

MILFORD TRACK - ROUTEBURN TRACK - KEPLER TRACK

3 or 4-day Self-guided wilderness backpacking treks

As specialists in walking holidays worldwide Outdoor Travel understands that self-guided walks are very popular and not everyone wants or can afford the guided walks offered in areas such as Milford Sound.

We offer '*freedom walks*' or unguided backpacking treks in these New Zealand wilderness areas. You carry your own gear and food but, working with the NZ Department of Conservation (DOC), we offer reservation on three of the most popular walks where your bus and boat transfers are pre-booked to/from the start/finish of the walk, simple DOC hut accommodation (bring your sleeping bags) is provided and you will receive a pre-track briefing with track/route information/maps.

Walkers are required to provide & carry all their own food, basic cooking equipment and bedding. Space is very limited in DOC huts so early booking essential – especially over the summer holiday period!

MILFORD TRACK - Renowned as the world's finest walking track, New Zealand's Milford Track is 55 kilometres from Lake Te Anau to Milford Sound in the Fiordland National Park. The well-maintained trail follows the Clinton River to its source in Lake Mintaro, crosses the MacKinnon Pass before descending to the Arthur Valley and Milford Sound.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW FOR NEXT SEASON

ROUTEburn TRACK - This historic alpine track travels through both the Fiordland and Mount Aspiring National Parks following a trail through the Southern Alps pioneered in the 1860's gold rush era.

KEPLER TRACK - A 60-kilometre circular walking track traversing the Fiordland National Park. It is part of the Te-Wāhipounamu – South West New Zealand World Heritage Area, located in the south west of the South Island. It is an easy tramping track that takes three to four days to complete.



Freedom Walk Costs:

All prices shown in New Zealand Dollars – contact us for Australian dollar rate

Milford Track 4-days:	Adult	\$795	Child (10-17 years)	\$750
Routeburn Track 4-days:	Adult	\$770	Child (10-17 years)	\$595
Routeburn Track 3-days:	Adult	\$495	Child (10-17 years)	\$450
Kepler Track 4-days:	Adult	\$595	Child (10-17 years)	\$550

Walks depart:

Daily from late October 2018 to late April 2019 – subject to hut space available

Self-guided *Freedom Walks* include: All track transport (bus & boat) from Queenstown, pre-walk briefing in Queenstown the day before the walk, (4pm - Milford, 3pm - Routeburn, 2pm - Kepler), all Department of Conservation hut bookings and fees, a track map and information, souvenir track book, NZ Mountain Safety Council approved pack liner.

Hire equipment available: If pre-requested (paid locally), you can hire the following: backpack, jacket / pants, boots, sleeping bag, cook set - please request the necessary items when you make your booking.

Call *OUTDOOR TRAVEL* on 1800 331 582 for details or reservations



Milford Track



Routeburn Track



Kepler Track

MILFORD SOUND TRACK Self-guided *Freedom Walk* – 4-days / 3-nights

Pre-departure briefing on the day before the walk begins. Meet in Queenstown at 4.00pm. There is no accommodation provided on this night – ask us for options.

Day 1: Depart at 6.15am and travel by coach to Te Anau. After morning tea, take the ferry and cruise up Lake Te Anau to the Milford Track jetty at Glade House. A 1.5-hour walk then takes you to Clinton Hut.

Day 2: Today the walk follows the Clinton River for approximately 5-6 hours to reach Mintaro Hut. Mintaro Hut is situated at the base of the Mackinnon Pass.

Day 3: After breakfast climb to the top of the pass, approximately 2 hours from the hut. This is the highest point on the track at 1073 metres. After the descent you may take an optional side walk to Sutherland Falls before carrying on to Dumpling Hut (approximately 6 hours' walking).

Day 4: Follow the Arthur River to Lake Ada and to the track end at Sandfly Point (6 hours' walking). Launch transfer to Milford Sound to board your coach for the journey back to Queenstown, arriving around 7.30pm.

