



WEIR TOURS
NEW ZEALAND



Deep South Adventure

3rd – 12th May 2025

With multi night stays in locations such as the Doubtful Sound & Stewart Island, incorporating the fascinating cities of Invercargill and Dunedin. Exploring through some of the most spectacular scenery in New Zealand like Fiordland and the Catlins this Deep South tour is one not to be missed!

DAY 1 – Saturday 3rd May (D)

New Plymouth — Queenstown

With our luggage packed we head to New Plymouth airport to catch our flight to Queenstown. If joining from another location, you will be sent your personalized travel pack at the time of booking.

Your guide and coach will be ready and waiting in Queenstown to collect you and take you to our superb centrally located 4-star hotel on the shores of Lake Wakatipu. This afternoon is yours to unwind and explore the resort town of Queenstown.

We meet back for dinner onsite while we get to know our fellow travelers and get set for exploring the southern regions of the South Island.

➤ Accommodation: **Novotel Queenstown Lakeside Hotel (03 442 7750)**

DAY 2 – Sunday 4th May (B, L, D)

Queenstown – Doubtful Sound

After a delicious breakfast we load up the coach and head south down SH6 to the idyllic town of Manapouri, be prepared to give in to the wilderness, and escape to the secluded **Doubtful Sound**. We will have a quick lunch before boarding a vessel to cross over to West Arm of Lake Manapouri. Here, you'll board a coach to cross the scenic Wilmot Pass, before arriving at Doubtful Sound, and your home for the next two nights.

Once onboard and after the safety briefing, we begin cruising the sound for around 1 hour before finding a sheltered cove to dock for the night. As you cruise through some of New Zealand's most stunning scenery, the knowledgeable nature guides will provide commentary ensuring you don't miss a thing, whether it's encountering a pod of resident dolphins, fur seals or rare penguins.

Designed along the lines of a traditional scow, **The Fiordland Navigator**, blends old-world charm with modern comforts that include spacious viewing decks, dining saloons with fully licensed bars, and observation lounges.

After dropping anchor in a sheltered cove, you can choose to explore the shoreline by kayak or tender boat, or simply relax onboard. For those looking to refresh, there's even a chance to go swimming. All activities are weather-dependent.

This evening, we have a delicious buffet dinner including soups, buffet of salads, hot dishes, a selection of desserts and cheeses with complimentary tea and coffee throughout. Spend the evening mingling with fellow travellers, try some local wines from the bar, and if the skies are clear, spend some time on the upper deck gazing at the stars. There are board games and a small library for guests to use while they relax onboard.

➤ Accommodation: **The Fiordland Navigator**

DAY 3 – Monday 5th November (B, L, D)

Doubtful Sound

Kick off the day with a hearty cooked breakfast or a nourishing continental selection and get ready to explore the other arms of the fiord.

We begin cruising the full length of the sound right out to the Tasman Sea and getting into First Arm and Crooked Arm. If the weather allows, we will also try for Thompson Sound, Bradshaw Sound and Precipice Cove. We will drop anchor, and you can choose to explore the shoreline by kayak or tender boat, or simply relax onboard.

Lunch will be served today in one of the most picturesque spots you can imagine and there will also be snacks provided throughout the day. We gather this evening for a pre-dinner drink while listening to the very knowable nature guide discuss the highlights of today's encounters.

➤ Accommodation: **The Fiordland Navigator**

DAY 4 – Tuesday 6th May (B, L, D)

Doubtful Sound – Invercargill

A relaxed start to the day with another scrumptious breakfast and before long, you'll return to Deep Cove and take the trip back to Manapouri where you'll tell the story of your experience in the remote wilderness of New Zealand.

Back on the coach we continue our travels south on SH99 stopping for a quick lunch before hitting the southern coastline. We stop in the seaside town of Riverton, nestled at the western end of Oreti Beach. We will be guided through the excellent **Te Hiko Southern Journey Heritage Museum** providing an engaging insight into the area's unique and dramatic history of Māori and European settlement.

From here its just a short drive into Invercargill where we will be based for the next few days.

- Accommodation: **Ascot Park Hotel (03 219 9076)**

DAY 5 - Wednesday 7th May (B, L, D)

Invercargill

This morning, we are joined on the coach by a local tour guide with over 30 years' guiding experience thorough out Southland. We start the day by exploring New Zealand's Southernmost city with highlights such as Historic and Heritage Buildings, Churches, Queens Park, Civic Amenities, Gardens, E Hayes & sons department store & Oreti Beach.

