

BonVoyage

CRUISES & TRAVEL

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WINTER WONDERLAND

9 NIGHTS – 10 DAYS – FLY-CRUISE

17 – 26 AUGUST 2027



Heritage Expeditions



Bon Voyage Cruises & Travel is delighted to present a brand-new itinerary for 2027 – A deep exploration of Fiordland's Southern Fiords tour. We have again partnered with NZ's leading expedition cruise company, Heritage Expeditions, on their delightful small ship - Heritage Explorer.

Experience the grand scale scenery, untamed wilderness, ice-carved mountains, forests, sounds and unique wildlife of Fiordland's Preservation and Chalky Inlets and Doubtful and Dusky Sounds on this 7-day exploration of the Southern Fiords. Rich in natural history, geology, and the location of some significant historical firsts and important restoration and conservation projects, it is easy to see why this incredible region inspired our dream for responsible travel.

Māori legend describes how demi-god Tu-te-raki-whanoa carved out the region's fiords with his adze, Te Hamo, from rock walls to create the fiords we know today. Captain Cook and his crew were the first Europeans to visit, landing here aboard HMS Resolution in 1773 and subsequently spending five weeks in Dusky Sound. Cook's records of his discovery and maps would attract sealers and whalers not long after, who would go on to form the first European settlements here. Historically this region is very important and shaped the future of New Zealand.

Fiordland's Southern Fiords are only accessible by sea, making them some of the most remote areas of New Zealand's mainland. Waterfalls, streams, rivers and fiords are enveloped with misty veils that come and go, revealing steep gradients of mountain peaks and sheltered valleys. A rugged terrain, the thickly forested valley floors are covered with ferns, lichens and mosses while the calm waters are home to Bottlenose Dolphins, Fiordland Crested Penguins and New Zealand Fur Seals.

The isolation of the Southern Fiords has been beneficial in ensuring their epic beauty remains unspoiled and historic sites undisturbed. In these calm waters, away from the crowds, we plan to explore some of the most unique and wild parts of New Zealand as we sail through these beautiful fiords and landscapes.

The chef on board prepares special daily menus featuring local wines and NZ foods. Pre & post-cruise we have a number of lunches and dinners at some special restaurants and wineries. You will never go hungry on a Bon Voyage Fly-Cruise!



9 Nights/10 Days– Southern Fiords Discovery FLY-CRUISE ITINERARY

Day 1: Tuesday 17 August – Auckland – Queenstown

We depart from Auckland on Air New Zealand and arrive into Queenstown late morning. On arrival, we will be met by Limousine Services Queenstown and transferred to our hotel for the next two nights:

The Rees Hotel 377 Frankton Road Queenstown

Lakeview King Room & Breakfast Included
Meet in the lobby at 6:00pm for welcome drinks

Day 2: Wednesday 18 August – Arrowtown & Gibbstons Valley Tour

This morning we head out to Arrowtown for an historic walking tour of the town, including entry to the museum. There will be time for a coffee break before we move on to Gibbstons Valley Winery for a tasting in NZ's only true wine cave. We follow this by moving to Kinross Estate, the cellar door home of five boutique wineries for tastings and a sumptuous platter lunch. On the way back to town, we'll stop at AJ Hackett Bungy to see some brave souls take the leap. We'll be back at the hotel around 3:00pm and the balance of the afternoon is free. This evening we will have our special Bon Voyage Dinner.



Day 3: Thursday 19 August **– Queenstown – Te Anau – Doubtful Sound**

After breakfast this morning we leave Queenstown by Mercedes Mini coach for a two-hour scenic drive to Te Anau. We will then continue our drive through to Manapouri where we will board a scenic cruise, which takes us across the stunning island-dotted Lake Manapouri. After departing this cruise, we will board a coach for roughly an hour drive via the picturesque Wilnot pass towards Doubtful Sound. The road was constructed as part of the Manapouri hydro scheme. Once we reach the beginning of Doubtful Sound, you will be greeted and welcome warmly aboard the Heritage Explorer by your Captain and expeditions leader, where you will then be shown to your cabin. Settle into life aboard before we set sail along Doubtful Sound and enjoy your first impression of the fiords. Doubtful Sound, spanning a staggering 40-kilometers and holding the title as New Zealand's deepest fiord, with its cloud-scarping wilderness cloaked mountains, sheer cliffs, waterfalls, inlets, quiet coves and wildlife presents nature on a scale so grand it's off the charts.

