

Doubtful Sound from Queenstown and Te Anau

Conferences, Incentives & Special Functions



Doubtful Sound is a place of towering peaks and bush-clad islands, of twisting, hidden arms and sheltered coves. One minute it is clear, blue and sun-drenched, the next mysterious and mist-shrouded. Fur seals and bottlenose dolphins can be glimpsed in its waters and, at times, rare penguins can be seen. Real Journeys provides coach connections from Queenstown and Te Anau, making it simple for groups to access the fiord's spectacular scenery and stunning wildlife.

Within Doubtful Sound itself, we operate three well-appointed, purpose-built vessels. Join a scheduled daytime cruise or charter a vessel for an exclusive, customised cruise.

All options include visits to the most spectacular parts of the fiord and opportunities to view wildlife. Alternatively, for the ultimate fiord experience, consider an overnight cruise. These overnight cruises allow plenty of time to explore with our nature guide, kayak around the shoreline, cruise in the tender craft and relax on deck. In the evening the on board chef will prepare a three-course dinner, while the group socialises in the saloon with drinks from the bar.

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Doubtful Sound options

WILDERNESS CRUISES

Patea Explorer – 145 guests
Duration 8hrs approx
Schedule All Year

- Includes launch transfers across the crystal clear waters of Lake Manapouri.
- Coach across Wilmot Pass to Deep Cove, stopping along the way to experience Fiordland's most dense rainforest.
- Three-hour cruise of Doubtful Sound to the Tasman Sea, amidst stunning scenery.
- Wildlife viewing from spacious decks and large windows.
- Nature guides point out the scenic highlights, history and wildlife including seals, penguins and dolphins.
- Variety of catering options are available.
- Coach connections available from Queenstown and Te Anau.
- Private charters available.

INNER FIORD CRUISES

Cruises Fiordland Navigator – 90 guests
Duration 6hrs approx
Schedule September to May

- Includes launch transfers across stunning, island-studded Lake Manapouri, a coach trip over Wilmot Pass and a two-hour cruise of the most spectacular part of Doubtful Sound.
- Variety of catering options available on request.
- Coach connections available from Queenstown and Te Anau.
- Available for private charter only (minimum 20 passengers).

SMALL BOAT CRUISES

Breaksea Girl – 15 guests
Duration 9hrs 30 mins approx
Schedule All Year

- Includes launch transfers across Lake Manapouri and coach crossing of Wilmot Pass to Deep Cove.
- Four-and-a-half-hour cruise of the inner reaches of Doubtful Sound including Hall Arm, Crooked Arm and around Elizabeth Island.
- Wildlife viewing with in-depth nature commentary.
- Variety of catering options are available.
- Coach connections available from Te Anau.
- Available for private charter only.

OVERNIGHT CRUISES

Fiordland Navigator – 70 guests
Duration 12noon/12.30pm (Day 1) to 12noon (Day 2)
Schedule September to May

- Overnight cruises on Doubtful Sound offer a dinner, bed and breakfast experience, that includes anchorage in one of Doubtful Sound's hidden arms.
- Crossing of Lake Manapouri and Wilmot Pass, and a full-length cruise of Doubtful Sound.
- Dining saloon, observation lounge and spacious viewing decks.
- Accommodation comprises 18 private cabins with ensuite bathrooms and eight quadshare bunk style compartments with shared bathroom facilities.
- Kayaks and tender craft available for team building or exploring.
- Three-course buffet dinner and cooked / continental breakfast are included.
- Coach connections available from Queenstown and Te Anau.
- Private charters available.

COACHES

- Private coach charters are available from Queenstown, Te Anau or Invercargill connecting with our daytime and overnight cruises at Doubtful Sound.
- Our unique coaches (47 - 54 seater) feature glass roofs, sloping floors and angled seating for spectacular viewing and comfort.

- Bookings for functions and private charters should be made as far in advance as possible to ensure that your preferred date and departure time is available. Cancellation policies do apply.

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