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**So special is our Southern Lakes and Fiords trip that we have sold it out five times in a row. The Sounds of Silence greet us on our exclusive music charter in the magnificent Doubtful Sound, plus we enjoy 2 nights of luxury with themed concerts in Queenstown.**

Imagine a place where the only sounds are birds and the rustle of trees as we enjoy two special events rich in melody: *Music for Romantics* and the next evening, *A Golden Era of Musicals*. We begin in silence and our soloists gradually start to sing. We also enjoy a special tribute to Vera Lynn, with *We'll Meet Again*, an afternoon tea concert on board. We include 2 other premium music events, a *Family Style Soirée* at the Sofitel and *A Concert by Candlelight* in the private chapel at Stoneridge Estate, all with singers John Cameron, Karl Perigo, Lynette Martin and Tizane McEvoy, all encapsulating peace, music and beauty for the senses.



## Day 1: Monday 16 October 2018 (L, Aft/tea, D)

We fly into Queenstown for our late morning coach departure to Manapouri. We travel by coach to *The Fiordland Navigator*, ours exclusively chartered for the next 2 nights. Doubtful Sound is the second largest of Fiordland National Parks famous for its silent isolation, rugged wilderness and incredible peace.

### HIGHLIGHTS include:

- Magnificent drive through stunning countryside to Lake Manapouri.
- Cruise across its tranquil waters while having lunch.
- Tour the Manapouri Underground Power Station, located deep beneath Fiordland, subject to availability.
- Journey to Deep Cove, drinking in the beauty of the thickest rainforests of Fiordland and the alpine moss gardens in all their colourful splendour.
- Time for resting and cruising before dinner and our concert, *Music for Romantics*. We begin in silence, and then our soloists gradually start to sing.

## DAY 2: Tuesday 17 October 2018 (B, L, D)

We enjoy our own version of paradise!

### HIGHLIGHTS include:

- Cruising to view the NZ fur seals, some kayaking or exploring in smaller boats, a Naturalist talk about sights, bird life and fauna, and Captain's talk about the adventures of Captain Cook plus time to simply enjoy the scenery.
- After lunch in the dining room we are treated to *We'll Meet Again*, our tribute to Vera Lynn, presented by Tizane, Karl and Penny whilst we partake in a high tea.
- Following our dinner, we present the most beautiful melodies in *A Golden Era of Musicals* and they in turn echo off the hard surfaces of nature's most beautiful masterpiece.

### DAY 3: Wednesday 18 October 2018 (B, L, D)

#### HIGHLIGHTS include:

- 👁️ In the quietest bay, the captain will switch off all the engines and we are invited to stop moving and stop talking. Now we will really experience the true sound of silence.
- 👁️ We then transfer to Queenstown to the centrally located, luxurious, five star Sofitel Hotel.
- 👁️ A gourmet buffet dinner at the hotel in Cafe de Paris restaurant.
- 👁️ *A Family Style Soirée* from our fabulous musicians, singalong and the odd Irish joke!

### DAY 4: Thursday 19 October 2018 (B, L, D)

#### HIGHLIGHTS include:

- 👁️ A tour of Queenstown and Arrowtown.
- 👁️ Lunch at one of the most romantic restaurants in NZ, Gantley's, an historic stone building, surrounded by 2 acres of landscaped gardens amidst majestic mountain scenery.
- 👁️ Evening at Stoneridge Estate - Stoneridge Estate sits majestically amidst 12 acres of picturesque gardens and vineyards, with breathtaking views across Lake Hayes and beyond to Coronet Peak, followed by a special event *A Candlelit Concert* in their beautiful private chapel.

### DAY 5: Friday 20 October 2018 (B, L, D)

#### HIGHLIGHTS include:

- 👁️ This morning we are treated to a private Bubbly Breakfast in the hotel ballroom in keeping with the French flavour of the hotel, but including some great New Zealand fare. A perfect way to finish our perfect Classical Journey.



