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FIORDLAND SOUTHERN DISCOVERY CRUISE - HELI OUT 2025 - EXPLORE NEW ZEALAND

Embark on a captivating Fiordland Cruise with Affinity, starting with a serene adventure across Lake Manapouri and a journey over Wilmot Pass to the breathtaking Doubtful Sound. Follow Captain James Cook's historic path, visiting significant sites like New Zealand's first European house, first recorded shipwreck, and Astronomer's Point. Traverse untouched native rainforests, marvel at roaring waterfalls, and observe playful fur seal pups. Enjoy fishing for grouper, walking to Puysegur Point Lighthouse, and exploring Anchor Island's mature rainforest, home to endangered birds. Visit historic Tarawera Silver mine smelter and Pigeon Island, once home to conservationist Richard Henry. Witness whales, playful dolphins, and stunning sunrises and sunsets. Conclude with a scenic helicopter flight over snow-capped mountains to Preservation Inlet, making this an unforgettable journey through New Zealand's magical Fiordland.



ITINERARY

Days 1 - 11 Fiordland Cruise

Due to the early departure and late return times of our Fiordland Cruises we recommend you overnight for one night before and one night after your cruise in Te Anau.

You get to adventure across serene Lake Manapouri, experience Wilmot Pass and take in the amazing views of Doubtful Sound

Travel in the path of Captain James Cook and learn all about the rich and fascinating history of his early voyages to this remote part of New Zealand

Visit historic sites such as: the first European house site, first recorded shipwreck in New Zealand and where the first vessel



was built by Europeans in 1795

Visit Astronomers Point where Captain Cooks Astronomer cleared the trees and recorded a transit of Venus at his first landing in Fiordland

Walk through beautiful remote native rainforest that has never been cleared, it is still in its original state as it was before man stepped foot on the land

Get up close to stunning roaring waterfalls as they cascade down steep, sheer cliffs

Visit a cove where a number of fur seal pups swim around the rocks. When we put the tender in the water the pups are very nosey and like to swim alongside and pop up out of the water to see what's going on

Fish for grouper and other big species in the bountiful waterways of this pristine area

Walk to the most South-Western Lighthouse in New Zealand at Puysegur Point. The lighthouse was the last manned lighthouse in New Zealand, only becoming automated in the last few years.

Walk through mature rain forest on Anchor Island in Dusky Sound, which is now used as a safe haven for endangered birds such as Saddleback and the Kakapo

Visit the Historic remains at Tarawera Silver mine smelter. Like many of the area's landmarks this is only accessible by boat

Visit Pigeon Island where New Zealand's first conservationist Richard Henry lived for 13 years from 1894. Learn all about his efforts to change Resolution Island into a pest free haven for native birdlife

We often have the extreme privilege of sighting whales in their natural habitat and playful bottlenose dolphins often join in for a race with the ship's bow

Experience picturesque sunrises and sunsets. View clear skies like you've never seen before, with an abundance of stars

A scenic helicopter flight like none other, take in amazing views as you fly over breathtaking snow-capped mountains and spectacular terrain to/from Preservation Inlet. The perfect way to begin or end a once in a lifetime holiday in our own piece of paradise.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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Affinity

VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

The vessel Affinity was purpose-built in Picton by Carey 's Boatyard for the type of cruising that she does. Affinity has 8 guest cabins, a comfortable lounge for dining and relaxing, and a spacious deck. ##### Affinity Features Accommodation is onboard the vessel in 8 cabins (twin share -- bed and bunk or double bed). If you are a sole passenger and require a cabin to yourself, our single supplement is available. All cruises are fully catered and all linen is supplied. 3 bathrooms facilities on the main deck -- separate ladie's and men's -- with a good supply of hot water. Air conditioning for summer and central heating for winter. Spacious vessel both inside and out, including a comfortable lounge area. Lots of interesting books to read, as well as a few board games. Easy access both on and off the vessel, with platform steps at the stern of the vessel. 4-metre inflatable tender for shore excursions and for use when divers are in the water. Use of gumboots for on deck and going ashore. First aid certificates held by crew members, plus an oxygen cylinder onboard. Vessel complies with all safety regulations and holds all appropriate licences.





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