

Doubtful Sound



Fiordland, New Zealand



Doubtful Sound is a remote wilderness of many moods, one minute clear, blue and sun-drenched, the next mysterious and mist shrouded

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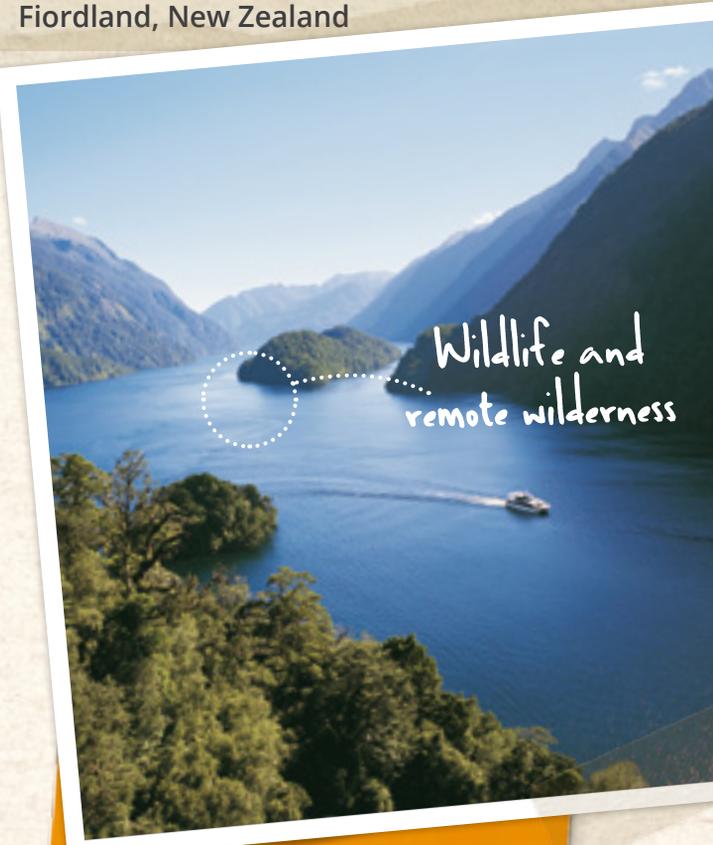
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Discover the heart of Fiordland National Park

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Share your experience with others

Explore Doubtful Sound with us...

Immerse yourself in the vast and untouched wilderness of Doubtful Sound, the second largest fiord in Fiordland National Park.

With its rugged peaks, verdant rainforest and twisting, hidden inlets, Doubtful Sound will take your breath away.

With no direct road access, the only way you can get to Doubtful Sound is a cruise across Lake Manapouri and a coach trip over Wilmot Pass. This isolation makes this fiord a very special place, a place only those in the know get to see.

