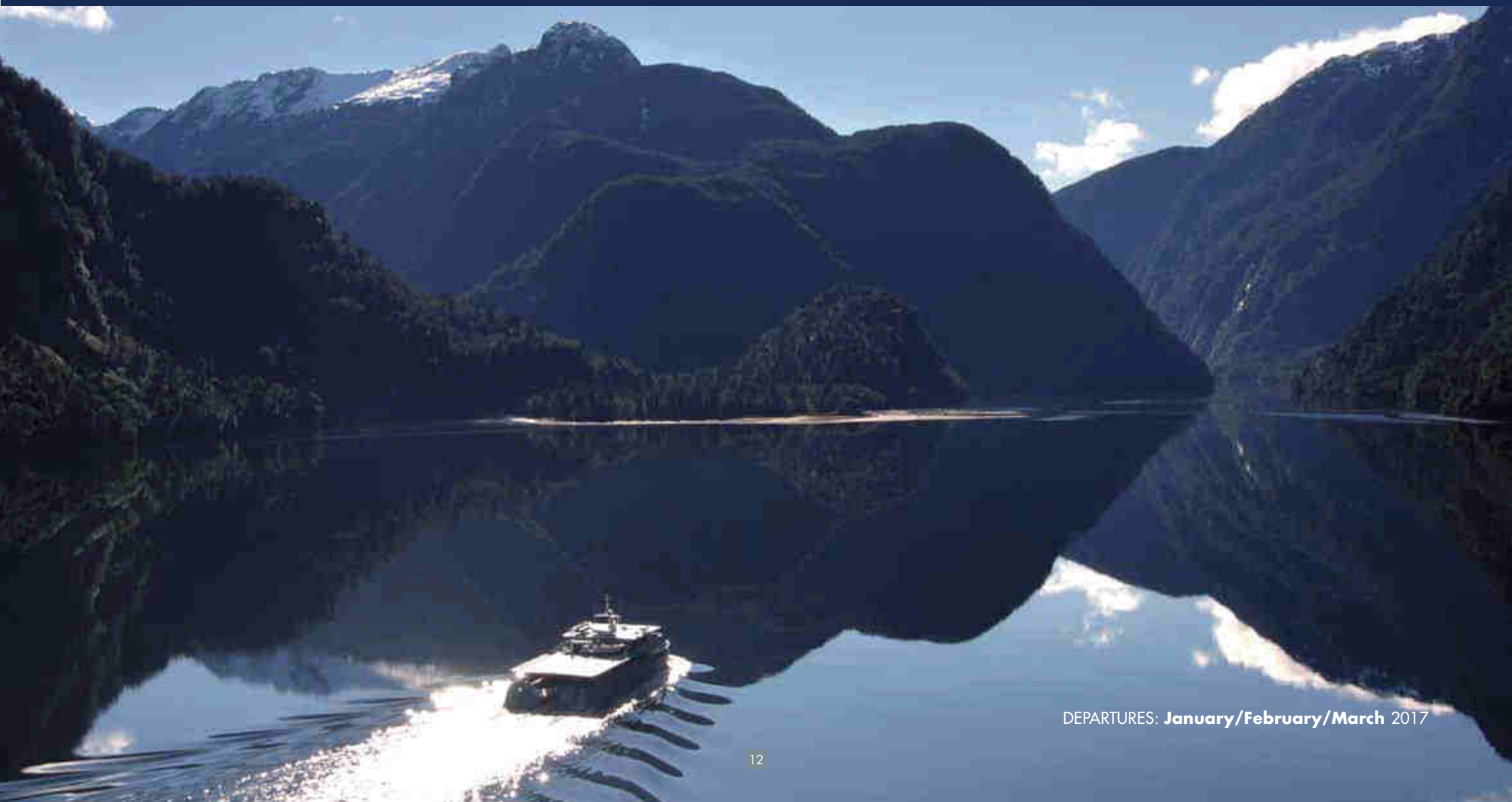


FIORDLAND NATIONAL PARK NZ **Eight Night Cruise Package**

Island Escape Cruises Package allows guests the ultimate access, in safety and comfort, to the wonders of this majestic World Heritage site. This is an invitation to get to know the Fiordland National Park alongside ecology guides who travel with guests into the territory to discover the region's beauty with endless and unexplored spots yet to be discovered in this geological mosaic.



