

P R E S S R E L E A S E

Orion's Christmas in Fiordland

Imagine Christmas Day and Boxing Day onboard the award winning 5 star expedition ship *Orion*, being wined, dined and pampered while surrounded by the spectacular World Heritage-listed New Zealand fiords.

PLUS receive 3 nights accommodation at the luxurious Sofitel Hotel & Spa in Queenstown, before or after the voyage, with the compliments of Orion Expedition Cruises.

Your 7 night Christmas-with-a-difference voyage commences in Dunedin, then, after a day to relax and settle into the rhythm of life onboard enroute to Jackson Bay, you will experience the grandeur of New Zealand's fjords, with spectacular glacial hanging valleys, lush rain forests and plunging waterfalls, as *Orion's* Captain explores deep into Fiordland.

You'll see abundant wildlife from onboard *Orion* or close up from her expeditionary Zodiacs. Seals and dolphins abound so bring your camera to capture that magic moment. From the natural beauty of Milford Sound to the spectacular Dusky and Doubtful Sounds and Stewart Island, you will experience the best that this region has to offer - all wrapped up in the 5 star comfort and service of *Orion* and her 75 crew.

A Christmas holiday unlike any other, with degustation Christmas fare in World Heritage surroundings.

Special offer: extend your holiday with an inclusive accommodation packages at no additional cost

Orion guests travelling on the 21 December 2010 departure can add the following pre or post voyage accommodation option, staying in one of the finest properties available:

- **Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa – (3 nights)** includes transfers, breakfasts and a half day winery tour.

This inclusive package is an extension to Orion's existing 'Experience Australia' voyages where guests can enjoy inclusive stays at some of the finest and most sought after properties in Australia. Email sales@orionexpeditions.com for your brochure.

Prices for this Orion Expedition Cruises inclusive package starts at the regular price of \$6,040 per person based on twin share in a Category A stateroom and above. Please check with Orion Expedition Cruises reservations representative to

confirm inclusions on 1 300 361 012, email sales@orionexpeditions.com or see your travel agent.

Accommodation package must be chosen at the time of booking. Subject to availability. For guests not wishing to take the inclusive accommodation package, savings of up to 15% are available. Some conditions apply.

7 -night Christmas in Fiordland voyage:

Departing 21 December 2010

Dunedin, Jackson Bay, Milford Sound, Doubtful Sound, Dusky Sound, Stewart Island, Dunedin

Fares Guide

Fares begin from \$5,200 per person for an ocean view category B stateroom (excludes pre or post accommodation offer)

Suites begin from \$7,175 per person for a Junior Suite (category JS)

Orion's spacious Owners' Suites with French Balcony are \$10,890 per person

Further information on Orion Expedition Cruises can be obtained by visiting the website www.orionexpeditions.com

For reservations or to obtain a brochure call Orion Expedition Cruises: 61-2 9033 8777 (Sydney callers) 1300 361 012 (regional and interstate) or your travel agent. Email: info@orionexpeditions.com

Ranked #2 expedition cruise ship in the world in the current Berlitz Cruise Guide, Orion is the world's latest and Australia's only purpose-built luxury expedition cruise ship.

With 75 crew and a maximum of just 100 passengers for Antarctic voyages Orion offers the highest staff to guest ratio and guest to public space ratio of any ship based in Australian waters.

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