

6-NIGHT EXPEDITION

# STEWART ISLAND / RAKIURA

## PROVISIONAL ITINERARY

SCENIC, NATURE & HISTORY

### WINNERS NAME

We recommend you arrive in Invercargill or Bluff the day before your Expedition.

**Arrival:** TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2022

**Bluff to Oban:** Travel to Stewart Island on the express catamaran (60 minutes) on the **09.45am** departure from Bluff

Please make your way to the **Stewart Island Ferry Terminal**, located at 21 Foreshore Road, Bluff. Please check in 30 minutes prior to your departure. Ref: Fiordland Discovery

**Board the Fiordland Jewel at the main wharf in Oban (Stewart Island)**

**Cabin:** Endeavour Cabin | 2 King Singles, located on the main deck with sea views, ensuite bathroom with separate shower & toilet

**Value:** \$14,200 | Per person \$7,100

**Confirmation:** # to be advised

**Departure:** MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2022

**Oban to Bluff** Travel from Stewart Island on the express catamaran (60 minutes) **08.00am** departure from Oban.

### INCLUDED

- All meals prepared by our onboard chef. Cooked & continental breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks between meals.

Please advise if you have any **special dietary requirements**

- Complimentary tea & coffee
- In each cabin: Toiletries, body wash & Shampoo/Conditioner (Evolu), hairdryer, linen & bath towels
- Use of kayaks, electric fishing rods & top-deck hot tub (weather dependent)
- Stewart Island Ferry, round trip

The weather is central to any Stewart Island experience, so the itinerary of your cruise may differ depending on the conditions of the day.



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# SAMPLE ITINERARY

Please note there are variations are subject to the weather. This is a sample itinerary of a Stewart Island expedition.

**Plan A is to travel the distance around Stewart Island - approx. 130 to 160 kms.**

**Plan B is to do as much as we can given the Skipper's judgement and weather conditions whilst you are onboard. In addition to below there is also lots of cruising, fishing and kayaking or walking where time allows.**

### Day 1 - Tuesday 8 November 2022

Travel on the 9.45am ferry from Bluff to Oban. Board the Fiordland Jewel at the main wharf in Halfmoon Bay, Oban at approx 10.45-11.00am.

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.

**Day 2** - 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.

### Day 3 - Port Adventure to Port Pegasus

Cruise along the coast which is largely rocky with occasional beaches. South of Lords River/ Tutaekawetoweto it is exposed and mostly cliffs. 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.

### Day 4 & 5 - Port Pegasus/ Pikihatiti

Explore this large sheltered harbour on the south-east 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.

**Day 6** - Commence the journey back to Oban along the west or east coast.

### Day 7 - Monday 14 November 2022

Disembark the Fiordland Jewel at **7.30am** for the 8.00am catamaran to Bluff.

This cruise around Stewart Island, may include (weather permitting) activities such as:

- Kayaking
- Tender boat excursions
- Shore excursions
- Some fishing to catch a feed

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# INFORMATION

### WHAT TO BRING

- 1 bag per person.
- **Wet weather clothing**, including waterproof jacket & a hat. We have an **onboard washing machine** & dryer in the event that clothes get wet or muddy.
- **Non-slip walking shoes/hiking boots** - we recommend two pairs of shoes, a pair for on the boat and another practical pair to walk in that may potentially get wet - these can be dried each night as the boat is warm. **Gumboots** are a good option, if space permits.
- **Swimwear** / togs (optional).
- **Insect repellent**
- Although we do our best to keep the boat in gentle swells, sometimes Stewart Island and Mother Nature cannot let us do this. For this reason, if you do suffer from motion sickness please bring medication until you gain your sea legs.

### BEVERAGE INFORMATION

There is a licensed bar onboard and alcohol is available to purchase. We have a selection of wine, beer & soft drinks (no spirits). **Note:** BYO alcohol not permitted

### PARKING INFORMATION

Vehicle parking is available in Bluff, adjacent to the Bluff Visitor Terminal for self-driving visitors taking the ferry to Stewart Island. Parking is available for cars and campervans. This is an airport-style parking facility, so you collect a ticket on entry and pay when you leave. Vehicle parking cannot be booked in advance.

**Pricing** | Up to 122 hours \$62. Thereafter \$10 per 24 hours or part thereof. Pricing correct at time of confirmation. Subject to change

### COACH TRANSFER | INVERCARGILL > BLUFF

Stewart Island ferry service coach add-on may be available, with pick up at selected Invercargill accommodation, please contact us to check availability and pick up locations.

### STEWART ISLAND FERRY INFO

Under the traffic light system, you will be required to wear a face mask when traveling on the Stewart Island Ferry. This measure is in adherence to the government guidelines that applies across New Zealand, on all public transport.

### EMERGENCY DETAILS

Please provide the name and contact details of a family or friend for us to contact in the event of an emergency.

We are well-equipped in case of emergency in remote locations: onboard satellite phone and defibrillator. Staff are trained in first aid.

### RAPID ANTIGEN TEST

**A negative Rapid Antigen Test is required to board the Fiordland Jewel**, with a test to be done on the day prior to the cruise. A photo of the result with photo ID is to be emailed through to us on **bookings@fiordlanddiscovery.co.nz**

We also request that a second test is done on the morning of the cruise.

\*Rapid Antigen Test information valid at time of booking - subject to change

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

CANCELLATION POLICY | Covid-19

With the change from the Alert Level System to the current Traffic Light System, domestic travel is now unrestricted, and our usual Terms and Conditions will apply.

**We strongly recommend Domestic Travel Insurance for all guests.**

Our full terms and conditions can be viewed on our website - <https://www.fiordlanddiscovery.co.nz/terms-and-conditions/>

\*Timetables subject to change/weather

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions and we look forward to having you onboard!