Day 4: Friday 20 August **- Doubtful Sound & Breaksea Sound**

After a quiet night aboard surrounded by nature and wilderness of Doubtful Sound, join your naturalists on deck to spot sea birds as we navigate to the very head of Doubtful Sound in Deep Cove, home to several waterfalls including Helena and Lady Alice Falls. Keep an eye out for the majestic Wandering and Buller's Albatross, as we pass Breaksea Island, which guards the entrance to Breaksea Sound. It was on Breaksea Island that the first successful island rat eradication program was completed, today it is a protected nature reserve of great significance to the many endangered species which call the island home. From here we sail onwards towards more spectacular views as we head towards Dusky Sound.

Day 5: Saturday 21 August **– Dusky Sound**

Over the following two days, we plan to leisurely expeditions cruise through Dusky Sound, visiting some of the most significant historical and conservation sites in New Zealand, as well as marveling at the majestic scenery as we sail deep into the heart of Fiordland. A navigation through Acheron Passage, which separates Resolution Island from the mainland, is sure to be one of the highlights of our time in Fiordland.

Day 6: Sunday 22 August **– Dusky Sound**

Predator-free Anchor Island homes half of the world's population of Kakapo and Little Spotted Kiwi and is also the location of historic Luncheon Cove and a number of New Zealand's firsts including the first sealing gang, the building of New Zealand's first European homestead and first European designed ship, the 16-metre Providence built here and launched in 1795. On nearby Pigeon Island learn the history of Richard Henry and his pioneering live transfer of birds to island refuges – an international first in wildlife conservation. While his attempts were unsuccessful due to stoats swimming over to the island, it is heartening to learn that the island is now pest-free and a sanctuary for native birdlife, with Henry's vision fulfilled.

Day 7: Monday 23 August **– Chalky Inlet**

The entrance to Chalky Inlet is guarded by the impressive limestone cliffs of Chalky Island, the inspiration behind Captain Cook's naming of the fiord. One of several important predator-free islands in the inlet including Great Island and Passage Islands, Chalky Island is home to some of New Zealand's most critically endangered bird species including the Little Spotted Kiwi and Kakapo, and endemic Te Kakahu Skink, discovered in 2002. The protected harbors at North and South port offer much to explore as the centers of human history in the inlet with North Port the final resting place of the rusting hulk of purposely grounded GSS Stella. While South Port reveals an industrial past with the remnants of once prolific sawmilling activity. Sailing to the head of the fiord the surrounding mountains envelop us with their majesty.



Day 8 – Tuesday 24 August

– Preservation Inlet

Today is dedicated to exploring Preservation Inlet, rich in history we will delve into the gold mining and forestry attempts that once made this now quiet waterway a bustling hub of activity. The area's natural bounty saw more than 2,500 gold miners and saw millers flock to the region in the late 1890s. This early settler history at mining towns Cromarty and Te Oneroa, now reclaimed by nature, can still be observed, none more spectacularly than at the failed Tarawera Mine and Smelter, where the ruins of the smelter's three-story chimney were restored in 2015. Among the activity, Preservation Inlet can also lay claim to having New Zealand's first whaling station at Cuttle Cove and the location of one of the country's most remote lighthouses at Puysegur Point, which began operation in 1879, perched some 40-feet above the south island's most south-western point. Here a great coastal walk, formerly a telegraph track built to connect the lighthouse, leads to the old landing shed at Otago Retreat.

Day 9 – Wednesday 25 August

– Preservation Inlet - Te Anau

After a final breakfast and farewell, we will head ashore at Preservation Inlet ready to enjoy the most spectacular helicopter flight from the beach over the mountains and valleys of Fiordland back to Te Anau. We will then be transferred to our hotel. The afternoon is free.

Distinction Luxmore Hotel

41 Town Centre

Te Anau

Superior Rooms Queen/Twin
Breakfast included

Tonight we will wander down the main street to the well-known Fat Duck Gastropub for a final Fiordland Dinner.

Day 10 – Thursday 26 August

– Te Anau – Queenstown - Home

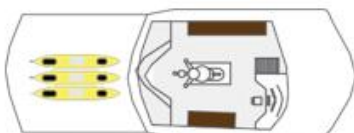
This morning we'll take in some of the sights in and around Te Anau before heading to the regional airport where our private charter Air Milford aircraft will be waiting to take us on a spectacular charter flight back to Queenstown Airport. Once back at Queenstown Airport we will connect with a mid-afternoon Air New Zealand flight back to Auckland.



