

MILFORD SOUND TRACK

5-day / 4-night moderate guided wilderness walk with lodge accommodation



With many hundreds of kilometres of well-maintained walking trails to choose from, comfortable lodges and a high level of support from professional walking guides and track staff, New Zealand's *Milford Sound Track* is one of the world's most popular walks. The Fiordland National Park is the cornerstone of the Te Wahipounamu Southwest New Zealand World Heritage Area. Walkers on the track to Milford Sound can enjoy close encounters with the native wildlife; experience Fiordland at its most spectacular with its deep lakes; fiords and sheer canyons carved out of imposing granite; majestic waterfalls and luxuriant temperate rainforests.

Departs: Daily 1 November 2024 – 12 April 2025

Cost per person (multi-share) from: Adult **\$2750** Child (10-16 years) \$2065

Private Queen or Twin rooms are also available on request. Ask for details and cost. Booking fee applies.

Maximum group size is 50. Costs are in Australian dollars.

Inclusions: Return coach transfers from Queenstown or Te Anau, transport to and from the walk, comfortable wilderness lodge accommodation in multi-share lodge rooms (rooms sleep up to four to six people), with shared bathroom facilities, drying rooms, bedding including pillow, duvet, blanket and sleep sheet, expert walking guides, meals, snacks, backpacks, raincoats and a scenic cruise on the majestic Milford Sound

Not Included: Drinks, luggage transfers or storage, personal expenses, gratuities.



Call OUTDOOR TRAVEL on 1800 331 582 for details or reservations

Suggested itinerary: *Walking distances shown are all approximate.*

Pre track briefing (The day before your walk begins)

Please check in at **2.45pm** to the office in central Queenstown for your **essential** pre-walk briefing on the day prior to your departure. No accommodation is provided on this night.

Day 1 Depart Queenstown, coach/boat transfer, walk to Glade House walking 3.6km
Depart Queenstown and transfer by coach to Te Anau, arriving in time for lunch. After lunch depart Te Anau by boat and cruise to the northern end of Lake Te Anau. Then take a short walk to Glade House.

Day 2 Glade House to Pompolona Lodge walking 16km
Start by crossing the Clinton River, then follow the river up the valley to the Hirere Falls lunch shelter. After lunch the beech forest becomes denser as you go, until it comes out onto the Prairie, a meadow from which you get an appreciation of the ice-carved Clinton Canyon. End the day with a short climb to Pompolona Lodge.

Day 3 Pompolona Lodge over the Mackinnon Pass to Quintin Lodge walking 15km
Today walk over the Mackinnon Pass. The track leads up to Lake Mintaro at the head of the Clinton Valley, before climbing the Mackinnon Pass in a series of zig-zags. Take your time and enjoy the views. The top of the Pass can offer a spectacular panorama and lunch in Pass Hut, before a steep descent into the Arthur Valley and down to Quintin Lodge. There is an optional 90-minute round trip to the Sutherland Falls, which at 580m is one of the highest in the world.

Day 4 Quintin Lodge to Milford Sound walking 21km
The final day is the longest, with 21km of flat track. Walk down the Arthur Valley to the historic Boatshed. After a short break continue on past MacKay Falls through beech forest to the lunch spot at Giants Gate waterfall. The final stretch of the track follows tranquil Lake Ada to Sandfly Point. From Sandfly Point take a short boat trip to Mitre Peak Lodge at Milford Sound. The lodge offers a view of Mitre Peak, the pinnacle that rises almost sheer from the Sound to a height of 1692m. Tonight enjoy a celebratory dinner.

Day 5 Milford Sound, Milford Sound Cruise, coach transfer back to Queenstown no walking
Take a morning cruise on Milford Sound. If the waterfalls are in full flow, you'll have seen Fiordland at its best! Then, take the coach through the Homer Tunnel to Te Anau, for a short break before the last leg of the journey. Lunch will be eaten along the way. The coach drops you off at the office in Queenstown at around 4.00pm. There is no accommodation provided on this night.



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