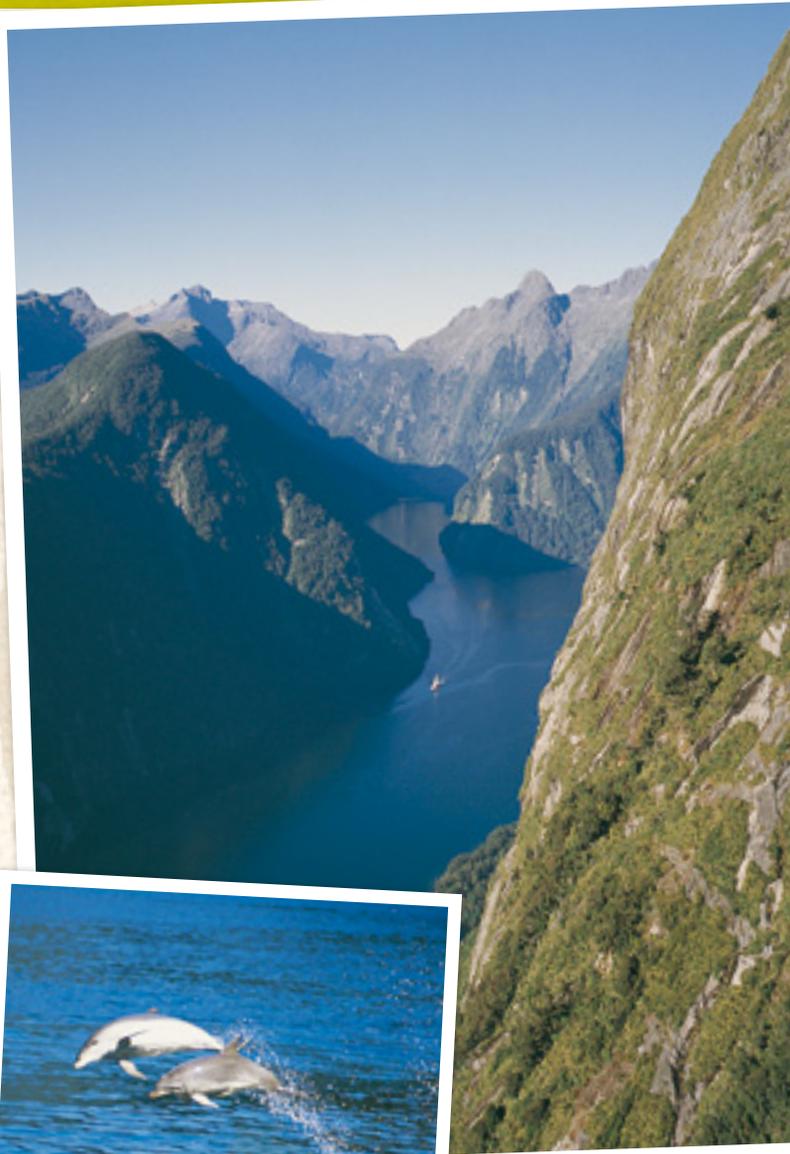
If you'd like to experience the pristine beauty of Doubtful Sound for yourself, join us for a Wilderness Day Cruise or better still, spend an unforgettable night on our Overnight Cruise. For a more intimate experience, join us on a kayaking adventure where you get to paddle, explore and camp overnight in Doubtful Sound. We also offer visits to Manapouri Underground Power Station.

Our coach connections from Queenstown or Te Anau make it easy to get to Manapouri, where all of our Doubtful Sound experiences begin.

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Look out for the resident pod of dolphins



Getting to Doubtful Sound



All our Doubtful Sound experiences start in Manapouri. You can drive there yourself or if you'd much rather relax and let us do the driving; we offer coach transport from Queenstown & Te Anau.

From Manapouri

Following check-in at our Manapouri Visitor Centre, your Doubtful Sound experience begins with a cruise across the picturesque Lake Manapouri followed by a trip over New Zealand's most expensive road, Wilmot Pass, before arriving in Deep Cove, Doubtful Sound.

By Coach



From Queenstown

On board our luxury glass roofed coach, drive around Lake Wakatipu and through rolling farmland to Manapouri township. Our coach drivers will provide you with informative commentary along the way. Pickups are available from our Queenstown Visitor Centre, and most accommodation.



3hrs
To Manapouri

From Te Anau

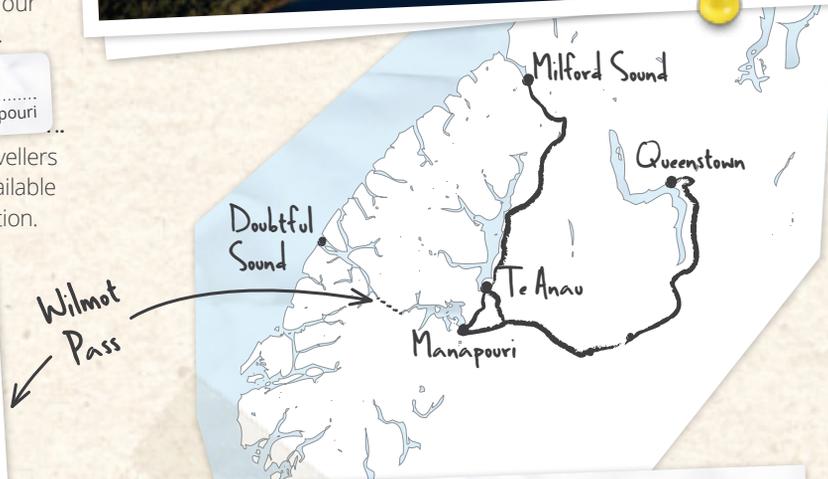
A smaller coach provides transfers to Manapouri for travellers joining our Doubtful Sound experiences. Pickups are available from our Te Anau Visitor Centre, and most accommodation.



