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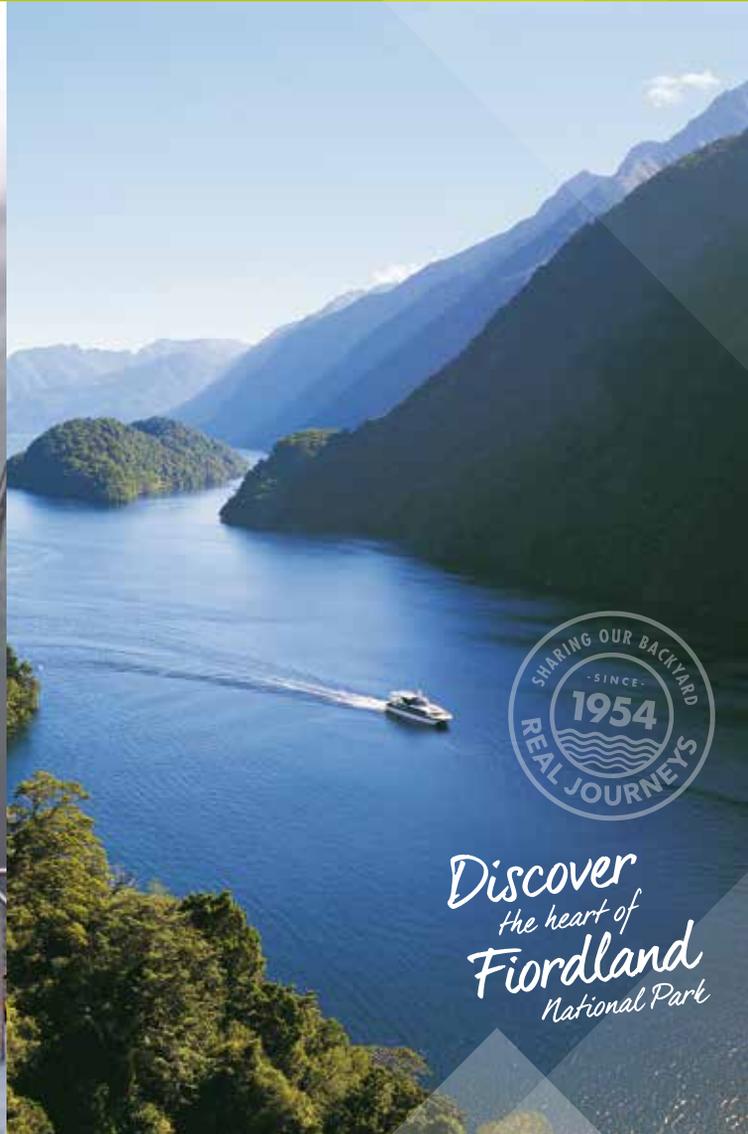
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Doubtful Sound

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.



Discover
the heart of
Fiordland
National Park



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WELCOME

Immerse yourself in the vast and untouched wilderness...

Doubtful Sound is a beautiful fiord. Three times longer than Milford Sound, with twisting arms, it has a surface area ten times larger.

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

There's no direct road access, so the only way you can to get to Doubtful Sound is a cruise across Lake Manapouri and a coach trip over the 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.

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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DOUBTFUL SOUND

Wilderness Cruises

 7hrs 45mins duration



"The absolutely massive Doubtful Sound is a magnificent wilderness area of rugged peaks, dense forest and thundering post-rain waterfalls."

**kids
go
free**

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

Once you arrive in 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. A highlight is experiencing the sound of silence.

What's included

- A cruise across Lake Manapouri to West Arm
- A coach trip over the Wilmot Pass through rainforest
- Three hour Doubtful Sound cruise on board our luxury catamaran, Patea Explorer
- Dedicated Nature Guides provide fascinating commentary
- Delicious picnic or Asian style lunch boxes available (please pre-order, pick up at check-in)
- Free tea and coffee on board
- A visit to Manapouri Underground Power Station*

Departs - Returns	Season
From Manapouri ➔ Cruise Only	
8am - 3.15pm	Nov - Apr
9.45am - 5.15pm	May - Oct
10.30am* - 5.45pm	Nov - Apr
From Te Anau ➔ Coach + Cruise	
7am - 4.30pm	Nov - Apr
8.45am - 6pm	May - Oct
9.30am* - 6.30pm	Nov - Apr
From Queenstown ➔ Coach + Cruise	
6.55am - 7.45pm	May - Oct
7.15am* - 8.15pm	Nov - Apr

*Manapouri Underground Power Station is not available with these departures.

