



# EXPLORE OUR SOUTH

**9 or 10 NIGHT FLY-CRUISE :: 10 MARCH 2021**

A small group exploration, not to be missed. Experience the extraordinary history and spectacular scenery of New Zealand's southernmost large island, Stewart Island. The focus is primarily on exploring this remote wilderness on the water with opportunities for kayaking, and short walks. Sail in total comfort aboard one of the region's newest vessels, owned and operated by Southern locals.



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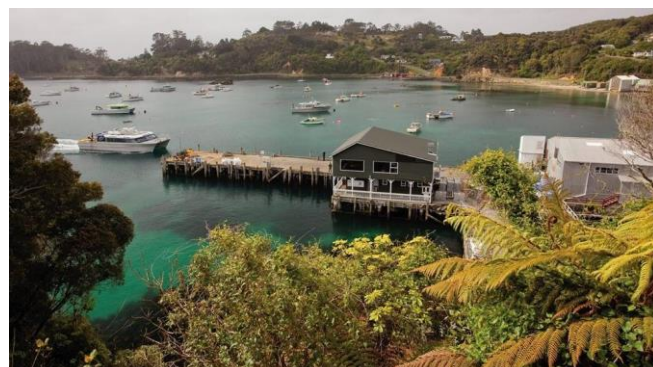
## STEWART ISLAND / RAKIURA

### 9 NIGHT or 10 NIGHT - FLY CRUISE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 – Wednesday 10 March

Midday flight with Air New Zealand Auckland to Queenstown. On arrival early afternoon transfer to the hotel. Free afternoon.

**Hotel:** St Moritz Queenstown – Lakeview room



#### Cruise Itinerary Highlights:

Board the Fiordland 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 – Thursday 11 March 2021

This morning we head to Arrowtown where we join a historic walking tour, before visiting A.J Hacket Bungy at Kawarau Bridge, before visiting Gibbston Valley with time for a visit to their Cheesery & deli before a Cave & Winery tour, followed by a Gibbston long lunch. Free afternoon and evening.



#### Day 3 - 9: STEWART ISLAND CRUISE

##### Day 3 – Friday 12 March

This morning we transfer to the airport where two charter aircraft will be waiting at Air Milford's base for our private flight direct to Ryan's Creek Aerodrome on Stewart Island where we meet our vessel, Fiordland Jewel at midday.



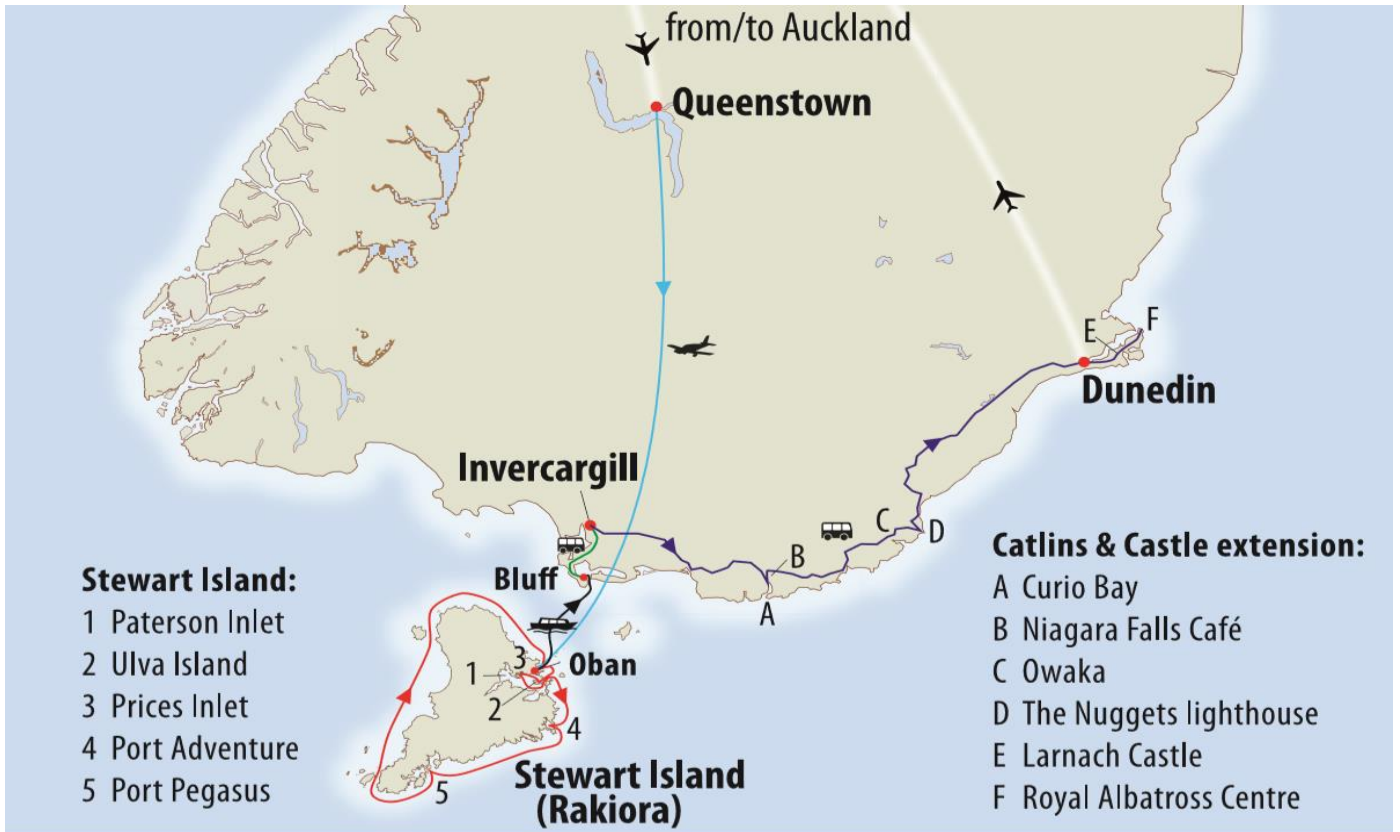
**Day 4 – Saturday 13 March** - Spend the morning exploring the largest island in Paterson Inlet/Whaka a Te Wera the Ulva Island bird sanctuary. In the afternoon visit the historic Norwegian whaling station in Prices Inlet and/or kayak Kaipipi Bay. Cruise to Port Adventure, a bay 10 kilometres south 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 5 - Sunday 14 March** - 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 Kurii Bay. On arrival in Port Pegasus there may be time for kayaking and/or a short walk before dinner.