After learning how the people of Invercargill have shaped their surroundings we head south to the town and seaport of Bluff. We have a great lunch lined up at a local favourite restaurant before visiting attractions such as the Maritime Museum and Stirling Point. We then make our way back to our hotel for some R&R before meeting for dinner onsite.

- Accommodation: **Ascot Park Hotel (03 219 9076)**

DAY 6 – Thursday 8th May (B, L, D)

Invercargill – Stewart Island

The first visit of the day is the famous **Bill Richardson Transport World**, the largest automotive museum of its type in the world. With more than 300 vintage vehicles (running the gamut from Henry Ford letter cars to Volkswagen Kombis to 1930s V8s and classic trucks of every make and model imaginable), a movie theatre, wearable arts, a LEGO room, and quirky themed bathrooms, here you'll discover something for everyone.

After lunch we head out to the Invercargill airport to catch our 20-minute scenic flight over to Stewart Island. Once the group have all arrived, we are transferred to our accommodation for the next two nights.

You will have some free time for R&R or to wander the streets of Oban and get to know your surroundings before meeting back for dinner to enjoy some real deep south hospitality.

➤ Accommodation: **The Bay Motel (03 219 1119)**

DAY 7 – Friday 9th May (B, L, D)

Stewart Island

A relaxed start to the day before we are collected to head out on the **Village & Bays Tours**, to gain an entertaining insight into New Zealand's southernmost community and learn about the history and environment of Stewart Island.

Unspoiled, incredibly beautiful, and steeped in stories, the local guides enjoy sharing their knowledge of the area on this mini-bus tour of the Island. You will have plenty of time to get off the bus for photo stops and short walks. Highlights include a visit to the gateway to Rakiura National Park at Lee Bay and Observation Rock with its stunning views of Paterson Inlet.

We are then dropped at the main wharf where we board **Ulva Island Explorer** to take a sea cruise to discover Stewart Island's natural wildlife sanctuary, Ulva Island.

You'll hear about Māori culture, history, and wildlife stories as you cruise to the island, before beginning your guided walk through natural native bush to listen and look out for weka, bush robins, rare saddlebacks and yellowheads amongst other rare species. Today we have a picnic lunch supplied.

On the return sea cruise around Stewart Island's shores and through some of Paterson Inlet we learn more from the nature guide aboard the boat. Back in Oban you will have some free time before meeting again for dinner.

➤ Accommodation: **The Bay Motel (03 219 1119)**

DAY 8 – Saturday 10th May (B, L, D)

Stewart Island – Dunedin

Today we are set to experience a true hidden gem as we head to the southeastern corner of the South Island to explore the Catlins.

The spectacular coastal stretch between Invercargill & Balclutha, boasts a rugged beauty and untouched quality that is magnetic. A place of natural beauty, abundant wildlife, forests, sandy beaches, waterfalls and both hilly and rolling green farmland. With its comparative remoteness and stunning vistas, it's a great destination.

A highlight today is sure to be our visit to **Curioscape** - Encompassing a Cafe/Restaurant, Camping Ground, Petrified Forest, Living Forest, and "The Gateway", an interactive experience, complete with its own theatre, is not to be missed.

We will be joined by a guide to learn all about Curio Bay's 170-million-year-old Petrified Forest, recognised as one of the best examples of Jurassic Fossil Forest in the world. The Living Forest is a direct descendant of the Petrified Forest and thought to be the only place in the world where a direct descendent lies so close to its petrified counterpart.

After lunch we continue to explore this remarkable area including Cannibal Bay and the iconic Nugget Point. Last leg of the day sees us travel to one of the best-preserved Victorian and Edwardian cities in the Southern Hemisphere, Dunedin. We stay near the heart of the city for the next two nights.

➤ Accommodation: **Scenic Hotel Southern Cross (03 477 0752)**

DAY 9 – Sunday 11th May (B)

Dunedin

Not only known as the Wildlife Capital of New Zealand, Dunedin prides itself on its beautiful built heritage, stunning scenery, and unique biodiversity. Today we are set to experience all this and more.

We start the day with a short drive to one of the finest historic homes in the country, **Olveston Historic Home**. Here we are guided through the Theomin family home, lavishly furnished with exotic artefacts, artworks from all around the world. The house and the original family possessions were gifted by the last member of the family to the City of Dunedin in 1966.

From here we head out to explore the **Otago Peninsula**, the beckoning finger of land lying between the Pacific Ocean and the sheltered bays of Otago Harbour, with unique wildlife. A must do is a visit to the premier attraction **Larnach Castle**. Lovingly restored by the Barker family, we enjoy the castle experience, including a guided tour and the award-winning gardens. A visit here is not complete until you have indulged in their famous high tea which will be our lunch today.

