



# CRUISE PRISTINE STEWART ISLAND WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Expedition Cruise Stewart Island Explorer

9 Days | 6 - 14 Aug 2020 | From AUD\$7,930pp twin share - Resolution Cabin | Single Supplement POA

## EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Travel by luxury cruiser, Fiordland Jewel, around pristine Stewart Island and its breathtaking surrounds with a professional crew of 5
- ✦ Enjoy superior on-board facilities including a submarine drone for under-water viewing and the comfort of a top-deck hot tub and fully air-conditioned and heated cabins
- ✦ Cruise the picturesque and untouched Paterson Inlet, Port Adventure, Port Pegasus and Tikotatahi Bay
- ✦ Enjoy bush, island and beach walks, fishing and Bluff Oyster dredging
- ✦ Explore the picturesque inlets, bays and rivers of Stewart Island in a kayak or in the Fiordland Jewel's tender boat
- ✦ Stay 1 night at the multi award-winning Sofitel Queenstown Hotel and Spa
- ✦ All touring, transfers and meals included
- ✦ Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

*"Our adventure in New Zealand was most exhilarating. Our Journey Director created a magnificent atmosphere, making us all feel special."*

Wendy Borchers, Tuncurry, NSW

For a truly pristine wilderness experience, join us on-board the luxury vessel, Fiordland Jewel, for the trip of a lifetime. We begin our adventure in the spectacularly scenic Queenstown, set on the shores of crystal clear Lake Wakatipu against the backdrop of the majestic Remarkables. We transfer to Invercargill then Oban, where we board our luxury cruiser for the next 6 nights. It is the ultimate way to explore this untouched region; an exceptional vessel, it boasts a top-deck spa pool, a submarine drone, on-board chef, fine wine, boutique accommodation and wide expansive picture windows, perfect for viewing this magnificent region.

We explore Stewart Island, New Zealand's southernmost island, also known as Rakiura, which means 'the land of glowing skies'. Unspoilt, relaxing and incredibly beautiful, Stewart Island is a showcase for New Zealand. With its network of stunning bays, inlets, golden sand beaches and densely forested hills, Stewart Island combines a spectacular mix of breathtaking landscapes. A haven of wild beauty, the fauna here is second to none and is considered a birdwatcher's paradise. Our cruise will take in Paterson Inlet, Port Adventure, Port Pegasus and Tikotatahi Bay. Fully escorted, this journey is the quintessential celebration of nature in Bill Peach Journeys inimitable style! Places are strictly limited!





## AN UNSPOILT WILDERNESS BY LUXURY CRUISER



### DAY 1 | ARRIVE QUEENSTOWN

Upon arrival in Queenstown, transfer to Sofitel Queenstown Hotel and Spa which offers a refined 5-star experience in the heart of the city, just steps from the beauty of Lake Wakatipu. This evening, join our Journey Director and fellow travellers at a welcome dinner.

Overnight: Sofitel Queenstown Hotel and Spa or similar

### DAY 2 | QUEENSTOWN - INVERCARGILL

This morning we explore the cosmopolitan resort town of Queenstown. Offering undisputed beauty in each direction, Queenstown has become a tourism mecca for those seeking exquisite scenery and world class outdoor pursuits. Renowned for its spectacular alpine vistas, Queenstown is celebrated as a place for adventure and indulgence, possessing an interesting settlers and gold prospecting heritage. After lunch, we drive to Invercargill, New Zealand's southernmost city.

Overnight: Ascot Park Hotel or similar



### DAY 3 | INVERCARGILL - STEWART ISLAND

Transfer this morning to our luxury catamaran. Weather will dictate mode of transport with either a fixed wing flight from Invercargill or a catamaran from Bluff to Oban. Board the Fiordland Jewel in Halfmoon Bay, Oban late morning, and then return 7 days later to Halfmoon Bay, Oban. Explore Paterson Inlet/Whaka a Te Wera, a 8,900-hectare inlet with 188 kilometres of coastline, formed by post-glaciation flooding 12,000 to 16,000 years ago. The Rakeahua River flows into its South West Arm and the Freshwater River near North Arm.

Overnight: Fiordland Jewel

### DAY 4 | PATERSON INLET - WHAKA A TE WERA

Spend the morning exploring the largest island in Paterson Inlet/Whaka a Te Wera the Ulva Island bird sanctuary. In the afternoon visit the historic Norwegian whaling station in Prices Inlet and/or kayak Kaipipi Bay. Cruise to Port Adventure, a bay 10 kilometres south along the coast from The Neck, the long peninsula at the mouth of Paterson Inlet, popular for fishing, diving and hunting. It was the site of a settlement of 36 Maori who arrived from The Neck in 1843.