DOUBTFUL SOUND

Overnight Cruises

🕒 2 days / 1 night duration

Spend a night in one of New Zealand's most remote and beautiful wilderness areas.



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.

As the 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.

What's included

- Three course buffet dinner, cooked and continental breakfast prepared on board
- Tea, coffee and delicious snacks
- Kayaking or exploring by small boat
- Insightful commentary provided by our Nature Guides



Fiordland Navigator

- Sleeps 70
- Private cabins with ensuite bathrooms
- Quad-share bunk style compartments with shared bathroom facilities
- Licensed bar

Departs - Returns (Day 2) Season

From Manapouri

Overnight Cruise

12noon - 11.45am
12.30pm - 11.45am

Apr - 20 May & Sep - Oct
Nov - Mar

From Te Anau

Coach + Overnight Cruise

11am - 12.45pm
11.30am - 12.45pm

Apr - 20 May & Sep - Oct
Nov - Mar

From Queenstown

Coach + Overnight Cruise

8.30am - 3.30pm

Nov - 20 May & Sep - Oct

GETTING TO

Doubtful Sound

All our Doubtful Sound experiences start in Manapouri. You can drive there yourself or if you'd much rather relax, let us do the driving for you.



By Coach

FROM QUEENSTOWN ⌚ 3hrs to Manapouri

On board our luxury coach, travel around Lake Wakatipu and through rolling farmland to Manapouri township. Our coach drivers will provide you with informative commentary along the way.

FROM TE ANAU ⌚ 30mins to Manapouri

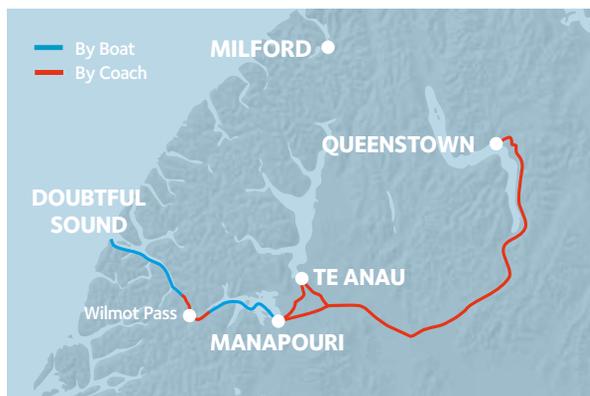
A smaller coach provides transfers to Manapouri for travellers joining our Doubtful Sound experiences.

Pick ups are available from most Queenstown and Te Anau accommodation.

From Manapouri

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.

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



GETTING TO

Doubtful Sound

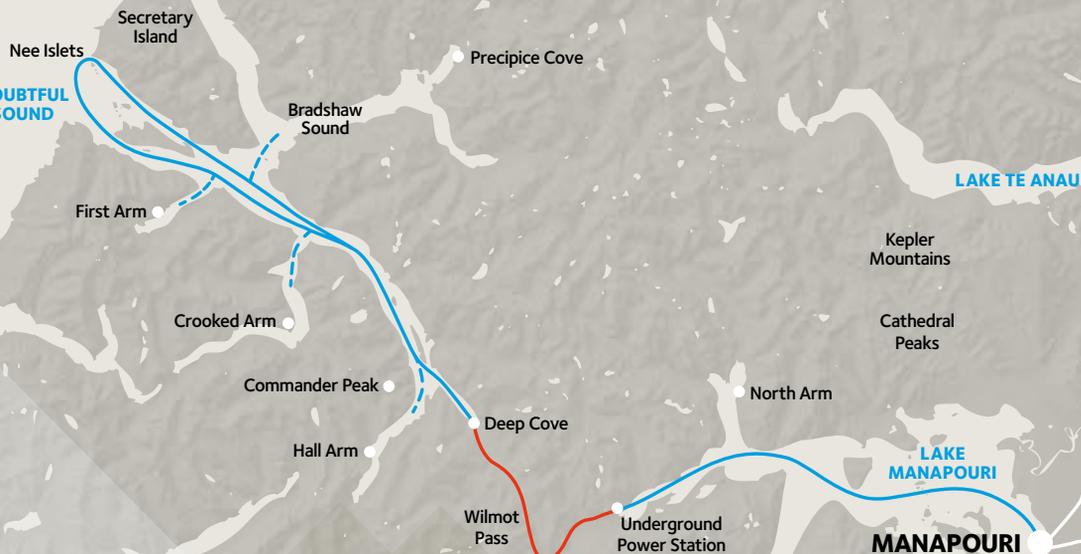
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DOUBTFUL SOUND

