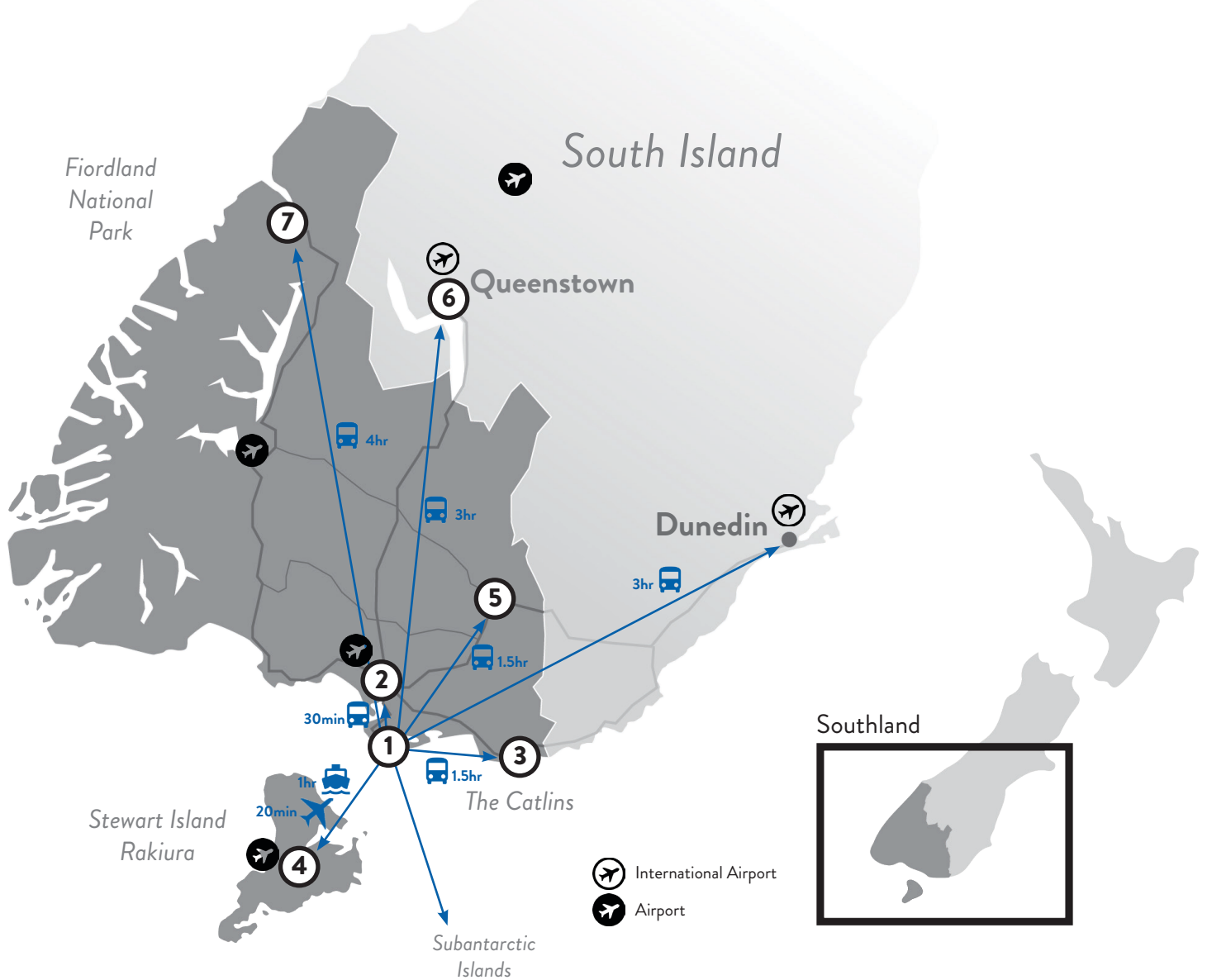


BLUFF SOUTHLAND

*Cruise into
New Zealand's Gallery*

Add Bluff to your cruise itinerary
and experience the New Zealand
we all dream of





Welcome to ① **BLUFF** Southland

Bluff (Motupōhue) is the port town of the Southland region of New Zealand, and lies thirty kilometres south of the region's main city, Invercargill. The town, which is the southernmost settlement on mainland New Zealand, is home to the iconic annual *Bluff Oyster and Food Festival* and is the "Gateway to Stewart Island".

As one of the oldest European settlements in New Zealand, Bluff has a rich history and many interesting attractions. It offers some wonderful short walks, both bush and coastal, that showcase the stunning scenery and views of the area.