**Days 6 & 7 – Monday, Tuesday 16 March** - Port Pegasus/ Pikihatiti Explore this large sheltered harbour on the southeast 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 8 – Wednesday 17 March** - Commence the journey back to Oban along the west or east coast.

Please note there are variations are subject to the weather.



- Stewart Island:**
- 1 Paterson Inlet
  - 2 Ulva Island
  - 3 Prices Inlet
  - 4 Port Adventure
  - 5 Port Pegasus

- Catlins & Castle extension:**
- A Curio Bay
  - B Niagara Falls Café
  - C Owaka
  - D The Nuggets lighthouse
  - E Larnach Castle
  - F Royal Albatross Centre

**Day 9 – Thursday 18 March** - Explore Oban on foot and return by catamaran to Bluff, where we are met for a short tour of Invercargill.

**Hotel:** Ascot Park Hotel – Superior room

**Day 10 – Friday 19 March** - Those returning home will fly from Invercargill this morning and will be transferred to the airport just after breakfast.

Those who have elected to take the Catlins Coast and Otago Peninsula tour head out of Invercargill to explore this stunning area of New Zealand.



Highlights today include Curio Bay before a stop at the renowned Niagara Falls Café on to Owaka and The Nuggets Lighthouse.

After leaving The Catlins we head to the Otago Peninsula and our night stop at Larnach Castle where we are accommodated in the grounds at Larnach Lodge. This evening we enjoy a trust the chef dinner in the castle.



**Day 11 – Saturday 20 March** – This morning we explore the Otago Peninsula and visit The Royal Albatross Centre before heading to Dunedin Airport for a 2:55pm flight, arriving Auckland at 4:45pm.



## OUR FLY-CRUISE INCLUSIONS

- ◆ Return Air NZ flights Auckland to Queenstown with transfers
- ◆ Two nights pre-cruise at Hotel St Moritz, Queenstown, Lakeview room
- ◆ Half day sightseeing tour with wine tasting and Gibbston long lunch
- ◆ Air Milford private charter flight to Stewart Island
- ◆ Six night small ship Stewart Island Cruise on Fiordland Discovery
- ◆ All meals on cruise, including Wet Jacket Wines, or beer with dinner
- ◆ Tea and Coffee on board
- ◆ Toiletries, body wash & shampoo/conditioner (Evolu), and bath towels
- ◆ Tours ashore with Fiordland Discoveries' experienced crew
- ◆ Use of kayaks, diving and fishing gear
- ◆ One night post-cruise at Ascot Park Hotel, Invercargill
- ◆ **Option:** Two day Catlins Coast & Otago Peninsula Tour Extension
- ◆ Overnight stay at Larnach Lodge with Larnach Castle dinner
- ◆ Visit to The Royal Albatross Centre

### 9 or 10 NIGHT FLY-CRUISE from

| per person         | Return from Invercargill | With Catlins & Castle Extension |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Share Twin Cabin   | <b>\$ 7380</b>           | <b>\$ 7995</b>                  |
| King Cabin         | <b>\$ 7870</b>           | <b>\$ 8485</b>                  |
| VIP Suite          | <b>\$ 8382</b>           | <b>\$ 8997</b>                  |
| Single (one cabin) | <b>\$10089</b>           | <b>\$10995</b>                  |

**Departing Wednesday 10 March 2021**

Fares are in NZD\$ per person sharing twin cabin/room, subject to minimum numbers – 12 travellers. Deposit is 25% and balance due 13 December 2020. Fares are non-refundable unless replacement travellers book. As this tour/cruise is in a remote wilderness/mountain area the itinerary may vary due to weather conditions. Other sailing dates with tailor made itinerary and different inclusions available on request.



King Cabin



VIP King



Ship Lounge

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