an old sawmill boiler at Cromarty. The gold mine itself is many kilometres into the hills.
- Land at Te Oneroa Beach and walk 10 minutes inland to the old Morning Star battery boiler, where you may be able to see the mine drives and even the remains of an aerial cableway. On the other side of the inlet is the site of the first whaling station in the South Island.

Preservation Inlet also has some spectacular land features and viewpoints, including:

- Puysegur Point, where we land at the old oil store (now a DOC hut) and walk to the most isolated lighthouse in New Zealand.
- Spit Island, an island connected to the mainland by a beautiful sandspit at low tide. It was the site of two tragic Maori battles in the 1780s.
- Cascade basin, a magnificent waterfall that plunges into Long Sound.

Day 6-7

We'll start to head back north through Breaksea and Doubtful Sounds. At Doubtful Sound on Day 7, you'll disembark and take a bus over Wilmot Pass, a boat over Lake Manapouri and return to Manapouri.

This cruise may include (weather permitting) activities such as: Kayaking, Tender boat excursions, Walking, Launching the ROV to view underwater marine life and some fishing