Bluff is seafood central. Many varieties of quality fish and shellfish are gathered from the surrounding ocean and can be enjoyed in local restaurants and cafes, including rock lobster, blue cod, and of course - oysters!



Wander along Bluff's main street and enjoy a spot of shopping in one of its many locally owned boutique stores. Explore quirky museums, chat to the friendly team at the information centre, and pick up a souvenir at the gift shops.



SOUTHLAND

The New Zealand we all dream of

Take a day trip from Bluff and explore some of the highlights within the beautiful Southland region.



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INVERCARGILL

Invercargill (Waihōpai) is the regional capital and commercial hub of Southland. Founded in the 1850's, it is New Zealand's southernmost city. Wide streets in a gridded layout make it easy to find your way around the city to enjoy the excellent cultural attractions, outstanding nature reserves and parks, and lively cafes, restaurants and bars.



3

THE CATLINS

Here you'll find a world of native forests fringed by high cliffs, deserted sandy beaches, sparkling bays, cascading waterfalls, hidden lakes, blowholes, caves, and even a petrified forest. These environments are home to an array of fauna, from native birds, to seals, sea lions, dolphins, and penguins.



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STEWART ISLAND

Stewart Island (Rakiura) is the southernmost and smallest island of the three main islands of New Zealand. Just 30km from the South Island, it is a perfect retreat for those seeking peace, quiet, and adventure.

Take a short scenic flight across Foveaux Strait and experience the unique natural beauty the island offers.



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GORE

This town presents the impressive Eastern Southland Art Gallery, and revels in its colourful illicit whiskey-making past and farming heritage at various historic attractions, such as the Hokonui Moonshine Museum, Gore Historical Museum, and the Hokonui Pioneer Village and Museum.



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QUEENSTOWN

Surrounded by majestic mountains and nestled on the shores of crystal clear Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown has captured hearts and imaginations since the first Maori came in search of pounamu (greenstone) and the giant Moa bird. More recently, gold miners, adventurers, filmmakers, wine enthusiasts and Hollywood stars have been drawn to this magical region.



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FIORDLAND & Milford Sound

Fiordland is a place of extraordinary scenic beauty. One of New Zealand's oldest tourism draw-cards, this rugged and remote region offers awe-inspiring landscapes and a wide range of recreational activities. It's a world-class sightseeing destination and a must-do for anyone exploring New Zealand.

WALKING DISTANCE

from the Port

Kaimoana **SEAFOOD**

For centuries this area has been heralded for its seafood. Take to the streets and visit factories, food trucks, cafes, bars and restaurants to experience the authentic taste of the region's seafood industry. Keep an eye out for delicacies such as Bluff Oysters (in season), Mussels, Salmon, Crayfish, and the famous local seafood chowders and platters.

STIRLING *Point*

Stirling Point is most famous for its signpost, which depicts directions and distances to major cities around the world. This signpost has featured in thousands of traveller's photographs and is a must-do for visitors to Southland.

MOTUPŌHUE *Bluff Hill*

Bluff Hill (Motupōhue) provides visitors to the area with spectacular views over Foveaux Strait and the Southland Plains, a well-established walking track network, a mountain bike track, a car park and interpretation panels. Original native forest, wind-battered coast and scrub-covered hillsides are some of the highlights of the area.



Short **WALKS**

The network of walking tracks at Bluff is a nature lover's delight, with abundant native birdlife and flora, much of which is rare except on island sanctuaries. Coastal tracks offer stunning views over the ocean, and in the winter you may just be lucky enough to spot a rare Southern Right Whale (Tohorā). A viewing platform on the summit of Bluff Hill provides amazing panoramic views.

Rich **HERITAGE**

Learn about the local Māori heritage and culture at Te Rau Aroha Marae Awarua Rūnanga, the world's southernmost marae. Explore the Bluff Heritage Trail, which consists of 17 fascinating historic sites around one of New Zealand's earliest settlements. The Bluff Maritime Museum delves into the history of Bluff, and is home to a wide variety of maritime displays, artefacts, miniature models, boats, and photographs.

SOUTH PORT



Located in Bluff Harbour, at the southern tip of New Zealand's South Island, South Port is New Zealand's southernmost commercial deep water port.

From its base on the 40ha man-made Island Harbour, South Port is proud to provide a full range of marine services, including plenty of berth space availability to fit your cruise itinerary.

The port is well-known for servicing Southland's significant export and import industries including aluminium, timber, fisheries, dairy, meat, wood chips, stock food, cement, alumina, fertiliser and petroleum products, making it an

incredibly interesting and unique port to showcase to cruise passengers.

