



MOTHERSHIP KAYAKING ADVENTURE

More information about our Mothership Kayaking adventure in Dusky Sound

Join the ultimate New Zealand wilderness sea kayaking adventure in Dusky Sound / Tamatea and Breaksea Sound, with wonderful secluded waterways and islands to explore. This multiday kayaking expedition offers a challenge at all levels and an experience of a lifetime.

Each day you will explore the vast expanse of Dusky Sound by kayak before coming back on board for all the comforts of home. There is no set itinerary as we make the most of the weather and location. There are lots of opportunities for walks ashore, checking out the historic sites and to get up close and personal to the native flora and fauna.



Things you should know

- The trip duration is for 4 nights/5 days
- Accommodation onboard the Breaksea Girl
- Top quality sea kayaking equipment (double sea kayaks) provided and qualified guides
- Sea kayaking, wildlife viewing, walks ashore and for those of you who like to get wet; snorkelling and swimming.
- Tender craft (small boat) activities included
- No specific kayaking experience is required
- Moderate fitness and water confidence required.

Your home in the wild:

The Breaksea Girl is a purpose built charter vessel, perfectly suited to cruising the fiords. She is a Buckeyed Ketch that sleeps twelve explorers in a mixture of configurations including double berths, bunks (two beds per compartment) and a quad-share bunk-style compartment. She has two flushing toilets, two great showers, a spacious viewing deck, open wheelhouse saloon, library, galley, glasshouse, beanbags to snuggle in with a good book and trusty diesel heater to get you warm and cosy after an epic day in the wild.

The creature comforts provided:

- Bed linen and towels provided
- All meals included
- Double sea kayaks, paddles, personal flotation devices, paddle jackets, sprayskirts
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Some other activity equipment is available to use such as snorkel, mask and paddleboard

What to bring:

With heli flights, we are limited to 120kg per person (including bags) so just be mindful about what you are bringing along. You don't need your entire wardrobe - just a set of adventure clothing and something to relax in on board. Below is a list which may help your process, then pack it all into a soft pack - so no suitcases!

- Swimsuit and underwear (wetsuit if you wish to spend more time in the water)
- Shoes and sandals for kayaking, walks ashore and for use on deck
- Waterproof jacket and pants
- Next to skin layers such as thermals and merino
- Warm top: fleece or down jacket
- Pair of long trousers and shorts
- Warm hat and sunhat
- Toiletries and personal medication
- Sunglasses
- Water bottle
- Camera
- Any specific activity equipment such as snorkelling equipment if desired ie mask, snorkel, fins, wetsuit (please refer to what is provided)
- Any treats you might like to bring along including your favourite wine or whisky. Beer cans are preferred over bottles for ease of transport and waste.

Departures:

All adventures start and end from the beautiful township of Te Anau, located approximately two hours from either Queenstown in the north or Invercargill in the south. Folks fly into either airport where it is easy to hire a vehicle or catch a bus (Tracknet) to Te Anau. We can help arrange a charter transfer for you if required.

The meeting point for Wild Fiordland adventures is 6 Speight Street, Te Anau. From here we convoy up to the Fiordland Helicopters hanger on the Milford Road. There is ample off street parking available.

Your specific helicopter departure time will be established closer to the date as this will be dictated by weather conditions. Due to the remoteness of Fiordland and the complexities of operating in such a location, it is highly recommended to spend a night in Te Anau or Manapouri prior to and following your departure date so you don't miss the boat so to speak!

LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

Passengers travel at their own risk (to the extent permitted by law) and Wild Fiordland is not responsible for any loss, damage, cost, expense or injury suffered by clients or loss or damage to a client's property.

Without limiting the foregoing, the following conditions apply:

In respect of all clients, Wild Fiordland is not liable for any loss, damage or delay caused by or arising from an event beyond the control of Wild Fiordland, including any act of God, inevitable accident, riot, civil commotion, strike, lock-out, stoppage or restraint of labour, regardless of the cause and whether partial or general. Wild Fiordland does not warrant that Wild Fiordland services are available at any particular time or at all.

Wild Fiordland is not liable to a client or any other person for any loss or damage as a result of a cancellation or any variation of the time of arrival or departure from any stop of any vehicle, for damage to any property of a client or for the death of any client or other person or for injury, harm, disease or damage to health, whether physical, behavioural, mental or otherwise (including mental or nervous shock or distress) suffered by a client or any other person. The client indemnifies Wild Fiordland Ltd at all times against any loss, damage or cost suffered or incurred by Wild Fiordland as a direct or indirect result of a breach by the client of its obligations under these terms and conditions.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Health, safety and comfort are Wild Fiordland's primary concern. Prior to any departure, all staff give clear safety instructions for all activities. Clients should listen carefully and comply with all aspects. In the unlikely event of an emergency, clients must obey all instructions from the Wild Fiordland skipper, crew and staff.