Continuing towards the end of the peninsula to Wellers Rock, we experience the world-acclaimed wildlife from the sea onboard the catamaran **Albatross Express**. On this custom-built twin engine catamaran, we Cruise Otago Harbour past Aramoana sand spit, the Mole and Taiaroa Head with its historic lighthouse before venturing into the open ocean. After this wonderful opportunity to experience ocean wildlife up close and personal we head back to our accommodation and prepare for the final night of the tour.

Tonight, we get the real taste of the city's renown Scottish history as we are treated to a traditional **Haggis Ceremony** & Highland dancing, accompanied by bagpipes, before a delicious dinner.

➤ Accommodation: **Scenic Hotel Southern Cross (03 477 0752)**

DAY 10 – Monday 12th May (B)

Dunedin - Home

After breakfast we load up the coach for the drive out to Dunedin Airport. Your flight goes via Christchurch where you will have time to get yourself some lunch before the flight to New Plymouth arriving late afternoon.

Total cost Deep South tour 2025:

Tour payments per person

- Twin/Double share: **\$ 6750 pp** ex New Plymouth/Hawera/Wanganui
- Single Supplement: **\$ 8395pp**

- Deposit due at time of booking **\$1000 pp**

Please note your seat is not secure until deposit has been paid!!

Balance of tour payment due 60 days prior to departure – Wednesday 12 March 2025

Tour cost covers:

- All activities/attractions stated in **bold**.
- Air NZ Flights: New Plymouth - Queenstown, Dunedin – New Plymouth.
- Return Stewart Island flights.
- All coach travel as stated in the itinerary.
- 2 – 3 course or buffet dinners every night.
- Breakfast every morning (continental and/or cooked on occasions).
- Lunch on day
- Morning & afternoon teas as stated in itinerary.
- Twin share accommodation (single supplement available – contact office)
- Experienced Tour Leader.
- 5-star quality tour coach.
- Tour photos.

Doubtful Sound Cruise information



About the Fiordland Navigator

The Fiordland Navigator is a purpose-built vessel designed to replicate a traditional trading scow and is perfectly suited to cruising the fiords.

- Sleeps 52
- Private cabins with ensuites (twin or double bed configuration)
- Spacious viewing decks, dining saloon, licensed bar and observation lounge
- Delicious buffet dinner & breakfast served up by our onboard chef
- Carries kayaks and tender craft onboard

What to bring

Only **one carry-on bag** for each passenger, don't forget the following:

- Non-slip walking shoes/boots
 - Waterproof jacket
 - Warm sweater/fleece jacket
 - Change of clothes
 - Sunscreen/sunglasses
 - Insect repellent
 - Swimwear (optional)
 - Camera
 - Personal medication, including for asthma and allergies
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- EFTPOS payment available on board (cashless).
 - It's an open bridge policy where guests can chat with the skipper or nature guide during the voyage.

TERMS & CONDITIONS....

(Applicable for New Zealand Tours 01 January 2024 – 31st December 2025)

Acceptance Of Terms & Conditions

If you have booked a tour with us and pay your deposit, you are deemed to have accepted these terms. We may ask you to sign a copy of these terms when you join a tour to provide a record that you have accepted these terms.

Itineraries

The Itinerary for your tour package was correct at the time of date and printing, however it is subject to change without notice. Your itinerary could change due to road or weather conditions, changes imposed by other tour operators or a range of other factors beyond our control. You agree that we have no liability to you for changes to your itinerary.

Price Amendments

Prices were correct at the time and date of printing; however, Weir Bros Tours reserves the right to amend the price subject to any changes in price imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary or increases in government or other levies.

Health & Fitness

All passengers are required to acknowledge they are in reasonable health and are considered fit to travel and are not traveling contrary to any medical advice. By acknowledging their health and fitness to participate passengers are indemnifying us from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any lack of health and fitness.

Health & Safety Information including COVID-19

At Weir Bros our first priority is your safety and enjoyment while you are travelling with us.

While we have always maintained a high standard of cleaning on our coaches. We have increased the frequency of cleaning when we are traveling on tours to help ensure your safety. Hand sanitiser will be provided, and we ask that you maintain government standards in terms of hygiene practices, this includes washing or sanitising hands frequently. For the health and safety of all passengers and staff on tour, any passengers showing symptoms of illness (such as fever, coughing or difficulty breathing) will not be accepted onboard the coach unless they can provide a negative Covid-19 test result received within the past 24 hours.