— Wilderness & Overnight Cruises

— Coach over Wilmot Pass

**Cruise routes and overnight anchorages vary depending on weather conditions*



MANAPOURI

Underground Power Station

 4hrs duration



Visit New Zealand's largest hydroelectric power station, located deep beneath Fiordland.

Manapouri Underground Power Station was built to supply electricity for the Comalco aluminium smelter, 191 kilometres away at Bluff. Work began in 1963 and was completed in 1972.

A visit to the Power Station begins with a cruise across beautiful Lake Manapouri to West Arm. You will then travel by coach down a two kilometre (1.2 mile) spiral tunnel to view the immense underground machine hall and learn the story behind this power station, and how it harnesses the energy of rushing water to generate electricity.

Coach connections are available from Te Anau, with pick ups from most accommodation. Picnic lunches are also available (please order in advance).

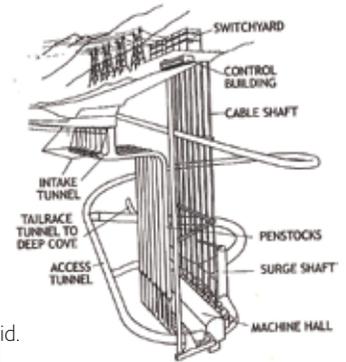
Depart - Return	Season
From Manapouri → Power Station Only	
1.30pm - 4.30pm	Nov - Apr*
From Te Anau → Coach + Power Station	
1pm - 5.15pm	Nov - Apr*

*Minimum numbers apply.

Note: Access to the Manapouri Underground Power Station may not always be possible and we reserve the right to reschedule.

Construction and Operation

The Power Station is one of New Zealand's greatest engineering achievements, the only external signs are the above-ground control building, a switchyard and two sets of transmission lines that loop across the head of the lake on their way to join the national grid.



Lake Manapouri is 178 metres above sea level, 10 kilometres from Doubtful Sound and provides substantial water storage for generating electricity.

The huge development project involved construction of the power station beneath West Arm with a spiral access road underground, a 9.8 kilometre tailrace tunnel to Doubtful Sound, plus a road between West Arm and Doubtful Sound to transport workers and equipment. At any one time there were around 1,800 men from 22 countries working on the project.

Water flows through the intake, then down vertical penstocks. The force of the water powers the turbines. Seven turbines drive seven generators, which power the transformers in the machine hall, sending 220,000 volts to the station switchyard above.

A visit to the Manapouri Underground Power Station can also be included as part of our Doubtful Sound Wilderness Cruise experience.

Conservation

Protect. Sustain. Grow.

"Today I am more convinced than ever before that conservation is the real cornerstone of New Zealand's tourism industry."

LES HUTCHINS, FOUNDER OF REAL JOURNEYS

Real Journeys works closely with the Department of Conservation (DOC) on a range of projects. We assist with the protection of the Kakapo, Whio, Kiwi and various penguin species. Other projects we've partnered with DOC include a significant land restoration project at Walter Peak (that was recognised by a DOC Conservation Award), Conservation Expeditions into Dusky Sound, and coastal clean-up programmes in Fiordland and Stewart Island.

We are also committed to operating sustainably and minimising our footprint. From recycling initiatives to investing in leading edge technology we always aim to go above and beyond to protect our pristine environments.



GENERAL INFORMATION

What to bring

Daytime Cruises

Non-slip footwear, waterproof jacket, warm top, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent and camera.

Overnight Cruises

Non-slip footwear, waterproof jacket, change of clothes, extra trousers (water based activities), warm top, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, swimwear (optional), camera, overnight bag only.

Lunch options

Picnic, Deluxe Picnic Lunches and Asian Lunch Boxes are available, Vegetarian options also available. Please pre-order.



Picnic Lunch



Deluxe Picnic Lunch



Asian Lunch Box

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