

# BEYOND FIORDLAND



## INTRODUCTION

Embrace the incredible serenity and indescribable beauty of New Zealand's Fiordland. Established in 1952, the Fiordland National Park his home to a range of incredible landscapes including mountain, lake, fiord and rainforest environments. Enjoy the magnificent sights of Doubtful and Dusky Sound as you explore one of the most remote regions of New Zealand's mainland.

You will also explore Stewart Island's Ulva Island, New Zealand's third largest island. Rich in history and wildlife you will be able to explore this priceless ecosystem known for its wide range of birdlife, including a number of threatened species.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Arrival and Embarkation in Invercargill

Meet at an Invercargill city hotel and be transferred to the Port of Bluff for embarkation. The captain and expedition team will be waiting to greet you on arrival at the ship. Explore the Spirit of Enderby and join the captain on the bridge, or fellow travellers on deck, as we set sail.



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### DAY 2: At Sea

As we make our way through the Southern Ocean we can expect some of the best pelagic birding on this leg of the journey with great views during the crossing which may include Wandering Albatross, Royal Albatross, Light-mantled Sooty Albatross, Campbell Island Albatross and Little Shearwater.



### DAY 3: Campbell Island

We have one day to explore Campbell Island, New Zealand's southernmost Subantarctic territory. We will offer a number of options which will enable you to explore the island including an extended walk to Northwest Bay. There will also be an easier walk to the Col Lyall Saddle. All of these options will allow you the opportunity and time to enjoy the Southern Royal Albatross which nest here in large numbers. We also visit areas of the island which contain outstanding examples of the megaherbs for which the island is renowned. Birds we may see include Teal, Snipe, Rockhopper Penguins and Antarctic Tern.



### DAY 4: Auckland Islands - Carnley Harbour

This very large sheltered harbour is rich in human history, we plan to arrive mid-morning entering the harbour through the eastern entrance which is guarded on both sides by dramatic cliffs and rugged, tussock-covered hills. Our activities here today are totally weather dependent. If the weather is fine there will be an opportunity to climb to the South West Cape and visit the Shy Mollymawk colony. Above the colony we occasionally see Gibson's Wandering Albatross breeding. Alternatively, there will be an opportunity to Zodiac cruise along the coast of Adams Island, Western Harbour and Victoria Passage. We may visit Camp Cove, the Tagua Bay Coastwatcher's station and lookout, or Epigwaite where the remains of the 'Grafton' which was wrecked here in 1864, can be seen.



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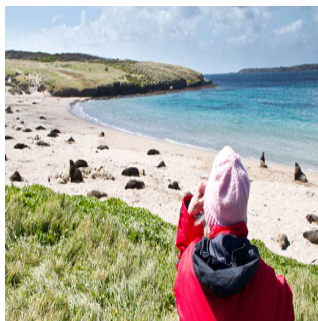
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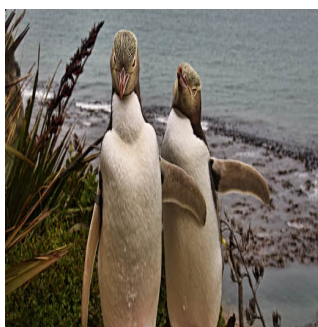
### DAY 5: Auckland Island - Enderby Island

Enderby Island is one of the most beautiful islands in this group, this northern most island in the archipelago is an outstanding wildlife and birding location and is relatively easy to land on and walk around. Our plan is to land at Sandy Bay, one of three breeding areas in the Auckland Islands for the Hooker's or New Zealand Sea Lion. During our day ashore there will be several walking options, and time to spend just sitting and enjoying the wildlife. Birds that we are likely to encounter include Southern Royal Albatross, Northern Giant Petrel, Auckland Island Shag, Auckland Island Flightless Teal, Auckland Island Tomtit, Bellbird, Red-crowned Parakeet, Yellow-eyed Penguin and Light-mantled Sooty Albatross.



### DAY 6: The Snares - North East Island

The closest Subantarctic Islands to New Zealand, comprising of two main islands and a group of five islands called the Western Chain; they are uninhabited and enjoy the highest protection as Nature Reserves. Zodiac cruising along the sheltered eastern side of the main island we should see the endemic Snares Crested Penguin, Snares Island Tomtit and Fernbirds.



### DAY 7: Stewart Island

New Zealand's third island is a wonderfully tranquil place; the scenery of untouched bushland is stunning. We will explore Ulva Island which is rich in history and wildlife, being a predator-free island from 1997 the bird song and wildlife is some of the best. In Paterson Inlet you will have time at Boulder Bay and West End Beach, or just enjoy some time around Post Office Bay and Sydney Cove. Wildlife you may get to see while walking the tracks include Stewart Island Robin, Stewart Island Weka, South Island Kaka, Kereru (wood pigeon), Mohua (yellowhead), Red Crowned Parakeet, Fantail, Bellbird and Tui. There are also many more species that may be seen. In the afternoon visit historic Norwegian whaling station in Prices Inlet and Kaipipi Bay.



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## DAY 8: Fiordland - Day 8 to 10

This is an area rich in history, majestic scenery and abundant in wildlife. Captain Cook and his crew landed here on HMS Resolution in 1773, the first Europeans to visit Fiordland, spending five weeks in Dusky Sound. Historically this region is very important and shaped the future of New Zealand. From the middle of the 19th Century this unexplored interior Fiordland coastline attracted the attention of those in search of hidden greenstone or New Zealand jade. Fiordland’s West Coast is only accessible by sea, making it the most remote region of New Zealand’s mainland, its isolation has been beneficial because its beauty remains unspoiled and its historic sites undisturbed. Waterfalls, streams, rivers and fiords are enveloped with misty veils that come and go. A rugged terrain, the thickly forested floors are covered with ferns, lichens and mosses. Bottlenose Dolphins, Fiordland Crested Penguins and Little Penguins are all residents of the fiords; during our time here we will look out for them. Our schedule gives us the flexibility to visit as much as possible; areas we plan to visit during our time in Fiordland include Doubtful Sound, Dusky Sounds and Acheron Passage, Astronomer’s Point and Pickersgill Harbour. Our final plan will be determined by the weather.



## DAY 11: Disembarkation in Invercargill

We arrive at the Port of Bluff early in the morning. After breakfast disembark and board our complimentary coach transfer to either a central city point or to the airport.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

### Accommodation

Cabin on board ship



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<b>Inclusions</b>	All accommodation on board vessel All meals whilst on board All shore excursions and activities by zodiac Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition team Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes Comprehensive pre-departure material Local payments (400USDper person)
	<b>EXCLUSIONS</b> International airfare Pre and post land arrangements Travel insurance Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Excess baggage fees and items of a personal nature
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request. Please contact us for more information.
<b>Notes</b>	Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather and sea conditions.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Departure date, seasonality and availability.

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