

7-DAY CRUISES & PRIVATE CHARTERS

STEWART ISLAND / RAKIURA

**PATERSON INLET, PORT ADVENTURE,
PORT PEGASUS**

7-DAY SCENIC, HISTORY & NATURE CRUISE

Explore the phenomenal wilderness areas of Stewart Island onboard our luxury nine-cabin custom-built boat, view the wildlife, walk, fish, kayak or just relax.

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

Includes:

- Return van transfers from Queenstown or Invercargill airport, Invercargill-Bluff and return ferry Bluff-Oban
- Accommodation and a meal in Invercargill prior to the cruise

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.

INCLUDES:

- 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.

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

Fiordland Discovery recommends guests should always have private travel insurance.



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SAMPLE ITINERARY

Please note there are variations are subject to the weather. This is a sample itinerary of a Stewart Island expedition.

Plan A is to travel the distance around Stewart Island - approx. 130 to 160 kms.

Plan B is to do as much as we can given the Skipper's judgement and weather conditions whilst you are onboard. In addition to below there is also lots of cruising, fishing and kayaking or walking where time allows.

Day 1

Board the Fjordland Jewel in Halfmoon Bay, Oban late morning, and then return 7 days later to Halfmoon Bay, Oban. Explore Paterson Inlet/Whaka a Te Wera, a 8,900-hectare inlet with 188 kilometres of coastline, formed by post-glaciation flooding 12,000 to 16,000 years ago. The Rakeahua River flows into its South West Arm and the Freshwater River near North Arm.

Day 2

Spend the morning exploring the largest island in Paterson Inlet/Whaka a Te Wera the Ulva Island bird sanctuary. In the afternoon visit the historic Norwegian whaling station in Prices Inlet and/or kayak Kaipipi Bay. Cruise to Port Adventure, a bay 10 kilometres south along the coast from The Neck the long peninsula at the mouth of Paterson Inlet, popular for fishing, diving and hunting. It was the site of a settlement of 36 Maori who arrived from The Neck in 1843.

Day 3

Port Adventure to Port Pegasus
Cruise along the coast which is largely rocky with occasional beaches. South of Lords River/Tutaekawetoweto it is exposed and mostly cliffs. Subsidence has created drowned river valleys such as Tikotatahi Bay, Tutaepawhati Bay and Big Kur i Bay. On arrival in Port Pegasus there may be time for kayaking and/or a short walk before dinner.

Day 4 & 5

Port Pegasus/ Pikihatiti
Explore this large sheltered harbour on the south-east coast. Its inlets, coves and bays cover some 40 square kilometres, with many safe and sheltered anchorages. Four major passages provide access to the sea. The passages in turn open out into two main arms - North Arm and South Arm.

It was first charted by William Stewart in 1809. A colonisation enterprise in the 1820s was not successful.

Activities around Port Pegasus can include walks and kayaking.

Day 6

Commence the journey back to Oban along the west or east coast.

Day 7

Depart the Fjordland Jewel early morning in Oban, and catch the ferry back to Bluff.

This cruise around Stewart Island, may include (weather permitting) activities such as:

- Kayaking
- Tender boat excursions
- Walking
- Launching the ROV to view underwater marine life
- Some fishing
- Bluff Oyster dredging