Deck plan and Cabins



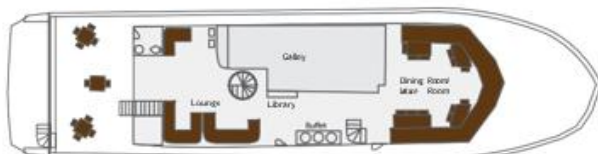
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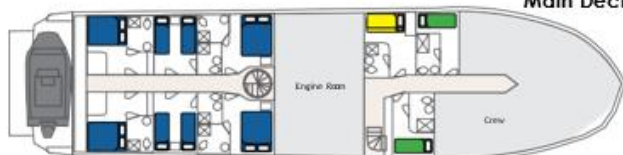
Sun Deck



Bridge Deck



Main Deck



Royal (Queen bed)

Located on the Bridge Deck, our Master Suite features a spacious bedroom with a queen-sized bed, ample storage with wardrobe and drawers, mirror and washbasin, private en suite, personal climate control, TV, PABX satellite telephone, window and French doors opening out on to the covered Bridge Deck.

Salvin's (Double or twin beds)

Located on the Lower Deck, Salvin's cabins have the option of either a double bed or two lower berths. Both feature ample storage with wardrobe and drawers, TV, PABX satellite telephone, private en suite and a picture porthole.

Buller's (Twin beds) Located on the Lower Deck, the Buller's cabin features one bunk (one upper and one lower berth), ample storage with wardrobe and drawers, TV, PABX satellite telephone, private en suite and a porthole.

Wandering (Single cabin)

Located on the Lower Deck, Wandering cabins feature one lower single berth, ample storage with wardrobe and drawers, TV, PABX satellite telephone, private en suite and a porthole.



THE REES HOTEL - QUEENSTOWN

The Rees Hotel Queenstown is a sophisticated five-star hotel situated on the shores of Lake Wakatipu in New Zealand's lower South Island. Quiet, private and nestled in nature, The Rees offers luxury lakeside accommodation with sweeping alpine views and epitomizes southern hospitality at its finest, providing an authentic New Zealand experience. The local and international team pride themselves and are known for warm attentive service, exceeding expectations and is consistently rated so highly by guests when it comes to luxury accommodation in Queenstown.



DISTINCTION LUXMORE HOTEL – TE ANAU

Distinction Luxmore Hotel Te Anau is a welcoming four-star hotel located in the very heart of Te Anau, a gateway to the spectacular Fiordland National Park, Milford and Doubtful Sound. Perfectly positioned just a short walk from the shores of Lake Te Anau, Distinction Luxmore offers comfortable contemporary accommodation with modern amenities, spacious guest rooms and two popular on-site dining venues. Proudly 100% New Zealand owned and operated, the friendly team are dedicated to providing attentive service and ensuring every guest enjoys an authentic Fiordland experience.





FLY-CRUISE PRICES p.p Cabin Type (Named after Albatross Species)	9 NIGHT 10 DAY FLY- CRUISE Winter Wonderland 17 – 26 August 2027	
Buller's Twin – Bunk Beds	\$9975 p.p.	
Salvin's Double/Twin	\$10975 p.p.	
Wandering Single	\$12575 p.p.	
Royal Suite	\$12695 p.p.	

Price per person includes:

- Return Air New Zealand flights from Auckland
- Two nights at five star – The Rees Hotel Queenstown
- Historic Arrowtown and Gibbston Valley wine-tasting tour with lunch
- Special Bon Voyage Dinner experience
- Mercedes luxury van transport to Manapouri
- 6-night Discovery Fiordland cruise on Heritage Explorer
- All meals, morning and afternoon teas on cruise
- Wine & beer included with lunches & dinner
- Shore trips, zodiac touring, bush walks and kayaking
- Helicopter flight Preservation Inlet to Te Anau
- 1-night post-cruise in Te Anau
- Unique charter flightseeing Te Anau to Queenstown

Fares are in NZ\$ per person, sharing twin/double room/cabin, subject to minimum numbers. Non-refundable deposit of \$1000 per person. Balance of payment due 6 weeks prior to departure. Itinerary may be varied to weather conditions enroute. Special conditions apply.

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