Should any passenger start to feel unwell on arrival or while on tour, they must immediately advise

their Tour Manager and may be required to visit a medical practitioner/medical centre/hospital. To continue the tour the passenger must provide a negative Covid-19 test and be deemed fit and well to participate fully on a coach tour. Any costs incurred will be at the passenger's own expense.

Payments, cancellations & Amendments

A deposit of 20% is required to Weir Tours at the time of booking to confirm your reservation and acknowledges your agreement to our terms and conditions. All balance payments must be received by Weir Bros prior to or on the date specified for final payment. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. If the full tour price is not received by this date, we reserve the right to cancel your booking. Payments can be made with Cash, Eftpos / Credit or Direct Debit via the account number supplied on the payment form. Please note if paying via credit card you will incur a fee of 2.5% on top of the original price. Weir Bros reserves the right to amend or reschedule the tour due to the result of circumstances outside the company's control. Weir Bros also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers and in this instance a substitute date may be offered, or a full refund will be made available. Tour Prices exclude drinks, travel insurance or items of personal nature.

Weir Tours is not liable for any cancellation or change cost or penalties incurred via third party travel arrangements, including air travel, that may be affected thereby. All additional costs incurred are not liable by Weir Tours and will be passed onto you. Please ensure you have sufficient insurance to cover any costs incurred for unforeseen disruptions. Weir Tours is not responsible for other travel arrangements that you or your party have made outside of those made by Weir Tours and which are affected by our cancellations or amendments.

Force Majeure

Force Majeure Event means any event or circumstance beyond the control of Weir Tours, which has the effect of preventing, restricting or changing the nature of the products and services sold to you including but not limited to: (a) an act of god (such as earthquake, flood, fire, explosion, landslide, lightning, action of the elements, force of nature, washout, typhoon, hurricane cyclone, tsunami, storm or storm warning of natural disaster); (b) industrial disputes, work ban or other labour dispute or difficulty; (c) acts of terrorism, political unrest, war or threat of war, riots or civil

strife; (d) failure or delays to scheduled transportation and the closure of airports or ports; (e) Pandemic, epidemic or health risk including Covid-19; (f) all governmental and administrative actions, guidance and measures in any territory (including closure of borders and travel warnings and restrictions) Weir Tours have the right to cancel amend or reschedule your packaged tour during or following any force Majeure and if we do so you agree that we have no liability to you for any direct or indirect consequences of the cancellation, amendment or rescheduling.

Travel Insurance

Weir Bros strongly advises all passengers to purchase travel insurance when booking a tour. A comprehensive travel insurance policy gives peace of mind for unexpected issues or emergencies that may arise prior to or during a tour. Weir Tours cannot be held responsible for your failure to obtain Insurance which is appropriate, and we recommend you purchase your insurance at the time of, or soon after, booking your trip. Weir Tours will not be held liable for any costs incurred resulting from your failure to obtain adequate travel insurance.

Luggage

Although every effort will be made to will be made to handle guests' luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible, assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft or fair wear and tear through hotel, airline, and group carrier handling. Therefore, it is important for protection that passengers make certain that they have adequate travel insurance to cover such eventualities.

Our Responsibilities

Weir Tours are responsible for booking and packaging goods and service provided by other operators such as hotels, attractions, and transportation companies to create your packaged tour. We take all practicable steps to ensure the safety and comfort for all involved in this packaged tour.

Your Responsibilities

You agree to behave reasonably throughout the tour and not to be a nuisance to other passengers. You agree to comply with our reasonable requests and the requests of other operators. You indemnify Weir Tours for any liability, costs, damages or other expenses we suffer or incur as a direct or indirect consequence of your behaviour while part of your package tour.

Removal From Your Package Tour

For the Wellbeing of all passengers on your packaged tour, Weir Tours reserve the right to remove you from the tour and cancel your booking with us if you breach any of your obligations under the terms provided that, except in the case of a serious breach (as determined by Weir Tours) we will give you notice of your breach and a reasonable opportunity (which will be no more than 2 days) to remedy the breach before exercising our cancellation right. In the case of a serious breach, we can exclude you from the tour and cancel your booking by immediate, verbal, or written notice to you. In the event of such cancellation, you will be responsible at your cost for arranging any accommodation or travel costs and other matters as required as a direct or indirect consequence of the cancellation. In the event of removal from a tour no refund will be given.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation fees depend on when Weir Tours receives notification of a cancellation.

Bookings cancelled more than 60 days before departure incur 20% of tour cost.

Bookings cancelled between 59 and 45 days before tour commencement will forfeit 50%

31-44 Days Prior to tour commencement you will forfeit 75%

0-30 Days prior to tour commencement you will forfeit 100% of your tour price (No Refund)