ROUTEBURN TRACK Self-guided *Freedom Walk* – 4-days / 3-nights

Pre Departure Briefing the day before your walk. Meet in Queenstown at 3.00pm. No accommodation provided on this night – ask us for options.

Day 1: Depart Queenstown at 8.15am by coach via Glenorchy to the start of the Routeburn Track. The first day is an easy 3-4 hour walk to the Flats or Routeburn Falls Hut.

Day 2: The track rises steadily past waterfalls, alpine lakes and rocky basins to the Harris Saddle at 1277 metres. Crossing the Saddle there are views of the Hollyford Valley before descending to the hut beside Lake Mackenzie (6-7 hours' walking).

Day 3: A leisurely walk this morning down to Howden Hut, approximately 4 hours of walking and a good place to listen for bush robins, tomtits or the wood pigeons. After lunch, climb Key Summit at 919 metres, where you can see an amazing array of plants such as orchids, bog pines and bog daisies. This is approximately 1.5 hours' walking. Return to overnight at Lake Howden Hut.

Day 4: Continue down past Lake Howden and through beech forests to join the Milford Road at the Divide (1.5-hours' walking). At 11.00am you will be picked up and taken onto Milford Sound for a scenic boat cruise with a picnic lunch supplied. Return bus to Queenstown, arriving around 7.00pm.

For those with a limited time we can offer 3 days / 2 nights on Routeburn Track as a freedom walk with the same itinerary as above, except no Key Summit climb, no Howden Hut stay or boat cruise on Milford Sound.

KEPLER TRACK Self-guided *Freedom Walk* – 4-days / 3-nights

Pre-walk briefing the day before your walk: Meet in Queenstown at 2.00pm (no accommodation provided).

Day 1: Depart by coach at 6.15am from Queenstown for Te Anau, arriving at 9.10am. Then take the 9.30am Kepler water taxi to Brod Bay & the start of the Kepler Track. Walk from Brod Bay to Luxmore Hut, on the summit of Mount Luxmore (3.5- 4.5 hours' walking).

Day 2: Take the high altitude alpine walk from Luxmore Hut to Iris Burn Hut (5-6 hours' walking).

Day 3: Walk from Iris Burn Hut, taking in the valley and Lake Manapouri to Moturau Hut (5-6 hours' walking)

Day 4: Walk from Moturau Hut to the Kepler Track's end at Rainbow Reach Swing Bridge. You will be picked up from Rainbow Reach Swing Bridge & dropped off at the Te Anau Lake View Holiday Park, in time for your coach departure back to Queenstown, arriving around 7.00pm.



Outdoor Travel also offers GUIDED walks on Milford Sound Track, Routeburn Walk, Hollyford Valley Walk, Abel Tasman Walk, Akaroa Walk and the Queen Charlotte Sound.

Other walking holidays – guided in small groups or self-guided with inn-to-inn luggage transfers & meals - are available in many parts of Europe through **Outdoor Travel** including the spectacular Pyrenees Mountains to the Mediterranean descent in France and Spain or the majestic and historical **Cathar Castles** walk in France. There are walks in **Provence**, Burgundy, the **Loire Valley**, the **Auvergne**, **Tuscany**, **Umbria**, **Cinque Terre**, **Assisi**, **Amalfi**, the **Swiss Alps** – including the **Tour du Mont Blanc** – **Bavaria** in **Germany**, **Romania** including **Transylvania**, **Norway**, **Austria** and many areas of **England**, **Scotland**, **Wales** and in several areas in **Ireland** including the spectacular **Connemara West Coast** and **Wicklow Way**.

Pilgrimage walks are available on the **Way of St James** or **Camino de Santiago** from Le Puy in France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain or the **Via Francigena**, the pilgrim's Road to Rome from the Alps in Italy.

Contact the Outdoor Travel experienced walking holiday staff for more details and reservations

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