

CLASSIC JAGUAR LIMOUSINES

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Some years ago, I came across a business in Dunedin called Classic Jaguar Limousines. They operate a Tour Company hiring out their fleet of Jaguar cars, complete with a Chauffeur/ Guide to take their customers to the many tourist sites around the Southern end of New Zealand. These include, Te anau, Milford Sounds, Wanaka, West coast, Christchurch and Mount Cook. Also, nearer to Dunedin Larnach Castle, The Royal Albatross Colony and the Yellow Eyed Penguins.

In the early days they specialised in Weddings and that is still a large part of their business. Established in 1995 by Steve and Elizabeth McNulty, they started with three 1960's Classic Jaguars. This business was based around his passion for Jaguar cars. It was initially a hobby but has now become an award-winning business with many Business Excellence Awards. It has been featured in the New York Times and has been involved with several movies and has now become a business in the main stream tourism sector in Dunedin area. His show room walls are adorned with photos of Jaguars that he has had in the past. These include;

1960 Jaguar Mark IX A fully restored Jaguar with the 3.8 litre engine, Power steering, 4-wheel Disc brakes and Automatic. Also fitted with a 10 track stereo.

1971 Daimler DS420 Limousine. It was the Auckland Mayoral car until 1999. Powered by the Jaguar 4.2 litre engine. A luxury 7 to 8-seater. Believed to be the car Maurice Shadbolt had great delight in threatening to hitch his concrete mixer!

1967 Jaguar 420 G Luxury Saloon. Stunning in black and silver-grey.

2005 Jaguar XJ 350SE First of the Aluminium Jaguars V6 engine.

2006 Jaguar XJ 350SE the 3 litre Diesel version.

2007 Jaguar XJ 350SE The long wheel base version. Very high specification

Earlier this year Judy and I went on a tour of the South Island in our Motorhome. I was determined to try to contact and if possible, visit Classic Jaguar Limousines. Steve McNulty was only too happy to see us and we spent an hour looking at his cars and talking to this very interesting man. After 25 years, his passion for Jaguar cars is as great as ever. He is a Committee member of the Otago Jaguar Drivers Club and was largely responsible for organising the Jaguar NZ Rally when it was held in Queenstown. The club holds its meetings in his Classic Jaguar Limousines showrooms.

When we visited, he had in the showroom, and we were shown his fantastic 2012 Portfolio, Long wheelbase, 3 Litre Diesel XJ.

This car is the favourite with the overseas visitors. A real Limousine.

Also, we saw a 2014 XF 3 litre Diesel and a 2016 F pace 3 litre Diesel. He obviously loves the 3 litre Diesel engine.

They were all painted in glorious Ultimate black, so befitting of limousines. His 1965 S Type was also present and being readied for a wedding. This car has the optional 3.8 litre engine with the 'Coombs' modification. It is said to be capable of taking on an E Type.

Steve said he is nearing retirement but I believe his daughter is keen on keeping the business going, so Jaguars may very well still be prominent in and around Dunedin.

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