

M.V. **Affinity**  
Cruises



'Stimulating & Relaxing Holidays - Where Discovery is a Real Adventure'



**Cruising the waters of**

**Marlborough Sounds**

Spring & Summer

**Stewart Island**

Autumn

**Fiordland**

Winter

## Southern Discovery Cruise

**Fiordland**- including Doubtful Sound, Breaksea Sound, Dusky Sound, Pigeon Island, Anchor Island, Preservation Inlet and Chalky Inlet

**10 Nights / 11 Days Cruise - Departing 26th July 2012**

**\$5962 pp twin share + scenic helicopter transfer \$440**

Highlights of this amazing isolated, rugged and largely uninhabited Cruise:

- Discover & explore Fiordland's five remote & beautiful southern Fiords.
- Cruise across serene Lake Manapouri, then coach over Wilmot Pass and meet Affinity in Deep Cove, 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 built by Europeans, was built 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.



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- 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 noisy and like to swim alongside and pop up out of the water to see what's going on.
- Fish for Groper and other big species in the bountiful waterways of this pristine area.
- Walk to the most South-Western Lighthouse in NZ 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 NZ'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 & sunsets. View clear skies like you've never seen before, with an abundance of stars.
- And on completion of your cruise helicopter back to reality. This is a helicopter flight like none other. Fly over breath taking snow-capped mountains and spectacular terrain. The perfect way to finish a once in a life time holiday in our own piece of paradise.

All walks are optional, you may wish to stay onboard and relax or there may be a shorter walk option that would suit you better. *Please understand you are responsible for your own safety and actions during these unguided walks.*

## *Fiordland..... A Magical Place*

*Well what can I say? Truly spectacular views, both plant and animal life, all with the comfort of a warm and welcoming crew! Catching my first fish was great although having my first big groper catch bet the lot! Thanks to you all Brian for making my time aboard Affinity lots of fun, don't change any of your recipies, they all taste really good... Being able to see dolphins, seals and penguins in their own environment all doing what they love really got the heart going. Keep the endless possibilities of the Affinity journey a timeless spirit - Melissa*

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