30mins
To Manapouri



Lake Manapouri



Real Journeys contributes over \$50,000 annually via a Doubtful Sound passenger levy, to the Leslie Hutchins Conservation Foundation



Doubtful Sound

Tasman Sea

Secretary Island

Bradshaw Sound

First Arm

Doubtful Sound

Crooked Arm

Dagg Sound

Commander Peak

Hall Arm

Deep Cove

Wilmot Pass

Manapouri Power Station

Lake Manapouri

Manapouri

Lake Te Anau



-  Wilderness and Overnight Cruises
-  Sea Kayaking (overnight)
-  Coach over Wilmot Pass

* Cruise routes and overnight anchorages vary depending on weather conditions



From **7hrs 45mins**
Tour Duration

Wilderness Cruises

Doubtful Sound's beauty and vastness will take your breath away as you experience its deep wilderness on this three hour cruise.

Once you arrive at Deep Cove in Doubtful Sound, you will board our spacious, purpose built catamaran Patea Explorer. During the cruise our knowledgeable and friendly nature guides will share with you their passion for the region.

This fiord is home to bottlenose dolphins and fur seals - both of which are often seen. In season you may also catch a glimpse of the rare Fiordland crested and little blue penguins.

Explore the many hidden arms and islands of this fiord. A highlight is experiencing the sound of silence. Delicious picnic or Asian style lunches are available (pre-order, and pick up from Manapouri on check-in).

What's included

- A cruise across Lake Manapouri to West Arm
- A coach trip over Wilmot Pass through rainforest
- Three hour Doubtful Sound cruise
- Specialist nature guides
- Manapouri Underground Power Station visit*
- Free tea and coffee on board



Departs	Returns	Season
From Manapouri	Cruise Only	
8am	3.45pm	Nov - Apr
9.45am	5.15pm	May - Oct
10am	5.45pm	Nov - Apr
11am*	5.45pm	26 Dec - 28 Feb
From Te Anau	Coach & Cruise	
7am	4.30pm	Nov - Apr
8.45am	6pm	May - Oct
9am	6.30pm	Nov - Apr
10am*	6.30pm	26 Dec - 28 Feb
From Queenstown	Coach & Cruise	
6.55am	7.45pm	May - Oct
7.15am	8.15pm	Nov - Apr

Check in 20 minutes prior to departure

*Manapouri Power Station is a working one; access is not available with these departures. Access is also occasionally not available at other times



Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruises



2 days / 1 night
Tour Duration

Explore one of New Zealand's most remote and beautiful wilderness areas on an overnight cruise.

Doubtful Sound rewards those who linger. The fiord is known for its wildlife. Fur seals and bottlenose dolphins inhabit the deep, dark waters and, in season, penguins nest along the rugged shores. The peace and tranquillity is magical - broken only by birdsong or the rush of distant waterfalls.

Our overnight vessel Fiordland Navigator is purpose built for cruising Doubtful Sound. Designed along the lines of a traditional trading scow, it combines the character of a bygone era with all the modern comforts.

Cruise the fiord, weaving through hidden coves and mystical waterways. Then, as evening draws near, we'll drop anchor at a sheltered mooring, enabling you to explore the shoreline by kayak or small boat with our nature guides.



