

Travel

JUSTINE TYERMAN stays at the Jagged Edge in Queenstown, one of New Zealand's most expensive and exclusive private holiday homes, now available for rent through Luxe Houses

I'VE FOUND just the p(a)lace for Will and Kate and the kids to stay when they visit New Zealand next. It's 10 minutes from Queenstown, a place they loved when they came here in 2014, and it's 100 per cent secure, secluded and far away from prying eyes.

The Jagged Edge is a spectacular cliff-edge private home with unimpeded views of the Remarkables, her neighbours, Cecil and Walter Peaks, and Mt Nichol, and the entire length of Lake Wakatipu's west arm stretching from Queenstown to Glenorchy.

Anchored to the schist with 10 huge steel cables, the visual impact of the structure is literally staggering. I took several steps backwards as I absorbed the bold, futuristic, dart-shaped form of the house which appears to catapult from the rock face.

With its acres of pale timber flooring, an enormous infinity hot pool overlooking the lake and mountains, a bar that rises from the floor at the push of a button, a fully stocked wine cellar hewn into the schist cliff, electronic doors and blinds that transform the airy, open spaces on the upstairs mezzanine into cosy private boudoirs, a gleaming high-spec kitchen, one of the largest wall-mounted television sets I've ever seen, a state-of-the-art Sonos sound system and a grand piano that plays itself, The Jagged Edge is



SPECTACULAR: Daughters and friends in the infinity spa pool watching the historic TSS Earnslaw steaming back from Walter Peak Station.

surely fit for royalty.

At \$10,000 a night, the three-bedroom, four-bathroom house is among New Zealand's most expensive and exclusive private holiday accommodation, and is now available for rent through Luxe Houses.

What about the entourage? I hear you ask. Where will the nannies, chefs, ladies-in-waiting and security chaps live? Well, just a short stroll away down a pebbled path is an equally luxurious five-bedroom, six-bathroom guest house which has a heated pool, spa pool, sauna, gymnasium and fitness room, full kitchen, an expansive living area with huge wrap-around deckings and the same jaw-dropping view. It's all yours for \$5000 a night.

Once installed at the Jagged Edge and guest house, your privacy, security and solitude are assured. Your dedicated VIP concierge who will arrange everything for you. Services (at an additional cost) tap into Luxe Houses' extensive, highly respected network of professionals who specialise in ensuring your stay is flawless. On the menu are private charter jets, helicopter transfers, yachts,



FUTURISTIC: The Jagged Edge hangs from a schist cliff like the prow of a ship stranded high above the waters of Lake Wakatipu. The Remarkables are an ever-present backdrop at the house.

dollars in your own country. A stay at the Jagged Edge beats any exotic location anywhere in the world.

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launches and jet-boats, celebrity private chefs, waiters, butlers, drivers, bespoke spa treatments, experienced nannies, guides, ski instructors and personal trainers.

Should you wish to venture beyond the Jagged Edge, "the adventure capital of the world", is on your doorstep. Queenstown is home to the world-famous Shotover River Jetboats, Dart River Jetboats and Funyaks, Revolution Tours' Paradise cycle tours, Coronet Peak and the Remarkables ski-fields, the Routeburn and Hollyford Tracks, heli-skiing and snowshoeing, boating, bungee jumping, sky diving, canyon

swinging, rafting, hiking, fly fishing and scenic flights to Milford Sound. Queenstown has a myriad of excellent restaurants and boutiques, and there's even a casino or two.

Ten minutes from Queenstown, New Zealand's premier all-seasons tourist resort, the property is located at the end of a private road beyond two coded security gates. It's 20 minutes' drive or five minutes' heli-transfer from Queenstown International Airport and you can be there in under three hours direct from Sydney.

Forget about the hassles and risks of an overseas trip. Live like royalty and spend your

HOW TO GET THERE

■ Air NZ flies to Queenstown direct from Christchurch, Auckland, Wellington, Sydney and Melbourne and code-shares with Virgin Australia's services between Queenstown and Brisbane. airnewzealand.co.nz

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