Overnight: Fiordland Jewel

### DAY 5 | PORT ADVENTURE TO PORT PEGASUS

Cruise along the coast which is largely rocky with occasional beaches. South of Lords River/ Tutaekawetoweto is exposed and mostly cliffs where subsidence has created drowned river valleys such as Tikotatahi Bay, Tutaepawhati Bay and Big Kurii Bay. On arrival in Port Pegasus, there may be time for kayaking and/or a short walk before dinner.

Overnight: Fiordland Jewel





**DAYS 6 & 7 | PORT PEGASUS TO PIKIHATITI**

Explore this large sheltered harbour on the southeast coast. Its inlets, coves and bays cover some 40 square kilometres, with many safe and sheltered anchorages. Four major passages provide access to the sea. The passages in turn open out into two main arms – North Arm and South Arm. It was first charted by William Stewart in 1809. A colonisation enterprise in the 1820s was not successful. Activities around Port Pegasus can include walks and kayaking.

Overnight: Fiordland Jewel

**DAY 8 | OBAN**

Commence the journey back to Oban along the west or east coast. This evening, we enjoy our farewell dinner.

Overnight: Fiordland Jewel

**DAY 9 | DEPART QUEENSTOWN**

Explore Oban on foot and return to Bluff or Invercargill by air. Weather will dictate mood of transport with either a fixed wing flight to Invercargill or a catamaran to Bluff from Oban. Once on the mainland, transfer to Queenstown Airport for lunch and your departure flight home.



*“As a single lady, I never feel any discomfort on a Bill Peach Journeys trip. I have travelled with lots of other tour operators and no one else looks after me the way Bill Peach Journeys does. I never feel lonely and get to see the most amazing places.”*

T. Mahon, Sylvania, NSW





## ABOUT FIORDLAND DISCOVERY

**A Family Business** - Rob Swale - Owner / Captain is one of Fiordland's most experienced skippers, and Fiordland is in his blood. Rob's father John "Swaley" Swale was a commercial crayfisherman and Rob grew up surrounded by the sea and Fiordland, spending much of his childhood on his father's boat Voska. Rob met Kate in Queenstown 28 years ago when she first arrived from England. When his father retired, Rob took over operations, leased a crayfish quota and went on to commission the first-ever commercial fishing boat built in Queenstown. Rob noticed that people wanted more comfort while spending time in Milford Sound and Fiordland, so he tailored his charter trips and cruises accordingly – which ultimately led to establishing Fiordland Discovery.

He loves sharing Fiordland with guests and his knowledge of the area is immense. The couple's passion has been passed on to their children, with sons Jack and Joe working on board as crew and completing their diving certificates. These days, Rob is an advocate for sustainable fishing practices and preserving the Fiordland's precious wildlife.

## CABINS

### **Governor's Cabin - AUD\$10,120pp twin share**

The Governor's Cabin is at the top of the boat with its own full width forward window and large side windows. Super King double bed, the ensuite has a separate shower and toilet.

### **Captain Cook Cabins - AUD\$9,040pp twin share**

On the main deck with sea views. Super King double bed, the ensuite has a separate shower and toilet.

### **Endeavour Cabins - AUD\$8,740pp twin share**

On the main deck with sea views. Two King single beds, the ensuite has a separate shower and toilet.

### **Resolution Cabin - AUD\$7,930pp twin share**

On the main deck with sea views. Two sets of bunks – bottom beds are King single (to accommodate 2 people only), the ensuite has a combined shower and toilet.

## ABOUT EXPEDITION CRUISES

Our Expedition Cruise programmes are short break journeys put together in conjunction with themes, special interests or experiences. These programmes range from cruising New Zealand's Fiordlands to world class international destinations and unique cruising experiences throughout Australia.

When you travel on an Expedition Cruise with Bill Peach Journeys everything is included and arranged before you leave home. That includes all sundries like tips, taxes and transfers. In fact you won't even need to carry your bags. Enjoy the finest level of accommodation, dining and service all in the one fare. From the very moment your journey begins, your seamless travel experience with Bill Peach Journeys begins.

### FITNESS LEVEL - MODERATE

*"We had the most amazing experience of our lives on our recent tour of NZ with Bill Peach Journeys. We were spoilt rotten from beginning to end. The entire trip went like clockwork thanks to everyone at Bill Peach Journeys."*

Mick and Karene Buckley, Kelso, NSW

## WHY BILL PEACH JOURNEYS?

- ✦ A name you can trust with over 36 years of experience in the luxury travel industry
- ✦ Fully inclusive journeys, all meals, accommodation, touring, entrance fees, portage taxes and luggage
- ✦ International travel requires expert planning and organisation. Our Journey Planners ensure you enjoy an intimate exploration of the places visited in comfort and style
- ✦ A dedicated Journey Director that ensures you are looked after every step of the way
- ✦ Local professional guides at every location
- ✦ 70% of our travellers return to travel with us again within the first year of their initial journey

Please Note: Cruising is weather dependant, so this is a sample itinerary and may change. The exact day to day itinerary will be at the discretion of the skipper.

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