Plenty of time for exploring



What's included

- Three course buffet dinner and cooked breakfast prepared by our on board chef
- Overnight accommodation on board
- Kayaking or exploring by small boat
- Insightful commentary provided by our coach drivers and nature guides on board
- Tea, coffee and delicious snacks

Fiordland Navigator

- Private cabins with ensuite bathrooms (Sleeps 70)
- Quad-share bunk style compartments with shared bathroom facilities
- Spacious viewing decks and observation lounge
- Kayaks and two small boats
- Dining saloon and licensed bar

Departs

Returns (Day 2) Season

From Manapouri

Overnight Cruise Only

12noon	11.45am	Apr - 17 May & Sep - Oct
12.30pm	11.45am	Nov - Mar

From Te Anau

Coach & Overnight Cruise

11am	12.45pm	Apr - 17 May & Sep - Oct
11.30am	12.45pm	Nov - Mar

From Queenstown

Coach & Overnight Cruise

8.30am	3.30pm	Apr - 17 May & Sep - Oct
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Check in 20 minutes prior to departure

Doubtful Sound Sea Kayaking



This two-day trip is all about allowing yourself some quality time to experience a personal adventure; sea kayaking and camping in a remote environment.

Each day involves approximately five hours kayaking amidst towering cliffs, waterfalls and lush rainforest. Penguins, seals and dolphins are sometimes encountered and birdsong is heard as we paddle the shoreline. In the evening we camp amidst the forest in Hall Arm beside a fresh water stream - a special place to relax as dusk descends.

What's included

- Two days kayaking
- Overnight camping
- Experienced kayak guides
- Small groups (Maximum 8 per guide)
- Comprehensive safety and paddling techniques briefing
- Free tea and coffee provided



KAYAKING
FIORDLAND WILDERNESS
EXPERIENCES

Contact us to find out more
Freephone 0800 200 434 or visit
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Fiordland Wilderness Experiences is owned
and operated by Real Journeys



Kayaking is by far the best way to intimately explore the unique sounds and sights of this natural wonder and spending the night enhances this experience

- NZ Adventure Magazine

We provide

We'll make sure you stay warm dry and safe for the trip, so you can focus on having a great time! We'll provide thermal under-clothing, wetsuit, paddle and life jackets, spray deck, a double fibreglass kayak, gas-cooker, cooking equipment and the tent and shelter.

Departs	Returns (Day 2)	Season
From Manapouri		
6.45am	5pm	mid Oct - late Apr
From Te Anau		
6.15am	5.30pm	mid Oct - late Apr

Departures are weather dependent

No experience needed, but a moderate level of fitness and competence in the water is required. Minimum age 16 years

Ask about our longer 3-5 day Doubtful Sound trips!

Manapouri Underground Power Station



3-4 hrs
Tour Duration

The Manapouri Underground Power Station, located deep beneath Fiordland, harnesses the energy of rushing water to generate electricity.

Cruise across beautiful Lake Manapouri and view the displays at the visitor centre. Then travel by coach down a 2km tunnel to view the immense underground machine hall.

- Coach transport from Te Anau if required
- Picnic lunches available (please order in advance)



Travel deep
underground →

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12.30pm	4.30pm	Nov - Mar
From Te Anau		
11am	4.30pm	Apr
11.30am	5.15pm	Nov - Mar

Note: Manapouri Underground Power Station is a working power station, access is occasionally not possible. We reserve the right to reschedule

General Information

Lunch options

Deluxe Picnic

Picnic and Deluxe Picnic Lunches available. Vegetarian options also available. Please pre-order.



What to bring

Daytime Cruises - Non-slip shoes / boots, waterproof jacket, warm sweater / fleece jacket, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent and camera

Overnight Cruises - Non-slip shoes / boots, waterproof jacket, change of clothes, extra trousers (water based activities), warm sweater / fleece jacket, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, swimwear (optional), camera, overnight bag only

Promotions & Packages



**MULTI
SAVER**

Save 20% off all lower priced experiences when you buy two or more different Real Journey's experiences at the same time.

Choose from our exciting options in:

- Queenstown ➤ Milford Sound
- Te Anau ➤ Doubtful Sound
- Stewart Island

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**KIDS
GO FREE**

During NZ School Holidays on selected departures with full-fare paying adults