New Zealand has a 'no fault' government-backed medical injury treatment scheme administered by the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC). Under ACC legislation, clients are prevented from suing the operator for any mishap or misadventure. Should there be a medical incident or injury Wild Fiordland Ltd. will do everything in its power to organise prompt medical assistance. In the case of injury the cost of that assistance will be borne by the ACC scheme. The nearest medical centre is in Te Anau (at least 45 minutes by helicopter)

All clients who travel with Wild Fiordland must:

- Act in a safe and reasonable manner
 - Cooperate with, and observe all instructions from Wild Fiordland staff
 - Follow all signs and notices
 - Not interfere with or use emergency equipment except in an emergency
 - Not behave in an unsafe, noisy, violent or antisocial manner
 - Not litter or tamper with or damage any property of Wild Fiordland
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RISK MANAGEMENT

Detailed risk management and strict safety procedures are observed, however there still remains an element of risk. Risks in Fiordland include extreme weather and rapidly changing water conditions, cold water and limited landing sites. Wild Fiordland accepts its legal responsibilities but cannot be held responsible for personal injury or loss, theft or damage to client's belongings outside of any legal liability. Wild Fiordland cannot absolutely guarantee client safety. All clients will be required to read and agree to our liability/risk waiver form to this effect before commencing an adventure with Wild Fiordland. All passengers must follow instructions and adhere to safety requirements.

CRUISING

Cruise activities, and desired locations, are not guaranteed by Wild Fiordland, they remain at all times at the discretion of the Skipper. In order to transfer our vessel to different locations within New Zealand, we require clear and safe weather passage on both inbound and outbound journeys. If this is not possible Wild Fiordland reserves the right to alter the location, without warning and without recompense to clients/agents.

These decisions are made in the interest of safety for our guests, crew and vessel, and are not taken lightly. They are not grounds for pricing alteration, discount, or compensation.

ACTIVITIES

Wild Fiordland reserves the right to cancel or modify any activity such as kayaking, walking, paddle-boarding, snorkelling or tender trip due to unsafe weather conditions. In the event of an activity being cancelled by Wild Fiordland, clients will not receive a refund. We will just go and find another location or try again when the weather allows.

No alcohol may be consumed prior to water activities or hunting excursion i.e. common sense. Intoxicated persons are a recipe for disaster in this remote environment.

FIORDLAND WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

Wild Fiordland cannot guarantee wildlife sightings on our adventures.

INSURANCE

All passengers are strongly advised to purchase comprehensive travel insurance that includes trip cancellation, evacuation and medical cover. Please read your insurance policy carefully and ensure it covers all potential activities. In a medical emergency, any evacuation, vessel relocation, medical or other expenses are the financial responsibility of that passenger. Clients are recommended to insure themselves against cancellation charges and possible loss of personal belongings.

CHANGES

We reserve the right to change locations, prices, vessels, transport and itineraries due to unforeseen circumstances and without notice, but with full consideration of your safety and your circumstances. We may vary, cancel wholly or vary the point at which Wild Fiordland will pick up and set down clients. The skipper determines the vessels location and itinerary, depending on weather conditions, technical issues, client interests, and comfort.

PAYMENTS - SET ADVENTURES

Prepayment and subsequent confirmation by Wild Fiordland Ltd is accepted as confirmation of your booking.

In the event of a cancellation or amendment to your booking, refunds will only be granted when Wild Fiordland Ltd receives notification in writing at least 20 days prior to departure.

Reservations may be amended to another date or time subject to space and availability. No charge is made for this amendment but any difference in price will need to be paid by the passenger.

CANCELLATIONS

Wild Fiordland reserves the right to cancel any charter at any time due to unsafe weather conditions or unforeseen vessel maintenance. In the event of a charter being cancelled prior to departure, clients will receive the option of an alternative sailing or a full refund on the charter portion only.

If a trip is cancelled during an expedition due to unforeseen circumstances, adverse weather affecting client safety and comfort, unforeseen operational reasons or any other issue, clients will receive a partial refund. Full refunds will only be given when a trip is cancelled prior to departure.

There will be no refund of any part of your trip cost should you fail to arrive at a scheduled trip departure time. Trip departures may not be delayed due to passenger circumstance including events beyond your control, medical problems, airline delays, weather e.t.c. If other transport is required to get you to the vessel due to you not arriving before the scheduled trip departure time, this will be at your cost.

TRANSACTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND CONTRACTS

All transactions are conducted in New Zealand Dollars (NZD) and are inclusive of GST. Due to exchange rate fluctuations, at times there may be some variance in the amounts refunded compared to the amount initially charged. Fiordland Discovery Ltd does not accept any liability for these variances or any subsequent credit card/bank charges relating to these transfers to customers' accounts.

All agreements/contracts are subject solely to New Zealand (NZ) Law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the New Zealand Courts.

In the event of a cancellation or amendment to your booking, notification period is in NZ time (NZST).

PRIVACY POLICY

We respect your privacy and will do everything that we can to protect it.

It the course of the booking process we will request and collect the below personal information from you:

- Name, contact information, emergency contact information, interests, DOB, gender, medical conditions, allergies, medication & weight

We need to do this so that we can:

- anticipate your needs & provide the safest possible experience in a remote environment
- contact someone of your choice in an emergency
- provide the helicopter company in advance of your names and weights to comply with their regulations and assist with flight load management.

MODEL RELEASE

This section is simply to outline that we may take photos and video during your charter for marketing reasons. Wild Fiordland Ltd and or the photographer/videographer hold unrestricted right to use and publish photographs of your charter (in which you may be included), for editorial, trade, advertising, and any other purpose and in any manner and medium; and to alter and composite the same without restriction and without your inspection or approval. While we will take all practical steps to consult with you prior to publishing any imagery that you feature in, this cannot be guaranteed. Please advise us in advance if you do not wish to be photographed or filmed.

If you have any further questions or want to talk through your options please contact us.



We look forward to having you on board with us for a Wild Fiordland adventure soon.

Cheers,

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