

EXPLORE OUR WILDERNESS

10 NIGHT FLY-CRUISE :: FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 2021

A small group exploration, not to be missed. Experience the extraordinary history and spectacular scenery of New Zealand's largest National Park, part of the Te Wahipounamu World Heritage site. 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 Fiordland locals.



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FIORDLAND / TE WAHIPOUNAMU

10 NIGHT / 11 DAY – FLY CRUISE ITINERARY

Day 1 – Friday 22 January 2021

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



Day 2 - 8: FIORDLAND DISCOVERY CRUISE

Day 2 – Saturday 23 January 2021

Leave Queenstown by Mercedes Mini-coach for a two hour scenic drive to Te Anau. Fly via helicopter from Te Anau and land directly onboard the Fiordland Jewel, which will be waiting in Preservation Inlet.



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.

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-adrift 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:

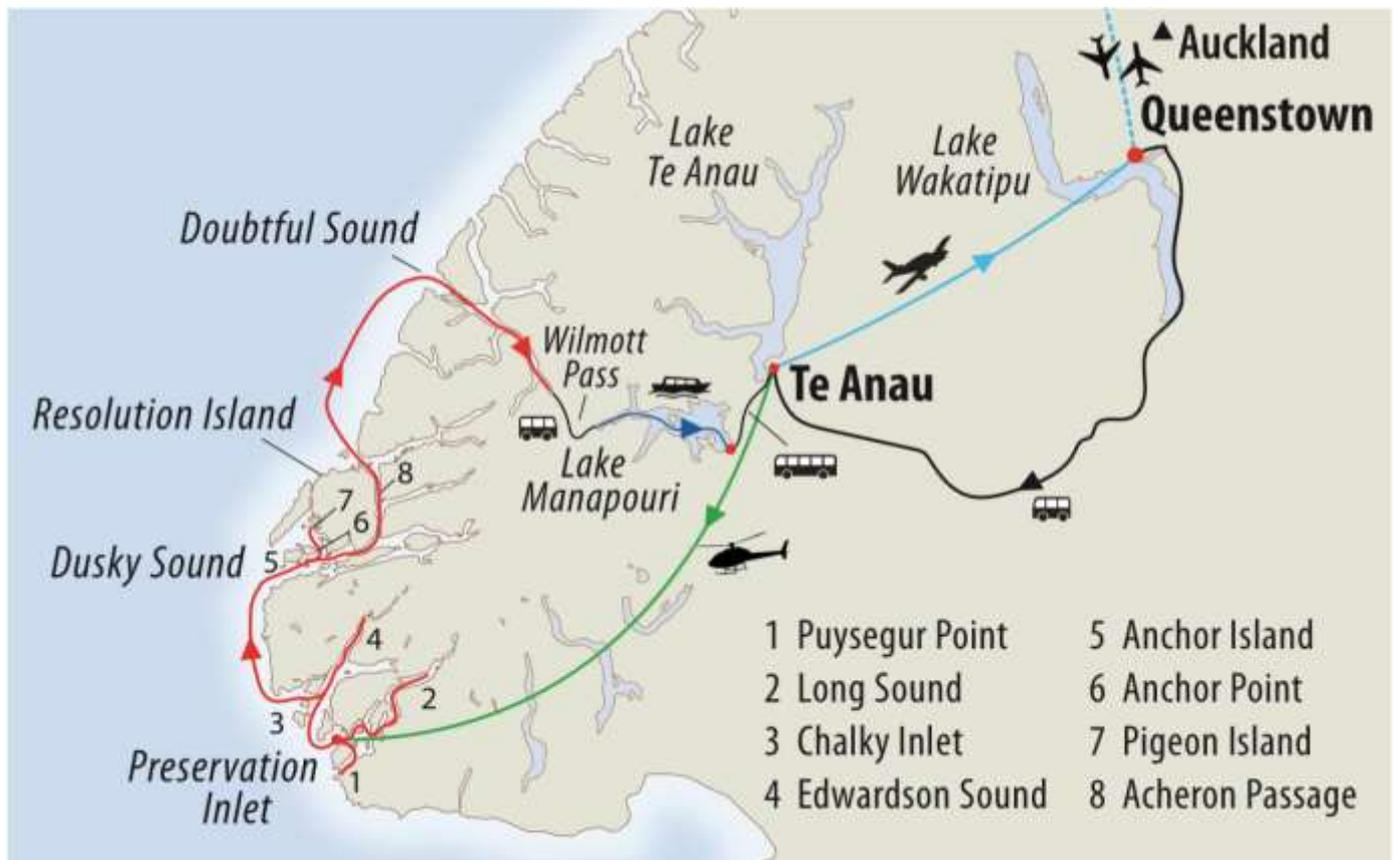
- Land at Krisbee Bay to view an old sawmill boiler at Cromarty. The gold mine itself is many kilometres into the hills.
- Land at Te Oneroa Beach and walk 10 minutes inland to the old Morning Star battery boiler, where you may be able to see the mine drives and even the remains of an aerial cableway.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



Dusky Sound

At some stage, depending on conditions, we leave Chalky Inlet and head up to Dusky Sound where 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.

We’ll start to head back north through Breaksea to Doubtful Sound

Day 8 – Friday 29 January 2021

At Doubtful Sound in the afternoon you’ll disembark and take a bus over Wilmot Pass, a boat over Lake Manapouri and return to Manapouri and on to Te Anau village.

Hotel: Distinction Te Anau Villas – Lakeview room

Day 9 – Saturday 30 January 2021

Late morning transfer to Te Anau airport for our scenic charter flight back to Queenstown Airport where we met on arrival and transferred back to our hotel St Moritz.



Please note there are variations are subject to the weather. This sample itinerary is from **Preservation Inlet ending in Doubtful Sound, Doubtful Sound to Preservation Inlet is in reverse.**

Day 10 – Sunday 31 January 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 wine-paired long Sunday Lunch. Free afternoon and evening.



Day 11 – Mon 01 February 2021 – Auckland Anniversary

Mid-morning transfer back to Queenstown Airport for a midday flight, arriving in Auckland at 1:55pm.



OUR FLY-CRUISE INCLUSIONS

- ◆ Return Air NZ flights Auckland to Queenstown with transfers
- ◆ One night pre-cruise at Hotel St Moritz, Queenstown, Lakeview room
- ◆ Private mini-coach transfer to Te Anau
- ◆ Scenic Helicopter flight to Preservation Inlet with on-ship landing
- ◆ Six night small ship Fiordland Discovery Cruise
- ◆ 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 Distinction Te Anau Villas
- ◆ Scenic return flight to Queenstown
- ◆ Two nights at Hotel St Moritz, Queenstown, Lakeview room
- ◆ Half day sightseeing tour with wine tasting
- ◆ Wine-matched long Sunday lunch at Gibbston Valley Winery
- ◆ Daily breakfast at hotels

10 NIGHT FLY-CRUISE from

\$ 8995 p.p. – Share Twin Cabin

\$ 9545 p.p. – Share King Cabin

\$ 9995 p.p. – VIP King Suite

\$11995 Single (one cabin)

Departing Friday 22 January 2021

Fares are in NZD\$ per person sharing twin cabin/room, subject to minimum numbers – 12 travellers. Deposit is 25% and balance due 21 October 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.



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