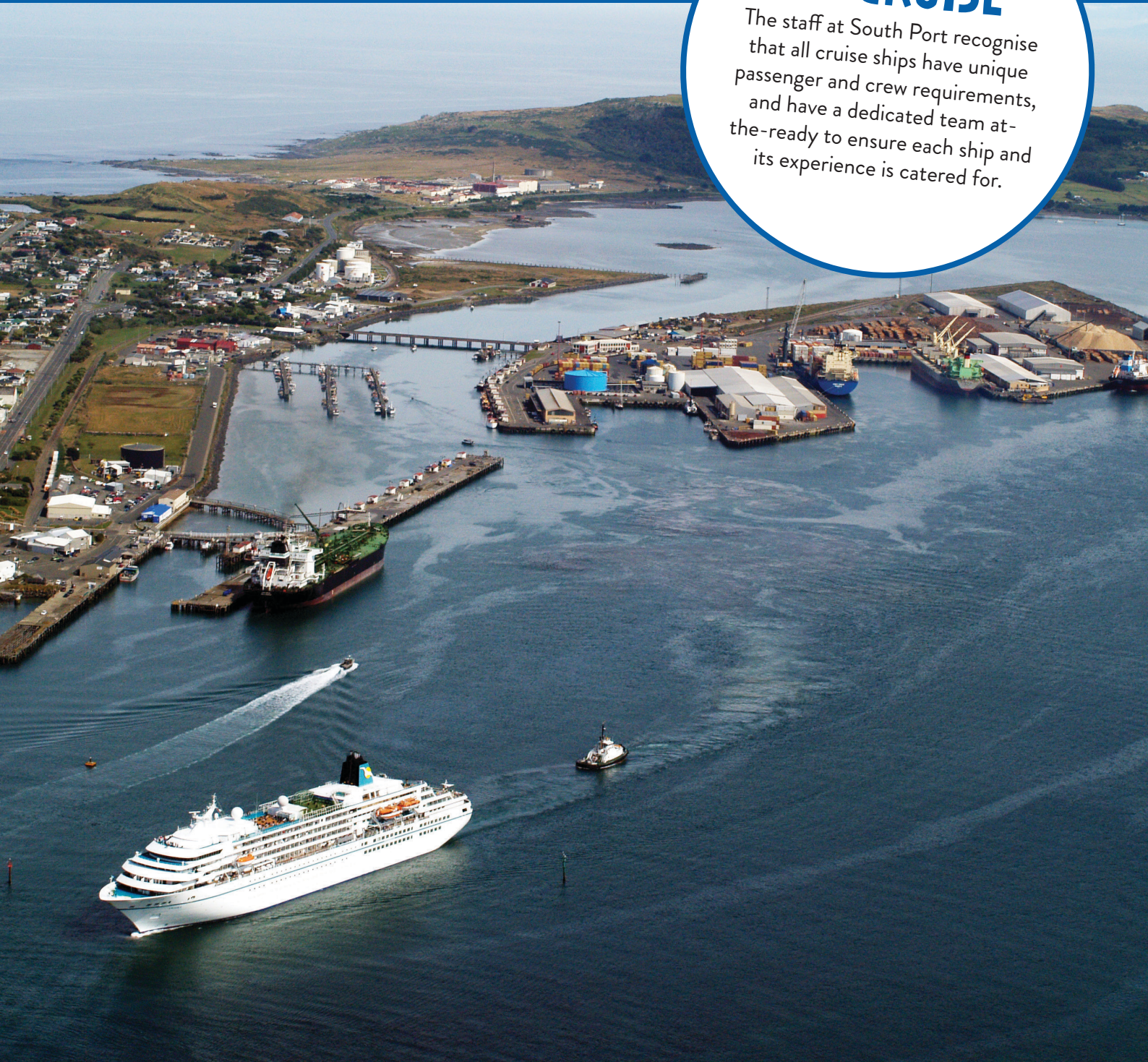
South Port provides wharf facilities designed with passenger safety in mind, and full customs services to cater for first port of call cruises.

Shuttles and buses for Shorex options will collect passengers directly at the bottom of the gangway.

For more information about South Port please visit www.southport.co.nz

Committed to **CRUISE**

The staff at South Port recognise that all cruise ships have unique passenger and crew requirements, and have a dedicated team at-the-ready to ensure each ship and its experience is catered for.





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in The Catlins



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in Gore



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SHOREX OPTIONS

Information



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to Queenstown & Fiordland



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