DEPARTURES: **January/February/March** 2017

Day 1	Queenstown
Day 2	Queenstown / Fiordland
Day 3	Nancy/Charles Sound
Day 4	Caswell Sound
Day 5	George Sound
Day 6	Bligh Sound
Day 7	Milford Sound
Day 8	Te Anau / Queenstown
Day 9	Queenstown

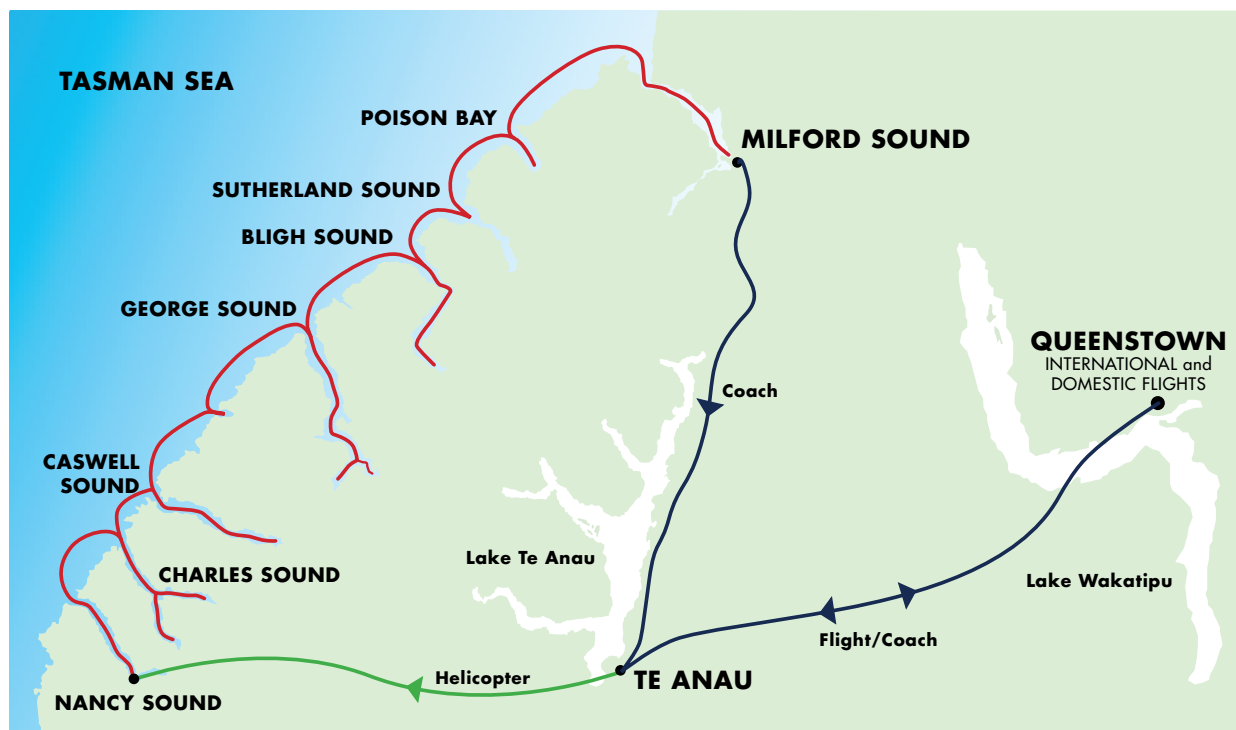
Our Fiordland cruise package is for 8 nights, Saturday to Sunday, and has you travelling deep within this stunning World Heritage National Park.

Day 1 - Queenstown

On Saturday we meet you at Queenstown Airport and transfer you to the luxury Heritage Hotel. You have enough free time to fall in love with this beautiful alpine village. A dinner at one of the many restaurants beside the lake is just one of numerous options available in this beautiful town.

Day 2 - Queenstown / Fiordland

On Sunday, after a leisurely breakfast, Evan Patterson will collect you at 10 am with his private coach. You travel through this beautiful countryside, stopping at a cafe along the way, before arriving at Lake Te Anau. After dropping our bags feel free to explore, or relax at the nearby Moose Cafe. The helicopters depart from 2pm for a sensational 20 minute scenic flight that has you landing on the 'Island Passage' heli-pad in these stunning fiords. After settling into your cabin and meeting the crew you can go ashore with our guides or simply relax as you take in these sensational surroundings. Dinner is served from 7pm in the interior dining room.



Day 3 - Nancy/Charles Sound

Wake to the tranquility of this World Heritage National Park. After a hearty breakfast we begin the adventure with trips ashore by our onboard guide. There is so much to see and the day is as full as you desire. There are several trips ashore along with a crayfish gathering that is led by the ship's engineer. During the day we will move the ship from Nancy to Charles Sound where we will spend the evening at anchor.

Day 4 - Caswell Sound

We explore further in Caswell Sound where we trace the remnants of the 1905 and 1949 US-NZ Scientific Expeditions when some 18 Wapiti deer, half of which were a gift from US President Theodore Roosevelt, were released into the area to breed with NZ deer as game. Some fishing and shore excursions are planned for this afternoon with our guide to explore this sensational region in intimate detail.

"We understand it took Peter and his team 5 years to gain approval for Fiordland cruises. It is amazing beyond words – an absolute must do bucket list trip. Well done on persevering to provide this world-class product. We'll be back for much more."

SHIRLEY AND JACK, SAN FRANCISCO CA.



"There is a downside to the trip. After you leave the ship you'll find it difficult to adjust to life ashore. But you can also expect a fuller heart... once it mends."

PAMELA

Day 5 - George Sound

Tracking north we enter George Sound where we have access to the beautiful Alice waterfalls. Then there is the option of a hike up to the lakes above for those who are keen for the walk. Anchorage Cove is another favourite with hot water springs and try a trip up the George river. We spend the night at the head of this fiord. On clear evenings the unpolluted sky is full of stars and the top deck is your perfect viewing platform.

Day 6 - Bligh Sound

We leave the wonders of George Sound and head north to Bligh Sound. This gorgeous fiord is located in the heart of the wilderness region. A very steep sided fiord with a lovely anchorage at the head of the sound is where we spend the night. We have several trips ashore today with our guide to explore this wilderness.

Day 7 - Milford Sound

We cruise north up the coast, calling at Sutherland Sound and Poison Bay if the weather is suitable. On our short sea passages you will see many of our sea birds including albatross and there could be the possibility to see dolphins and on rare occasions whales. We enter the magnificent Milford Sound and leisurely cruise the entire length, stopping at waterfalls along the way. At our anchorage in Deepwater Basin you have the opportunity to walk the first stage of the Milford Track. We spend the last night with the most spectacular views of Milford Sound from the ship. The Captain's farewell dinner is tonight and you have time to reflect on your adventure with fellow guests and crew.

Day 8 - Te Anau / Queenstown

After a hearty breakfast, we have you disembarking at 10am on Saturday. Our coach will take you on one of the best scenic routes in the world, Milford Sound to Te Anau. We make a couple of rest stops before arriving at Manapouri Airport. Here our aircraft is waiting for the scenic 25 minute flight back to Queenstown. We will have you back at the Heritage Hotel by mid-afternoon where your room is booked for Saturday night. The evening is free to explore Queenstown, dinner at a lakeside restaurant or a vineyard. Another option is to take the steamer across the lake to Walter Peak sheep station for dinner gives you a glimpse of life in the high country.

Day 9 - Queenstown

Sunday. On your final day we will transfer you to Queenstown Airport for your onward travel.

Itinerary is subject to change for operational reasons, the remote nature of the surroundings, weather or sea conditions and at the Captain's discretion.



"The yacht was a dream and the cabins so nice and comfortable. The food first class and professionally crafted, the attention to every detail, the facilities provided were endless and finally the view of the beautiful beaches and different islands – all of them fantastic." ADELA